

October 2022



THE BELL TOWER



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



October Newsletter 2022

Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are.

~Mason Cooley

As you may know by now, our church has partnered with Rochester Academy Elementary Charter School (RACS). As a RACS partner, along with help from our community, we have agreed to provide school supplies and winter gear to economically disadvantaged students. Additionally, there have been those who have inquired about reading to students at the school. We all know how important reading is for kids. It stimulates their curiosity, their imagination, and boosts their vocabulary. Most importantly, it sets them on the track of becoming lifelong readers and lifelong learners. It was Habeeb Akande who said, "Read to lead in order to succeed." This is exactly what we want the students at RACS to do—to succeed at becoming our future leaders in this nation.

If you would like to sign-up to read to students at RACS, please feel free to reach out to the Principal Heather Eysaman at ey saman@rochester-academy.org.

Together as a congregation and community, we will make a difference in the lives of these kids.

Let the journey begin!

Pastor Michael L. Sloan



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ANNUAL MEETING



Annual Meeting of the
First Congregational Church,
UCC of Spencerport will be on
Sunday, October 30th
Following Worship.



COUNCIL AND BOARDS MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 18th @ 6:30 PM

HYBRID:

IN-PERSON & ZOOM



FINANCE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 12th
@ 7:00 PM Via Zoom

WOMEN'S GUILD UPCOMING DATES:

MEETING:

Saturday, October 15th
@ 9:30 am



THESE DAYS

Daily Devotions for Living by Faith

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"These Days" Daily Devotional Booklets for
October/November/December are available on the First
Floor outside the Elevator and also in the back of the
sanctuary. If you would like one sent to you please call the
office at (585)352-3448

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.



Join Us After Worship

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

Soups, Salad & Bread



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2022
ucc.org/nin

Behold!

Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you... James 5:4

NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2022

In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this topic through a faith lens.

Join us by promoting this year's NIN "Behold!" on October 2nd, World Communion Day. As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Justice and Witness Ministries use two-thirds to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations and support various justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

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RALLY DAY 2022!



(Pie Eating Contest)



(Face Painting – Thank You Mrs. Sloan)

**(The Sunday's Cool Kids
Also had a Scavenger
Hunt and Received
Special Goody Bags.)**



**(A Big Thank you to Sue Bagley, Jessilou
Vacarelli, the CE Board and Everyone one
that helped make the day great!)**



BREAKFAST CLUB

OCTOBER DATES/LOCATIONS Please join us every Tuesday!

October 4th – Slayton Place
(26 Slayton Ave. Spencerport)

October 11th – Panorama
(730 Elmgrove Rd.)

October 18th – Theo's Restaurant
(1174 Brooks Ave.)

October 25th – Johnny d's Restaurant
(2139 North Union St.)

Hope to see you there!

NOVEMBER DATES/LOCATIONS

November 2nd – Slayton Place

(26 Slayton Ave. Spencerport)

November 9th – Panorama

(730 Elmgrove Rd.)

November 16th – Theo's Restaurant

(1174 Brooks Ave.)

November 23rd – Johnny d's Restaurant

(2139 North Union St.)

November 30th – Blue Ridge Grill

(3400 Ridge Rd. West)



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

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.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 19TH

If you would like to submit an article for The November Newsletter, please email the church office at admin@spencerportucc.org, by October 19th. Thank you!

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CHRISTIAN ACTION

Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf



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!

Food Shelf



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

This month the following items are especially needed: **Chunky Soups, Jiffy Mix, Ramen Noodles, Coffee, Hot Cereal, Pasta/Spaghetti, Pudding, Jell-O, Paper Towels, Shampoo, and Laundry Detergent.**

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



NEEDLES MISSION CLUB

Submitted by Holly Bauer-Mergen

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!! Really! But why am I sending out such an early reminder? Because we have a bin of yarn that would make great hats/scarves/mittens (and not so great for lap robes). If anyone would like to make any for the Warm and Fuzzy tree, please let me know and I will get down the bin and let you pick your favorite(s)!



OCTOBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

GREETERS:

2 – Bunny Tubbs
9 – Ebony Sloan
16 – Shirley Sherman
23 – TBD
30 – TBD

COFFEE HOUR:

2 – TBD
9 – Bunny Tubbs
16 – TBD
23 – TBD
30 – Frank & Sue Nichols

USHERS:

2 – Karen Eysaman
9 – Karen Eysaman
16 – TBD
23 – Ebony Sloan
30 – Ebony Sloan

LAY READERS:

2 – TBD
9 – Gwendolyn Tappenden
16 – TBD
23 – TBD
30 – 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!**

NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE UPDATE!!!!

Our winner for the month of September was Karen Eysaman. She saw her name in the Newsletter and emailed me at the office to receive her gift card.



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

Director of Christian Education:

Jessilou Vaccarelli

Office Hours: Tuesday: 9:00 am – Noon

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

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CE DIRECTOR JESSILOU IS AVAILABLE!

.... In person or by phone or email as needed:

church office 585-352-3448

cell phone or text: 585-397-8766

office hours by appointment

email: christianeducation@spencerportucc.org

RALLY DAY SUCCESS!

Nine Sunday's Coolers and 2 teens came to Rally Day – were you there?! We had a great time on the treasure hunt which took us all through the church! We enjoyed a tasty picnic style hot dog lunch, and then along with a beautiful cake - the famous pie eating contest! Congratulations Corbin Tomaschko 1st place, Landen Tomaschko 2nd place and Lilli West 3rd place! Lots of kids took advantage of face painting offered by Ms. Ebony! All in all, it was a great day. Thanks to everyone who put this together and to those who attended!



PENNY JAR NEWS

OCTOBER's contributions will be designated to support our newly formed partnership with RACS and the other community focused projects and programs we have created. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

TEEN ZOOM SERIES: COMPARATIVE RELIGION

In October, teens are invited to participate in a 6 week zoom program Monday evenings where we will talk about the top 6 religions in the world! There will be incentives for participation and prizes offered at completion!

FIRST MTG: MONDAY Oct 3rd 7PM: ISLAM

SPENCERPORT YOUTH MINISTRIES

Representatives from area churches are anxious to continue planning monthly Teen events.

We will visit the corn maze at **Zarpentine Farms** in Hilton on Friday October 7th at 6pm! Followed by a Bonfire at the Metherell home on Dean Rd. Kids ages 12 and up are invited – and encouraged to bring a friend! More info to follow. For more info, contact Jessilou.



HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 30TH

Another traditional Spencerport UCC event is coming up soon! On **Sunday morning October 30th during Sunday's Cool** we will host our Halloween Party for Sunday's Cool! Kids are invited to wear their costumes to church on that day. After our Children's Time, we'll head downstairs to the party! Join us for food and fun as we play Spider Chew, Pumpkin Squirt, Ghost Bowling and lots of other fun games. As always, friends are invited.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER.....

As in years past, we will be filling shoe boxes to distribute to local needy children for Christmas. A list will be available with suggested items. If you have empty shoe boxes, save them and fill them or bring them in to share with others! More info to come...

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**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SPENCERPORT UCC
OCTOBER 2022**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00 am - Worship/ Penny Jar LUNCH BUNCH (Following Service)	7:00 pm – Teen Zoom Series: Comparative Religion: ISLAM	9:00 am– Breakfast Club @ Slayton Place (26 Slayton Ave.)		7:00 am - Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm – Youth Event at Zarpentine Farms Corn Maze Followed by a Bonfire	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00 am-Worship		9:00 am– Breakfast Club @ Panorama Restaurant (730 Elmgrove Rd)	7:00 pm – Zoom Finance Board Meeting	7:00 am - Choir Rehearsal		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am-Worship	9:30 am– Women’s Guild Meeting	9:00 am– Breakfast Club @Theo’s Restaurant (1174 Brooks Ave.) 6:30 pm – Council/Boards Meeting	6:30 pm Monthly Staff Meeting	7:00 am - Choir Rehearsal		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00 am– Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am-Worship		9:00 am– Breakfast Club @ Johnny d’s (2139 North Union St.)		7:00 am – Choir Rehearsal		
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9:00 am– Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am-Worship / CE Halloween Party						

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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Accompanist: Lindsey Williams



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