



## Updates June 15, 2026

### Celebrations

June		July	
<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Diane Meredith	15 <sup>th</sup> : Brian & Deb Caruso	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Elinor Tempel	1 <sup>st</sup> : John & Judy Kipp
8 <sup>th</sup> : Judy Kipp		4 <sup>th</sup> : John Kipp	11 <sup>th</sup> : Marc & Chrissy Evans
11 <sup>th</sup> : Chrissy Evans		10 <sup>th</sup> : Keygan Epps	
15 <sup>th</sup> : Judy Ogden		16 <sup>th</sup> : Lori Ogden	
18 <sup>th</sup> : Kanaan Epps		24 <sup>th</sup> : Austin Clark	
22 <sup>nd</sup> : Chaz Epps		30 <sup>th</sup> : Mayla Evans	
29 <sup>th</sup> : Dorothy Welch			

### Remembrances

#### June

Day of Resurrection  
9<sup>th</sup>: Leonard Parkinson

### On the Calendar

**Saturday, June 20:** Celebration of Life for Barbara Daniels 3:00 pm

**Sunday, June 21:** **No Worship.** Celebrate Father's Day with someone special!

**Wednesday, June 24:** Summer Carnival after Townsend Elementary School Dismissal

**Sunday, June 28:** Sanctuary Worship and **Communion** with Ron Galley and Ryan Henderson  
10:15 am; **No** Sunday School

**Sunday, July 5:** **No Worship.** Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend!

**Sunday, July 12:** Sanctuary Worship with Ron Galley 10:15 am; **No** Sunday School

**Sunday, July 19:** Sanctuary Worship with the Evans Family 10:15 am; **No** Sunday School

**Sunday, July 26:** Sanctuary Worship with Ron Galley 10:15 am; **No** Sunday School

### Elijah's Closet

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

### Board Updates

**\*\*** There will **NOT** be any worship services on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, or on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> **\*\***

Work has begun!



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.

## Member Updates

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](mailto:secretary@uccwalton.com)



## Highlights

### Summer Kick-Off 6/15/26



## Previous Sermons and Liturgy

### ❖ June 7, 2026

- ▶ Sermon: What a Day!
- ▶ Scripture Reading: Romans 4:13-25
- ▶ Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

### ❖ June 14, 2026

- ▶ Sermon: When God Sees More Than We Can Imagine
- ▶ Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:1-15
- ▶ Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8

## A Devotional from Pastor Janet

### Guestability by Mary Luti

*[Jesus] looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." He came down at once and welcomed him gladly. - Luke 19:5-6 (NIV)*

We usually think of Jesus as the welcoming host. But in scripture he doesn't host much at all. He's far more often someone else's guest.

Jesus-as-host challenges us to be welcoming like he was, to turn no one away. But Jesus-as-guest? Is there any challenge to us in that?

Yes, and maybe a bigger one. Because in Jesus's world, hosting wasn't simply a generous act, it was also a way to show power. There were higher and lower places, better food and drink according to status. Hosting was a statement of taste, custom, hierarchy, and control.

If Jesus had been primarily a host, it would mean he was in control. But he wasn't. He's a hungry Messiah more than a hospitable one: Jesus the moocher, indiscriminately dependent on rich and poor, saint and sinner alike. This Jesus challenges us to relinquish, as he did, the privileges, pretensions, and presumptions of the inviter and host.

Hospitality is a crucial virtue, but if it's all we aim for, if we see ourselves only as inviters and welcomers, we might never develop another crucial virtue, one that preacher Sam Wells calls "guestability." It's the grace and the willingness to be receptive, available to learn, appreciate, and adapt to the ways of others in their territory, not ours.

Guestability de-centers us. As Wells writes, it never says, "You can belong here because I'm being good to you." It says instead, "Being with you is showing me there's something beyond us both. We're both heading there. You may be closer to it than I am. So let's make our way there together."

### **Prayer**

Jesus, tell me to come down from my unconfessed entitlement. Invite yourself to my house today. Be my guest. Teach me how to be one, too.

### **Lifted in Prayer**

Lorraine Miller  
Karen Eckhardt  
Randy Stanton  
The family of Betty Smith

Pastor Janet  
Pat Dinardo  
Jamie Bryden  
The family of Doris Brink