

## FROM THE PASTOR

*Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy: To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace and peace to you.*

*We always give thanks to God for you, remembering you in our prayers and continually recalling before our  
God and Father your work of faith, your labor of love, and your enduring hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*- 1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

The Apostle Paul and his partners in ministry, Silvanus and Timothy coauthored a letter of encouragement to the new congregation in Thessalonica, a Greek city in the heart of the Roman Empire. Through them, the Good News of Jesus spread throughout the region. The challenges were great, but their faith and hope were greater. Thousands came to faith in those early days of the church.

We may not be seeing thousands coming to faith in Killingworth directly, but just think of the countless numbers of people near and far that have found peace and strength and friendship and purpose and all the other forms of God's love over the years through the witness of our church. And the Good News of Jesus continues to be proclaimed and shared through our congregation in these days, too, perhaps to a greater extent than we can imagine.

To this end, we celebrate the amazing and historical moment we just shared together at our February 23 Annual Meeting. We voted unanimously to approve significant revisions and improvements to our church by-laws. Over the past year+ we have worked together to craft the document which now helps give shape to and guide our ministry for today and the future. By this past Sunday's vote, we officially incorporated our new covenant into the by-laws, affirming and welcoming all people seeking Christ and honoring our mutual ministries. We also voted in a more efficient size-appropriate organizational structure that will help us serve more effectively. Just as important, we voted to "raise the bar" of responsibility for our voting members, requiring greater involvement in the life of the church. It was a big day. It was a very good day.

After the Nominating Committee announced the nominees for leadership positions in the church and the congregation voted their approval, I asked all those who were elected to come forward for installation to their offices. David Gross, outgoing Moderator, and I led the brief rite. There was barely room up front because nearly everyone at the meeting stepped forward to be installed. It was a reminder of what small church ministry looks like, that we are all needed to make things happen, that we all stand together.

I am honored to serve such a faithful, caring and engaged congregation. Like Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, I give thanks for you. I remember you in my prayers, recalling your work in God's name, our ministry together of faith, love and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now we enter the season of Lent and will eat together, study together, pray, sing, worship and serve together, counting the days to Easter. These are challenging times, too, but we have this great witness, this Good News and this enduring hope to share. This is what it means to be the church. Thanks be to God.

Peace and Blessings,

-Rev Dave



**Sundays  
@ 10 a.m.**

### **Worship In-Person, Zoom, or Facebook**

\*Go to Facebook.com and search for: Killingworth Congregational Church **OR** \*Go to Zoom.us and add the meeting ID and passcode found below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84538336049?pwd=Z0NRZC9rN0FCOWhPMTNZMk9EMHgZz09>

**Dial:** 929 205 6099 **Meeting ID:** 845 3833 6049 **Password:** 500345

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### **Bright Spot in the Week Bible Study**

Wednesdays on Facebook // 7pm

Each Wednesday, Rev. Dave hosts a live Bible study broadcast from church 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 in-person or watch through Facebook or Zoom.**

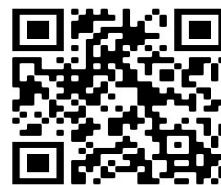
Zoom Link to join the meeting: You can sign in 10 minutes early.

Online Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81262507891?pwd=aIN4dTNITG1Yby9DUFVSV2RUMGN5UT09>

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

**Giving** is an  
act of worship  
and a  
reflection of  
our heart.



Use the QR Code to connect  
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,

In March we will start on a Lenten journey which will continue until Easter in April. We will continue our readings from the book of Luke. Students will pass out palms on Palm Sunday, but there will be no Sunday school. The Easter egg hunt will be held on Easter Sunday this year.

Save the date for the Seder dinner on Maundy Thursday, April 17th. All are welcome to this free dinner.

Many Blessings,  
Christine Link  
Volunteer Christian education chair  
Christinelax@hotmail.com  
203-623-1663



During one of our recent lessons, the Filosi boys, Sam and Ryan used their imagination to come up with a fun craft to learn about Jesus' first disciples and 'fishing for men'.

They made boats out of food containers. Disciples and Jesus are made out of pipe cleaners. Their imagination turned this ordinary craft into extraordinary!!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mar 1 Molly Mones  
Mar 2 Jorgen Taylor  
Mar 9 Paige Quilliam  
Marina Coleman  
Mar 11 Melissa Taylor  
Sarah Bold

Mar 12 Hilary Kumnick  
Mar 13 James Houpert  
Mar 17 Robert Rimmer  
Mar 25 Bill Van Huysen  
Thomas Lentz  
Sharyn Drapala

Mar 26 Jo Ann Bennett  
Mar 29 Tai Manzi  
Mar 30 Madison Taylor



## **OGHS Collection Sunday, March 30**

One Great Hour of Sharing® is a pillar among the United Church of Christ's special mission offerings. This Lenten offering provides crucial support to the disaster, refugee, and development ministries within Love of Neighbor ministries.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place. Our OGHS collection will be on Sunday, March 30.

### ***Lenten Dinner and Service Schedule Dinner 6 pm. Service 7 pm.***

#### **Ash Wednesday Worship Service March 5 at 7 pm**

Join us for the special service on Ash Wednesday at 7 pm. This quiet, reflective service will offer the blessing of ashes. This marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

#### **Lent Suppers, Wednesday Nights at 6 p.m. and Worship at 7 p.m.**

What would Lent be without some good food and fellowship for the journey! On each of the Wednesday nights in Lent, we will offer supper in our Parish Hall (there is no charge) at 6 p.m. followed by worship service at 7 p.m. All are invited. Come for dinner, worship, or both!

The schedule is as follows:

March 5, Ash Wednesday no dinner but service  
 March 12 hosted by CE  
 March 19 hosted by Deacons  
 March 26 hosted by Missions  
 April 2 hosted by Trustees  
 April 9 hosted by Pot Luck  
 April 17 Maundy Thursday—CE



**March 2** Jo Ann Bennett  
 Leslie Judge  
**March 9** Jo Ann Bennett  
**March 16** B. & G. VanHuysen  
**March 23** B. & G. VanHuysen  
**March 30** Leslie Judge

### **Killingworth Café**

#### ***A Senior Community Luncheon***

Come to the church hall each Wednesday at 12pm for a hot, nutritious lunch.

Call in your lunch reservations to 860-388-1611, x216, **before 11:00 A.M.** the day prior to when you wish to have lunch.

Suggested donation is \$3 per meal.

*Hosted by The Estuary Center of Old Saybrook*



# CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSIONS

In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'

Luke 3:11



## Eddy House Dinners Tuesdays, March 11 and 25

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

**Each second and fourth Tuesday**, 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.

*"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one."*

*-Mother Teresa*



## SOS For Refugees

### Join the SOS Team to Support Refugees

If you're looking to help refugees and get involved, now is the time! A meeting for Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, via zoom, at 7:00 PM is being planned. Watch for the zoom link in your weekly bulletin.

There is lots going on with the SOS team including helping the following families:

- Recently resettled a family of 4 in Clinton with two adorable little girls!
- Helping a family in Middletown with housing subsidy and employment.
- Helping a refugee in New Haven find an apartment, subsidizing housing and possibly employment.
- Ongoing coaching and helping other families in our community. We need help looking for employment.

Our resources are a little squeezed, both financially and with volunteers. How can you help? You can volunteer and you can donate to SOS by mailing a check. (Soon we'll have a link for direct donations so stay tuned for that!) We need volunteers to help current families with education, assimilation, housing and employment. It's all about our network and our volunteers.

Mail checks to SOS for Refugees, PO Box 665, Madison, CT, 06443. You'll receive a letter of receipt for your charitable contribution. See Joann Zamparo with questions.

*SOS for Refugees Mission Statement: To support and help empower refugees, asylees, and other displaced people to become self-sufficient, re-settle, and integrate into their new community.*

## EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY



Lilies for Easter have been a beautiful tradition in our church and may be purchased through the Flower Committee at \$12.00 each. Easter, the commemoration of our Lord, is a movable feast—meaning its date is variable—and all other moveable feasts are dependent upon it. Easter occurs the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal (spring) equinox, April 20.

This year, the first full moon occurs on April 13. Easter, therefore, follows on Sunday, April 20. Ash Wednesday is a moveable feast which occurs forty-six days before Easter, this year, - March 5th..

Easter lilies may be ordered through the Flower Committee.

Deadline to order is Sunday, April 13.

Mail orders to The Congregational Church in Killingworth, 273 Rt 81,  
Killingworth, CT 06419.

Make checks payable to: *CCK Flower Committee*

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

OR WITH LOVE TO: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of plants ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (enclosed)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will leave my plant(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my plant(s) after the service on April 20th.

*Please call the church office with any questions 860/663-1789*



## Happy Easter



# March 2025

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Mar 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	3	4 9am - AARP Tax 7pm - Boy Scouts	5 12pm - Cafe 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Ash 7:30pm - AA 	6 7pm - AA	7	8
9 CHANGE CLOCKS 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	10	11 9am - AARP Tax 3pm - Eddy House 7pm - Boy Scouts	12 12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	13 7pm - AA 7pm - Council	14	15
16 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	17 	18 9am - AARP Tax 7pm - Boy Scouts	19 12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	20 6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA	21	22
23 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	24	25 9am - AARP Tax 3pm - Eddy House 7pm - Boy Scouts	26 8:30am - Mens 12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	27 7pm - AA	28	29
30 OGHS Collection 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	31	1	2	3	4	5

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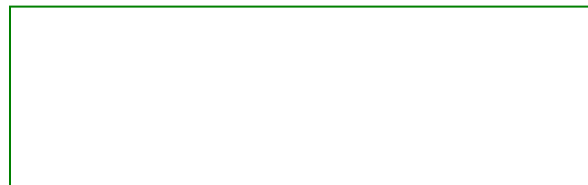
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# KERYGMA

## 10 a.m. Worship

## March 2025



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
IN KILLINGWORTH



## March 5th 7pm Service