

November 2023



November 2023 Newsletter

THE BELL TOWER



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



From the Pastor's Desk



Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

~John Wesley

About 18-years ago, an 8-year-old little girl by the name of Bri was at school, sitting at her desk surrounded by about twenty other students in the classroom. This is when she heard about a massive hurricane that had hit Louisiana. Her teacher stood in front of the class informing them of what had taken place; and she began showing them clips from the news on the television (there in the classroom) of all the lives that had been impacted by this hurricane. And that is when Bri, the little 8-year-old girl was moved to compassion. Her tooth had fallen out on the school bus that morning, while on the way to school. So, as she sat there at her desk, in that elementary school classroom, she used a red crayon to write a letter to the Red Cross. The letter read a little something like this:

Dear Red Cross:

My name is Bri. I live in Brandon, South Dakota. My teacher told our class today about the hurricane that has caused so many people to be hurt in Louisiana. This made me sad. I recently lost a tooth. And I just want you to

know that tonight I am going to put my tooth under my pillow; and, when the tooth fairy delivers the money to me tonight...I am going to mail it in so that you can help the children in Louisiana.

Sincerely, Bri.

With the help of her teacher, Bri mailed this letter to the Red Cross. And, when people in the surrounding area found out that this little girl was willing to donate her tooth fairy money to this cause, the Red Cross began receiving all kinds of anonymous donations to help the victims of the hurricane that hit Louisiana.

*Generosity! It is one of the things that we learn early on in life. We learn about the power of generosity, the power of sharing, and the power of giving. It is my hope and my prayer that you would always have a heart full of generosity.

Pastor Michael L. Sloan



FINANCE BOARD ZOOM MEETING

**Wednesday, November 8th
@ 7:00 PM Via Zoom**



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COUNCIL AND BOARDS MEETINGS

**Tuesday, November 21st
@ 6:30/7:00 PM
HYBRID: IN-PERSON & ZOOM**



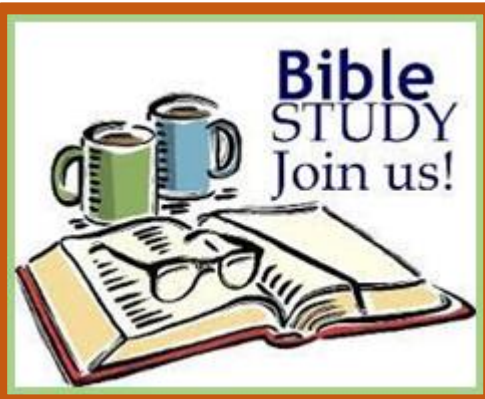
UPCOMING DATES:

**Saturday, November 4th
Fellowship Hall Prep for
Homecoming Sunday**

Sunday, November 5th @ Noon Pork Roast Dinner
Saturday, November 11th @ 9:30 am: Meeting
Saturday, December 2nd – Christmas Party, Johnny D's @ 11:30 am Arrival
(2139 N. Union St.)
Sunday, December 3rd – Lunch Bunch- Following Worship
Sunday, December 17th All Church Christmas Brunch- Following Worship

Join us for Zoom Bible Study on:

Wednesday, November 1st @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, November 8th @ 6:00 pm
Wednesday, November 29th @ 7:00 pm



BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club

NOVEMBER DATES/LOCATIONS

November 7th – Town & Country (3205 Chili Ave)
November 14th – Slayton Place (26 Slayton Ave.)
November 21st – Steve's Original Diner (3240 Chili Ave)
November 28th – Johnny D's (2139 N. Union St.)

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA
PLANT ORDER DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 26th
(Order form on last page)**

**ORDER YOUR
POINSETTIAS
NOW!**

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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!

Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9 am – 2 pm

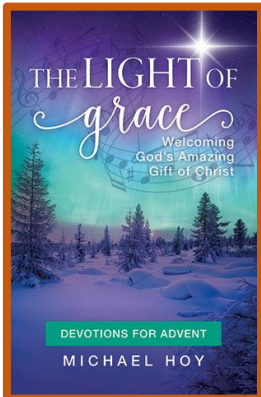


ADVENT BEGINS
DECEMBER 3RD.

2023 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL:
The LIGHT of grace by Michael Joy
Will be available on Sunday,
November 19th on the table in the back
of the Sanctuary or by the Elevator. If
you would like one mailed to you,
please contact the office @
admin@spencerportuucc.org or call
(585) 576-2136

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS
NOVEMBER 22ND.

If you would like to submit an article for The December Newsletter, please email the church office at admin@spencerportuucc.org,
By November 22nd. Thank you!



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@spencerportuucc.org) by October 29th, 2023.

Blessings to you and yours.

NOVEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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NOVEMBER:

GREETERS:

5 – TBA
12 – Ebony C. Sloan
19 – TBA
26 – TBA

COFFEE HOUR:

5 – Homecoming Dinner
12 – TBA
19 – Bunny Tubbs
26 – TBA

USHERS:

5 – David Decker
12 – Karen Eysaman
19 – TBA
26 – TBA

LAY READERS:

5 – Ebony C. Sloan
12 – Ellen M Kern
19 – TBA
26 – TBA

****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:

October's Penny Jar raised \$95 for Asylum Seekers.

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!)*

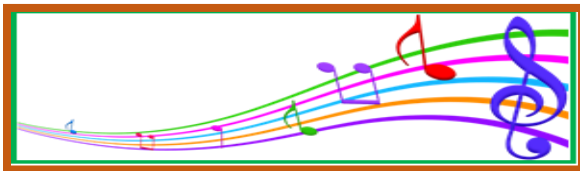


KNITTERS/CROCHETERS WANTED!!

Submitted by Holly Bauer-Mergen

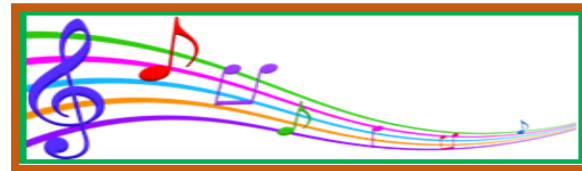
Needles Mission Club would like to invite you to join our efforts in making blankets for Wilmot Cancer Center and the local dialysis center. We are a small but hardy group. We currently have 2 people making full blankets by themselves (crocheted and knitted); 1 person knitting squares and crocheting 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



PRAISE BAND

The Contemporary Christian band will continue to play at First Congregational Church of Spencerport, UCC. Alternating Sundays with the Choir. November Dates are Sunday, November 12th & 26th.

The members of the band include:

Mark Schott, guitar	Doug Schott, drums
Mark DiNitto, bass	Darcy Colby, vocals

FCC CHOIR PRACTICE'S AND SUNDAY'S IN NOVEMBER

November Choir Practices are Thursday, November 2nd, 16th. & 30th @ 7:00 pm.
The Choir will perform during worship service on Sunday, November 5th & 19th.



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CHRISTIAN ACTION

Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

To support the Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

SPONSORED BY THE SPENCERPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Needs...

Soup (esp. ready to serve)
Canned assorted vegetables
Canned Pasta (SpaghettiOs,
etc.)
Stew, Chili, Hash
Hamburger Helper
Macaroni & cheese
Cold drinks

Boxed potatoes
Hot cereal
Canned Fruit
Canned Meats
Toothpaste
Toilet paper
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa mix
Rice A Roni

SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2023

11 AM – 3 PM

32 Amity Street

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



Especially needed this month: Soups, Pasta Sauce, Hamburger Helper, Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa mix, Canned Meats, Rice A Roni, Hot Cereal, Canned Fruit, and Crackers.

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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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SPENCERPORT UCC NOVEMBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			7:00 pm – Zoom Bible Study	7:00 pm Choir Practice		9:30 am – Women's Guild Fellowship Hall Prep for Homecoming Sunday
23 rd Sunday After Pentecost 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am-Worship / Choir Singing - Homecoming Sunday - Noon Pork Roast Dinner	6-8 pm Rotary Meeting – Fellowship Hall	9:00 am– Breakfast Club @ Town & Country (3205 Chili Ave.) 7 pm - ALANON	6:00 pm – Zoom Bible Study 7:00 pm – Zoom Finance Board Meeting		*Office Closed for Holiday*	 9:30 am – Women's Guild - Meeting
24 th Sunday After Pentecost 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:00 am-Worship Praise Band Playing	6-8 pm Rotary Meeting – Fellowship Hall	9:00 am– Breakfast Club @ Slayton Place (26 Slayton Place) 7 pm - ALANON		7:00 pm Choir Practice	Happy Birthday Gwendolyn Tappenden!	
25 th Sunday After Pentecost 19	20	21	22	**Office Closed** 23	24	25
9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am-Worship Choir Singing **Advent Devotionals Available** see pg. 3 for details	6-8 pm Rotary Meeting – Fellowship Hall 7:30 pm –Round Table Meeting	9:00 am– Breakfast Club @ Steve's Original Diner (3240 Chili Ave) 6:30/7:00 pm – Council/Boards Meeting 7 pm - ALANON	November Newsletter Deadline  6:30 pm -Monthly Staff Meeting		*Office Closed for Holiday*	Happy Birthday Darcy Colby!
Reign of Christ/26 th Sunday After. 26	27	28	29	30		
10:00 am-Worship -Praise Band Playing		9:00 am– Breakfast Club @ Johnny D's (2139 N. Union St.) 7 pm - ALANON	7:00 pm – Zoom Bible Study	7:00 pm Choir Practice		

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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.



First Congregational Church,
Spencerport UCC

Please wish a
Happy Birthday To:

17th - Gwendolyn Tappenden
25th - Darcy Colby

Gwendolyn & Darcy, your Church Family
Wishes you a very Happy Birthday!
Gods Blessings!

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



2023 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: _____

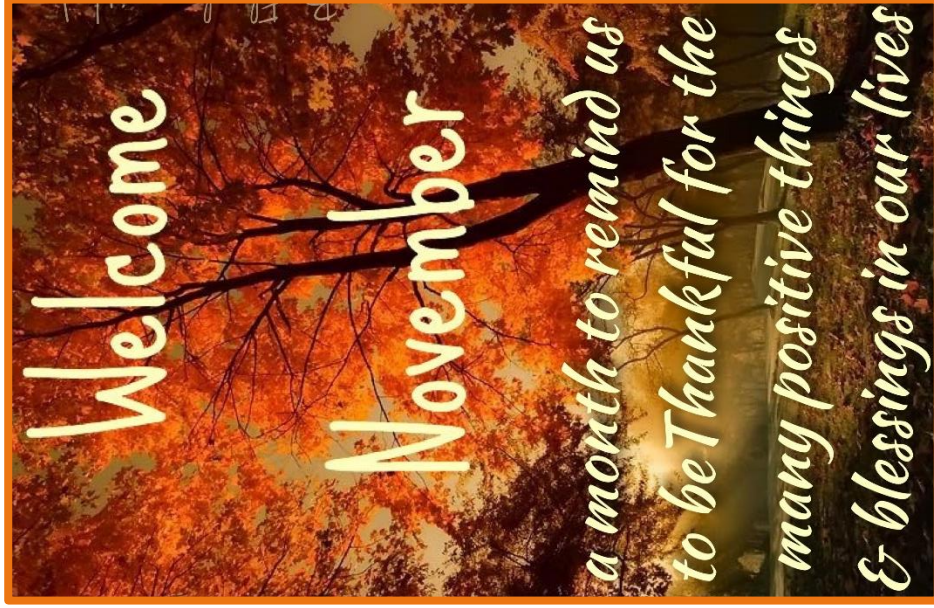
Please make checks payable to:

First Congregational Church

Please place orders in the collection plate on Sunday, Put in Paula's
mailbox or send to the office. Any questions contact the office @
(585) 352-3448 or admin@spencerportucc.org. Thank you!

Deadline for Ordering - November 26th

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



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**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

Music Director: Darcy Colby

E-mail: musicedirector@spencerportucc.org

Accompanist: Lindsey Williams

