



FROM THE PASTOR

"This is the day the Lord has made – let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

-Psalm 118:24

You may remember in last month's Kerygma that Kay and I were scrambling to get a trip to Pennsylvania together as Kay's mother (Beverly Reed on our prayer list) was near death. Losing blood quickly, she had received two transfusions and her doctor felt a third one would be ineffective. He gave her two days to live. So it's been over a month now and the old girl is still with us. We've been calling her, "Wonder Woman". Her 96th birthday is at the end of April and we wouldn't be surprised if she makes it. Who knows, she might even outlive the rest of us. One tough lady. Kay's brother went to visit last week and sent out a photo of Mom in a wheelchair, playing kick ball! I kid you not. Just as big a surprise is that she is socializing, where for the past several years she was content to sit alone in her room. Has her brush with death opened a new appreciation for life? We wonder about Wonder Woman and the mystery of life's dance so close to the edge that one becomes more alive. Of course, considering her condition, we don't expect the dance to last forever, but it is a wonder to behold. Life, however uncertain, can still be wonder-full and sometimes catch us by surprise.

I write this for the April Kerygma, but today is Tuesday of Holy Week and Easter is March 31, so it's not quite here yet. But I know it's coming. I know because the daffodils and forsythia are bursting with yellow blossoms, as sure a sign of Easter as anything. Among the first blooms following winter, they are harbingers of life to come. Anticipating their bold celebration of color each year is always a hopeful thing. Of course, the still greater hope is the joy of Easter itself, the Day of Resurrection, of God's gift of forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ. Light comes and the darkness fades. The days grow longer and the world around us greens and blooms.

Such joyous hope for today and tomorrow is not naive foolishness in the face of the world's turmoil, but rather a bold proclamation that the love of God remains, indeed finds opportunity to blossom and bear fruit in the lives of those who dare believe in it and live it. Life plays kickball in the face of death. Oh, the wonder of it.

In 1 Corinthians 15, the Apostle Paul seems to mock death while praising Christ:

"Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting? ... but thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

We share Christ's victory. It's why we can look forever forward with genuine hope, with anticipation for new life, with joy, with wonder. Every day is a gift.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev Dave



Let us WORSHIP Together

Please Join Us
each Sunday
at 10 am.

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April Calendar

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*Search for: The Congregational Church in Killingworth UCC.
*Go to Zoom.us and add the meeting ID and passcode found below.

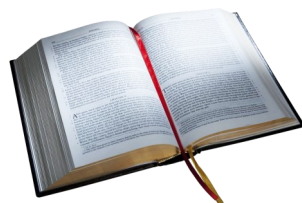
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Password: 500345

Please call the church office if you have any issues or questions.



Bright Spot in the Week Bible Study

Wednesdays on Facebook // 7pm

Each Wednesday, Rev. Dave hosts a live Bible study broadcast focused on the scriptures for the coming Sunday's worship service. You can ask questions, make comments, and share prayer requests. Each study will be followed by prayer. Join Bible study through Facebook or Zoom. Zoom Link to join the meeting: You can sign in 10 minutes early.

Online link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81262507891?pwd=a1N4dTNITG1Yby9DUFVSV2RUMGN5UT09>

Phone: 929-205-6099 **Meeting ID:** 885 6894 8592 **Passcode:** 476067

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Giving link.

Open the QR reader app or the camera on your smartphone and point it at the QR code.





Sunday School Corner

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Romans 8:14

Hello Sunday School Students and Families,

Happy April! Happy Spring!! It is a wonderful time to celebrate as we just celebrated the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. In the month of April, students will focus on the early church in the book of Acts. These lessons will lead us up to Pentecost on May 19th.

Students will also discuss and choose a spring mission project this month. As always, our weekly offering helps support our sponsor child, Kenzie, who lives in Appalachia, TN with the organization, Save the Children.

In addition, there will be Scout Sunday on April 28th at 10am. All scouts, boys and girls, in the community are welcome to join us! Wear your uniform and stay with your family after the service for a free brunch for all. Spread the word to all your friends and family!

Finally, our tentative date for Vacation Bible School will be finalized once the local schools announce the last day of school. Tentatively set for June 18, 19, 20 from 9am to 12pm (snack included). The theme is- **SCUBA- Diving into Friendship with God!** Participants - pre-k to entering 5th grade. Student volunteers- entering 6th grade and above. All in the community are welcome to enroll! It's great fun with crafts, games, and activities. A link to enroll will be coming soon to the church website.

Many Blessings,

Christine Link

Volunteer Christian Education director

Christinelax@hotmail.com





Eddy Shelter Dinners

**Tuesdays,
April 9 & 23**

The Eddy Shelter is a 30+ bed emergency homeless shelter for men and women of Middlesex County.

The Missions Committee will continue delivering a meal to the Eddy Shelter each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month.

Contributions to the monthly meals such as desserts, breads, and sides (salad, soup, veggies, casseroles) are always gratefully accepted.

Always needed and appreciated: Socks, Twin sheets, comforters, bottled water and “grab and go” foods like protein bars, granola bars, fruit, nuts, cheese sticks.

Contact Paulie Lally 860-663-2315 to offer donations or to help deliver the meal.



Missions NEEDS Your Help with Meals

Our Mission’s Committee has been bringing meals twice a month to the Eddy Shelter in Middletown, feeding about 40 people. We need folks who can donate food, prepare food, and deliver everything to Middletown. Food donations can be bottled water, frozen foods, desserts, side or main dishes. Food prep will be on Tuesdays at 2pm the day of the meal. Please contact Karen Gagliardi 860-663-3866 to discuss how you can help. Thank you!



2024 Scholarship Award

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC is pleased to offer graduating high school students who are members of the church the opportunity to apply for this year's Scholarship Award. Applications are available in the church office or online. Please contact Christine Link or other Christian Education Committee members for additional information.



4/3 Christine Macklem
 4/6 Carole Koziy
 Karen Gagliardi
 4/7 Peter Gersz
 4/9 Ginger Lahey
 Ingrid Glynn
 4/14 Cameron Cook
 4/15 Jo-Ann Slocombe
 Alan Chapman
 4/25 Robert Drew
 4/30 Chett Vogt



4/10 Mattie Gersz
 4/14 Lucas Dias
 4/20 Brody Gersz
 4/22 Josephine Rimmer
 4/27 Wolfgang Bold
 4/28 Sean Link

Congregational Conversations on New By-Laws

On April 21 after worship, we'll have a Congregational Conversation to consider the revised by-laws as proposed by the By-Laws Committee (Rob Rimmer, Kristen Forster, Len Summa and Rev. Dave). This is your opportunity to participate in the process of giving shape to our church's ministry as we look forward together to the future. We will review about 1/3 of the by-laws document at a time, depending on how the conversation goes, so anticipate more Congregational Conversations in the weeks ahead. Eventually, we will have a congregational meeting to approve the by-laws final draft.



Jesus said to him,
**Have you believed
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those
who have not seen
and yet have believed.**

John 20:29

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Flowers for the Altar



Each week, families and/or individuals will have an opportunity to provide flowers for the altar. They may be given in honor of or in memory of someone you love. The name of the person who is being honored or memorialized will appear in the weekly announcements. It is a lovely way to bring that special someone to our church family's attention.



The Senior Community Luncheon

The Estuary Luncheon is in the Parish Hall each
Wednesday at 12pm.

Come for a hot, nutritious lunch. Call in your lunch reservations to the reservation line at 860-388-1611, x216, **before 11:00 A.M** the day prior to when you wish to have lunch.

Are you celebrating a special date or event in your life?

Please share it with us so we may give thanks to God
and celebrate with you.

Email your notice to office@killingworthchurch.org by the 15th of each month.



April Events at the Killingworth Library

Check the Calendar on our website, killingworthlibrary.org, for details on all programs and registration information or call the library at 860-663-2000.

THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE ~ MONDAY, APRIL 8TH!

Connecticut will be in 90% totality. The Killingworth Library will be giving away FREE ECLIPSE GLASSES in association with our eclipse- and space-related programming. A flyer of programs for all ages can be found on the bulletin board in the church hall.

Week of the Young Child Story and Craft Time

Wednesday, April 10th, 10:30am-11:15am. Come hear two stories with Mrs. Fig.

The Enduring Legacy of the Leatherman

Wednesday, April 17th, 7:00pm-8:00pm. Hear the story of this legendary Connecticut figure.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Thursday, April 18th, 6:00pm-6:30pm. Ever wonder what stuffed animals do after bedtime?

Repair Café

Saturday, April 20th, 9:00am-1:00pm. The library will have “fixers” on hand.

Death in the Details Author Talk

Wednesday, April 24th, 6:00pm-7:00pm. Local author Katie Tietjen will be speaking.

Seed Library

The library now offers seeds – spring and summer vegetables, herbs, and flowers!

Passport to CT Libraries

April 1st-30th. Pick up a passport at the Killingworth Library, then get it stamped as you visit other libraries in the state during the month of April.

[Find the newest video here](#), in which Rev. Goodwin invites lay members and authorized ministers to take part in the Lunch & Learn educational programs offered by the SNEUCC's Center for Transformational Leadership.



Lunch & Learn with SNEUCC

Twice per month, SNEUCC offers us opportunities to take part in learning workshops from Noon until 1pm. Once you register for a program, you are able to watch it at your convenience. These hour-long videos are informative and thought provoking.

Pause for Prayer

Each Wednesday at 12:30, take some time for spiritual grounding and communal prayer for the world, our churches, each other and ourselves. Hosted by Conference staff. Streamed Live to Facebook.



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* Check out these events at SNEUCC.ORG/Events

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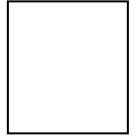
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The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Apr 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9am - KNS	9am - AARP Tax Aide 9am - KNS 7pm - Boy Scouts	9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 6pm - Lions Club 7:15pm - AA	9am - KNS 7pm - AA	9am - KNS	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - AARP Tax Aide 3pm - Eddy Shelter 7pm - Boy Scouts	12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7:15pm - AA	7pm - AA 7pm - Council			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - KNS	9am - KNS 7pm - Boy Scouts	9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7:15pm - AA	9am - KNS 6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA	9am - KNS	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship 11:15am - Conversations	9am - KNS	9am - KNS 3pm - Eddy Shelter 7pm - Boy Scouts	8:30am - Mens Group 9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7:15pm - AA	9am - KNS 7pm - AA	9am - KNS	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Scout Sunday 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - KNS	9am - KNS 7pm - Boy Scouts				

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