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CHURCH IN  
KILLINGWORTH  
UCC



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## FROM THE PASTOR

*"Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit."*

*The Apostle Paul (Romans 5:5)*

Like many of you, I'm looking forward to the Annual Meeting in February as we chart our course for 2025 and beyond. If you've been participating in our congregational conversations, you know that we've been doing a lot of dreaming and planning together. This allows us to move forward in our ministry honoring and appreciating the gifts of faith we see in ourselves and others. This is, "The Congregational Way".

It would be good, of course, if this would be the way of our society and nation as well. Negotiating, sharing ideas, being honest with each other, respecting one another, finding common ground – so much better than the divisiveness and animosity that seem to have taken over these days.

Well, it certainly seems this way at times, but we also should not forget that, come what may, there continue to be congregations across the land who believe in their hearts and souls that we are meant to be in supportive and compassionate community, in Communion with one another. In our churches, imperfect as they may be at times, we live out this understanding and model it for others. It is the way we know in Christ. It is God's way, and being this, it endures, even through all the ups and downs of societies and nations. Just consider the history of the church through the ages. Wars, rumors of wars, shifting boundaries, endless disputes, nations rising to power and falling and yet, the community of faith carries on. It is a powerful witness to the Spirit of God by which the faithful are called to a greater Kingdom than any found on earth.

Jesus stood before Pilate and when asked if he was king of the Jews, responded, "My kingdom is not from this world." As followers of Jesus, we share in God's kingdom. Why settle then, for something less?

As we respond to the challenges and changes we see around us we may find plenty to complain about (I'm trying not to become a grumpy old man, but it ain't easy!), but what good is this? What is good is the love we've been given in Christ, the love we are called to share as his followers in the world today. It matters that we stand against evil and injustice, speaking the truth in love. It matters that we continue to work for peace and for the wellness of the planet and all those who inhabit it. It matters that we walk in Christ's light and reflect this hope into the lives of others.

We are a people of unending hope because God's love never fails and God, after all ... is good all the time.

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=ZONRZC9rN0FCOWhPMTNZMk9EMHgzZz09>

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

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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.

Online Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81262507891?pwd=aIN4dTNIg1Yby9DUFVSV2RUMGN5UT09>

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



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through Giving*



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# 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,

I hope you are staying warm! In February, we will continue lessons from the gospel of Luke ending with Transfiguration Sunday on March 2nd. March 5th will begin Lent.

**Please note that there will be no Sunday School on Sunday, February 2nd.** (It's Clare's 18th birthday!)

- ◆ Lessons will be Luke 5:1–11 Jesus Calls Disciples to Fish for People
- ◆ Luke 6:17–26 Blessings and Woes
- ◆ Luke 6:27–38 Love for Enemies
- ◆ Transfiguration Sunday Luke 9:28-36 (37–43a) The Transfiguration

Hope you can join us!

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

Color in the coloring page  
and bring it into Church.

Let's hang them around  
the hall or give your page  
to someone special.

(for ages 1–100)

Bee sure to sign your art.



## CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC to be held according to the By-Laws during the month of February. The meeting will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2025 immediately following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Fall Meeting of October 27, 2024.
2. To receive current reports from boards, committees, and officers.
3. To elect officers, committees, and board personnel.
4. To approve the financial budget for 2025.
5. To vote on the proposed amendments to the By-laws.
6. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Leslie Judge, Clerk  
January 1, 2025



### 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](mailto:kwcongchurch@yahoo.com).

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

### Hello from Sunny Florida

On occasion, I have been given the opportunity to work from my office in sunny (but recently very cold) Florida. This allows me to spend some time with my mom, and we are both so appreciative. If you happen to catch me away from the church office, know that I am working and will be checking emails and messages regularly, so be sure to leave a message and let me know how I can assist. Thank you! Maureen



# 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, February 11th & 25th

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

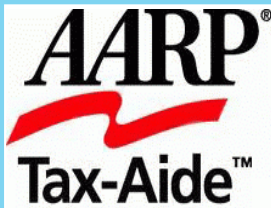
**Each second and fourth Tuesday**, contributions to the monthly meals such as desserts, breads, and sides (salad, soup, veggies, casseroles) are always gratefully accepted.

**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*



## AARP Tax-Aide Appointments Begins January 20th

AARP trained volunteers will be available for **free and confidential tax preparation**. Appointment scheduling will begin on Monday, January 20.

There are two ways to make an appointment:

1) **Online** at [https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/locations.html](https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations.html) and search for any of the location sites (Old Saybrook, Westbrook, Killingworth, or Clinton)

**OR**

2) **by calling 860-579-3192**. The volunteer making the appointment will remind you of what to bring to your appointment (e.g., last year's return; all 2024 forms such as Social Security, W-2s, 1099-Rs, unemployment, bank and brokerage statements, and a voided check if you would like direct deposit or direct withdrawal.)

\* Note that Tax-Aide volunteers cannot prepare returns for taxpayers who changed their state of primary residence during 2024 or for taxpayers who run a business with inventory, depreciation, or a loss.



**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)

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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This form is also available online at [www.killingworthchurch.org](http://www.killingworthchurch.org)



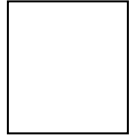
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|---------|--------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Feb. 1  | Gayle Skelly       | Feb. 13 | Fisher Harris       |
| Feb. 2  | Marilyn Campbell   | Feb. 15 | Matt Link           |
| Feb. 2  | Clare Link         | Feb. 17 | Todd Hajek          |
| Feb. 4  | Dawn Tischbein     | Feb. 21 | Rev. Dave Hammett   |
| Feb. 5  | Gavin Tyrseck      | Feb. 22 | Geoff Cook          |
| Feb. 7  | Anthony Aeschliman |         | Rachel Schemmerling |
| Feb. 9  | Emily Eldredge     | Feb. 23 | Evelyn Burley       |
|         | River Gersz        |         | Bruce Gagliardi     |
| Feb. 11 | Shelly Cumpstone   | Feb. 26 | Peter Cumpstone     |



# February 2025

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

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Todd Godfrey



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**February 15, 2025**

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**10 a.m. Worship**

**February 2025**



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