

## FROM THE PASTOR

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us."*

**-Romans 5:8**

Oh great, so we started off 2022 by closing the church – not the best way to get a New Year going, was it?

But then, maybe in a sense it was, considering that the reason for closing was a genuine concern for the health of the congregation, especially those most vulnerable. This is an important part of what our ministry and mission are meant to be.

The scripture lesson for Sunday, January 23, included a quote from Isaiah 61:1, anticipating the coming Messiah:

*"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
to restore the sight of the blind  
and release to the prisoners."*

Jesus read these words in a local synagogue and boldly proclaimed the prophecy was fulfilled in him.

It goes without saying that those who follow him will be about the very same things. So we make choices about in-person or remote worship considering those who, for whatever reason, may not fit neatly into our assumption that, "we are all vaccinated and have our booster shots." In fact, the unvaccinated and vaccinated have been worshiping together all along and there are those with significant health risks among us and even a few who, for comfort or convenience, choose to bend the safety rules. Being physically together means being mindful of this and considerate of those who may not always make the best choices for themselves.

Our Messiah's focus was good news for the oppressed, brokenhearted, captive, blind and imprisoned. It's a fair assumption this was meant both literally and figuratively, a call upon the faithful to act compassionately, inclusively, for the well being of all. The Good News is, as the quote from the Apostle Paul above states, the Lord does the same for every one of us.

We all hope and pray this pandemic will soon be behind us, but for now we weather on, always seeking to be the people Christ calls us to be. The ways in which we care for another along the way will have a lasting impact on us and our church. Someday, we will look back on this time and perhaps tell our grandchildren what it was like during "The Great Pandemic". How good it will be to tell them how we kept the faith and did the best we could to share God's love and care of everyone.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Dave

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February Calendar

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 A.M.

Let us worship together.

The Sanctuary is open. Masks and distancing are required.  
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.

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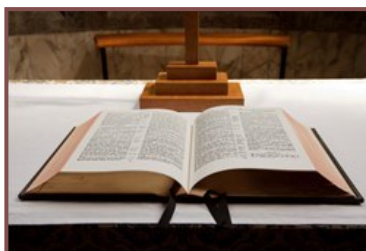
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**BY PHONE:** 929 205 6099

**OR GO TO ZOOM DIRECTLY:**

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Password: 068550



### Bright Spot in the Week Bible Study

Wednesdays on Facebook // 7pm

Call for Zoom Connection Information



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Your generosity and kindness  
is a blessing to many.**

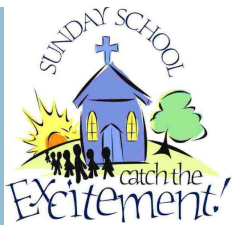
## SOUPER BOWL CHILI

Take out will be available after church on  
Sunday, February 13

\*Different types of chili to  
choose from!

Watch the Announcements for more info.





# Sunday School Corner

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you

Psalm 34:11

Hello Sunday School Students and Families,

This month is all about love! Sunday school will not disappoint as we learn how God loves us, Jesus asks us to love others even when it is hard to do, and we end the month with transfiguration.

And speaking of love, we need to spread some love with others in the community. We are looking for a spring Sunday school mission project. New ideas are welcome.

Many blessings,  
Christine Link  
Christinelax@hotmail.com

## The Sunday School 1st Sunday of the Month Food Collection

We CAN make a difference'!!



Help us help others in our community. If you are able, please bring in non-perishable food items on the **1st Sunday of each month**. The food collected will be donated between Helping Hands food pantry, HK Backpack program and Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries. We thank you for your generosity.

## Deacon's Corner

If approached one day at a time, all things are possible if we have faith in God's help.

Why should I fear tomorrow?  
God's given me today!  
I will not troubles borrow;  
'Tis He who plans my way.  
To fret will cause me sorrow  
And tears I need not shed,  
For God holds each tomorrow;  
I'll just trust Him instead!



Just trust in God and our Lord Jesus Christ each and every day, and take life one day at a time. Pray in His name and rely on His promises. *For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.*

Jeremiah 29:11-12

# MISSIONS: THE EDDY SHELTER

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Hebrews 13:16

## Eddy Shelter Dinners Tuesday, February 8th and 22nd

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

## Helping Hands Food Pantry / Killingworth Women's Organization Thanks You

Dear Members of the Killingworth Congregational Church,

Thank you so much for your donation of 60 apple and peach pies! Because of your generosity and the generosity of others like you, we were able to provide 70 lbs of food to 50 local families at Thanksgiving and an additional 40 lbs of food per family for Christmas! We couldn't do what we do without the support of people like you!



## 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:

Cheryl Fine and Paulie Lally. Thank you.

**2022 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 13.** 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Birthdays \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Happy Birthday*



Feb. 1 Gayle Skelly  
Feb. 2 Marilyn Campbell  
Feb. 4 Dawn Tischbein  
Feb. 5 Lillian Griswold  
Feb. 7 Anthony Aeschliman  
Feb. 9 Emily Eldredge  
Feb. 11 Deborah Lynskey  
Shelly Cumpstone

Feb. 13 Fisher Harris  
Feb. 15 Matt Link  
Feb. 22 Geoff Cook  
Courtney Palumbo  
Rachel Schemmerling  
Feb. 23 Evelyn Burley  
Bruce Gagliardi  
Feb. 26 Peter Cumpstone

Feb. 2 Clare Link  
Feb. 5 Gavin Tyrseck  
Feb. 9 River Gersz  
Feb. 16 Leah Albrecht  
Feb. 17 Todd Hajek  
Feb. 17 Sophia Palumbo



## Stewardship Update

The church's 2022 Stewardship Committee is wrapping up its annual 2022 pledge drive at the end of the month. The Committee is kindly reminding those considering a pledge to submit it by Sunday, February 29. From there the church can plan its 2022 budget.

To date, we have 46 pledges for 2022 totaling \$77,530. This total is 13 percent higher than pledged total giving of \$68,626 from 41 pledges in 2021. The Stewardship Committee extends a warm thank you to everyone who has already submitted pledges for the 2022 calendar year:

William and Ethel Allard	Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Foley	Karen Montross
Carolyn Anderson	Kristen Forster	Ken and Ann Pavlou
Barbara Benjamin	Aubrey and Deb Fredericksen	Derek and Julie Phelps
JoAnn Bennett	Bruce and Karen Gagliardi	Paige Quilliam
Lauren Blaha	Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gladstone	Jonathan and Pam Rich
Florence Broach	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gruber	Dennis Rich
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burley	Brian Hansen	Rob Rimmer and Joann Zamparo
Bruce and Marilyn Campbell	Leslie and Clark Judge	Rachel and Kurt Schemmerling
Alan Chapman	Mr. and Mrs. Donald Koziy	Shawn and Debbie Sodergren
Geoffrey and Annette Cook	Hilary and Laurie Kumnick	Charles and Sandra Smith
Shelly and Peter Cumpstone	Mrs. Pauline Lally	Leonard and Janet Summa
John and Nancy Dickey	Chuck Langevin and Vicki Harris	Dawn Tischbein
Sharyn Drapala	Jean LaVecchia	Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Vogt
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dudash	Judith and Thomas Lentz	Wendy Welter
Anna Filosi	Matt and Christine Link	
Cheryl Fine	Mr. / Mrs. Marcus A. McCorison	

Please remember that the church's 2022 operating budget has increased due to pastoral expenses and ongoing mission outreach. It is an evolving practice. The church is also likely to receive lower income from fundraising and from those who rent our space due to the ongoing pandemic. Your financial support is critically important to keep our church healthy and to spread loving one another.

On-going stewardship pledges will go toward this year, next year and into the future. The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone for their generosity and their commitment to our church.

You can submit your confidential pledge through the mail or directly to a Stewardship Committee member via email.

[roberttrimmer@aol.com](mailto:roberttrimmer@aol.com), [csmith0701@comcast.net](mailto:csmith0701@comcast.net), [cjlangevin@snet.net](mailto:cjlangevin@snet.net), or [waterside8@comcast.net](mailto:waterside8@comcast.net)

In faithful service,  
The Stewardship Committee

### **Preservation 2020 Matching Donation**

Although Preservation 2020 fundraising events were halted in March 2020 due to Covid, the church is still receiving donations from past and present members around the country.

MaryAnn Griswold, whose late husband Sherman grew up in Killingworth, has made a second generous donation to benefit Preservation 2020. Once again, she is challenging others to contribute to match her gift. "Double the Match" envelopes will be available in February's Sunday bulletins or can be submitted to the church office. (Read the full article in the January Kerygma). For additional information on Preservation 2020 donations, please contact Charlie Smith at (860-663-1583). Every dollar goes toward preserving our church.

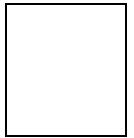




# February 2022

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC		Feb 2022 (Eastern Time - New York)				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		7:30pm - Boy Scouts	6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	7pm - AA		7:30pm - AA
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	7	3pm - Eddy Shelter 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	7pm - AA 7pm - Council	11	12
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	14	7:30pm - Boy Scouts	6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA	18	19
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	21	3pm - Eddy Shelter 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	8:30am - Mens 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	7pm - AA	25	26
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**Deadline** for the next issue is no later than

**February 15, 2022**

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

# KERYGMA

## 10 a.m. Worship

# February 2022



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