



FROM THE PASTOR

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! “

1 Corinthians 5:17

The great thing about New Year's is that, well, it's *new*. It is the annual new beginning, the fresh start, admitting that we have room for improvement, resolving to maybe this time do something about it and believing it just might be possible to pull it off. The bulk of New Year's resolutions are about weight loss and fitness and they say it takes about 3 months for most of them to wear off. Things can get pretty quiet around the gym come summer. But there's something to be said for the effort at least, that glimmer of hope that maybe this year things will turn out different. It's good to have good intentions.

The church calendar is different from the one we normally follow because it predates it. Our modern calendars come from a 16th century edict of Pope Gregory, but older versions stretching back at least to the 4th century established the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost that we continue to observe at church. Advent is the first season of the Christian Year which means that “New Year's” for the church is like 5 weeks before January 1. We mark the beginning of the year in a different way.

People naturally relate Christmas to the end of the year because it precedes New Year's Day by one week. The two make for one big holiday, especially for school kids who are off for the week (and one LONG holiday for a lot of parents!). Christmas is like the icing on the cake, a great way to end the year.

But what if we could see it as the beginning instead, you know, like the church calendar says it is? Advent opens the way, a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. Then, the Savior's birth is recalled and celebrated as the new year begins to unfold. Beginning our year from the perspective of the gift of God's saving love in Christ is a very different orientation than one resolving to accomplish physical self improvement. Physical health is certainly important, but what good is it if our spiritual health is lacking, if we don't have a foundation in faith? As Jesus once said (Mark 8:36),

“What good does it do you if you gain the whole world and lose your life?”

Christmas is a great place to begin to find our life, our self, our true purpose, our spiritual identity, our soul, a beginning in saving grace, boundless love, eternal light. From here, all things good become possible. From here, life takes on a fresh perspective, a new and right direction.

Hope, Peace, Love and Joy – these are the themes of Advent as the light grows week by week. And you know, if we begin in the light, there's a much better chance we'll find our way.

Happy New Year,
Rev Dave



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January Calendar



Happy New Year!



Please Join Us each Sunday at 10 am.

*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.

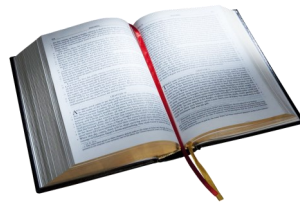
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Meeting ID: 845 3833 6049

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=aIN4dTNITG1Yby9DUFVSV2RUMGN5UT09>

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

New Year Blessings Sunday School Students and Families,

Hope you all had a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday, January 7th. Students will be learning about Epiphany!

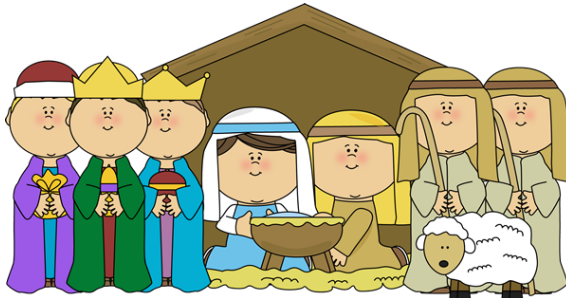
Thank you to everyone who donated to the Eddy Shelter teen drive. There will be a new mission project this spring. Stay tuned!

Many Blessings,

Christine Link

Volunteer Christian Education chair

Christinelax@hotmail.com



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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



Eddy Shelter Dinners
Tuesdays,
January 9th & 23rd

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.



In December, a trunk full of donated blankets were delivered to Eddy Shelter to replace all the bedding that was lost during a bedbug infestation. Your donations make a huge difference!

Are you celebrating a special date or event in your life? Please share it with us so we may give thanks to God and celebrate with you.

Email your notice to office@killingworthchurch.org by the 15th of each month.



How lovely our sanctuary is! All beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. The Poinsettias were the center of attention on Poinsettia Sunday.



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.



To all Committee Chairpersons

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



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)

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



January
BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 2 Louise Hayash

Jan. 4 Debbie Fredericksen

Jan. 4 Kathleen Mones

Jan. 6 Wendy Welter

Jan. 8 Jonathan Rich

Jan. 17 Janet Johnson

Jan. 21 Delores Tyner

Grace Quilliam

Jan. 22 Katherine Rich

Jan. 25 Marion Sanso

Jan. 26 Barbara Benjamin

Jan. 28 Kristen Forster

Jan. 31 David Lahey

Jan. 31 Michael Michaud



Epiphany

The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." When the Magi approached the child Jesus, new understandings came to them and to all about who Christ would be a messiah for the entire world. It remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

Epiphany is an excellent opportunity to capture the profound and fresh understandings that follow the spiritual emphases of Advent and Christmas and the beginning of a new calendar year.



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



January Events at the Killingworth Library

Check the Calendar on our website, killingworthlibrary.org, for details on all programs and registration information or call the library at 860-663-2000.

January Programs at Killingworth Library

Our regular programs continue! Check the Calendar for information about Tales for Tots, Cricut Crafting, American Girl Doll Club, LEGO STEM club, Love2Sign, Pajama Storytime, Music with Margie, Mine-craft, and Surprise Saturdays.

Paper Marbling Workshop – Friday, January 12th from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Marbled paper is an art form with a long history of use in bookbinding, stationery, and calligraphy. In this workshop, we'll briefly learn about the history of the craft before trying it ourselves.

Veterans Office Hours – Thursday, January 18th from 10:00am to noon. Killingworth's Veterans Representative will hold open office hours at the Killingworth Library. No appointment necessary – just drop in. If you would like to schedule a meeting at a different time, please contact Dick Mason at veterans@townofkillingworth.com.

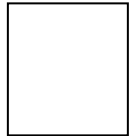
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The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Jan 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

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

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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
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