

## FROM THE PASTOR

***“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”***

***-Isaiah 43:19***

Beneath the ground of the “Valley of Carroll's Delight” where I grew up in Pennsylvania, there is a vast aquifer, a seemingly endless supply of fresh, cool water that fills hidden limestone caverns. The water bubbles up on most every farm in the valley and feeds streams and ponds and eventually flows to the Susquehanna River, the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. When a well was drilled for our new home in 1959, the drilling rig's boring bit let loose and fell into the watery abyss of the aquifer below. The well driller remarked, “Well, you'll never have to worry about running out of water!” He was right.

Ancient civilizations sprung up along water courses like the Nile and the Tigris-Euphrates River valley. People traveled along rivers and streams through desert areas and made their homes there. They dug channels in the dry earth so the water could flow into their fields.

In the Book of Genesis, we hear God charge the people of his new Creation to, “be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth.” The plan was that people would be good stewards of the Creation and all the life it produced. But Eden was short-lived. Born in freedom, God's people could make their own choices. They haven't always been good ones. There have been dry spells. We're obviously in one now. We thirst for something better.

There's an ancient story of the people of Israel, released from bondage in Egypt, following Moses and wandering through a desert land, hoping for a better place and a better day. Desperate for water, they cry out to God and God provides. Moses strikes a rock with his walking staff and life giving water rushes forth. The people are saved.

Where there is water, there is life. Where God's mercy pours forth, there is salvation.

Our theme for Lent is, “Streams in the Desert”, and over these several weeks, the focus has been on the hope we find in Jesus Christ even when we travel through the sometimes parched, “desert land” of human turmoil and uncertainty. Christ's promise to us is that when we cry out to God, mercy flows, always, guaranteed. Easter is proof of this, the boundless gift of new life in the Risen Lord, poured out for our sake. This is the endless well of God's goodness and grace.

When the going gets rough, when human choices turn hearts away from God, when people trudge through desert places of fear and uncertainty, it is especially important, even vital, that those who know where the water is strike the rock, reveal the springs, drill the well. God's endless reservoir of mercy, love and peace is waiting and ready to give God's people new life, new direction to a better place and a better day.

Anticipate salvation, mercy so abundant you can drink your fill and find faith, strength and hope for your life. Easter comes, a New Thing even now springing up: “Do you not perceive it?”

Peace and Blessings,  
-Rev Dave



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COME  
*Worship*  
WITH US

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



## *Bright Spot in the Week* Lenten Services

Wednesdays // 7pm  
In Person, Zoom, or Facebook

Our Wednesday Lenten Services (with Bible study) will continue online each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM through Holy Week. Join with the usual Zoom link for, "A Bright Spot in the Week", or watch the video on the church's Facebook page.

The theme for our Lenten journey is, "Streams in the Desert".

**The Maundy Thursday service will be April 17 and will begin in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM, concluding in the sanctuary. See page 3**

Online Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81262507891?pwd=aIN4dTNITG1Yby9DUFVSV2RUMGN5UT09>

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



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



*Thank you!*

# Lenten & Holy Week Schedule

## **Lenten Dinner and Service Schedule**

**Dinner 6pm / Service 7pm**

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!

### **The schedule is as follows:**

April 2 hosted by Trustees  
April 9 - Pot Luck  
April 17 Maundy Thursday hosted by CE



Can't join in person? Join us on the church's Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/KillingworthCongregationalChurch/>

### **Or join us via Zoom:**

Online link:

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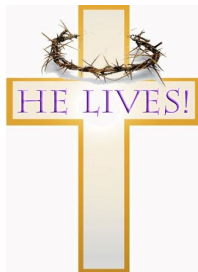
### **Palm Sunday, April 13th at 10 am**

*Palm Sunday* is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

### **Maundy Thursday with Tenebrae Candle Service**

#### **April 17th 6pm Seder Dinner & 7pm Service**

Maundy Thursday commemorates the last supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. 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. Following the dinner, there will be a Tenebrae Service of scripture, music and the extinguishing of candle.



### **Easter Sunday, April 20 at 6 am and 10 am**

Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6am in our outdoor chapel followed by a pancake breakfast in the hall. There will be a 10am service in the sanctuary.

The church will be full of lilies as we celebrate this holiest day. Let us gather as a community to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Please invite your family and friends to join us on this very special day as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord!



# 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,

Easter is approaching and our Lenten journey is coming to the end. There are many ways to be involved during Holy week.

Paige Quilliam will lead students in passing out the palms and baking empty tomb crescent rolls on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

The Seder dinner will be Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Confirmation students and Matt Link will help Rev. Dave with the dinner service before we enjoy a meal together. All are welcome for this free dinner. Following the dinner is a service.

The annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> after the service on the back lawn. All are welcome to join.

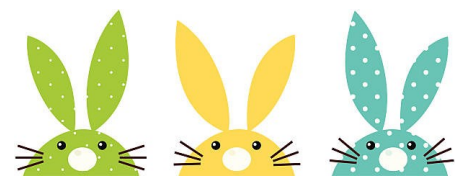
Confirmation service and the church scholarship presentation will take place on Sunday, June 1st. Applications for the church scholarship are on the website under the resources tab.

Children's Sunday and the annual BBQ will be held on Sunday, June 8th.

Finally, save the date for Vacation Bible School! It will be 3 days the week of June 16th. The exact dates will be announced once the school determines the last day of school. (Which typically happens in April). The theme is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World". All students in the community are welcome to attend, so spread the word to your friends and family.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PLMpjmZ-o4>

Many Blessings,  
Christine Link  
Volunteer Christian education chair  
Christinelax@hotmail.com  
203-623-1663



Confirmation students made a dinner for the Eddy House homeless shelter as part of the "Ministering to others" lesson.



L to R : Caiden Taylor, Emma Forster, Kristen Forster, Matt Link, Tessa Tyler



### **2025 Scholarship Award**

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC is pleased to offer graduating high school students who are members of the church the opportunity to apply for this year's Scholarship Award. Applications are available in the church office or online. Please contact Christine Link or other Christian Education Committee members for additional information.

A poster for Vacation Bible School. On the left is a cartoon bear sitting on a log. The background is a light blue wooden fence. On the right are several colorful Easter eggs. The text is as follows:

**We can BEARly wait  
for you to come to our  
Vacation Bible School!**

**Mid June  
2025**

Most likely 3 days, the  
week of June 16th.  
Will have a set date after  
the last day of school is  
set later this spring.

**TRUE  
NORTH**  
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

A poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. The background is light blue with several colorful Easter eggs. In the center is a large white egg containing the following text:

JOIN US FOR AN



**Easter**  
Egg Hunt

**FOLLOWING THE SERVICE  
ON THE BACK LAWN**

**APRIL 20**

 Congregational Church  
in Killingworth,  
UCC

[killingworthchurch.org](http://killingworthchurch.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

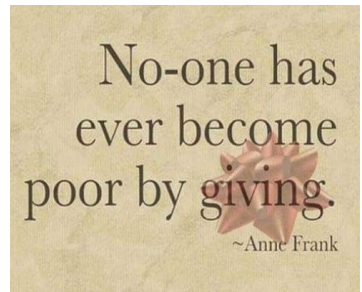


## Eddy House Dinners Tuesdays, April 8 & April 22

*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.



4/3 Christine Macklem  
4/6 Carole Koziy  
Karen Gagliardi  
4/7 Peter Gersz  
4/9 Ginger Lahey  
4/14 Ingrid Glynn  
Cameron Cook

4/15 Jo-Ann Slocombe  
Alan Chapman  
4/22 Josephine Rimmer  
4/25 Robert Drew  
4/28 Sean Link  
4/30 Chett Vogt

4/10 Mattie Gersz  
4/11 Hazel Macklem  
4/14 Lucas Dias  
4/20 Brody Gersz  
4/27 Wolfgang Bold



**April 6** Bill Van Huysen  
Gayle Van Huysen  
**April 13** Jo Ann Bennett  
**April 20** Bill Van Huysen  
Gayle Van Huysen  
**April 27** Board of Ushers

### 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 20.

This year, the first full moon occurs on April 13. Easter, therefore, follows on Sunday, April 20. Ash Wednesday is a moveable feast which occurs forty-six days before Easter, this year, - March 5th..

Easter lilies may be ordered through the Flower Committee.

Deadline to order is Sunday, April 13.

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 20th.

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

## Happy Easter

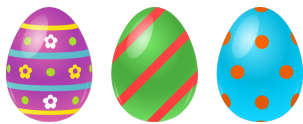




**Southern New England Conference**  
United Church of Christ  
*Living the Love & Justice of Jesus*

## Did you know?

SNEUCC Conference sends out a weekly newsletter, *Starting with Scripture*. Inside, a local church pastor or lay person writes a reflection, usually from the week's Lectionary, and includes a prayer. You can check in weekly or sign up to receive weekly emails. Visit [www.SNEUCC.org/devotionals](http://www.SNEUCC.org/devotionals)



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

### Save the Date!

#### Killingworth Memorial Day Parade

The Killingworth Memorial Day parade will be held this year on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The parade will follow the same route as the past few years starting at KES, going down RT 81 to the Congregational Church where a ceremony will be held.



## Scout Sunday

@Congregational Church in Killingworth

**April 27 at 10 am**



All scouts in the community are invited for a special service honoring our community's scouts. Wear your uniform!



Free brunch for all after the service

### 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 Janet Summa or the church office . Thank you.

## Book of Life

**Eleanor Sanderson**

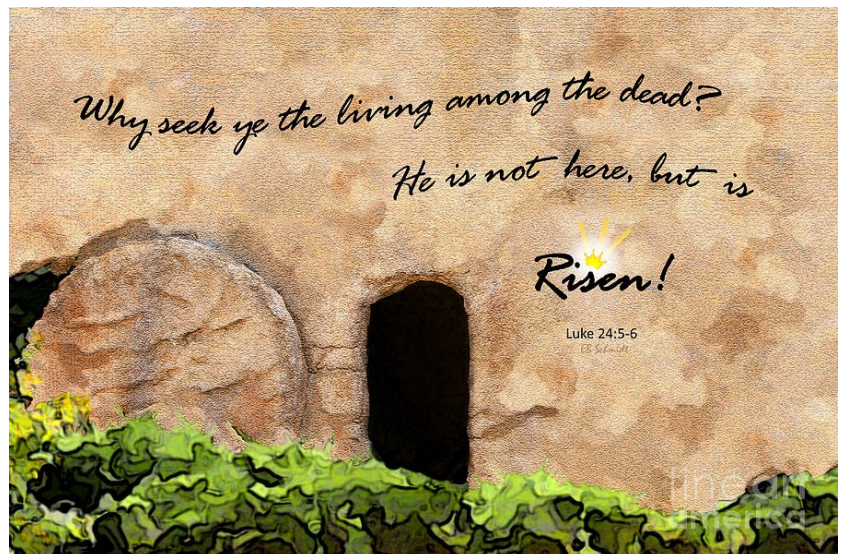
March 3, 2025  
Evergreen Cemetery

**Rosemary Vidoli**

March 9, 2025

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

Matthew 5:4



# April 2025

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Apr 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		9am - AARP Tax 7pm - Boy Scouts	12pm - Cafe 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	7pm - AA		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship		9am - AARP Tax 3pm - Eddy House 7pm - Boy Scouts	12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	7pm - AA 7pm - Council		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship		7pm - Boy Scouts	12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	Maundy Thursday 6pm - Seder 7pm - AA 7pm - Worship	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
EASTER SUNDAY 6am - Sunrise 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship		Earth Day 3pm - Eddy House 7pm - Boy Scouts	8:30am - Mens 12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	Parks Wedding 7pm - AA		
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
scout sunday 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship		7pm - Boy Scouts	12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA			

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Volunteer Director of Christian Ed

Christine Link

Office Manager

Maureen Alfiero

Sexton

Matt Link



**Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday - Thursday 8am—12pm

Extended hours by appointment

860/663-1789



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**Rev Dave email:** [RevDaveCCK@gmail.com](mailto:RevDaveCCK@gmail.com)



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**April 15, 2025**

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# KERYGMA

## 10 a.m. Worship

## April 2025



6 am Outdoor Sunrise Service  
and  
10 am Service