

## FROM THE PASTOR

*"Only when it is dark enough can you see the stars."*

*-The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Lent is all about darkness. Its 40 days are reminiscent of the time Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by the devil. Not exactly happy times. Trying times. Soul-searching times. We began the season with the sign of the cross in ashes on our foreheads, reminding us of what we amount to without the breath of God, a reminder of the death of Jesus Christ who gave his life for our sake, a sacrifice for our sins. Darkness. And yet, this tragic truth also reveals what an amazing gift God's forgiveness in Christ truly is. Easter celebrates light overcoming darkness, victory over sin and death. Love wins.

With a war raging (by the time you read this, I sincerely hope it has subsided) which has pulled in nations around the world with military support for Ukraine and sanctions against Russia, a darkness has settled over the globe. As I write this, China and Russia are negotiating the possibility of an alliance, God forbid. There are renewed concerns of nuclear war, at a level we haven't seen since the Cold War. Some of us older folks may recall elementary school drills requiring us to hide under our desks in case of a nuclear attack. Those must have been sturdy desks! My father built a bomb shelter under our house in 1959. We may not yet have "boots on the ground" in Ukraine, but with arms flowing from all over, international banking sanctions, protests around the world, property seizures, intercontinental missile testing by numerous nations and a massive cyberwar underway, this is arguably already a world war. It's something none of us hoped we would ever see, but here it is.

There are a lot of ashes in times of war. We bear one another's grief and loss. We need the breath of God, the victory of Christ ... *Easter*.

The Scriptures make it clear that we are to love one another, even our enemies, but this doesn't mean standing by as evil is perpetrated on innocent people. Jesus knew when to turn the tables over and didn't hesitate to confront the corruption of his day. But in all instances, his words and actions were centered in the will of God. So too for us who seek to follow him in these challenging days. The darkness must be faced, evil confronted, but not by adding to it, not by settling scores and making things worse. We are, after all, people of the resurrection, people of Easter and bear our Savior's amazing grace and saving love to the world. We are meant to be, by God's love, Christ's salvation and the Holy Spirit's inspiration, stars that shine in the dark.

We share Christ's victory. We live in the shining truth of love that never ends. Our hope is sure. And this means we can expect a truly awesome Easter this year, the best one in long time, filled with the joy of the most blessed day of the year. The love of Christ meets us here and saves our souls and gives us every reason to be grateful and committed to living as God intends, being peacemakers, being blessed, being a blessing.

It's time for the stars to shine, for the Son to rise! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Dave



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 A.M.

Let us worship together.

**The Sanctuary is open. Masks are optional.  
We will continue to worship via Facebook and Zoom**

Watch from the church Facebook page. Visit [www.facebook.com/watch](https://www.facebook.com/watch) and search Killingworth Congregational Church or join worship on Zoom.

Follow this link or go to Zoom.us and add the meeting ID and passcode found below.

### ONLINE LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85257775429?pwd=bml0Q1BPVTZ2dEtkekUek5RQ042Zz09>

**BY PHONE:** 929 205 6099

**OR GO TO ZOOM DIRECTLY:**

Meeting ID: 852 5777 5429

Password: 068550



**April 3** - Len and Janet Summa

**April 10** - Paulie Lally, Len Summa

**April 17** - Paulie Lally, Matt Link,  
Len Summa

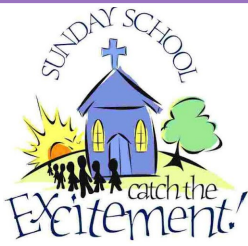
**April 24** - Jo Ann Bennett



### One Great Hour of Sharing, Sunday, April 10th

OGHS can provide not only food but opportunities for an entire village to grow an economy through thriving markets, employments, education, and even government. These opportunities can create a ripple of change. God can take our gifts and do more than we can imagine.

Our collection to OGHS will be Palm Sunday, April 10th. Please be as generous as you are able. Please mark your checks in the memo as: OGHS



# Sunday School Corner

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you  
Psalm 34:11

Hello Sunday School Students and Families,

Lent is a season of letting go and a time for repentance or turning our attention toward God and our neighbor. Jesus' resurrection means eternal life for those who believe in him. Through the season on Easter, we hear the call to disciples everywhere to live as God's people. We will continue to learn in this way.

As the weather gets warmer, we will try to get outside for Sunday school as much as possible! Hope you can join us- especially on April 10<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) for some special learning and activities!! There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 17th.

Many Blessings,  
Christine Link  
Christian Education Chair  
Christinelax@hotmail.com  
203-623-1663

*Happy Easter*



## Peace Candles—Praying For Peace



Inspired by the peace candle lit on Wednesday's Lent devotional service, older Sunday school students made their own peace candles. They painted their mason jars in the colors of Ukraine's flag. Students will light their own candle each night at home to pray for peace. They examined Isaiah 55:1-9 and learned how God loves everyone and how we should help others- specifically the Ukrainian refugees this week. (See link for more info).

[https://www.seasonsonline.ca/10/march\\_20\\_2022\\_open\\_invitation/](https://www.seasonsonline.ca/10/march_20_2022_open_invitation/)



The sanctuary peace candle will be lit every Wednesday and Sunday during the church services.

Hope you can join us as we pray for peace together.

To donate visit -<https://www.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal/>

## Eddy Shelter Dinners Tuesday, April 12 & 26

The Missions Committee delivers a meal to the Eddy Shelter, a 30+ bed emergency homeless shelter for men and women located in Middletown, each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month.

Clothing is NO LONGER being accepted at this time, however, towels, bedding, and toiletries (full size) are always needed.  
New socks are always needed.



Contributions such as desserts, breads, and sides (salad, soup, veggies, casseroles) are always gratefully accepted to accompany these meals. Bottled water and "grab and go" foods (Protein/Granola Bars, Fruit, Packaged Nuts, Cheese Sticks, etc.) will joyfully be accepted. Contact Paulie Lally- 860-663-2315 to offer donations or to help deliver the meal.



### 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 \$10.00 each.

Deadline to order is Sunday, April 10th.

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 \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (enclosed)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will leave my plant(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my plant(s) after the service on April 17th

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



# Lenten & Holy Week Schedule

**Join services inside the Sanctuary, via Zoom, or Facebook.**

Wednesday evening Lenten services will be held through April 13, 7:00 PM at the church and on Zoom and Facebook as well. Lenten services will take the place of "A Bright Spot in the Week" Bible studies through Lent.

**Join us on the church's Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/KillingworthCongregationalChurch/>

**Or join us via Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85316083036?pwd=RjVSU0Z1VTZMMEVMYmU2TDBza3dhUT09>

By phone: 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 853 1608 3036

Passcode: 397471

The theme of our Lenten services will be "Spiritual Renewal". The weekly lessons will be:

**April 6: Mark 11:1-11**

**April 13: Mark 14:22-42**



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

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

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

### **April 14, 2022, 7pm Service**



Maundy Thursday commemorates the last supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. There will be a worship service inside the Sanctuary, via Zoom and Facebook.

## **Easter Sunday, April 17 at 6 am and 10 am**

Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6am in our outdoor chapel followed by 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!





## Ukraine Emergency Appeal

In response to the February 24th Russian military attack, the United Church of Christ is appealing for support for refugees and for elderly and other vulnerable people who are displaced within Ukraine and unable to leave. As a member of the ACT Alliance, UCC support is being targeted to people most in need through humanitarian relief partners

with a history of working in the region.

Gifts made to UCC Ukraine Relief Fund will provide shelter, food, and other care to war refugees and internally displaced people. It also will help refugees and asylum seekers from African, Middle Eastern and other countries who had sought refugee in Ukraine and now are twice displaced, as well as other citizens of more than 125 countries living in Ukraine.

Use the provided envelopes at church to donate or feel free to send your donation directly to Ohio. All donations will be deposited into the International Disasters fund designated for "Ukraine Relief." Your generous financial support will be used by our partners in the areas of greatest need. One can also mail a check made payable to the **United Church of Christ PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194**. Please be sure to note "Ukraine Relief Fund" on your check in the memo section.

Read their full response on their website: [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)

### Killingworth Lions Senior Dinner

When: Sat. April 9, 2022

Pick up location: La Foresta Restaurant; 163 Route 81 (corner of Stevens Rd) Killingworth

Dinners ready for pick up between 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Our popular annual Senior Dinner is a free offering by the Lions Club to thank & honor the Killingworth senior community member aged 65 and older. This year's dinner will include a delicious meal prepared by the talented staff at LaForesta Restaurant. For your safety, the dinner will be distributed drive-thru style again this year. The dinner will be ready for pick up between the times listed above in the parking lot at the restaurant. For those who have transportation challenges, the Lions are prepared to deliver anywhere in town upon request. Please RSVP by April 6, 2022 to Karen Vecchitto (203) 645-3035 or email: [kvecchitto1170@gmail.com](mailto:kvecchitto1170@gmail.com). If calling, please leave a message in voice mail.



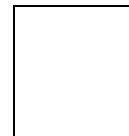
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4/3	Christine Macklem	4/14	Ingrid Glynn		
	Megan Tischbein		Cameron Cook	4/10	Mattie Gersz
4/5	Kyra Figurelli	4/15	Jo-Ann Slocombe	4/14	Lucas Dias
	Erin Figurelli		Alan Chapman	4/20	Brody Gersz
4/6	Carole Koziy		Alex Langevin	4/22	Josephine Rimmer
	Karen Gagliardi		Bud Harris	4/28	Sean Link
4/7	Peter Gersz	4/25	Robert Drew		
		4/30	Chett Vogt		



# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
						7:30pm - AA
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship		7:30pm - Boy Scouts	6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Lenten 7:30pm - AA	9am - AARP Tax 7pm - AA 7pm - Council		7:30pm - AA
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Palm Sunday OGHS Offering 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship		3pm - Eddy Shelter 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Lenten 7:30pm - AA	Maundy Thursday 7pm - AA 7pm - Worship	Good Friday	Holy Saturday 7:30pm - AA
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Easter Sunday 6am - Sunrise 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship		7:30pm - Boy Scouts	6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA		7:30pm - AA
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship		3pm - Eddy Shelter 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	8:30am - Mens 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	7pm - AA		Memorial Service 7:30pm - AA

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**10 a.m. Worship**

**April 2022**



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
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**Easter Service**  
**6am & 10am**