

October 2023



THE BELL TOWER



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

October 2023 Newsletter



FROM THE PASTORS DESK:

"Raise your words, not your voice. It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder." -Rumi

About twenty years ago, two friends, Eileen and Susan, were at a well-known pizza parlor, having lunch. As they sipped on water waiting for their lunch to arrive, they laughed, as they reminisced about their college days. In the background, you could hear a couple of friends, shooting pool, at the pool table. In the background, you could hear a mother, saying to a young child, "Be careful! You don't want to burn yourself; the pizza is hot!" And in the background, you could hear on the radio, Elton John's, *Bennie and the Jets*. Finally, after about 20 minutes of waiting, Eileen and Susan's lunch arrived. Eileen paused, looked down at her lunch, and immediately, looked up at their waitress and said, "Can I speak to the manager?" Susan was startled because their lunch at this popular restaurant seemed perfect, and she wondered what Eileen was up to. Until the manager arrived, no words, no laughter, and no eye-contact was exchanged between the two friends. Like a rubber band, being stretched and pulled, the tension began to build. As

Susan gazed over at the waitress, who was at the bar, picking up an order for a different table, she could feel the anxiety, that lived inside of the waitress.

Finally, the manager arrived at the table. It was written all over the manager's face; it was obvious that she was expecting to be scolded by another upset customer. With great hesitation, the manager looked at Eileen and said, "What can I do for?" Eileen looked up at the manager and said, "I just want you to know that our waitress, Jamie, has really been *exceptionally wonderful today." Eileen went on to describe things that Jaime had done that really impressed her.

The tension that had built and hovered had finally been released, followed by laughter, smiles, and a 5-minutes conversation. Eileen had *made the day* for the two hard-working women.

As we move into the fall, make sure you use your words to drastically change the world around you and the people in it...

Pastor Michael L. Sloan



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FINANCE BOARD ZOOM MEETING

**Wednesday, October 11th
@ 7:00 PM Via Zoom**

COUNCIL AND BOARDS MEETINGS

**Tuesday, October 17th
@ 6:30/7:00 PM
HYBRID: IN-PERSON & ZOOM**



UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday, October 1st Lunch Bunch:
- First Anniversary Following
Worship Service (2-Soups & 1-Salad)

Saturday, October 21st @ 9:30 am: Meeting (*Note Changed from Oct.14th)

Sunday, November 5th Lunch Bunch following worship service

Saturday, October 11th @ 9:30 am: Meeting

Sunday, October 29th Final Count Needed for Homecoming 11/5 Pork Roast Dinner

Saturday, November 4th Fellowship Hall Prep for Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, November 5th @ Noon Pork Roast Dinner

Saturday, November 11th @ 9:30 am: Meeting

Sunday, December 10th All Church Christmas Brunch- Following Worship

BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club

OCTOBER DATES/LOCATIONS

- October 3rd - Town & Country (3205 Chili Ave)**
- October 10th - Slayton Place (26 Slayton Ave.)**
- October 17th - Steve's Original Diner (3240 Chili Ave)**
- October 24th - Johnny D's (2139 N. Union St.)**
- October 31st - Blue Ridge Grill (3400 W. Ridge Rd.)**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

ANNUAL MEETING

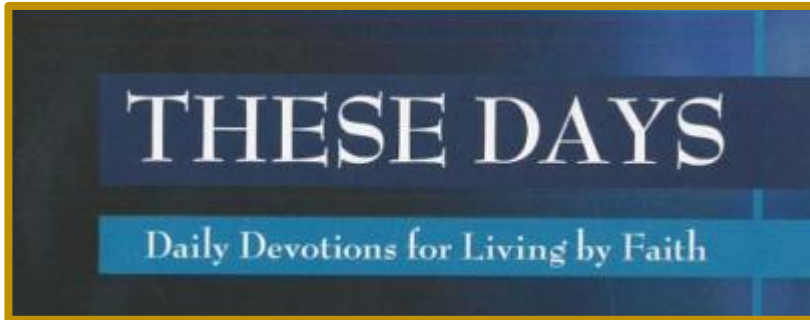
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE

The First Congregational Church, Spencerport UCC will have its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 29th Directly following worship service.

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Please call or email the office if you would like to include any information, special news, or occasions into the weekly FlockNote or our monthly newsletter. Thank You!

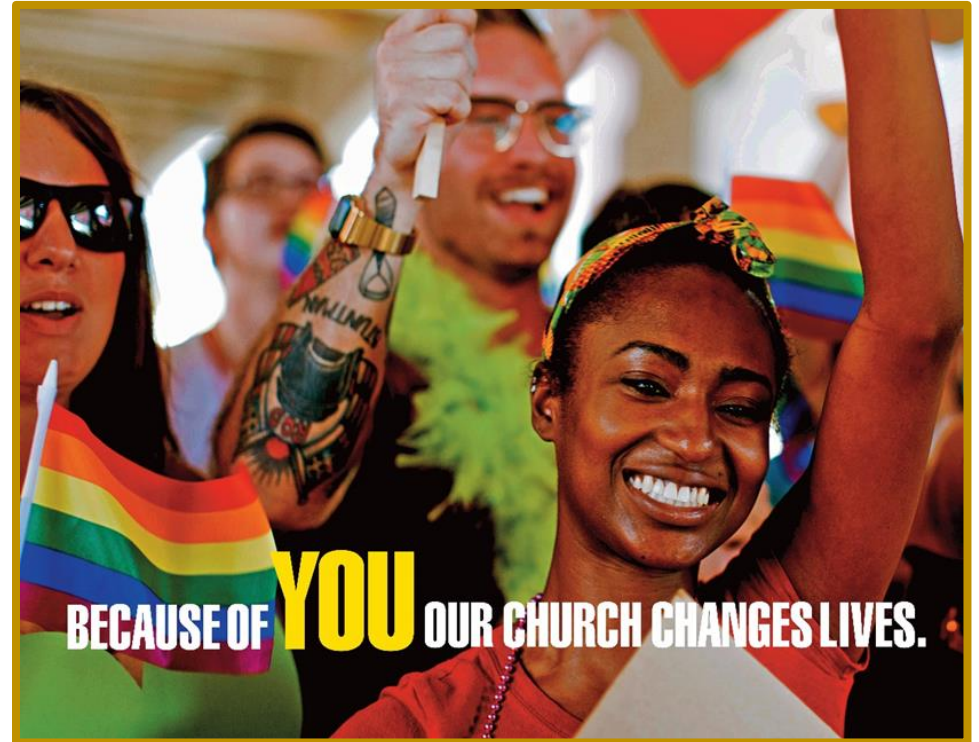


THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS

These Days Devotionals for October, November & December are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary or by the elevator. If you would like it mailed to you, please call the office @ 585-352-3448 or email: admin@spencerportucc.org.



Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9 am – 2 pm



2023 Stewardship Campaign:
“BECAUSE OF YOU OUR CHURCH CHANGES LIVES”

Stewardship Sunday: Sunday, October 22nd

Worship Service: 10 am – We will have a few people from the Organizations that Our Church impacts give a short talk on how Our Church Impact their Organization.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 18TH.

If you would like to submit an article for The November Newsletter, please email the church office at admin@spencerportucc.org, By October 18th. Thank you!

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Greetings Church Family,

In the words of Paul,
"May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace."

This is an invitation to a Homecoming celebration at First Congregational Church on November 5th, 2023. Come! Come home and gather with your church family to share a meal, memories, and camaraderie.

The festivities will begin at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall of the church. A delicious roast pork dinner with all the "fixin's" will be served family-style, followed by an array of homemade desserts.

You are welcome to join in the 10 A.M. Worship Service preceding the Homecoming feast.

To ensure there is plenty of food for all, you are requested to RSVP to the church office either by phone (585-352-3448) or email (admin@spencerportucc.org) by October 29th, 2023.

Blessings to you and yours.



Aurora House

Presents:
**Bountiful Baskets & Brunch
Fundraiser**

To Benefit **Aurora House**

A Home for the Dying & Their Loved Ones

Saturday, October 21, 2023
Pearce Church, North Chili

For Tickets:

<https://aurorahousewmc.com/baskets-brunch-2023/>



Aurora House
Comfort Care Home 

OCTOBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 2023

OCTOBER:

GREETERS:

1 – TBA
8 – TBA
15 – TBA
22 – TBA
29 – Holly Bauer-Mergen

COFFEE HOUR:

1 – Lunch Bunch
8 – TBA
15 – TBA
22 – TBA
29 – Karen Eysaman

USHERS:

1 – Ebony C. Sloan
8 – Ebony C. Sloan
15 – Ebony C. Sloan
22 – Karen Eysaman
29 – TBA

LAY READERS:

1 – Ellen M Kern
8 – TBA
15 – Ellen M Kern
22 – Gwendolyn Tappenden
29 – Ginny Worden

****IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH ANY OF THE WEEKENDS LABELED TBA PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN FELLOWSHIP HALL OR CONTACT THE OFFICE @ (585) 352-3448 OR admin@spencerportucc.org****

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

UPDATES FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

September's Penny Jar raised \$99 for Spencerport Food Shelf.

COOKIE THANK YOU FROM WOMEN'S GUILD!

Women's Guild would like to thank anyone that brought in or baked cookies for coffee hour. The freezer is full, and we appreciate you all!



THANK YOU!

ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT NAME TAGS

*Please remember to wear your **name tags**. We are pleased to be welcoming newcomers to our services and they would like to know who we are. (and please reach out and introduce yourself – since we're still doing "Passing of The Peace" from our seats, there isn't the same opportunity to say hello!)*

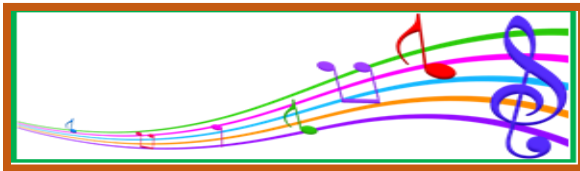


KNITTERS/CROCHETERS WANTED!!

Submitted by Holly Bauer-Mergen

Needles Mission Club would like to invite you to join our efforts in making blankets for Wilmot Cancer Center and the local dialysis center. We are a small but hardy group. We currently have 2 people making full blankets by themselves (crocheted and knitted); 1 person knitting squares and crocheting full blankets; 1 person knitting squares; 1 person crocheting the edge sewing squares together. **We could really use help from someone to knit squares.** (8" garter stitch; we supply the yarn). Every little bit helps, so if you only have time for a few here and there, that would still be wonderful. If you have any questions, please contact Holly or Gwen.





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FCC MUSIC MINISTRY



FCC CHOIR PRACTICE'S AND SUNDAY'S IN OCTOBER
October Choir Practices are Thursday, October 5th. & 19th. @ 7:00 pm.
The Choir will perform during worship service on Sunday, October 8th & 22nd.

PRAISE BAND

The Contemporary Christian band will continue to play at First Congregational Church of Spencerport, UCC. Alternating Sundays with the Choir. October Dates are Sunday, October 1st, 15th & 29th.

The members of the band include:

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| Mark Schott, guitar | Frank Holderfield, drums |
| Mark DiNitto, bass | Darcy Colby, vocals |





Join Us After Worship

10/1, 11/5 & 12/3

Soups, Salad & Bread



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:



Cold and hot drinks, Hamburger Helper, Rice, Mac n' Cheese, Tuna, Hot Cereal, Soup, Jello, Pudding, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper, and Cleaning Products.

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

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MONTHLY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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



In Loving Memory

Our Prayers and Condolences are with the Family and Friends of **Lore B. Fischpera**, who passed away on September 8th.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the family and friends of **Bill Revelle**, who passed away on June 23rd. Due to unexpected events the memorial was postponed until Saturday, October 14th, 11 am at First Congregational Church, 65 Church St. Spencerport, N.Y. 14559. The service will be followed by a fellowship gathering in Fellowship Hall.

First Congregational Church,
Spencerport UCC

October
Birthday's & Anniversaries

Please wish a
Happy Birthday To:

31st – Robert Colby

Mr. Colby, your Church Family
Wishes you a very Happy Birthday!
Gods Blessings to you!

**Please send Paula your Birthdays and Anniversaries so, we can celebrate together! (information below) **

October
Be present.
Let the day flow with grace.
Expect joy. Be positive.
Serve with compassion.
Speak only kindness.
Impart only love.
Never forget you're not alone.
Give thanks for everything.
See goodness in others. mary davis

EVERY DAY SPIRIT
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**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SPENCERPORT UCC
OCTOBER 2023**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18th Sunday After Pentecost 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:00 am-Worship/ Lunch Bunch - Communion Praise Band Playing		9:00 am- Breakfast Club @ Town & Country (3205 Chili Ave.) 7 pm - ALANON		7:00 pm Choir Practice		
19th Sunday After Pentecost 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am-Worship Choir Singing	*Office Closed for Holiday	9:00 am- Breakfast Club @ Slayton Place (26 Slayton Place) 7 pm - ALANON	7:00 pm – Zoom Finance Board Meeting			11 am – Bill Revelle Memorial
20th Sunday After Pentecost 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:00 am-Worship Praise Band Playing	6-8 pm Rotary Meeting – Fellowship Hall	9:00 am- Breakfast Club @ Steve’s Original Diner (3240 Chili Ave) 6:30/7:00 pm – Council/Boards Meeting 7 pm - ALANON	September Newsletter Deadline  6:30 pm -Monthly Staff Meeting 7:00 pm –Round Table Meeting	7:00 pm Choir Practice		9:30 am – Women’s Guild Meeting
21st Sunday After Pentecost 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am-Worship Choir Singing Stewardship Sunday		9:00 am- Breakfast Club @ Johnny D’s (2139 N. Union St.) 7 pm - ALANON				
22nd Sunday After Pentecost 29	30	31				
10:00 am-Worship -Praise Band Playing Congregation Annual Meeting following worship -Count needed for Homecoming Sunday dinner		9:00 am- Breakfast Club @ Blue Ridge Grill (3400 W. Ridge Rd.) 7 pm - ALANON				

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



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**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

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Office Hours: 9:00 am-2:00 pm – Monday-Friday

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Music Director: Darcy Colby

E-mail: musicdirector@spencerportucc.org

Accompanist: Lindsey Williams



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