



FROM THE PASTOR

Luke 2:14:

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,
praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth among those whom
God favors."*

When we believe in God's truth and trust in the saving love of the Messiah, God is glorified and pleased. God finds "favor", with us. There is goodness and righteousness in all Creation and genuine peace at last. But don't just take my word for it: *hear the angels sing.*

The angels' Good News came to poor shepherds and through them, to a poor family, an unwed mother and father trying as best they could to provide shelter in a stable for their newborn son. The Gospel of Luke tells us that all who heard the words of the shepherds were amazed. Verse 20 concludes the stories of Jesus' birth and the first people who shared in the miracle;

"The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen."

In "The Magnificat" canticle of Luke 1:46-55, Mary sang of God's Good News to those aching for hope and peace, the disenfranchised, the powerless, the poor. Her song revealed God's intention to turn the world around:

*"God scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly."*

The birth of a Messiah was God's intervention in a world of suffering and fear. "Do not be afraid", an angel told the shepherds, and then the chorus sang.

Their nation lost, living under a dominating foreign power, the Jewish people yearned for peace. To them came salvation in Jesus. For those who believed in him, Jews and gentiles alike, there was new hope and new purpose, praise to God and Good News to tell. God's kingdom was revealed in Jesus and those who understood this knew the powerful of this world were dethroned by the Higher Power of Almighty God. As we sang in the carol, "Joy to the World":

*"God rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the wonders of his love, the
wonders of his love."*

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LET'S
WORSHIP

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



Parish Hall
or
Join Remote
Wednesdays @ 7pm

Bright Spot in the Week **Bible Study**

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

The Joy of Giving



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

Dear Sunday School Students and Families,

Hope you all had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!!

The pageant was fabulous! It's nice to see so many students and friends / family participating.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Holiday giving program for the local HK family of 4 children and also to those you donated items to the Hartford Kids. Click the link below to see a video of the event!

Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday, January 5th. It will be a special lesson that includes crowns and a 3 Kings day cake. You won't want to miss it! 

Many blessings,

Christine Link

Christian Education chairperson

Christinelax@hotmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/freddwismuseum>



2024 Christmas Pageant

"For a child has been born to us"

Isaiah 9:6



Continued from page 1: ***From the Pastor***

Martin Luther once wrote:

"Yonder lies in Mary's lap the gift the world could not unwrap."

"Unwrapping" the Gift – this is what the ones God "favors" are meant to do for a world that does not know the truth, the hope and peace of which the angels sang. The shepherds were lifted up by their Good News, as was the Holy Family of Jesus:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth".

Our world yearns for this, too. A "Happy New Year" is truly possible as we let it be known.

Peace and blessings,
Rev Dave

Nominating Committee



The Nominating Committee has begun the process of preparing a slate of nominees for our church leadership to be voted on at the February annual meeting. If you would like to suggest a name (maybe even your own) for any of the church leadership positions, please just leave a note in the Nominating Committee mail box in the Parish Hall. You do NOT need to contact your suggestion – the Nominating Committee at this point just wants ideas and they will approach folks to determine their availability or interest. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Jo Ann Bennett, Sharyn Drapala, and Rob Rimmer. Thank you.



To all Committee Chairpersons

Annual Reports are due on Feb. 1st.

Please email your report to
kwcongchurch@yahoo.com.

Please call the church office if you have
any questions. Thank you!

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.

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, January 7 & 21

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

Every other 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.

"The world's hunger is getting ridiculous. There is more fruit in rich man's shampoo than in a poor man's plate." -unknown

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!**



Congregational Conversations January 12



On Sunday, January 12th after worship, we will continue our Congregational Conversation to hopefully finalize the proposed By-law updates.

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.



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

2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY (MEMBERS & FRIENDS)
AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We would like **everyone** to fill out this update form and return it to the church office
NO LATER THAN FEB 9. Please include all information requested.

Add additional notes if needed.

If the "Include in Directory?" line is **NOT** marked, the info **will not be included.**
The information provided is for church use only.

Name(s) (all family members attending)

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Include in Directory? Y or N

Cell Phone _____

Belongs to _____ Include in Directory? Y or N

Cell Phone _____

Belongs to _____ Include in Directory? Y or N

Work Phone _____ (Will not be included in directory)

E-mail Address(es) _____

_____ Include in Directory? Y or N

Birthdays _____

This form is also available online at www.killingworthchurch.org



January
BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 2 Louise Hayash

Jan. 2 Suzanne Anziano

Jan. 4 Debbie Fredericksen

Jan. 4 Kathleen Mones

Jan. 6 Wendy Welter

Jan. 8 Jonathan Rich

Jan. 17 Janet Johnson

Jan. 22 Katherine Rich

Jan. 26 Barbara Benjamin

Jan. 28 Kristen Forster

Jan. 31 David Lahey

January 2025

The Congregational Church In Killingworth, UCC

Jan 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

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

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Volunteer Director of Christian Ed
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Deadline for the next issue is no later than
January 15, 2025

If you do not wish to continue receiving the
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10 a.m. Worship

January 2025



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH

