

FROM THE PASTOR

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come ..."

– 2 Corinthians 5:17

19 years – wow – Maureen has been faithfully serving the Lord and the Congregational Church in Killingworth UCC for nearly two decades! It goes without saying (but should be said often) that she has been a true blessing in so many ways. Once she retires, we will likely find ourselves wondering, "She did that *too?!?*" when something surprisingly doesn't just "automatically" happen. How many times over the years (thousands?) have people sighed with relief, "Oh, Maureen will take care of it"? And she has, often going far beyond expectations because, well, this just who Maureen is, this is the gift of her faith and her love for the church. Between now and her retirement at Easter, you may want to take the opportunity to let her know just how much she has been appreciated. Thank you, Maureen, for everything you have done for the church and may God bless you in your next adventure. You truly deserve every happiness that comes your way.

Speaking of "every happiness" for Maureen (and Greg, too), they are expecting a grandson in June, their first grandchild. Kay and I are expecting our fifth grandchild, but first granddaughter in May. For all us grandparents, we know what an important milestone this is for our families, how everything changes and new priorities come and that we get to forget all the sound parental guidance we gave and go out of our way to absolutely spoil the new child in our lives! Kay and my motto has been, "We get to spoil them and their parents get to try and straighten them out again!" More than once, we've heard our grown children complain, "Hey, you never let US get away with that!" Ha ha! So just one word of advice to Maureen and Greg – *enjoy every moment*.

This will be a time of change for our church, too, of course. Maureen will not be easily replaced. Indeed, we will likely need to rethink our priorities and how the role of office administrator may be affected as our church's needs and purpose evolve in this rapidly changing time.

A time of change ... and time, I believe, for us to sit down together and discuss how we're doing and where we go from here, not just in terms of the coming vacancy in the office, but for our total ministry. We are all concerned about the challenges we face these days and what this means for our future. So let's get our hearts and minds together and by God's grace, find the way that is right and good for our church, for us.

On March 8 after worship, let's have a Congregational Conversation and begin to consider the possibilities and how we get from here to there, to the place we believe God wants us to be. There will likely be more of these conversations in coming weeks. Please plan to be part of them, to share your thoughts and especially vision as we chart a course forward together.

This can be a creative moment – like a new birth – so let's be open to what the Good Lord is showing us. And by God's grace, let's make a point of lifting up the joy of being Christ's church in all things. The new creation comes ... let's enjoy every moment. After all, God is good in every moment, all the time.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev Dave



The Congregational Church in Killingworth
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

let's
**Worship
together**



@ 10 a.m.

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

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*Go to Facebook.com and search for: Killingworth Congregational Church
OR *Go to Zoom.us using the link below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85206365646?pwd=LbF4pFbwogAfO90CaLXuvsJvxrltX.1>



**Bright Spot in the Week
Bible Study**

**Wednesdays
Dinner @ 6pm
Lenten Service @ 7pm**

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.

See page 4 for more info.

Online Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81447487180?pwd=tofZcZFyPvXfXCMnKUQLpTZiao8V5j.1>

Online Giving



**It's fast, safe, and
easy to use.**

Visit
KillingworthChurch.org
and click on the
giving link.

Thank you!

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

Thank you for your continued generosity!





Sunday School Corner

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

Romans 8:14

Hello Sunday School Families and Students,

The following **Wednesday evenings** during Lent, there will be a **free dinner at 6pm** before the Bible study at 7pm. Come for the dinner or come for the Bible study or come for both. Again, children/ students are welcome! **March 4th, March 11, March 18, March 25.**

Palm Sunday, March 29th is the **Easter Workshop and Easter egg hunt**. It is a great time for students and families to celebrate Easter. I am in need of adults and teens to assist with the workshop rotations. In the past, the empty tomb crescent rolls and the egg decorating have been a favorite.

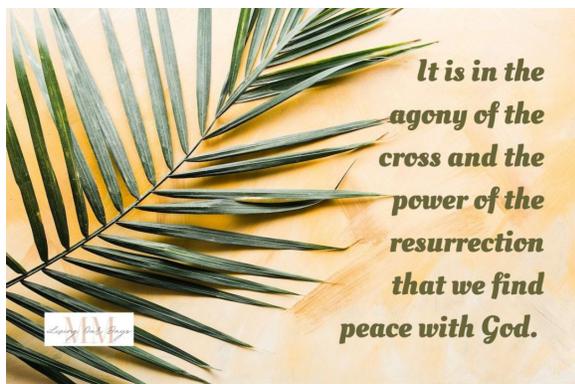
On Thursday, **April 2nd** will be the **Seder dinner and the Maundy Thursday** service. Since there is no confirmation class this year, any high schoolers who are available are invited to be readers for the Seder dinner. Please respond if your student is available.

Unfortunately, I am scheduled to work Easter (April 5th) this year. There will be no Sunday School on Easter, but please come and worship for the beautiful service.

And I know we are still far away from summer but save the date for **Vacation Bible School**. Most likely **Wed- Friday, June 24, 25, 26**. Hopefully we won't have any more snow days! I will need help from the high school students. Please let me know if your student is available. The theme for this year is Rainforest Falls : Exploring the Nature of God.

Finally try to take some time each day to remind yourself and your student about the 3 main focuses of Lent- fasting, praying and giving. I included a video about Lent for your student. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhFhHQdkbHE>

Best,
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The
Season
of
Lent



Lenten Dinner and Service Schedule

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!

This year's Lenten theme: "The Journey of Paul".



Palm
Sunday

Palm Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Students will hand out palms and then be dismissed to Sunday School.

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Seder dinner at 6 p.m. and Worship at 7:00 p.m.

First we will gather in the Parish Hall for a traditional Jewish Seder dinner prepared by the CE Committee. This would have been the type of meal that Jesus shared with his disciples on his last night. At 7:00 p.m. we will gather in the sanctuary for the Tenebrae Service, scripture, music and the extinguishing of candles. Dinner is free of charge.



Easter Sunday, April 5 at 6 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Join us for a Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting) at 6:00 am. At 10:00 am, the church will be full of lilies while we will gather as a community to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Please invite your family and friends to join us on this very special day.

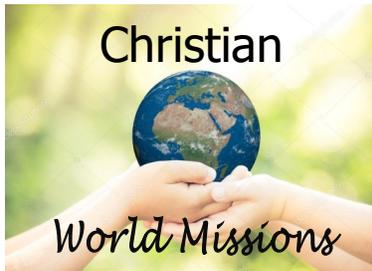


Mar 1	Molly Mones	Mar 17	Robert Rimmer
Mar 2	Jorgen Taylor	Mar 25	Bill Van Huysen
Mar 9	Paige Quilliam		Thomas Lentz
	Marina Coleman		Sharyn Drapala
Mar 11	Melissa Taylor	Mar 26	Jo Ann Bennett
	Sarah Bold	Mar 29	Tia Manzi
Mar 12	Hilary Kumnick	Mar 30	Madison Taylor
Mar 13	James Houpert		

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 10, 24

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: Warm clothes, jackets, socks, twin sheets, comforters, bottled water and “grab and go” foods like protein bars, granola bars, fruit, nuts, cheese sticks. Contact Paulie Lally to offer donations or to help deliver the meal.



OGHS Collection Sunday, March 15

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.

Congregational Conversation – March 8

We invite everyone to join us as we come together to reflect on how we're doing as a church and to consider the path ahead for our shared ministry. These are challenging times, and many of us are wondering what this means for our future. Let's join together and seek the way that is good and faithful for our church community.

On **March 8, immediately following worship**, we will hold a **Congregational Conversation** to begin exploring possibilities for the future and how we move from where we are to where we believe God is leading us. There will likely be additional conversations in the weeks that follow.

Please plan to participate, share your thoughts, and offer your vision as we discern our path forward together.



Missed last month's program? Catch it again this month.
KWO Sponsored Pump Up Your Heart Thursday, March 26

The Senior Connections committee from the Killingworth Women's Organization (KWO), in partnership with Big Y, is having a Pump Up Your Heart nutrition event on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at the Congregation Church in Killingworth from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The presenter will be Natalie A. Webb, Consulting Dietician for Big Y, who will discuss how an eating plan could boost your heart rate. The discussion will identify how to eat healthily if you are trying to prevent future heart problems, are living with high blood pressure, or have a heart problem such as atrial fibrillation.

The session is free and registration can be made by using the following links. Fill out the brief registration form: <https://form.jotform.com/260155996821061> Remember to hit **Submit**. See you there!

*Change batteries
in smoke
detectors.*



Turn
clocks
ahead
March 8

Are you celebrating a special date
or event in your life?

CELEBRATE!

Please share it with us so we may give thanks
to God and celebrate with you.

Email office@killingworthchurch.org by the
15th of each month.



March 1 Jo Ann Bennett
March 8 Jo Ann Bennett
 Leslie Judge
March 15 Sandy Allard
March 22 Board of Ushers
March 29 Board of Ushers

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.



**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

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 5.

This year, the first full moon occurs on April 1. Easter, therefore, follows on Sunday, April 5. Ash Wednesday is a moveable feast which occurs forty-six days before Easter, this year, - February 18.

Easter lilies may be ordered through the Flower Committee.

Deadline to order is Sunday, March 29.

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 5th.

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

Happy Easter

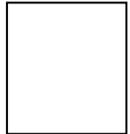




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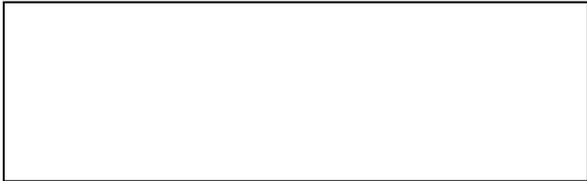
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	2	3 9am - Tax Aide 7pm - Boy Scouts	4 12pm - Cafe 6pm - Lent Dinner 7pm - Lent Service 7:30pm - AA	5 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - AA	6 World Day of Prayer	7
8 CHANGE CLOCKS 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9	10 9am - Tax Aide 3pm - Eddy House 7pm - Boy Scouts	11 12pm - Cafe 6pm - Lent Dinner 7pm - Lent Service 7:30pm - AA	12 7pm - AA 7pm - Council	13	14
15 OGRS Opening 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	16	17 9am - Tax Aide 7pm - Boy Scouts 	18 12pm - Cafe 6pm - Lent Dinner 7pm - Lent Service 7:30pm - AA	19 6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA	20	21
22 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	23	24 9am - Tax Aide 3pm - Eddy House 7pm - Boy Scouts	25 8:30am - Mens 12pm - Cafe 6pm - Lent Dinner 7pm - Lent Service 7:30pm - AA	26 11am - Nutrition 7pm - AA	27	28
29 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship Palm Sunday 	30	31 9am - Tax Aide 7pm - Boy Scouts	1	2	3	4

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