



Walton First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Updates October 15, 2025

Celebrations

October		November	
<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
7 th : Marc Evans	4 th : Chaz & April Epps	1 st : Nora Kellogg	18 th : Roy & Rosemarie Tiesler
7 th : Ginny O'Dell		4 th : Cookie Richards	
10 th : Charlotte Kelly		15 th : Nolan Evans	
11 th : Janet Brienza		18 th : Emily Richards	
17 th : Donna Truman		26 th : Chris Ogden	

Remembrances

October		November
<u>Heavenly Birthdays</u>	<u>Day of Resurrection</u>	<u>Heavenly Birthdays</u>
12 th : Lynn Parkinson	LeRoy Sawyer 10/1/24 John Meredith 10/26/09	14 th : John Meredith

On the Calendar

Sunday, October 19: Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Children's Sabbath; Sunday School; Prudential Board Meeting

Tuesday/Thursday, October 21 & 23: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday, October 25: Gathering Table 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Sunday, October 26: Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Sunday School

Tuesday/Thursday, October 28 & 30: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Sunday, November 2: Sanctuary Worship and **Communion** 10:15 am; Sunday School; Coffee Hour

Tuesday/Thursday, November 4 & 6: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday, November 8: Gathering Table 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Sunday, November 9: Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Sunday School

Elijah's Closet

Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Member Updates

CHAIR YOGA FOR OLDER ADULTS

WHERE? First Congregational Church, UCC
Corner of Mead and North Sts., Walton, NY
Enter using the North St., back entrance

WHEN?
Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Beginning:
September 30th

FREE CLASSES – no registration required. Come to 1 or come to all.

If you have any questions, call the church at
607-865-4066

Wear comfortable clothes and bring water with you.

There will be paperwork to be filled out, so please come 20-30 minutes early to your **FIRST** class - even if you completed paperwork in the past.

Please place your non-perishable food and toiletry donations in the wagon located at the back of the sanctuary. Loraine Davila will drive donations to the food bank the last Tuesday of each month.

If you have anything that you would like included in our bi-monthly Updates, please contact April at 607-865-4066 or secretary@uccwalton.com

Board Updates

WHY DONATE?

- Save lives: A single donation can save up to three lives.
- Health benefits: Donating blood can improve your overall health.
- Feel good: Experience the fulfillment of helping others in need.



LGBTQ+ INCLUSIVE BLOOD DRIVE

JOIN US IN OUR MISSION TO
SAVE LIVES THROUGH BLOOD
DONATION. WHERE WE COME
TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE
LIFE, COMMUNITY AND THE
POWER OF GIVING BACK.



Our organization would like to sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive, but we need to make sure we have enough people to donate before we can commit. To sign up, please contact April at (607) 865-4066, secretary@uccwalton.com or scan the QR code.



To honor loved ones that are no longer with us, we would like to add birthdate/memorial dates to our newsletter. If you would like to have a loved one included, please submit their names and dates to April.

Sunday School has resumed! We are looking for adults to help teach Sunday School. It can be a day or you can get into the rotation. Lessons are preplanned and will be printed out for any person willing to teach. Once a month, the kids are split into the older group and younger group. Please let Ann know if you are available to help.

Previous Sermons and Liturgy

❖ October 5, 2025

- ▶ Scripture Reading: *2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*
- ▶ Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:5-10*
- ▶ Sermon: A Humble Servant

❖ October 12, 2025

- ▶ Scripture Reading: *2 Timothy 2:8-15*
- ▶ Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:11-19*
- ▶ Sermon: Isolation

Pastor's Pen

Notre Dame by Pastor Janet

I was horrified by the burning of the Notre Dame Cathedral in 2019. I thought of the beauty of this Cathedral and the years of work that went into it to be a place of prayer and praise to God, the creator of the beauty of the earth.

I never visited Notre Dame but I did visit the Cathedral in Cologne Germany. When I was in graduate school, one of my professors told us of the bombing of Germany in World War II. He was a navigator in the Air Force and he said how it was "off limits" to bomb the Cathedral in Cologne. It had to be saved regardless of the bombing of the surrounding area. It was his job to see that it was not bombed.

The Cologne Cathedral is a grand and beautiful structure that took generations of artists to construct. Its beauty, its spiritual ambiance and the art is such that it cannot be ignored. It speaks to the Glory of God. People visiting, regardless of religious backgrounds, speak in quiet tones and certainly show respect of what it represents. In a way, it is the human response to "hollowed be they name." I am sure Notre Dame brought forth the same responses.

Some people say that the money for the initial building and restoration of Notre Dame should have been given to the poor. I can't help but think of Jesus' response to Judas when Mary was anointing him with costly oil. Judas wanted the money for the oil to be given to the poor. Jesus' response was that Mary has known the Spirit of God and she is anointing the Savior of humankind. She is glorifying God!

These great Cathedrals were built and protected by individuals who may have known the Spirit of God in their life and felt the need to anoint the Savior of humankind. These buildings have "soul" for all to know and feel this Spirit. It is God's voice speaking to all of us through the generations of people glorifying the God of creation and salvation.

Today Note Dame is restored, the Cologne Cathedral survived a terrible war. Just as Jesus allows us to reconstruct our lives, to know God's glory and to feel the power of resurrection. It is difficult to rebuild something that has been horrifically damaged, but out of the ashes of a fire Notre Dame speaks to all. Notre Dame's Resurrection has shown us the truth. Give glory to God with our lives and as a result of our witness we arise like the Phoenix from the ashes.

In the Glory of God there is resurrection!

Lifted in Prayer

Lorraine Miller
Bruce Salton

Randy Stanton