

FROM THE PASTOR

"Let the little children come to me and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

"Truly I tell you, anyone who does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." -Matthew 19:14, Luke 18:17

My brother, Gordy, was obsessed with discovering caves. In his retirement, caving became his full time passion. He used to hike through the woods looking for depressions in the ground. He'd dig away the leaves and dirt and rocks searching for an air vent, the telltale sign that there was a cavern beneath the surface. He discovered numerous caverns over the years, some small and some stretching out for unknown distances, even miles. Gordy liked to say that most people go about their daily business unaware that just beneath their feet there are vast, unexplored worlds waiting to be discovered. I like to say the kingdom of heaven is like that.

You probably heard me repeat this line from an old country song by Tom T. Hall before ("Old Dogs, Children and Watermelon Wine"):

"God bless little children while they're still too young to hate."

It's a simple lyric, but God knows, a timeless truth. Children just want to play. They do not care about race or religion or politics or gender or many of the other things that us grownups fuss over and worry about. They just want to play with other children.

Recently, we heard a reading in church about Wisdom, personified as a creative being with God and even as God (a female being at that!). The Proverbs reading spoke of Wisdom playing before God in the creation, like a child, a creative, curious, uninhibited child.

There are many joys and blessings to be experienced in the adult world, and for this we are grateful. But it is also true that in the daily business of things, we often miss the kingdom of heaven Jesus says is in our midst. There are so many troubles and struggles. We worry where things are headed in this world at war, in this nation so divided.

Jesus said (John 14:27):

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

All too often, the "peace", "the world gives" is thought to be secured by violent means. We see this every day as hearts are troubled and afraid all around the world. God knows, we need a different "peace", than this. We need to see anew the kingdom of heaven we've forgotten, just out of view, waiting to be re-discovered.

So thanks be to God for Vacation Bible School, for Sunday School and Children's Messages and baptisms and the nursery school and the scouts and all the ways that children are part of this faith family. With them, we discover the love, laughter, joy and playfulness for which we were created. Herein, peace is found, at last.

Peace and Blessings,

-Rev Dave



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@ 10 a.m.

Worship In-Person, Zoom,
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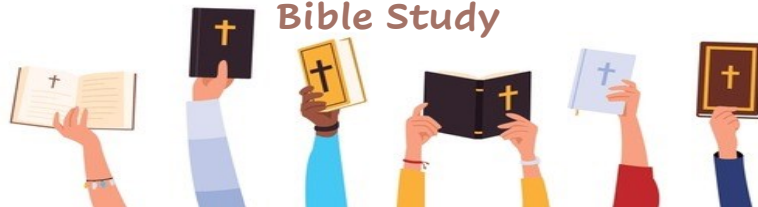
*Go to Facebook.com and search for: Killingworth Congregational Church
OR *Go to Zoom.us and add the meeting ID and passcode found below.

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Bright Spot in the Week

Bible Study



Parish Hall 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.

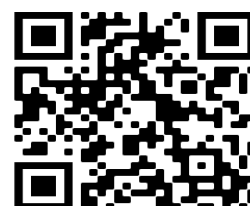
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Phone: 929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 885 6894 8592 Passcode: 476067

It is more
blessed to give
than to
receive.

Acts 20:35



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



Sunday School Corner

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Romans 8:14



Congratulations to our newest members through Confirmation on June 1st.

Emma, Caiden, Laura, and Tessa

May the Lord bless you and keep you.



September

8TH
10am

Sundae Sunday

Join us for an open house and 1st day of Sunday school

Congregational Church in Killingworth
273 Route 81
www.killingworthchurch.org



Ice cream for everyone!

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD

Haddam/Killingworth
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 5, 2025

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Save the date!

Help end hunger!

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

Register or donate by scanning the QR code



DIAPER AND BABY WIPE DRIVE



TO BENEFIT THE CONNECTIONS RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

- COLEY HOUSE
- HALLIE HOUSE
- HOGAN HOUSE

The programs are designed to support women, as they return to their communities as a healthy and productive parent in recovery. They are pregnant and/or parenting young children under the age of 5.



The Connection

<https://www.theconnectioninc.org/family-and-child/>

We took an adventure to True North VBS!

Our children took a journey through the Book of Matthew to discover how Jesus is their guiding light, offering unwavering faithfulness throughout life's challenges. Each day focused on a different Bible story, reinforcing the message that Jesus is always present and dependable in every situation.



Bruce the Moose

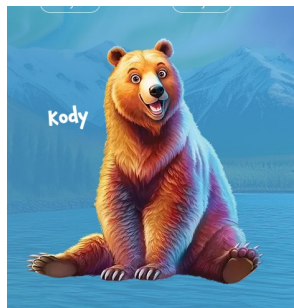
BIBLE POINT

When we need help,
we can trust Jesus.

KEY BIBLE VERSE

I am with you always,
even to the end of the age.

(Matthew 28:20)



Kody the Bear

BIBLE POINT

When we feel power-
less, *we can trust Jesus.*

KEY BIBLE VERSE

"Don't be afraid," he said,
"take courage. I am
here! (Matthew 14:27)





Service of Installation

On June 1st, a service of installation was held for our pastor, Rev. David Hammett. This beautiful service formally recognizes and welcomes our pastor to our church. It affirms the covenant relationship between the pastor, the congregation, and the wider church community.

Congratulations, Rev. Dave. We're blessed to have you as our pastor.

To read more about this special service, visit UCC.org

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

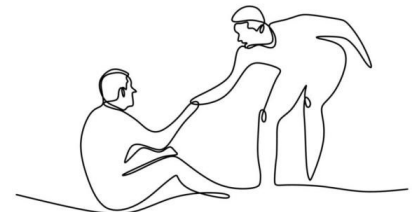


Eddy House Dinners
Tuesdays, July 8 & 22
August 12 & 26

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.



**"When one gives,
two get happy."**

— Amit Kalantri, Wealth of Words





July 1 Charles Smith
 July 3 Pam Rich
 July 4 Gavin Manzi
 Randin Manzi
 July 8 Irene DesJardins
 July 9 Brian Hansen
 July 10 Blake Forster
 July 17 Helen Godfrey
 July 20 Annette Cook
 Harrison Foley
 July 23 David Gross
 July 27 Robert Tischbein
 July 29 Glenn Johnson
 July 31 Matthew Albrecht

Aug. 2 Grace Gruber
 Aug. 6 Ray DesJardins
 Aug. 7 Ann Pavlou
 Aug. 9 Laura Quilliam
 Aug. 14 Hailey Yahara
 Charlotte Judge
 Aug. 17 Zoe Schemmerling
 Aug. 21 Madelyn Mones
 Aug. 22 Leslie Judge
 Aug. 23 Anna Filosi
 Aug. 25 Laurel Brandon
 Aug. 27 Cheryl Fine
 Aug. 31 Daniel Vogt



KILLINGWORTH ROAD RACE

2025
AUG 23
8:30AM



MILES



Killingworthroadrace.org

Register Now



Killingworth Road Race
 A certified 4-mile road race to benefit local charities

Start your training for this year's 4-mile race on August 23rd at 8:30 am and get ready for a fun out and back race, the same route as the last several races.

Flat and downhill for the first 3 miles, then back up the hill to a flat last half mile back to the church. Help us support the church mission budget that supports the Eddy Homeless shelter in Middletown and other worthy local charitable causes! Save the date and join us for a fun race!

Info from KillingworthRoadRace.org



July 2025

The Congregational Church In Killingworth, UCC

Jul 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	30	1	2 12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	3 7pm - AA	4	5
6 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	7	8 3pm - Eddy House	9 12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	10 7pm - AA 7pm - Council	11	12
13 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 House	23 8:30am - Mens 12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	24 7pm - AA	25	26
27 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	28	29	30 12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	31 7pm - AA	1	2

August 2025

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

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Christine Link

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Sexton

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KERYGMA

10 a.m. Worship

July/August 2025



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH



Killingworth Road Race

A certified 4-mile road race to benefit local charities