

FROM THE PASTOR

***“With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before God on high?
Shall I come before the Lord with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you, but to
seek justice, love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?”***

-Micah 6:6-8

This is the Old Testament passage we heard on Sunday, January 29. I'm always delighted when it appears in the Common Consensus Lectionary, the list of scripture readings we follow for weekly worship. I requested it be read at my ordination nearly 40 years ago and for my installation services at the churches I've served since (Except here: I arrived during the Covid shutdown so an installation never happened). My father read the passage for my ordination and until he passed away, for each of my installation services.

Unless someone changes the page, you'll find the Bible on our altar always open to Micah 6:6-8.

I've returned to this passage over and over through the years because it is one of the clearest examples in the Bible of what our relationship with God is meant to be about. Micah 6:6-8 sums it up, says everything that needs to be said. Short and sweet, simple. Sometimes, things don't have to be overly complicated.

Jesus said,

***“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and
with all your strength.”***

He quoted this from Deuteronomy 6:4-5, and like many other rabbi's of the day, quite likely had a written copy of the passage on his person at all times. It summed everything up for him, so he shared it with his followers, that they might know the things that matter most.

In our recent Congregational Conversations, we've been discussing our purpose and mission, seeking to discern Christ's call for us individually and as a church. At our most recent meeting, we tweaked our “Vision Statement” a bit more and this was the result:

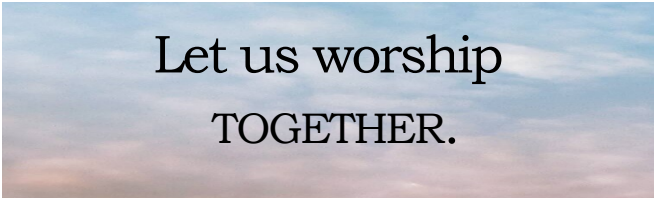
“We are called to be a community of love and hope in action.”

Simple. Clear. This sums it up for us, describes our purpose, who we are as the Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC. Hopefully, it will help others know who we are, too, and serve as a way for them to identify with and become involved in the ministry and mission to which we are all called in Christ.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev Dave



SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 A.M.



Let us worship
TOGETHER.

The Sanctuary is open. Masks are optional.

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February Calendar

Zoom Links and Log-on Numbers

For Sunday Worship and Bible Study

Please take note of the new numbers below. The old numbers won't work. Call the church office if you have any problems.

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. **(No Zoom Feb. 19)**

Online link:

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Phone: 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 857 8262 2218

Passcode: 660296

ATTENTION: NO Zoom connection for the Wed., Feb. 15th Bible study or the Sunday, Feb. 19th worship service. The Bible study and Sunday service will be on Facebook as usual.



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 Bible study through Facebook or Zoom **(No Zoom Feb. 15)**.

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

NEW Online link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88568948592?pwd=K1FnbVBwZ1QvVzZDS1ZtaDNGRktvZz09>

Phone: 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 885 6894 8592

Passcode: 476067

GOD IS LOVE



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,

Students will be reading from the book of Matthew and ending with Transfiguration Sunday before we begin Lent. We will also be learning about love and kindness with Valentine's day and Kindness week, both happening in February. Please continue to send in your offering for our Save the Children sponsor child, Kenzie.

Thank you for all the food donations! All the food collected in the fall and winter was delivered to Shoreline Soup Kitchen and pantry. We collected 273 pounds of food for those in need.

Finally, save the date for Vacation Bible School 2023- June 19, 20, 21st 9am to 12pm. The theme this year is Stellar- Shine Jesus' Light. To watch the promotional video, follow this link-

<https://www.group.com/childrens-ministry/vbs/stellar/>

Many blessings,
Christine Link
CE chair



STELLAR
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

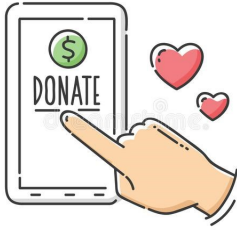
Save the date
VBS tentatively
June 19, 20, 21
9am to 12pm

Cosmo

Ringo

Congregational Church
in Killingworth, UCC

Contact- Christinelax@hotmail.com



Online Giving

It's fast, safe, and easy to use.

Visit KillingworthChurch.org and click on the *Giving* link.

Thank you!



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.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service Wednesday, February 22 at 7 p.m.

Join us for the special service of Ash Wednesday at 7 pm with imposition of ashes as it marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

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 Tuesdays, February 14 & 28

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.

The Senior Community Luncheon



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.

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 26, 2023 immediately following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Fall Meeting of October 23, 2022.
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 2023
5. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting

Janet Johnson, Clerk
January 31, 2023



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).

New This Year - Appointments for the AARP Tax-Aide program will be available for scheduling starting on Friday, January 20. There are two ways to make an appointment:

1) Online at 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.) This number will be staffed on **Mondays from 11am-2pm, Thursdays from 2-5pm, and Fridays from 9am-noon and from 2-5pm.** The volunteer making the appointment will remind you of what to bring to your appointment (e.g., last year's return; all 2022 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 2022 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.



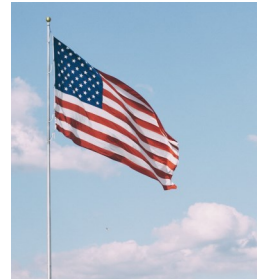
Ranger Tristan Schemmerling to Honor Those Who Served

We are so pleased and proud to share with you an exciting project brought to you by a church member, Tristan Schemmerling.

This past summer, Tristan completed Ranger 1 and the Advanced Ranger Course of the 2022 XMC Ranger Course Program at Camp Liberty, Alabama in July . He is a senior at Xavier High School and is a candidate for Killingworth’s Boy Scout Troop 18 Eagle Scout. Tristan has chosen to raise a flagpole on the front lawn of the church to memorialize those who have served our country.

In a recent interview, Tristan’s mom Rachel explains that Tristan “wants to give back to his country and honor those who sacrificed so much for the freedoms that we enjoy today.”

If you’d like to learn more about Tristan’s project or to make a donation to help cover the costs of excavating and materials, please visit <https://linktr.ee/memorialflagofhonor>



'SOUP'ER BOWL SUNDAY SOUP SALE

FEB 12th - Sunday

11 am - after church

Congregational Church in Kworth
273 Route 81

Variety of soups for take out after the service

CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE SOUP

Contact- Christine Link- Christinelax@hotmail.com or church office 860-663-1789



Have You Heard the Bells?

We're all set for the noon and 5:00 carillon. One tune will play each hour. Two different tunes will play each day and will continue for a 3-day cycle (Thursday through Saturday) or a 4-day cycle (Sunday through Wednesday) Tunes will be changed each Thursday and Sunday. There are specific playlists for each church season.

Thank you to Rev Dave and Geoff Cook for their equipment donations and installation knowhow ... with gratitude, the PV2020 Committee.

Financial donations are always welcome. Contact Charlie Smith @ 203-430-5887

2023 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 12. 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)

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 _____

This form is also available online at www.killingworthchurch.org

Happy Birthday



Feb. 1 Gayle Skelly

Feb. 2 Marilyn Campbell

Feb. 2 Clare Link

Feb. 4 Dawn Tischbein

Feb. 7 Anthony Aeschliman

Feb. 9 Emily Eldredge

Feb. 11 Deborah Lynskey
Shelly Cumpstone

Feb. 13 Fisher Harris

Feb. 15 Matt Link

Feb. 21 Rev. Dave Hammett

Feb. 22 Geoff Cook
Courtney Palumbo
Rachel Schemmerling

Feb. 23 Evelyn Burley
Bruce Gagliardi

Feb. 5 Gavin Tyrseck

Feb. 9 River Gersz

Feb. 16 Leah Albrecht

Feb. 17 Todd Hajek

Feb. 17 Sophia Palumbo

February 2023

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Feb 2023 (Eastern Time - New York)

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

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Thursday 8am—2pm
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Deadline for the next issue is no later than
February 15, 2023

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



KERYGMA

10 a.m. Worship

February 2023



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH



God has poured out his
love into our hearts

Romans 5:5



ASH
WEDNESDAY

February 22nd
7pm Service