



Walton First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

Updates September 1, 2026

## Celebrations

### September

#### Birthdays

16<sup>th</sup>: Brian Caruso

20<sup>th</sup>: David Kelly

21<sup>st</sup>: Tracia Muller

## Remembrances

### September

#### Heavenly Birthdays

28<sup>th</sup>: Bill Thomson

29<sup>th</sup>: Ernest Schwengber

#### Day of Resurrection

2<sup>nd</sup>: Maureen Kennedy

9<sup>th</sup>: Ernest Schwengber

## On the Calendar

**Sunday, August 16:** **No Worship.** See you at the Delaware County Fair Vesper Service!

**Sunday, August 23:** Sanctuary Worship with Ron Galley 10:15 am; **No** Sunday School

**Friday, August 28:** Operations Committee Meeting 4:00 pm

**Sunday, August 30:** Sanctuary Worship with Pastor Janet 10:15 am; **No** Sunday School;  
Birthday Celebration for Pastor Janet

**Sunday, September 6:** **No Worship.** Happy Labor Day weekend!

**Thursday, September 10:** Ministry Committee Meeting 3:30 pm

**Sunday, September 13:** Sanctuary Worship with Pastor Janet 10:15 am; Sunday School  
resumes; Prudential Board Meeting

**Sunday, September 20:** Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Sunday School

**Sunday, September 27:** Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Sunday School

## Elijah's Closet

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



## Board Updates

**\*\* There will NOT be a worship service on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> \*\***

## Construction Updates



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)

## Previous Sermons and Liturgy

### ❖ August 23, 2026

- ▶ Sermon: Who do you say I am?
- ▶ Scripture Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6
- ▶ Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

### ❖ August 30, 2026

- ▶ Sermon: Discipleship
- ▶ Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-21
- ▶ Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

## Devotionals from Pastor Janet

### **I Remember Your Name in the Night** by Talitha Arnold

*I remember your name in the night, O Lord, and keep your law. - Psalm 119:55 (NRSV)*

I remember a lot of things at night. Perhaps you do, too. I usually start with everything I didn't get done that day. The calls not made, the emails not answered, the deadlines missed. Then the remembrances expand to the things I wish I hadn't done. Time I wasted, frustration I should have kept to myself, cookies I shouldn't have eaten.

Maybe you have your own nightly spreadsheet, too.

The later the hour, the longer the list. Sometimes the remembrances include not only the harm we have done or the good we’ve left undone, but also the harm done to us, perhaps that day or in the distant past. If so, we’re in good company. The composer of Psalm 119 recalls their own distress: “The arrogant utterly deride me. Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked” (119:51, 53). Late-night insomnia has a long history.

To deal with despair and distress, the psalmist takes comfort in God’s ordinances and commandments. “Your statutes have been my songs wherever I make my home” (119:54). And then the psalmist remembers something beyond the hurt, beyond the failings, even beyond God’s law: “I remember your name.”

When our nights grow long and our lists grow longer, may we remember God’s name. The name of Forgiveness. The name of Courage. The name of Love.

**Prayer**

No matter what else we remember in the long nights of our souls, O Lord, help us to remember your name. Amen.

**Lifted in Prayer**

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| Lorraine Miller                 | Pastor Janet                   | Karen Eckhardt    |
| Randy Stanton                   | Sherrie Hobbie                 | Lynn Robinson     |
| Roy Tiesler                     | Bruce Myer                     | Theresa O’Leary   |
| Dana Baker                      | Bruce Ellis                    | Betty Johnston    |
| Nadene Kopetz                   | Dorothy Welch                  | Rosemarie Tiesler |
| The family of Veronica Peterson | The family of Alice Ruth Brant | Merrill Blackman  |