

FROM THE PASTOR

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”

-Ephesians 4:2

This evening, our Trustees meet at the church for their first in-person meeting in over a year. And why not? After all, the infection, hospitalization and death statistics from Covid are extremely low now across the country and especially here in New England where vaccination rates are exceptionally high. And why not, because we are all yearning so deeply for human connection, to be with family and friends and folks at church and we are more than ready.

Well, maybe not all of us. In my family there are some health concerns, risk factors that cause us to be more cautious than some other families may need to be. This makes me think of things differently than some people do. While others celebrate a vaccine's 95% effectiveness, I think about the 5% for whom it doesn't work. I go to a busy store and pass 100 people realizing 30 of them, for whatever reason – personal, medical, political – haven't been vaccinated yet and likely never will be. A family with small children, none wearing masks, freely mixes with the crowd. The cashier dutifully wears a mask, but not over her nose or mouth, keeping her chin protected I guess. I'm still wearing mine.

In a couple weeks, my brother and his wife will visit us for a day or two. They will be on vacation, traveling through New England. We are so looking forward to seeing them. It's been such a long time. But with numerous health complications, they are among those in our family who are most at risk. Obviously, they are less concerned about this than I am. Even so, Kay and I plan to travel some, too, a cautious first step for us. We hope to visit her mother who is in her 90's and lives in a nursing home. Later in the summer, we plan to fly to Florida to visit family, including three grandchildren we haven't seen since the spring of 2019. We are honestly anxious about this. We've purchased the tickets, but the thought of spending 3-1/2 hours inside an airplane sharing the air with strangers is daunting. I love to fly, but this time, not so much.

Is this the right thing to do? Will we one day look back and be glad we made these choices, that we properly calculated the risks? Or will there be regrets?

Not everyone thinks this way. Perhaps like parents who take their children into a crowded store without masks, they have no concerns and wonder what's wrong with people who do. But as the virus ravages other countries around the world and the Delta variant surges in places that once claimed victory over the virus, I still wonder how safe we really are. The home office of our Southern New England UCC Conference will remain closed until after Labor Day. This sounds reasonable to me.

There are no simple answers. All of us are working with limited information. We must decide for ourselves what we think is right while being respectful and patient with those around us who may think differently. And we all hope for a better day.

Our Trustees will meet in person this evening and I will join them on Zoom. I'm happy for those who are ready. I'll get there eventually. Patiently, we bear with one another in love.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev Dave

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 A.M.

Let us worship together.

The Sanctuary is open and we are back to indoor worship, however, we will continue to worship via Facebook Live and Zoom

Watch live from the church facebook page. A facebook account is not needed. Visit 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.

ONLINE LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85257775429?>

OR GO TO ZOOM DIRECTLY:

Meeting ID: 852 5777 5429

Password: 068550



Did you know that you can view past Sunday Worship Services?

Visit www.youtube.com and, in the search box, type *Congregational Church in Killingworth*.



Our church plays an important role in the lives of many.

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VBS 2021



A big thank you to all the campers and the awesome helpers for a great week!



All Aboard!



Children's Sunday and Church Picnic

Congratulations to this year's Scholarship and Bible recipients!



Fall Festival

Great news! On Saturday, September 11, we will have a fair from 9am—3pm. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes many parishioners to put on a fair. The main event will focus on “Attic Treasures” which consists of new or gently used items in nearly perfect saleable condition. Plants will also be available for purchase as well as hot dogs and hamburgers. Children’s games will entertain the little ones. Everyone’s help is needed.

I am looking for a volunteer to take charge in soliciting 15-20 items for a Silent Auction. Openings are cashiers (at least 3), pricers before the sale, workers during the sale, and help with clean-up.

Beginning July 15, items can be dropped off at the church from 9:30—11:30 am on Thursday mornings. August drop off dates will be determined and posted in the weekly bulletin. Arrangements can be made if the assigned hours are not convenient.

The profit from the sale will go into the general fund. The two fairs last year were cancelled due to COVID restrictions so it is important for the fair to be a success to help replenish the coffers. Please call me at 860-663-2178 if you are willing to help, have any fresh new ideas, or if you have questions. Thank you. - Jo Ann Bennett



Church Updates

PRESERVATION 2020 – PHASE 2 in 2021

Now that the belfry has been restored to its 1820s glory Phase 1, we are gearing up for Phase 2. This next phase focuses on all components of the church's exterior below the belfry.

However, we have not received close-out information from SHPO and cannot begin Phase 2 until the check is received. We anticipate SHPO's payment this summer and then we can proceed with Phase 2.

This next phase includes all exterior carpentry and painting, window repairs, plus repairs on the center front door hardware and all architectural moldings and trim.

The procedures to apply for a second grant from the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) will follow the exact protocols as those for Phase 1.

A grant application will be submitted to the Connecticut's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). If awarded the grant, the church will then solicit bids followed by SHPO's review and approval of the bids and choice of contractor. This involves a pre-bid conference and time for bid preparation. Once received and approved, the Preservation 2020 team will award a contract to the successful bidder and begin construction.

Once approved, according to SHPO's rules, the church is required to pay the contractors in full for the work and will then be reimbursed 50% of the cost by SHPO at the completion of the work.

We anticipate that work on Phase 2 will begin this fall.



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 July 13 & 27 / August 10 & 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. Contributions such as desserts, breads, and sides (salad, soup, veggies, casseroles) are always gratefully accepted to accompany these meals. Larger meals that can be frozen/stored is great.

Donations of towels, bedding, and toiletries (full size) also appreciated. Men's and Women's clothing are also accepted in like-new, freshly cleaned condition. New socks are always needed.

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

Celebrating the Life of a Friend and Long-time Member

A memorial service celebrating the life of Louise Ferguson, mother of Janet Summa, who went home to God on May 28, 2021, will be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 1pm followed by a gathering at the family homestead here in Killingworth.

Interment will be private. Donations in Louise's name may be made to the Deacon's Fund c/o The Congregational Church in Killingworth.

Heartfelt thanks from Louise's family for all the prayers and support received during her illness.

Summer Office Hours



**July and August
Tues., Wed., and Thurs
8:00am—12:00pm**



Happy Birthday

July 1 Charles Smith
 July 2 Richard Otto
 July 3 Lisa Dias
 Pam Rich
 July 4 Abbey Albrecht
 Gavin Manzi
 Randin Manzi
 July 6 Liz Anderson
 July 8 Irene DesJardins
 July 9 Brian Hansen
 July 10 Blake Forster
 July 16 Scott Andrews
 Gregory Lynskey
 July 17 Helen Godfrey
 July 20 Annette Cook
 Harrison Foley
 July 21 Jose Dias

July 25 Kerry Pettes
 July 26 Ken Pavlou
 July 27 Robert Tischbein
 Sue Harris
 July 29 Glenn Johnson
 July 31 Matthew Albrecht



Aug. 2 Grace Gruber
 Aug. 6 Ray DesJardins
 Christopher Pastore
 Aug. 7 Ann Pavlou
 Aug. 9 Laura Quilliam
 Aug. 12 Bruce Bowman

Aug. 14 Dorothy Sprague
 Hailey Yahara
 Charlotte Judge
 Aug. 17 Zoe Schemmerling
 Aug. 19 Gerry Kukta
 Aug. 21 Madelyn Mones
 Aug. 22 Leslie Judge
 Aug. 23 Anna Filosi
 Caleb Dias
 Aug. 24 Rachael Langevin
 Aug. 25 Laurel Brandon
 Aug. 27 Judith Lentz
 Cheryl Fine
 Aug. 31 Daniel Vogt



Mark Your Calendar

Worship outdoors in our Garden Chapel this summer on July 18 and August 15.

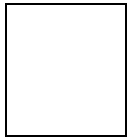
Sexton Wanted

The church is need of a sexton. The primary responsibilities would be cleaning and opening/closing the church for regular and special services. This is a paid position and anyone interested should contact the church office or Rob Rimmer.



If all goes well, the Estuary Council Senior Luncheon will resume in September. These Wednesday lunches will be held in the Parish Hall at noon. More information will be shared as we confirm plans.

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KERYGMA

10 a.m. Worship

**July/August
2021**

