

## FROM THE PASTOR

*“And they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up the sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.”*

*Isaiah 2:4*

They call Memorial Day the “unofficial” beginning of summer. It is, of course, much more than that. The traditional Memorial Day parade was held in Killingworth this past Monday, concluding with a program on the steps in front of the church. It's a short but wonderful annual tradition with people of all ages marching and waving flags, vets driving old military vehicles, community service organizations carrying banners and the high school band playing patriotic music. There were speeches and dedications. Local veterans who lost their lives in service to the country were remembered. The flag was raised and the pledge was recited. It was a mixture of good times and solemn purpose, just as life often is.

They say it's important to remember not only those who went to war, but the sacrifices, the personal losses, the human toll of war so that history won't repeat itself. This is said as we are actively supporting/engaged in a war abroad that looks more and more each day like the beginning of something bigger, something worse. Memory can be way too short.

The day before the Memorial Day parade was Pentecost Sunday, which we celebrated in true Pentecost fashion with prayers and preaching and hymns about the gift of Christ's Holy Spirit. It may have occurred to some of those attending that there wasn't any patriotic music that day. The reason is simple – Pentecost is one of the holiest days of the year, the day the Christian church was born, the day the Holy Spirit filled the hearts and souls of the believers who brought a message of hope and eternal love to all people. It would be unimaginable to sing a patriotic hymn on Christmas Eve or Easter Sunday. Pentecost is like that. So Sunday was filled with faith that knows no national boundaries and Monday was filled with national pride. We live in both worlds, but ultimately, our hearts belong to God. It is this core relationship that is meant to guide all others, whatever our national allegiance may be.

So in this time of remembering, how very important it is that we remember we are God's children and that it matters greatly how we treat each other, that even as we struggle to get along in an often violent world, we continue to bear the light of peace into dark places. We do this, “for God so loved the world”, after all, and we are at our best when we do the same.

Which is to say, the best possible way to honor the war dead is to do our best to keep others from dying. The higher ideals for which many have died in service only have lasting meaning if we aspire to preserve them and by the grace of God, by the most peaceful, most life-affirming ways possible. Indeed, may the great and wonderful day come when at last our swords are beaten into plowshares.

So how very fitting it was that Memorial Day parade concluded at the steps of the church, don't you think?

Peace and Blessings,  
Rev Dave



# SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 A.M.



The Sanctuary is open. Masks are optional.

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## Zoom Links and Log-on Numbers For Sunday Worship and Bible Study

Watch from the church Facebook page, YouTube, or Zoom.

Search for: The Congregational Church in Killingworth UCC. The tagline should put you to the video. Follow this link or go to Zoom.us and add the meeting ID and passcode found below.

### Online link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84538336049?pwd=ZONRZC9rN0FCOWhPMTNZMk9EMHgzZz09>

Phone: 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 845 3833 6049

Passcode: 500345



## Bright Spot in the Week Bible Study

Wednesdays on Facebook // 7pm

Each Wednesday, Rev. Dave will host a live Bible study broadcast focused on the scriptures for the coming Sunday's worship service. You'll be able to 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=aIN4dTNITG1Yby9DUFVSV2RUMGN5UT09>

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**Thank you!**

### Online Giving

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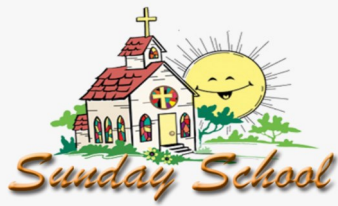
Visit

**KillingworthChurch.org**  
and click on the  
**Giving link.**

- Open the QR reader application or the camera on your smartphone
- Point it at the QR code.



We have a QR Code that helps connect you quickly and safely to our *Giving* link.



## 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!

Congratulations!! We made it to another end of the Sunday School year. We have learned a lot and have helped many people in our community and around the world. Thank you for your continued support!

**Children's Sunday service and picnic BBQ is June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am.** We will recognize all teachers and students, but will highlight the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who will receive their very own Bible and the high school seniors and scholarship recipients.

We invite the entire congregation to join us after the service for a picnic BBQ. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. We welcome any donations of side dishes and desserts for the picnic.

Children's Sunday (6/11) is the last day for our **spring mission project for Ukraine!** Please bring in dried soups, protein bars, tube socks and underwear. Collection box is in the sanctuary.

Sunday School will be on summer break after the June 11th Children's Sunday Service, but please join us for

**Vacation Bible School June 19, 20, 21 from 9am to 12pm.** It is a space theme called, "Stellar- Shine Jesus' Light"! It is going to be a blast with games, crafts, imagination station and more! For pre-k to entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Snack provided. Please register soon so we can plan accordingly. Registration fee is \$30 for all 3 days for materials. If you need assistance with registration fee, please contact the church office. Finally, any registered Sunday School student who brings a friend or a family member, that student comes for FREE! Spread the word to the community; it is open to all! Participants and volunteers, please register at this link- <https://vbspro.events/p/events/kworthchurch2023>

Have a safe and fun filled summer!

Many blessings,

Christine Link

CE chairperson

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## **Eddy Shelter Dinners Tuesdays, June 13 & 27**

The Missions Committee delivers a meal to Eddy Shelter, a 30+ bed emergency homeless shelter for men and women of Middlesex County, each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month.

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

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

**NEEDED:** Twin Sheets, comforters, bottled water and “grab and go” foods (Protein/Granola Bars, Fruit, Packaged Nuts, Cheese Sticks.



### **The Sunday School 1st Sunday of the Month Food Collection**

Help us help others in our community. If you are able, please bring in non-perishable food items on the **1st Sunday of each month**. The food collected will be donated between Helping Hands food pantry, HK Backpack program and Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries. We thank you for your generosity.

We **CAN** make a difference!!

### **Flowers for the Altar**



Each week, you 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.

Please contact the church office with the date you will provide flowers.



### **Children's Sunday and Picnic**

#### **Sunday, June 11**

On Sunday, June 11, we will celebrate Children's Sunday which will include prayers, songs, and lessons that were taught during the past year. The Sunday School classes will lead the worship service, the children's mission project will be celebrated, and our high school seniors will be honored.

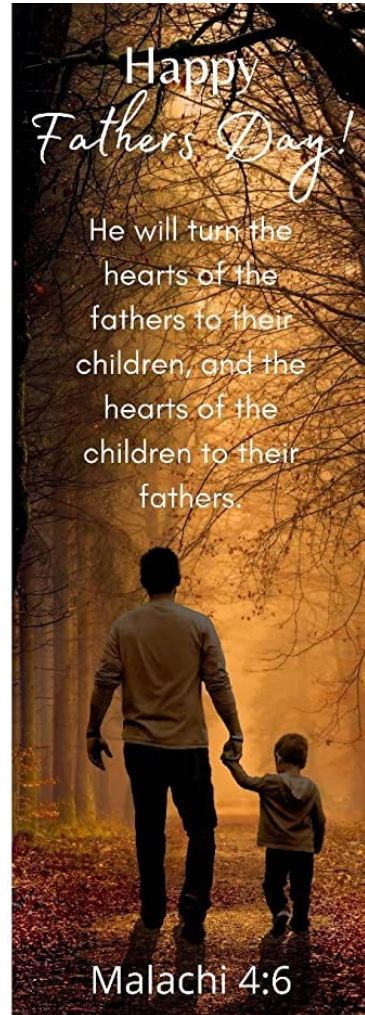
We invite the entire congregation to join us after the service for a picnic BBQ. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided by the Christian Education Committee. We welcome any donations of side dishes and desserts for the picnic.



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|---------|------------------|---------|-------------------|
| June 1  | John Figurelli   | June 15 | Marcella Stegman  |
| June 2  | Pauline Lally    | June 16 | Dawn Albanese     |
|         | Debbie Sodergren | June 20 | Alyson Somerville |
| June 3  | Nanci Coleman    | June 23 | Katie Pavlou      |
|         | Julie Phelps     | June 24 | Robert Burley     |
| June 4  | Elizabeth Bowman | June 26 | Corey Sodergren   |
| June 5  | Amanda Reynolds  |         | Sandy Allard      |
| June 9  | Richard Gruber   | June 27 | Kristen Foley     |
| June 10 | Jason Pavlou     | June 28 | Leonard Summa     |
| June 13 | Eleanor Rich     |         | Kurt Schemmerling |



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| June 4  | Bill and Gayle Van Huysen   |
| June 11 | Len and Janet Summa         |
| June 18 | Sandy Allard & Paulie Lally |
| June 25 | Board of Ushers             |



**Mens Group BBQ Lunch**  
**Wednesday, June 28th**



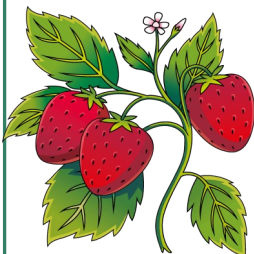
No work to be done on BBQ day!  
The Mens Group will enjoy a BBQ at 11 am next to the tractor shed.  
Come relax and enjoy each other's company.  
See Charlie Smith with questions.



**COMMUNITY LUNCHEON**

**The Senior Community Luncheon**

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



**Saint Lawrence Strawberry Festival**

Saint Lawrence Church's Strawberry Festival is Saturday, June 17, 11am-3pm. Food includes strawberry shortcake, hot dogs, hamburgers and more. Attractions include a basket raffle, a free drawing for dads for a Father's Day basket, bake sale, and vendors for tag sale items or crafts. For more information, visit [www.stlawrencechurch.com](http://www.stlawrencechurch.com).



### Help Needed for Summer Fair

The summer fair will be held on Saturday, August 12 (rain date Aug. 19). It will include a tag sale, bake sale, silent auction, and lunch. If anyone wants to include another activity, please let me know. As the saying goes, "The more the merrier".

Donations are now being accepted. Only donations of items in good, clean condition are needed. No electronics unless in excellent condition. Sorry, no tv's, outdated clothing or broken items.

We are also looking for items for the silent auction. Perhaps you could donate a gift card or craft item? It takes a village to raise a child, but it takes a congregation to put on a fair. Please consider helping.

Please contact Jo Ann Bennett at 860-663-2178 with questions or suggestions.

### June Programs at the Killingworth Library

Killingworth Library



**Titanic: the Connecticut Connections with Phil Devlin**

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

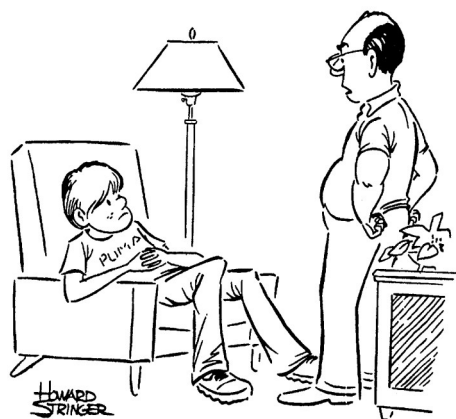
**Introduction to Daughters of the American Revolution**

Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm

**Summer Reading Kicks Off!**

This summer's reading theme is Find Your Voice.

Fun at the library kicks off on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> with life-sized Candyland! Find out more about this program and all the others. Registration is required for most library programs. Please visit the Calendar at [killingworthlibrary.org](http://killingworthlibrary.org) or call 860-663-2000 to reserve your space.



"I KNOW THE BIBLE SAYS WE'RE JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, NOT WORKS. BUT THAT DOESN'T APPLY TO MOWING THE YARD."

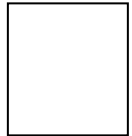
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The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Jun 2023 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	28	30	31	1	2	3
				9am - KNS - K'worth 7pm - AA	9am - KNS - K'worth 7pm - AA	7:30pm - AA
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	6:30pm - AED 7pm - Boy Scouts	12pm - Cafe Luncheon 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB	7pm - AA 7pm - Council			7:30pm - AA
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Childrens Sunday 10am - Worship 11am - BBQ Picnic 11am - Fellowship	3pm - Eddy Shelter 7pm - Boy Scouts	12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA			7:30pm - AA
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Father's Day 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - VBS	9am - VBS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	7pm - AA			7:30pm - AA
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10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	3pm - Eddy Shelter	8:30am - Mens Group 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	9am - Staff Meeting 7pm - AA			

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## 10 a.m. Worship

# June 2023



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## Church Picnic June 11th



Vacation Bible School  
June 19, 20, 21