

## FROM THE PASTOR



*“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “Return to me with all your heart,  
and with fasting, weeping and mourning” -Joel 2:12*

Lent is meant to be something of a somber time for prayerful reflection, perhaps even fasting, “giving something up for Lent”. On February 14 we will bear ashes on our foreheads for Ash Wednesday, a humble reminder of who we would be without God. Lent is 40 days for seeking God's Holy Spirit, anticipating Easter.

In the early years of Christianity there was no Lent, at least not as we observe it today. In those days, when the Christian community was still quite small, all baptisms happened on Easter Sunday. It was the Day of Resurrection, after all! So the six weeks prior to Easter were set aside as a time for preparing for baptism, especially since so many people were baptized as adults. Just as Jesus prepared for ministry and was tested in the wilderness for forty days (by the devil, no less!) people getting ready for baptism spent the same amount of time studying the scriptures, fasting and praying.

Lent eventually became a season of the Church year as something of a practical matter. The rapidly growing Christian community made it impossible for authorized clergy to get to all the emerging churches for baptisms on Easter Day, so the practice was modified and Lent was born. Baptisms were offered on other Sundays and instruction for baptism became “Confirmation”. The 40 days of Lent became, specifically, a season of preparation for Easter, the single most important day in the Christian year.

There is growing excitement in our church this year for a return to the traditional Lenten meals and services on Wednesday evenings through the season of Lent. Because of the pandemic and changing needs within the congregation, we haven't been following the practice for several years. This will be a wonderful opportunity to renew our Lenten focus and grow together in spirit.

With so many concerns in the world these days, coming back to a deeper spiritual practice can help us all connect with the things that matter most, to enrich our faith and find greater meaning and purpose in our lives. I invite you to come and be part of your church's Lenten journey this year. Then when Easter comes, we can all more fully appreciate the tremendous gift that it is, that we are all truly the recipients of God's Amazing Grace in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Peace and Blessings,  
Rev Dave



# Time for WORSHIP!

**Please Join Us**  
**each Sunday**  
**at 10 am.**

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

\*Search for: The Congregational Church in Killingworth UCC.

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

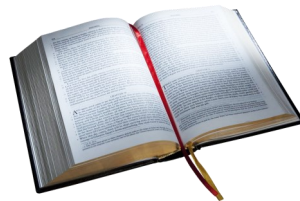
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**Dial:** 929 205 6099

**Meeting ID:** 845 3833 6049

**Password:** 500345

*Please call the church office if you have any issues or questions.*



## Bright Spot in the Week Bible Study

Wednesdays on Facebook // 7pm

Each Wednesday, Rev. Dave hosts a live Bible study broadcast 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 Bible study through Facebook or Zoom.

Zoom Link to join the meeting: You can sign in 10 minutes early.

Online link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81262507891?pwd=alN4dTNIg1Yby9DUfVSVZ2RUMGN5UT09>

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



Giving is meant to be a joyful expression of giving thanks to God.

Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."



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



## 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 comes early this year, so students will begin lessons on lent starting mid February. Lent is a time of reflection and learning about forgiveness. The 3 main focus points of lent will be on prayer, fasting (abstaining from something to reduce distraction and focus more of God) and giving.

**Save the date** for an Easter workshop on Palm Sunday, March 24th which will include an Easter egg hunt and the Seder dinner on Maundy Thursday, March 28th.

Enrollment is ongoing, so please join us anytime.

Many blessings,

Christine Link

Christian Education chairperson



## Mardi Gras Pancake Supper



Tuesday,  
February 13th  
5:00pm – 6:30pm



**PANCAKES, EGG CASSEROLES, AND ALL THE FIXINGS**

**Suggested Donation**

**\$10 per person/ \$20 per family / Take-out orders will be available.**

**All proceeds will support the general fund.**

***Lenten Dinner and Service Schedule  
Dinner 6 pm. Service 7 pm.***

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service February 14 at 7 pm**

Join us for the special service on Ash Wednesday at 7 pm. This quiet, reflective service will offer the blessing of ashes. This marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

**Lent Suppers, Wednesday Nights at 6 p.m. and Worship at 7 p.m.**

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:

- Feb 14, Ash Wednesday no dinner but service
- Feb 21 hosted by Deacons
- February 28 hosted by CE
- March 6 hosted by Missions
- March 13 hosted by Trustees
- March 20 potluck
- March 28 Thursday, Seder dinner



**CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC to be held according to the By-Laws during the month of February. The meeting will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2024 immediately following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Fall Meeting of October 22, 2023.
2. To receive current reports from boards, committees, and officers.
3. To elect officers, committees, and board personnel
4. To approve the financial budget for 2024
5. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Janet Johnson, Clerk  
January 1, 2024

**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.



## AARP Tax-Aide Appointments

AARP trained volunteers will be available for **free and confidential tax preparation** at four sites in our area: Clinton Town Hall (Mondays), Killingworth Congregational Church (Tuesdays), Westbrook Library (Wednesdays), and at the Estuary Senior Center in Old Saybrook (Fridays).

Appointments for the AARP Tax-Aide program is available for scheduling . There are two ways to make an appointment:

**1) Online** at [https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/locations.html](https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations.html) and search for any of the local sites (Old Saybrook, Westbrook, Killingworth, or Clinton)

**OR**

**2) by calling 860-579-3192.** (Please note that this is **not** the Estuary's phone number.)

The volunteer making the appointment will remind you of what to bring to your appointment (e.g., last year's return; all 2023 forms such as Social Security, W-2s, 1099-Rs, unemployment, bank and brokerage statements, and a voided check if you would like direct deposit or direct withdrawal.)



Note that Tax-Aide volunteers cannot prepare returns for taxpayers who changed their state of primary residence during 2023 or for taxpayers who run a business with inventory, depreciation, or a loss.

After you make an appointment and before that date, you need to pick up an envelope with the intake form, which is to be completed at home, prior to coming for your appointment. You can get your envelope at the site where your appointment is, **except in Killingworth**, the envelopes will be at the front desk of the **Killingworth Library**, not the Congregational Church.



### Eddy Shelter Dinners Tuesdays, February 13 & 27

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

The Missions Committee will continue delivering a meal to the Eddy Shelter each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month.

**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.



**2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY (MEMBERS & FRIENDS)**  
**AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

We would like **everyone** to fill out this update form and return it to the church office  
**NO LATER THAN FEB 11.** Please include all information requested.

Add additional notes if needed.

If the "Include in Directory?" line is **NOT** marked, the info **will not be included.**

*The information provided is for church use only.*

Name(s) (all family members attending)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Include in Directory? Y or N

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Belongs to \_\_\_\_\_ Include in Directory? Y or N

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Belongs to \_\_\_\_\_ Include in Directory? Y or N

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (Will not be included in directory)

E-mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Include in Directory? Y or N

Birthdays \_\_\_\_\_

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This form is also available online at [www.killingworthchurch.org](http://www.killingworthchurch.org)



## February BIRTHDAYS



Feb. 1 Gayle Skelly

Feb. 2 Marilyn Campbell

Feb. 2 Clare Link

Feb. 4 Dawn Tischbein

Feb. 7 Anthony Aeschliman

Feb. 11 Shelly Cumpstone

Feb. 13 Fisher Harris

Feb. 15 Matt Link

Feb. 21 Rev. Dave Hammett

Feb. 22 Geoff Cook

Rachel Schemmerling

Feb. 23 Evelyn Burley

Bruce Gagliardi

Feb. 26 Peter Cumpstone

Feb. 5 Gavin Tyrseck

Feb. 9 River Gersz

Feb. 16 Leah Albrecht

Feb. 17 Todd Hajek

## 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. 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, March 31.

This year, the first full moon occurs on March 25. Easter, therefore, follows on Sunday, March 31. Ash Wednesday is a moveable feast which occurs forty-six days before Easter, this year,- February 14th..

Easter lilies may be ordered through the Flower Committee.

Deadline to order is Sunday, March 24th.

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 March 31st.

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



<b>February 4</b>	Jo Ann Bennett
<b>February 11</b>	Board of Ushers
<b>February 18</b>	Bill & Gayle Van Huysen
<b>February 25</b>	Board of Ushers



### To all Committee Chairpersons

Annual Reports are due on February 1st.  
Please email your report to [kwcongchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:kwcongchurch@yahoo.com).  
Please call the church office if you have any questions.  
Thank you!



### **Altar Flowers**

#### Flowers for the Altar

Each week, you 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 the church office with the date you will provide flowers.



### **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.

*Killingworth Library*



#### **February Events at the Killingworth Library**

Check the Calendar on our website, [killingworthlibrary.org](http://killingworthlibrary.org), for details on all programs and registration information or call the library at 860-663-2000.

**Children's Winter Reading Challenge** – Now through February 29<sup>th</sup>. Pick up a Reading Challenge sheet at the library.

**Create a Vision Board** – Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:30pm-5:00pm. Come relax and create a Vision Board. All supplies will be provided, but space is limited – please register in advance. Suitable for teens through seniors.

**Take Your Child to the Library Day** – Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Families are invited to celebrate this National event with a visit to the library! *Registration is required for the story time and craft portion of the day. Space is limited, so please sign up!*

**Pajama Storytime** – Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-6:30pm. Come dressed to cuddle and bring your favorite stuffed animal! Mrs. Fig will share her favorite seasonal stories. Family members of all ages are welcome. Registration required.

**Bluey Day** – Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm-5:00pm. Join us on this special day for various Bluey-themed events. Feel free to wear blue or anything Bluey. Fun for the whole family! Space is limited, so please register in advance.



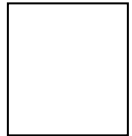
# February 2023

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Feb 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - KNS	9am - AARP Tax Aide 9am - KNS 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Lions - Lower Level	9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:15pm - AA	9am - KNS 7pm - AA 7pm - Council	9am - KNS	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - KNS	9am - AARP Tax Aide 9am - KNS 3pm - Eddy Shelter 5pm - Pancake Supper 7pm - Boy Scouts	Ash Wednesday 9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Ash Wed Service 7:15pm - AA	9am - KNS 6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA	9am - KNS	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - KNS	9am - AARP Tax Aide 9am - KNS 7pm - Boy Scouts	9am - KNS 8:30am - Mens Group 9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 6pm - Lent Dinner 7pm - Lent Worship 7:15pm - AA	9am - KNS 7pm - AA	9am - KNS	
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
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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  
Michael Michaud



**Church Office Hours:**  
Tuesday - Thursday 8am—12pm  
Extended hours by appointment  
860/663-1789



**Website:** [www.killingworthchurch.org](http://www.killingworthchurch.org)  
**Email address:** [office@killingworthchurch.org](mailto:office@killingworthchurch.org)  
**Rev Dave email:** [RevDavecck@zohomail.com](mailto:RevDavecck@zohomail.com)



**KERYGMA ESTABLISHED 1966**  
**Deadline** for the next issue is no later than  
**February 15, 2024**

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

# KERYGMA

## 10 a.m. Worship

# February

# 2024



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
IN KILLINGWORTH

**Mardi Gras**  
**Pancake Supper**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 13**



  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 14**