

THE
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH IN
KILLINGWORTH,
UCC



Kerygma

VOL. LIX ISSUE 10

NOVEMBER 2024

FROM THE PASTOR

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

-Matthew 22:37-40

A month ago, I did a quick re-write of the cover letter I had prepared for the October newsletter. Hurricanes Helene and Milton and the destruction left behind required an entirely different focus. I provided contact information for those wishing to make immediate donations. I conferred with Karen about the upcoming Neighbors in Need church offering and she agreed we should dedicate it to disaster relief. The offering was received on the first two Sundays of October. \$667.00 was collected and sent to support relief efforts. Thank you for your generosity! Helping our "Neighbors in Need" is what we are meant to be about.

Now here I am again, a few days before the end of the month, turning out another last minute re-write of what has already been sent in for the Kerygma. I do this because another devastating storm is crashing on our shores, one that will likely wreck havoc for a very long time. It is the sociopolitical storm overwhelming our country and threatening to tear us apart, one that is especially fierce as we near a presidential election.

As you know, I refrain from talking politics at church because my calling is to serve, as faithfully as possible, our diverse faith community of people with various opinions and convictions. We are all, first and foremost children of God, sisters and brothers in Christ, members of God's kingdom, even when we don't agree on other things. We are citizens of our country, but the Christian values which define and guide us go far beyond this and inform (or at least they should) the choices we make and the way we treat each other.

That there is so much animosity between various factions, so much hatred of "the other", such an inability to listen and compromise and find common ground, so much disrespect and fear-induced racism, tragically reveals that our nation is in serious trouble. No matter which direction this election takes, we are in for an extended storm. There is no easy way through.

It saddens me greatly to have to speak about this. It is literally keeping me up at night and I suspect some of you are as sleep-deprived as I am. But it needs to be said, must be said, that we as a nation are in many ways, losing our way, losing our soul. So many have turned away from the true God to worship the personal gods of selfish ambition instead. It is, frankly, a societal, systemic sinfulness which is not exclusive to any party.

Moses carried the commandments of God to the people of Israel at the base of Mt. Sinai. God's covenant was to be their founding document, but Moses arrived with the tablets of stone only to find them dancing around a golden calf idol-god of their own making. God was understandably angry with the people he called his own. But even so, as frustrated and disappointed as God was, God was, as always, still good all the time. Divine anger turned as it always does to forgiveness and second chances. God was gracious with them and the people regrouped, got their faith and priorities together and returned to following in God's way, the way to God's Promised Land.

No political system can promise us a Promised Land. No golden calf can show the way. Only the saving love and forgiveness of God we know in Jesus Christ can open before us possibilities for unity and common purpose and peace. We must dig deep now to draw from the well of faith that can renew us, depend on the One who saves us from ourselves, the One who stills the storm, whose love in and through us can heal a nation.

May it be so.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev Dave



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

PAGE 1

From the Pastor

PAGE 2

Worship

Bible Study

PAGE 3

Sunday School Corner

Pumpkin Bread Baking

Change Clocks

PAGE 4

Missions Eddy House

Giving Link

Usher Schedule

PAGE 5

All Saints Day

Pumpkin Bread Day

Fall Clean-up

Harvest Dinner

Killingworth Cafe

PAGE 6

Thanksgiving Sunday

Christmas Fair

Bible Study with Meal

PAGE 7

Poinsettias

November Birthday

PAGE 8

November Calendar



Zoom or Facebook

Watch from the church Facebook page or Zoom.

*Go to Facebook.com and Search for: The Congregational Church in Killingworth UCC. **OR**

*Go to Zoom.us and add the meeting ID and passcode found below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84538336049?pwd=ZONRZC9rN0FCOWhPMTNZMk9EMHgZz09>

Dial: 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 845 3833 6049

Password: 500345

**Sundays @
10 a.m.**



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



Sunday School Corner

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

Romans 8:14

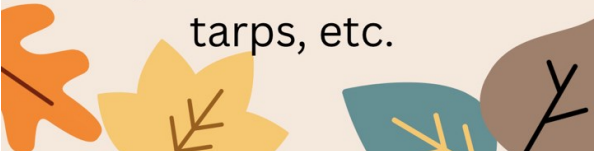


Church Clean Up

Nov. 24



Join us after the service with Troop 18 to clean up our campus. Bring Rakes, leaf blowers, tarps, etc.



killingworthchurch.org

PUMPKIN BREAD BAKING

Sunday 11/24

Students will start in fellowship hall



Sunday, November 3

Change your clocks & replace batteries in your smoke detectors.

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, November 5 & 19 Thanksgiving, Nov. 28

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

Every other 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.

"The world's hunger is getting ridiculous, There is more fruit in rich man's shampoo than in a poor man's plate." -unknown

Missions Needs Your Help with Meals

We need folks who can donate food, prepare food, and deliver everything to Middletown. Food donations can be bottled water, frozen foods, desserts, side or main dishes. Food prep will be on Tuesdays at 2pm the day of the meal. Please contact Karen Gagliardi 860-663-3866 to discuss how you can help. **Thank you!**



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

A gift opens doors;
it gives access to the great.

Proverbs 18:16



Nov. 3 Bill Van Huysen
Gayle Van Huysen

Nov. 10 Jo Ann Bennett
Sandy Allard

Nov. 17 Jo Ann Bennett
Paulie Lally

Nov. 24 Sandy Allard
Leslie Judge



Sunday, November 3

All Saints Day Celebration: Honoring our 30+ Year Members

During the worship service on Sunday, November 3, we will be honoring those who have been members of our church for thirty years or more. We will have a special reception after church in their honor. We would love to have all of our long-time members in attendance so we may say thank you!



Also, during worship, we will remember those who have died in the past year through prayer and the ringing of the bells. Don't miss this beautiful worship service. If you need a ride to church, please call the church office 860-663-1789.



Pumpkin Bread Baking and Delivery

Sunday, November 24

As their expression of generosity on our Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24, our children will be baking pumpkin bread and delivering it to our home-bound members. If you can help with the delivery of bread, see Christine Link after church that Sunday. Our church will be overflowing with the delightful smells of pumpkin bread and our hands will be reaching out to remember those folks who cannot make it here every Sunday.



Fall Clean-up After Church November 24

All ages are invited to bring their rakes to help with the leaf clean-up on our church campus. We will begin around 11:30 and be done by 12:30.

HARVEST DINNER

Friday, November 1st

5 - 7:30pm



Roasted Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Sweet Potatoes, Rolls..... is your mouth watering yet? Did I mention PIE? Come enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with all the homemade fixings!

Tickets: \$25, \$20 Seniors, and \$15 children under 12 years old.



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



Thanksgiving Sunday & Dedication of Pledges

Sunday, November 24

It is a tradition at our church to show our gratitude for all that we have received by dedicating our financial pledges of support for 2025 during the worship service on November 24. Pledge cards will be sent out the first week in November; additional cards will be available on the side table. Pledging to the church allows us to responsibly budget for the coming year. Please bring your pledge card with you on November 24th that you may personally put it in the basket to be dedicated. If you are unable to bring your card that Sunday, please send it in to the church. Thank you.



Christmas Fair

NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Basket Items Needed

*Dec. 7th
9-3*

It's that time of year again! This year's fair will be held on Dec. 7th from 9-3. It will feature a silent auction with visible bids, gifts, wreaths, arrangements, lunch, and a cookie sale. Lots of cookies will be needed. They can be baked ahead, frozen, and dropped off a day or two before the fair. On fair day, they will be displayed in a responsible and safe way.



We are in need of gift items (new or slightly used) for both the silent auction and general sales. Do you have some gifts that you received last year but are still in the boxes unwrapped? You might want to donate them to our sale.

Volunteers are needed the day of the fair. Please consider helping out. Donations for the general sales and silent auction can be dropped off at the church until Nov. 27. A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. Questions? Please call Jo Ann at 860-663-2178 or the church office at 860-663-1789.

Bible Study with a Meal

Mark your calendar:

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18

Come together for a meal at 6pm then enjoy an hour of bible study.

Learn more in the December newsletter.

*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1*



Red Poinsettias - December 15th

A TRADITIONAL POINSETTIA SUNDAY



Poinsettias will be available for purchase through the Flower Committee. The plants in 6-1/2" pots may be designated as memorials or specials.

\$11.00 per plant.

Use the sheet below to order. If you have any questions, please call the church office (860-663-1789).

Order by December 8th for pickup on December 15th

Make checks to: **CCK Flower Committee.**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Order your holiday red poinsettias for pick up on December 8th - \$11.00 per plant

Last date to order is **Sunday, December 8th.**

Mail orders to : The Congregational Church, 273 Rt 81, Killingworth, CT 06419

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR WITH LOVE TO: _____

Number of Plants Ordered _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

____ I will take my plant on Dec. 15th ____ I will leave my plant for someone else to enjoy.



Nov 4	Nancy Reynolds	Nov 22	Joseph Dudash
Nov 5	Liam Foley	Nov 24	Louise Van Haverbeke
Nov 10	Aidan Coleman		Laurie Kumnick
	Lindsay Woodford	Nov 28	Jim Skelly
Nov 11	Gayle Van Huysen	Nov 30	Willow Gersz
Nov 16	Tessa Tyler		Florence Broach
Nov 19	Graydon Slocomb		

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

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

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



November 2024

The Congregational Church In Killingworth, UCC

Nov 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

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

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC
273 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419



*** STAFF ***

Minister
Volunteer Musician
Volunteer Director of Christian Ed
Office Manager
Sexton

Rev. Dave Hammett
Joann Zamparo
Christine Link
Maureen Alfiero
Todd Godfrey



Church Office Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday 8am—12pm
Extended hours by appointment
860/663-1789



Website: www.killingworthchurch.org

Email address: office@killingworthchurch.org

Rev Dave email: CCKPastor@gmail.com



KERYGMA ESTABLISHED 1966

Deadline for the next issue is no later than

November 15, 2024

If you do not wish to continue receiving the
Kerygma, please email or call the office.

KERYGMA

10 a.m. Worship

November 2024



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH



**Harvest Dinner
Friday, Nov. 1**