

HOPE - PEACE - LOVE - JOY

The four themes of Advent

Advent sets the stage for Christmas, begins the season of anticipation. People are sometimes surprised that the Gospel lessons for the first couple weeks of Advent are about John the Baptist and the impending baptism of Jesus. It seems out of sync with remembering the Savior's birth, which of course it is. But that's because the word, "advent" means, "coming" and both the prophecy of John the Baptist and the birth narratives of Jesus are about his coming as the Promised One, God's Messiah, both as a grownup stepping into the waters of the Jordan River with John and as the child of Mary and Joseph born in Bethlehem.

You'll see banners on the wall at the front of the sanctuary during worship, beginning on November 27 with the theme, "Hope". Then on subsequent weeks, "Peace, Love and Joy". These four themes are cornerstones of our faith and certainly what we celebrate as Christmas nears.

During our second Congregational Conversation on November 6, we talked about a theme for our church, something that could remind us and the community we serve of our purpose, why we are here and what we are about. The idea is that a single, easy to recognize and remember theme will make it all the more likely that those who hear or read about our church will be able to make an immediate connection, see in our church something they can relate to, something important they may want to be part of. "Hope, Peace, Love, Joy" - perhaps one of these themes could be the one that brings it all together for us, describing our core mission, our calling as a community of faith. There are other potential themes, too, of course, and I've asked the group to think and pray about the possibilities, what defines us, what we can identify with, what can help us reach out to others.

That's our purpose, after all. That much we're sure about, that our little church has a big mission helping people in need. In many ways this has been happening all along and there are many new ways our mission can grow as we seek to be a blessing, to be a place of hope, peace, love and joy. You are welcome to join the conversation, to dream, to add to the vision, to work with others to chart the way forward. The next conversation will be after worship on December 11.

What a wonderful Christmas gift we are giving one another and the church as we dream together and seek to follow where Christ leads. As we unwrap our "gifts" and see and appreciate the possibilities for us individually and as a church, "Hope, Peace, Love and Joy" become all the more, real possibilities in our lives.

We live in hopeful expectation now, but In a few weeks we will be celebrating Christmas, sharing the joy with our families, friends and church. Our world yearns for peace and here it is – the love of God born anew for each of us, all of us.

Peace and Blessings for a Merry Christmas,
Rev Dave

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O Come let us adore Him!

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
10 A.M.**

The Sanctuary is open. Masks are optional.

Watch from the church Facebook page, YouTube, or Zoom.

Search for: The Congregational Church in Killingworth UCC. The tagline should put you to the video. 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=bml0Q1BPVTZ2dEtkeklUek5RQ042Zz09>

OR GO TO ZOOM DIRECTLY:

BY PHONE: 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 852 5777 5429

Password: 068550



We have a QR Code that helps connect you quickly and safely to our *Giving* link.

- Open the QR reader application or the camera on your smartphone
- Point it at the QR code.

Christmas Gifts to Our Church

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Christmas is a time to give gifts to those you love. What better love is there than for our wonderful church? Though we have made significant improvement, our church is still facing an end of the year deficit. Each of us has received so much all year long from our church; take some time to see if you might be able to give a little more back. Envelopes labeled, "My Christmas Gift" will be in the pews for the entire month of December. Use them once or put something extra in each Sunday. Thank you for your continued generosity to our church.



Sunday School Corner

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

Hello Sunday School Students and Families,

The Season of Advent marks the beginning of a new church year. It is a season of longing, waiting, promise, and preparation. Students will be busy with school concerts, holidays, and other special activities and their time at church can provide a quiet time amid this eventful time of year. This year the Advent focus passages include powerful visions of hope and peace, seen through the eyes of the prophet Isaiah, Mary, and Joseph. Hope you can join us each week in Sunday school and for our Christmas pageant on December 18th at 10am. This year there will be a special surprise!

When Rev Dave was cleaning out his office, he found a time capsule from 1979! It said to wait until Christmas to open it, but surprise! It has been 43 years!!

In this time of giving, we would like to give back to others. Please bring in nonperishable food items each week for our local food banks. There will also be a toy collection for Faith's toy drive. (See flyer on bulletin board). A collection bin will be in fellowship hall. Toys will be donated to Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Finally, there will be no Sunday school on January 1st.

Hope you all have a merry Christmas filled with hope, peace and love.

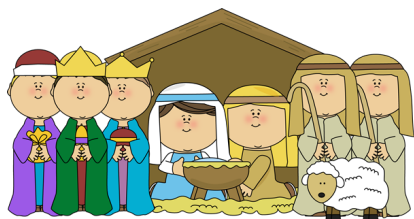
Many blessings,
Christine Link
Christian Education Chair
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Time Capsule from
Mrs. Ringland's 7th and
8th grade class.
1979-1980



Pumpkin bread baking on Thanksgiving Sunday. Yum!



Christmas Pageant Worship December 18, 10:00 a.m.

Pageant Rehearsal during Sunday School, December 11

The children will recreate the traditional Christmas story during worship as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. The service will also include many Christmas carols. If you have a child who would like to participate in the pageant, the rehearsal this year will be during Sunday School on December 11. Costumes will be provided. After the Christmas Pageant worship, we will celebrate with a birthday cake for Jesus. Let the gift of a Christ-centered Christmas season become one of your family's treasured traditions. Don't forget to invite family, friends and neighbors to this delightful worship service. Questions? Contact Christine Link.



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

December 24, 7:00 p.m.; December 25, 10:00 a.m.

The community is invited to our **Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols**. Rediscover the awe of Christmas through the reading of scripture and the beautiful voices of our congregation singing the traditional carols. We will end the service with the lighting of candles as we sing *Silent Night*. Bring your family and friends.

Christmas morning we will gather to celebrate Jesus' birth with a Christmas carol sing-a-long.

Eddy Shelter Dinners Tuesday, December 13 & Christmas Eve, December 24

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 & Toiletries are NO LONGER being accepted at this time.

NEEDED: Twin Sheets, comforters, individually wrapped snack foods



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.



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

The Senior Community Luncheon

The Estuary Luncheon is in the Parish Hall each Wednesday at 12pm. Join us for a hot, nutritious lunch. Call in your lunch reservations to the reservation line at 860-388-1611, x216, **before 11:00 A.M** the day prior to when you wish to have lunch.



Bright Spot in the Week

Bible Study

Wednesdays on Facebook // 7pm

Each Wednesday, Rev. Dave will host a live Bible study broadcast focused on the scriptures for the coming Sunday's worship service. You'll be able to ask questions, make comments and share prayer requests. Each study will be followed by prayer.

Join via Facebook: <https://facebook.com/KillingworthCongregationalChurch/>

Join Bible study through Zoom. Link to join the meeting: You can sign in 10 minutes early.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85316083036?pwd=RjVSU0Z1VTZMMEMVMYmU2TDBza3dhUT09>

Or join by phone: 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 853 1608 3036

Passcode: 397471

The UCC Christmas Fund (formerly Veterans of the Cross)

On Sunday, December 18 we will receive the offering that is collected each year for those across our country who have retired from church jobs without adequate pensions. The mission of the UCC Christmas Fund is to provide assistance dollars in situations of critical need, while preserving the dignity of those who receive the aid.



Dec. 4 Len and Janet Summa

Dec. 11 Leslie Judge

Dec. 18 Len and Janet Summa

Dec. 24 Board of Ushers

Dec. 25 Board of Ushers





Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has begun the process of preparing a slate of nominees for our church leadership to be voted on at the February annual meeting. If you would like to suggest a name (maybe even your own) for any of the church leadership positions, please just leave a note in the Nominating Committee mail box in the Parish Hall. You do NOT need to contact your suggestion – the Nominating Committee at this point just wants ideas and they will approach folks to determine their availability or interest. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Jo Ann Bennett, Sharyn Drapala, and Rob Rimmer. Thank you.



Campus Cleanup Day

Thank you to everyone who helped rake and to make our campus beautiful.

HARVEST DINNER

A huge THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Harvest Dinner! This event needed many hands to be successful and you all stepped up! Thank you for the cider, pies, the cooked turkeys, the donated turkeys, the servers, cashiers, cooks, peelers, clean-up crew, etc.! A special thank you to GREG for cooking ALL day and to Dawn who did anything that needed to be done. It was a delicious meal, and it was so nice to see so many people enjoying each other's company. Take-out dinners were a huge hit! We made a profit of \$1327 for the general fund for the church. Thank you again for your time, efforts, and assistance!



Sexton Wanted

The church is in need of a sexton. This position is somewhat flexible. The primary responsibilities would be cleaning and opening/closing the church for special events and services. This is a paid position and anyone interested should contact the church office at 860-663-1789.

Red Poinsettias - December 11th

A TRADITION IN THIS CHURCH FOR MANY YEARS



Poinsettias will be available through the Flower Committee. The plants in 6-1/2" pots are locally grown and 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).

Last day to order is **Sunday, December 4th**

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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Order your holiday red poinsettias for pick up on December 11th - \$11.00 per plant

Last date to order is **Sunday, December 4th.**

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** / **leave** my plants on Sunday, Dec. 11 (circle one)

Please pick up plant(s) on Sunday, December 11th



Happy Birthday

Dec. 1 Christine Link

Dec. 2 Carrie Jordan

Dec. 4 Sandy Laporto

Dec. 8 William Burley

Dec. 9 Haley Phelps

Dec. 9 Maci Albrecht

Dec. 10 Emma Forster

Dec. 12 Debra Tyler

Dec. 12 Andrew Yahara

Dec. 13 Cynthia Vogt

Dec. 22 Nicholas Stegman

Dec. 27 Lara Hajek

Dec. 29 Christine Etlinger

Dec. 29 Ron Mones

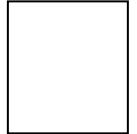
Dec. 31 Lena Rimmer



December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1 9am - KNS - Killingworth 7pm - AA	2 9am - KNS - Killingworth	3 7:30pm - AA
4 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	5 9am - KNS - Killingworth	6 Office Closed 9am - KNS - Killingworth	7 Office Closed 9am - KNS - Killingworth 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB	8 Office Closed 9am - KNS - Killingworth 7pm - AA 7pm - Council	9 9am - KNS - Killingworth	10 9am - KNS Christmas 7:30pm - AA
11 Poinsettia Sunday 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	12 9am - KNS - Killingworth	13 9am - KNS - Killingworth 3pm - Eddy Shelter	14 9am - KNS - Killingworth 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	15 9am - KNS - Killingworth 6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA	16 9am - KNS - Killingworth	17 7:30pm - AA
18 Christmas Pageant 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	19 9am - KNS - Killingworth	20 9am - KNS - Killingworth	21 9am - KNS - Killingworth 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	22 9am - KNS - Killingworth 7pm - AA	23 9am - KNS - Killingworth	24 Christmas Eve 7pm - Christmas Eve 7:30pm - AA
25 Christmas Day 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	26 3pm - Eddy Shelter	27 8:30am - Mens Group 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	28 7pm - AA	29 7pm - AA	30 New Year's Eve 7:30pm - AA	31 7:30pm - AA

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Thank you.

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10 a.m. Worship

December 2022



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH



CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday, December 3rd
9am—3pm



Christmas Pageant
December 18th
Christmas Eve
Worship 7pm