

November 2022



THE BELL TOWER



The First Congregational Church, Spencerport UCC
65 Church Street Spencerport, NY 14559



November Newsletter 2022/Inspirational Reading

We're all a little broken; but the last time I checked, broken crayons still color.

~Unknown

Julia was a world-renown pianist who traveled all over the globe playing the piano for special events and recitals. Playing the piano was her passion. It was a dream of hers from childhood. When things in her career seemed to have been at its peak, she developed rheumatoid arthritis. One day she woke up and looked at her hands; they looked as if they had been broken into pieces.

She sat on the edge of her bed, held her head and wondered, "What do I do now?"

She could no longer play the piano. She felt as if someone had ripped her heart out of her chest. Sometime later, while lying on her back, in her bed, in the dark, gazing up at the ceiling; she had a flashback--to a time when she was a little girl in grade school. She was sitting at her desk, coloring a picture when her crayon broke. Little Julia was visibly distraught.

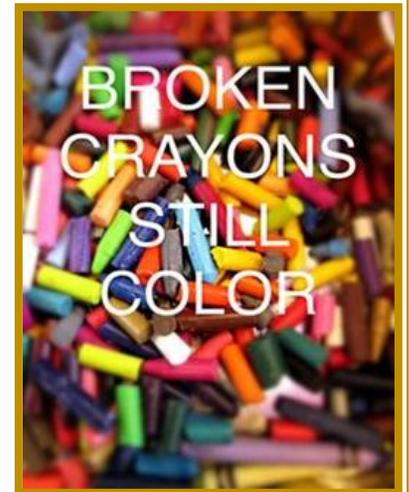
Her teacher walked over to her, with a smile on her face, knelt down, looked into her eyes and said, "Julia? You know, even broken crayons still work."

The sound of her teacher's voice years prior, seemed to echo and beat off the walls of her bedroom—then leap into her chest, serving as a healing balm to her broken heart.

She laid there on her back still gazing at the ceiling, and thought to herself, "Since my hands look like they've been broken into pieces. And since I can no longer play the piano. I will teach and coach and listen to others as they play the piano."

And that's exactly what she did. She began traveling all over the globe, again, this time coaching and serving as a mentor to other pianists. And being a coach to other young pianist brought her a different kind of fulfillment in her later years. She discovered two things: First, that one season had passed, and a new season was on the horizons. Second, even though she was left with what appeared to be broken pieces, she still had immense value.

Pastor Michael L. Sloan



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

The office will be closed on November 11 for the holiday.



FINANCE BOARD ZOOM MEETING
Wednesday, November 9th
@ 7:00 PM Via Zoom

COUNCIL AND BOARDS MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 15th @ 6:30 PM
HYBRID: IN-PERSON & ZOOM



Join Us After Worship

10/02/22, 11/06/22 & 12/04/22

Soups, Salad & Bread



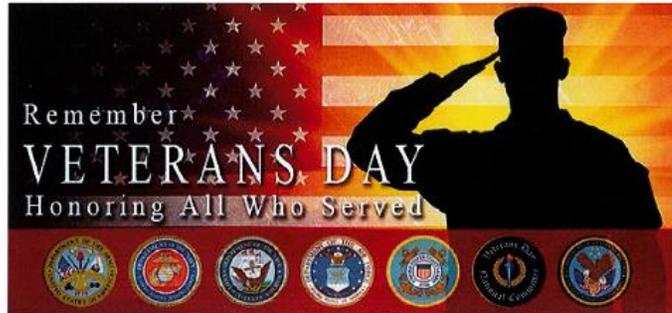
FROM YOUR FINANCE BOARD

Stewardship Sunday is November 13th this year. Begin checking your mailbox starting around November 2nd for your packet. Read the letter, complete the enclosed pledge card, and return it to us on or before the 13th in one of these ways:

- 1- Put into offering plate at any Sunday worship
- 2- Mail it to the church office
- 3- Drop it off to the church office

Should you not receive your mailing, call our church office at 352-3448 and request another packet. Extras will be on the back table in the sanctuary.

We thank you for all your generous support.



VETERANS DAY DINNER and PATRIOTIC CONCERT

featuring Darcy Colby
and The deFenders all Veterans Band from Canandaigua

Saturday, November 12

First Congregational Church/"The Historic White Church"
65 Church Street, Spencerport, NY

**5 pm – till 6:30 or gone Chicken & Biscuit
Dinner with all the trimmings**

Reservations are needed for the dinner - limited seating. Deadline: Nov 6th.

Dinner Tickets: \$12 per person
Children under 10 - \$5
VETERANS FREE
Contact Church Office at 352-3448

7:00 pm Patriotic Concert

No ticket is needed for the concert.
Freewill offering will be taken. All proceeds to support the Warriors Family Assistance Program of NY and Full Circle Home.

THE GREAT BARBECUE IS BACK!

HOMEMADE TANGY PULLED PORK BARBECUE,
FRESH COLESLAW, SALT POTATOES, ROLL,
BUTTER, AND DESSERT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5



**TO PROVIDE WINTER GEAR FOR
STUDENTS AT ROCHESTER
ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL K-5TH**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
65 CHURCH STREET
SPENCERPORT, NY

**DRIVE THRU ONLY
NOON TILL SOLD OUT**

RECEIVE A FREE DRINK WITH
DONATION OF ANY NEW OR
GENTLY USED WINTER
APPAREL



TICKETS \$12

****ADVANCE
TICKETS
RECOMMENDED****



AVAILABLE BY CALLING
CHURCH OFFICE AT 585-352-3448

Join Us!!!



November 2022



UPCOMING DATES:

Veterans Day Dinner/Concert Prep:

Friday, November 11th @ 9:00 am

Lunch Bunch:

November 6th Following Service

Christmas Party:

Saturday, December 3rd @
Johnny D's @ 11:30 am

Set- up for Cookie Walk

& Christmas Brunch:

Saturday, December 10th @ 8:30 am



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20TH

AFTER WORSHIP

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED



christmas poinsettias

**2022 CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIA PLANT
ORDER DEADLINE NOVEMBER 27th**
(Order form on last page)

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE OFFICE FOR DECEMBER

For the week of December 5th, the office will be open

Tuesday 6th -Thursday 8th 10:00 am-1:00 pm.

The week of December 12th, the office will be closed, Paula will be available
by calling the office, email or if needed via Zoom

Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th From 10:00 am – 3:00 pm



**NEWS FROM
THE OFFICE**

The office will be
closed on
November 24th
& 25th for the
holiday.

**WOMEN'S GUILD IS HAVING
A BOOK SALE!**

Women's Guild will be hosting a Book Sale
in April 2023 and we would like your books.

If you have books you need to clean out to make room for new books you can drop
them off at the church Monday thru Friday from 9AM to 2PM or on Sunday morning.

OR

Call the church office (585-352-3448/ M-F 9-2) to arrange to have them picked up.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

November 2022

We are currently working to identify and hire a new Christian Education Sunday School Coordinator. We are still in the resume and interview process.

Watch for upcoming Flocknote for the annual Shoe Box collection and December Christmas program.

~Board of Christian Education~



Thank you to each one of you who helped me get through my most recent health struggle. Your prayers, phone calls, cards, emails and offers of transportation meant so much to me when I was at a very low ebb. All the support from my church family really boosted my spirit.

Gwendolyn Tappenden

MONTHLY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Let's celebrate each other! We would like to start including special dates in The Bell Tower Monthly Newsletter. If you would like your Anniversary or Birthday (without year) included in the monthly newsletter, please contact the office at (585) 352- 3448 or admin@spencerportucc.org.



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RACS OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE

The RACS outreach is going Great. We made contact with the businesses here in the area and are pleased with the responses. Many companies were more than happy to join us in this outreach, and we are Blessed with the outcome. So far 12 local businesses have partnered with us as collection sites or offering donations. We know these items will be of great use for the children at RACS. We will be distributing boxes for donations in the coming weeks. We are also working on thank you letters for the businesses that joined in our outreach effort. Thank You to the church for hosting me for this extraordinary internship experience, helping with RACS. I have enjoyed volunteering my time so far with this outreach project and meeting everyone. To those I have not met I look forward to meeting you all. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving season.

-Renee Murphy (Office Intern)

Food Shelf



CHRISTIAN ACTION



Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

Thank you for your continuing and generous support to the Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf.

This month the following items are especially needed: **pudding, Jell-O, Muffin mix, Hamburger Helper, Boxed Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Creamy Soups, Cold Drinks, Coffee, Ramen Noodles, Hot Cereal, Rice, Cookies, Pork & Beans, Toothpaste, and Shampoo.**

Cash donations can be sent to Dick Gallagher, the Food Shelf Treasurer at: 425 Ogden Parma Townline Road, Spencerport, NY, 14559.

A bin is available in the Fellowship Hall to drop off your donations.

If you know of anyone residing in the Spencerport School District, in need of food, they can call 397-0290.

Questions or concerns: contact Melanie Ippolito at 352-3891

The Food Shelf is in constant need of sturdy corrugated boxes to pack food for delivery to clients. Size: Approximately 12X8 -18X12, with or without lids. Please save any suitable boxes you might have and leave them underneath the table where the donation bin is located in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

NOVEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

GREETERS:

6 – Donna Austin
13 – Karen Eysaman
20 – Jan Elliott
27 – Bunny Tubbs

COFFEE HOUR:

6 – TBD
13 – TBD
20 – Bunny Tubbs
27 – TBD

USHERS:

6 – Karen Eysaman
13 – TBA
20 – Betty Anne Riley
27 – Karen Eysaman

LAY READERS:

6 – Carol Coburn
13 – TBD
20 – TBD
27 – TBD

**USHERS, GREETERS, LAY READERS,
HELPING HANDS AND COFFEE HOUR
HELP NEEDED:**

If you are interested in volunteering your
time, there is a sign-up sheet on the
bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or you
can call the office at 352-3448.

Thank You!

We Need Your Help



Church Office hours:

Monday- Friday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pastor: Rev. Michael L. Sloan, D. Min.

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Office Intern (RACS Program): Renee Murphy

Monday – Thursday 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm &

3 Friday's a Month 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
IS NOVEMBER 16TH**

If you would like to submit an article for The December
Newsletter, please email the church office at
admin@spencerportucc.org, by November 16th.

Thank you!



**TURN
CLOCKS
BACK**

AT SUNDAY,
6 NOVEMBER, 2022

November 2022



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SPENCERPORT UCC
NOVEMBER 2022**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:00 am– Breakfast Club @ Slayton Place (26 Slayton Ave.)		7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal	5:30 pm - BBQ Fundraiser Prep	RACS BBQ Pulled Pork Fundraiser – Noon till Gone
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am –Worship/Penny Jar LUNCH BUNCH (Following Service) 	7:00 pm – Veteran’s Concert Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am– Breakfast Club @ Olympia Restaurant (2380 Lyell Ave. at Howard Rd.)	7:00 pm – Zoom Finance Board Meeting	7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal	*Office Closed*  WG–9:00 am Veteran’s Day Dinner/ Concert Set-up/Prep	Veteran’s Day Dinner/Concert 5:00pm - Dinner & 7:00 pm - Concert
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am-Worship		9:00 am– Breakfast Club @Theo’s Restaurant (1174 Brooks Ave.) 6:30 pm – Council/Boards Meeting 	December Newsletter Deadline	7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am-Worship Hanging of the Greens (With Soup/Salad Lunch)		9:00 am– Breakfast Club @ Johnny d’s (2139 North Union St.)	6:30 pm Monthly Staff Meeting	*Office Closed* 	*Office Closed* 	
27	28	29	30			
9:00 am– Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am-Worship **Poinsettia Order Deadline**		9:00 am– Breakfast Club @ Blue Ridge Grill (3400 W. Ridge Rd.)				



**2022 CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIA ORDERS
ORDER FORM**

This plant is given IN HONOR OF:

This plant is given IN MEMORY OF:

Given By: _____
Name

Address _____ Phone Number _____

ALL PLANTS ARE \$10.00

Number of Plants: _____

Please make checks payable to:

First Congregational Church

Deadline for Ordering - November 27th

BREAKFAST CLUB



NOVEMBER DATES/LOCATIONS

November 1st – Slayton Place

(26 Slayton Ave. Spencerport)

November 8th – Olympia Restaurant

(2380 Lyell Ave. at Howard Rd.)

November 15th - Theo's Restaurant

(1174 Brooks Ave.)

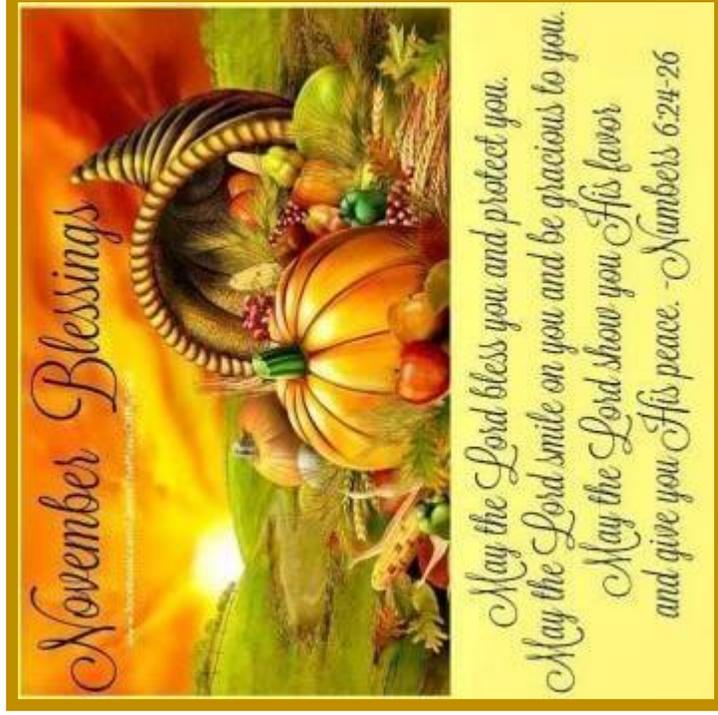
November 22nd – Johnny d's Restaurant

(2139 North Union St.)

November 29th –Blue Ridge Grill

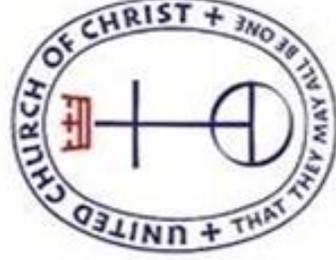
(3400 W. Ridge Rd.)

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
65 Church Street
Spencerport, NY 14559-1311**



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
Telephone: (585) 352-3448
Web site: www.spencerportucc.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SpencerportUCC
Pastor: Rev. Michael Sloan (1-309-262-6543 - cell)
E-mail: pastor@spencerportucc.org
Administrative Assistant: Paula Jackson
Office Hours: 9:00 am-2:00 pm – Monday-Friday
E-mail: admin@spencerportucc.org
Office Intern (RACS Program): Renee Murphy
Music Director: Darcy Colby
E-mail: musicdirector@spencerportucc.org**



Accompanist: Lindsey Williams