



FROM THE PASTOR

Jesus encouraged his followers: "Love one another as I have loved you."

-John 13:34

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo slammed into South Carolina with sustained winds of 135 miles per hour. It caused extensive damage over a path 120 miles wide that extended over 100 miles inland. Two brothers who were members of the church I served in Pennsylvania were fireman in Monks Corner, a small town not far from Charleston. The eye of the hurricane passed right through Monks Corner. Their mother called me just after the storm and asked for prayers. I asked her if there was anything the church could do to help. She gave me her sons' home number. So I asked them the same question and they said, "We need everything." A businessman in our church donated one of his tractor trailer trucks and a driver. I went on the radio and made an appeal (these were the days before the Internet). I called the local schools and asked them to send an announcement home with the kids. I asked the Gettysburg Times to write an article. In 7 days, we packed that semi full of emergency supplies, clear to the back doors. I drove down to South Carolina with Kay and the kids to meet the truck. Seeing the devastation firsthand and realizing so many of the people affected didn't have the means to rebuild, I returned home with the resolve to get a crew together to help with cleanup and reconstruction. To make a long story short, a month later, a team of carpenters and laborers from Pennsylvania arrived in Monks Corner and over the course of a week, completed major repairs, essentially rebuilt, 6 homes. It was an amazing experience for those who were helped and for those who helped. It was a reminder that no matter how bad things get, there are still good people in the world who care and who are willing to pull together to help others.

Now, in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, people who care will need to roll up their shirtsleeves and pitch in and pull together again.

Like you, I am stunned at how extensive the devastation from Hurricane Helene is. Hurricane Hugo looks like a September breeze compared to this one. Who could have imagined a hurricane cutting a swath of destruction from the Gulf Coast of Mexico all the way to western North Carolina? Who could have imagined the degree of destruction by wind and water?

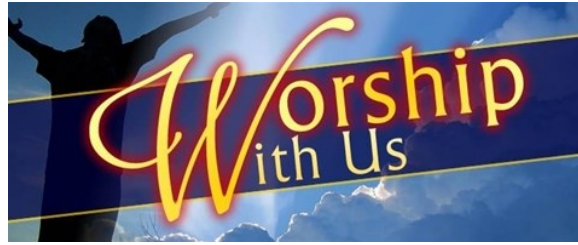
They say this is the "new normal", that we should expect more weather events like this, that the climate is changing faster than anyone predicted. It is overwhelming. What can we, this small congregation in Connecticut do about it? What can we do to help?

I may not be the young man I was 35 years ago when I organized a church and community to mobilize for hurricane relief, but I can certainly encourage and support others in this work today. I can make donations of supplies and money. I can tell this story to you in the hope that you will respond, that by whatever means, we can work together to make a difference. The needs are so great, as is the call of Christ for us to love and care for our neighbors in need.

I am confident there are still a lot of good and caring people in the world who are willing and able to bring hope and healing to others. There will be many opportunities to do this in the coming weeks and months. But for now, here are a few suggestions:

redcross.org – all around support
allhandsandhearts.org – all around support
directrelief.org – medical supplies and healthcare
wck.org (World Central Kitchen) – food relief

Peace and Blessings,
Rev Dave



SUNDAYS @
10 a.M.

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- *Watch from the church Facebook page or Zoom.
- *Search for: The Congregational Church in Killingworth UCC. OR
- *Go to Zoom.us and add the meeting ID and passcode found below.

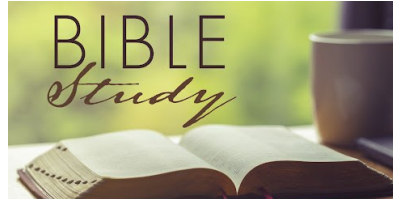
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Dial: 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 845 3833 6049

Password: 500345

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



Bright Spot in the Week
Bible Study

In-Person or Join Remote
Wednesdays // 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=a1N4dTNIITG1Yby9DUfVSV2RUMGN5UT09>

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



Use the QR Code to connect quickly and safely to our *Giving* link.



Giving should be an obedience to Him, not a burden. It is meant to be a joyful expression of giving thanks.



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 October, students will continue to learn from the gospel book of Mark. The lessons focus on learning more about Jesus and how he loves and helps others so we can do the same.

Sunday school students are encouraged to help others this month by joining the annual CROP Hunger Walk on October 6th at 12pm. Students walk and raise money to help feed our local community and those around the world. Meet at the first covered pavilion at Chatfield Hollow State Park. See registration link below.

Students also continue to help others by sponsoring our 'Save the Children' sponsor child, Kenzie. The offering collected at Sunday school covers her annual sponsorship. Kenzie will turn 13 years old on October 24th! We will plan to send a birthday card and small care package for her!

Confirmation classes for 9th grade students will begin late fall. All interested students should see Mr. Link.

Finally, if you missed the start of Sunday school and still need to register, no worries!! Registration is ongoing. Forms are available on the church website to mail in or are available at church. Hope you can join us soon!

Many thanks,
Christine Link
Volunteer Christian Education chairperson
Christinelax@hotmail.com

**Sweet Treats for Sundae
Sunday, our first day of
Sunday School.**



CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSIONS

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16



Eddy House Dinners Tuesdays, October 10th & 24th

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

The Missions Committee delivers a meal to the Eddy House 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

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!**



Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering Sunday, October 6

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States.

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is “Mental Health Justice For All!” A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life’s mental health journey.

* One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE FOR ALL

Mental
health
is a
universal
human
right



“God will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth.”
(Isaiah 42:4)

CALL TO THE FALL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Fall Meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC to be held according to the By-Laws during the month of October. The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024 immediately following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Spring Meeting of May 12, 2024.
2. To receive current reports from Boards, Committees, Officers, and the Pastor.
3. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Leslie Judge, Clerk
September 10, 2024

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Haddam/Killingworth

CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 6, 2024

KILLINGWORTH, CONNECTICUT

Join us @ Chatfield Hollow @12 pm

Take the first step to help others locally and world wide with hunger.
Be the good. Be the change.



Register or donate by scanning the QR code



Save the Date



November 3, 2024

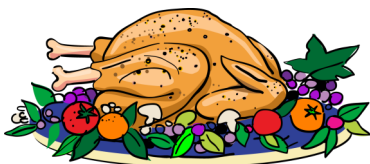
All Saints Day

Honoring our 30 plus year members.

HARVEST DINNER

Friday, November 1st

5 - 7:30pm



Roasted Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Sweet Potatoes, Rolls..... is your mouth watering yet? Did I mention PIE? Come enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with all the homemade fixings! Ticket information will follow.



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



- Oct 3 Janet Summa
Samuel Filosi
- Oct.7 Millie Jones
- Oct. 10 Payton Tyler
- Oct 12 Karen Montross
- Oct 13 Carolyn Anderson
- Oct 15 Hunter Tyrseck
- Oct 17 Kane Woodford
- Oct 18 Jessica Gersz
- Oct 26 Andrew Sodergren
- Oct 30 Cassandra Sodergren

Happy Birthday!

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.

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.

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



Medicare, Medical and Medicare Advantage Seminar

The Killingworth Committee on Aging, working in partnership with The Estuary, is hosting an informational seminar on Medicare plans on Monday, October 21st from 10 a.m. until Noon.

Carlos Maynard, a certified Medicare Specialist, will present information to simplify and clarify the various choices and plans regarding Medicare, Medigap and Medicare Advantage. He will break down the different parts of the plans into manageable pieces so you can better understand your options. Since Medicare Open Enrollment is from October 15 through December 7, Carlos will provide individual assistance to those who want to change their plans.

Since space is limited to 35 participants, we would appreciate your plans on attending by emailing Committee on Aging Chair at joan@cshore.com.



- Oct. 6 Paulie Lally
Leslie Judge
- Oct. 13 Bill Van Huysen
Gayle Van Huysen
- Oct. 20 Bill Van Huysen
Gayle Van Huysen
- Oct. 27 Leslie Judge
Sandy Allard

Book of Life

Memorial Garden

September 22, 2024
Salvatore Benevento

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

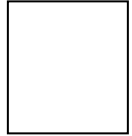
October 2024

The Congregational Church In Killingworth, UCC

Oct 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

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

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If you do not wish to continue receiving the Kerygma, please email or call the office.

KERYGMA

10 a.m. Worship

October 2024



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Sunday,
October 6
12pm