## SUNDAY SCHOOL

# HANDBOOK



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH

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### Introduction

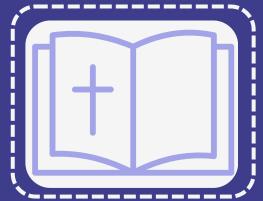




Welcome to the Sunday School Ministry of the Congregational Church in Killingworth, United Church of Christ!

We hope this booklet gives you an overview of what you and your child can expect. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Christian Education Committee, listed on the back cover. We welcome and encourage you to visit your child's classroom any time.

Sunday School curriculum is multiage and focuses on grades pre-k through grade 8. Students in grade 9 are eligible for confirmation. Students in grade 9-12 are encouraged to assist in the classroom. Classes are held downstairs in the Parish Hall. Classes will occasionally hold sessions in the kitchen, outdoors, and in the Parish Hall.



### Safe Church Policy

To ensure the safety of all the children in our charge, we diligently follow Safe Church Procedures here at the Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC. A written copy of this policy can be found in the church office, on the church website. Please contact a member of the Christian Education Committee or the Pastor for more information.

#### **Infant& Toddler room**

Our Infant and Toddler Room is located on the lower level of the Parish Hall. A sound system broadcasts the worship service to the room. Parents may come and go from the worship service with your young children at any point.



## Sunday School Curriculum and Classrooms



Feasting on the Word by is lectionary-based curriculum that provides intentional connections between education and worship. Feasting on the Word is based on the same Bible verses that we hear in church each Sunday.

On any Sunday morning you may find your child learning a biblical story and doing an activity which reinforces that story. You may find them making Good Samaritan soup mix or possibly painting a rainbow picture frame while relating to the story of Noah's Ark. There will be many opportunities for you to be involved; by sharing ideas, painting murals, helping with Mission projects......The possibilities are endless.

Our classroom is multiage from pre-K to grade 8. Students all learn the same bible story, but the activities to reinforce the Bible message are tailored to different age ranges. Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to assist in the class room.

#### Communion

On the first Sunday of each month,
Communion is
offered in the worship service. Our church encourages children of all ages to receive communion which consists of bread and grape juice

### **Confirmation**

Typically students in 9th grade complete classes for confirmation. Classes start in late fall and students are confirmed in late spring. Contact CE director for more information...

## **Mission Projects**

Each Sunday, an offering basket is passed in the classroom. This money supports Sunday School Mission programs. It is not added to the offering taken during church services.

A key part of our offering goes to support a child in need. Through this personal connection, students learn to help neighbors and people worldwide. We receive periodic updates from our sponsor child and encourage students to respond when appropriate.

Students make a difference in the world through real and lasting change for children in their communities.

The students this year will research and vote to support a child. Previously, we sponsored a child through an organization called, Save the Children. They do not allow individualized sponsorship anymore. The new organization we will support is called, Unbound.

Our offering collection helps to teach the joy of giving and gives the child a concrete way to help all of God's people.

Finally, each semester, students discuss with teachers, what mission projects they would be interested in and decide together. It gives students the opportunity to think about others and connect with those in need.





### **Sunday School Events**

9/7- Sundae Sunday - 1st day of Sunday School

10/5 - 12:30p CROP Hunger Walk @ Chatfield Hollow

11/23- Pumpkin bread baking

11/30- Advent wreaths in Sunday School

12/21- Christmas Pageant

3/29/26- Easter Workshop/Palm Sunday

**TBD- Confirmation ceremony** 

6/7- Children's Sunday picnic and award ceremony

TBD- Mid/Late June- Vacation Bible School

Christian Education Committee- Paige Quilliam, Kristen Forster, Christine Link (chair)