

FROM THE PASTOR

"In life, in death, in life beyond death, we are not alone. Thanks be to God."

-the closing verse of "A New Creed"

"Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus."

-the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:39

Wow – October already? I know, the leaves are turning color, the air is a little cooler, but still ... It sure does catch up to you. There are few chores I've been putting off, "until the weather gets cooler", but now that it's here I'm looking for new excuses! Of course, it's so good to be back in the swing of things for the fall church schedule – Sunday School, the Fall Meeting coming up and a little over a month away – All Saints Sunday ... then the holiday season approaches.

For the Hammett-Reed families, we close out September saying good-bye to Kay's mother, Beverly Reed. Her graveside service will be October 7 and Kay and I will be traveling to Pennsylvania October 6. We take with us our appreciation for your many prayers and kindnesses as Kay's mother endured an extended decline. As I write this, Mom has only been gone three days, so the loss and grief are just hitting home.

I began calling Beverly the "Energizer Bunny" because as the old battery advertisement went, she kept, "Going and going and going ..." Her mind left us some time ago, but her body wouldn't quit. She was 97.

As I am sure some of you know, after an extended illness and decline, death can sometimes bring relief as the burden of worry is lifted. There's is consolation in knowing Beverly is in a much better place now: "In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God."

Thankfulness is where Kay and I find ourselves even in grief, thanks for the good life Mom lived, for loving family, for the blessing of having someone so special in our lives, for laughter, for happy times, good memories and knowing that anything that fell short of this just wasn't all that important in the end: "Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." Love prevails.

The morning Beverly died, I awoke with the distinct feeling that she had passed. I told Kay about it and shortly after, her sister called to say Mom was gone. So I guess Beverly swung by our place on the way to meet Jesus. That would be like her. Now, we wish her well as she forever keeps, "Going and going and going ..."

It's really important this time of year that leaves die and fall to the ground to decay and nourish the soil for seasons to come. The release of the leaves allows a tree to shift it's resources to preparing for winter, a dormancy that readies it to produce new leaves, bloom and fruit in the spring and summer that follow. It's all good, part of the cycle of life, the divine plan.

What new opportunities and new life are just around the corner for us, for our church? May our trust in "the love of God in Christ Jesus" heal our grief and awaken our joy.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev Dave



The Congregational Church in Killingworth
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October Calendar



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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 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=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 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 Students and Families,

It was so great to see many of you at Sundae Sunday in September. Registration for Sunday School is ongoing. Come any Sunday to join the fun and complete your registration form. Students are learning about being disciples of Jesus; loving and helping others is the focus of the message.

One way to help others is to walk in the CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 5th at 12:30pm at Chatfield Hollow State Park. The local food banks that benefit from our efforts are HK Backpack Program, Helping Hands food pantry and the Haddam food pantry (25% of money raised). The remaining 75% of funds raised will help others in need around the world. Participants of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to attend. It's a great way for students to get involved with helping others! Register here or see me for an envelope and form. Can't make it? Support a walker with a donation.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/haddamct>

Finally, there will be a collection bin in the sanctuary for a candy collection. The candy collected will go to the Beechwood Community to pass out on Halloween and to the HK Youth and Family Services Fall Fest event on October 18th. (hkyfs.org)

Many Blessings,
Christine Link
Volunteer Christian Education Director
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The first day of
Sunday School
was a sweet
success.

Ice Cream for
everyone!



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,
October 14 & 28**

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 860-663-2315 to offer donations or to help deliver the meal.



Neighbors in Need October 5th Collection



Give today to Neighbors in Need

Gifts to Neighbors in Need (NIN) support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects and grants.

God of compassion,
Give us the courage to breathe in care,
and breathe out all that separates us.
The voices of your people can be lost in a cacophony
of need.
Help us to pay attention and see clearly our neighbors.
Encourage us to not only help, but listen,
so all may have a voice in the decisions that affect
their lives.
Strengthen us to confront evil
and alleviate suffering.
Let us not turn away from the direct needs of our-
selves and those around us
even as we seek to dismantle deeper injustice.
Turn us toward justice, peace and reconciliation.
We pray in your holy name,
Amen





Oct 3 Janet Summa
Sam Filosi
Oct.7 Millie Jones
Oct. 10 Payton Tyler
Oct 12 Karen Montross
Oct 13 Carolyn Anderson
Oct 15 Hunter Tyrseck
Oct 17 Kane Woodford
Oct 18 Jessica Gersz
Oct. 24 Reed Dickey
Oct 26 Andrew Sodergren
Oct 30 Cassandra Sodergren

Happy Birthday!



Oct. 5 Leslie Judge
Jo Ann Bennett
Oct. 12 Leslie Judge
Sandy Allard
Oct. 19 Bill & Gayle Van Huysen
Oct. 26 Bill & Gayle Van Huysen

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



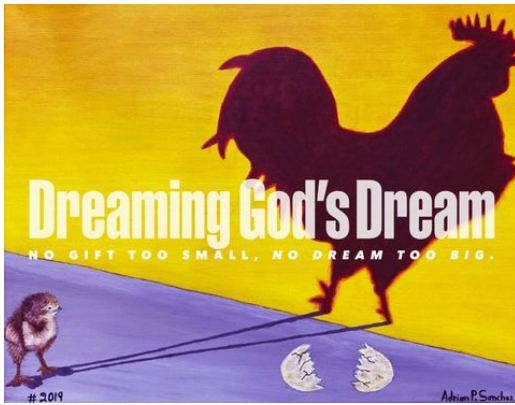
CALL TO THE FALL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Fall Meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC to be held according to the By-Laws during the month of October. The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2025 immediately following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Spring Meeting of May 18, 2025.
2. To receive current reports from Boards, Committees, Officers, and the Pastor.
3. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Leslie Judge, Clerk
September 10, 2025



Stewardship 2026 Begins

Our Stewardship Season of Generosity begins this month. This year's theme, "Dreaming God's Dream," helps people understand the impact our congregations can make in our communities if we generously support them.

Look for the upcoming formal theme announcement, pastor's letter, testimony from church members, and a letter from the Stewardship Committee.

Sunday, November 2nd

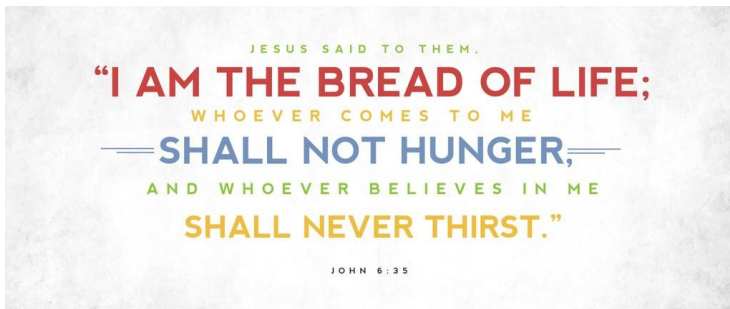
All Saints Day Celebration: Honoring our 30+ Year Members

During the worship service on Sunday, November 2, we will be honoring those who have been members of our church for thirty years or more. Invitations will be sent out and we will have a special reception after church in their honor prepared by the Deacons. If you need a ride to church or if you would be willing to give someone a ride, please call the office. We would love to have all of our long-time members in attendance so we may say thank-you!



National Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 25

On Saturday, October 25, bring your unused prescriptions to Killingworth Family Pharmacy or Nutmeg Pharmacy between the hours of 10am—2pm.



PUMPKIN FUN RUN

HK Youth and Family Services will again sponsor Pumpkin Run/Walk 5K & Kids fun run on October 26 at 10am at HK High School.

Visit HKYFS.org for more information and to register.



OCTOBER 2025

The Congregational Church In Killingworth, UCC

Oct 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

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

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10 a.m. Worship

October 2025



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH



Sunday, October 5th

Chatfield Hollow State Park