



FROM THE PASTOR

“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

-Acts 2:46-47

At a recent Executive Council meeting we talked about our small church and imagined attendance increasing, wondering how this might happen. Ideas were lifted up, possibilities considered, but in the end we were all honestly unsure if any such efforts would result in more people coming to church. After all, church attendance across the board has been shrinking in our country for years. Pew Research reported in March that 27% of Americans attend religious services at least once a month. In 2019, before the pandemic, that number was 45%. Ten years earlier, it was 52%. So it's not just us – these impacts are across the board for American churches.

Post-pandemic, there hasn't been a resurgence in the numbers. After a two-year closed-church behavioral modification experiment, many people have obviously found something else to do with their Sunday mornings. For a small congregation like ours, the reality of diminishing attendance is of immediate concern. We wonder, “How much longer we can hang on?”

But maybe that's the wrong question. “Hanging on” certainly isn't what Christ calls us to do. In the Gospel text of this past Sunday (June 26), Jesus leans into the urgency of the mission he and his disciples were on: “Anyone who puts their hand to the plow and looks back isn't fit for the kingdom of God.” The metaphor is simple: We have important work to do and must move forward. Just hanging on isn't an option.

Luke also wrote the Book of Acts where we hear his enthusiasm for the growing church in the passage above. It must have been exciting for the new community of faith to see their numbers growing rapidly. But notice that Luke didn't explain those increases as resulting from flashy new programs, entertaining worship services or dynamic online outreach, but rather, because, “... *the Lord added to their numbers those who were being saved.*”

Churches sometimes get things backwards, thinking we must somehow add to the numbers rather than recognizing that it is the Lord who actually does this. Jesus certainly calls the faithful to plow forward, to be about the work of the kingdom, so we definitely have an important role in it, but the work we accomplish is all done following him. Christ leads us in this effort, not the other way around. In the Lord's hands we can trust that our church will grow in good ways, whatever they may be.

So how is the Lord leading us in ministry now in these unique and challenging times? The way to find out is to pray about it and talk about it, being open to God's intentions for us individually and as a faith community.

This fall, we will begin a series on conversations about what it means to be Christ's people today. We will seek to discern God's will for our congregation and how we can respond to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We will see what possibilities and opportunities open before us. This can be an exciting time as we catch the vision God has for us. I encourage your prayers and participation.

Dream big!

Peace and Blessings,

Rev Dave

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 A.M.



The Sanctuary is open. Masks are optional.

Watch from the church Facebook page, YouTube, Twitter, 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.

ONLINE LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85257775429?pwd=bml0Q1BPVTZ2dEtkeklUek5RQ042Zz09>

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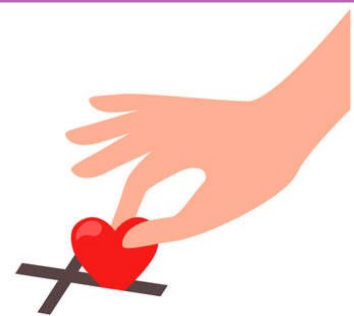
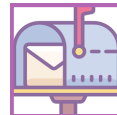
August Calendar

Choose Your Way to Give

Online



By Mail



Online Giving - It's fast, safe, and easy to use.
Visit KillingworthChurch.org and click on the Giving link.



In God
We Trust

Summer Office Hours



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



Sunday School Corner

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you
Psalm 34:11

Hello Sunday School Students and Families,

I hope you all had a great time at Vacation Bible School where we learned that God loves us no matter what!

Wherever your summer vacation leads you, remember that God is always with you! Enjoy the summer and we look forward to seeing you in the September for Sunday School Sundaes! Bring a friend or family member!!

Many blessings,
Christine Link
Christian Education chair
Christinelax@hotmail.com

Congratulations to Confirmands
Clare Link and Peyton Tyler and
to scholarship recipient
Lena Rimmer.



Vacation Bible School * Monumental June 27, 28, & 29

Eddy Shelter Dinners Tuesday, July 12 & 26 / Aug. 9 & 23

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



Pet Food Collection

For the month of July, the Missions Committee is collecting pet food for the people who come through the Clinton Shoreline Food Pantry so they can get food for their family pets. It is a very common request and would be much appreciated. We will have a box available in the parish hall for donations.

Sexton Wanted

The church is in need of a sexton. This position is somewhat flexible. The primary responsibilities would be cleaning and opening/closing the church for regular and special events and services. This is a paid position and anyone interested should contact the church office at 860-663-1789.



Fall Festival Saturday, September 17

This year's Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 (rain date will be on Saturday, Sept. 24). Many volunteers are needed to insure a successful fair. Please give some thought as to how you can help.

The fair will consist of a tag sale on the front lawn, bake sale, silent auction, plant sale, and possible hot dogs and hamburgers.

Items for the tag sale will feature slightly used and new items. No electronics unless new. Clothes in style and good condition are acceptable. Donations will be accepted from July up to 1 week before the sale. (No items accepted the week of the sale)

A sign-up sheet will be posted in July. Again, please volunteer to help, whether it be taking charge of the baked goods, silent auction, plants, setting up tables, and/or working on fair day.

Yours, Jo Ann Bennett



Killingworth Road Race

A certified 4-mile road race to benefit local charities

Saturday, August 6, 2022 8:30 am

Come join us for a beautiful 4-mile run through rural Killingworth or help cheer on the runners! We are excited to continue to raise money for our church and its missions.

Visit www.Killingworthroadrace.org

Can you help by volunteering at this year's Killingworth Road Race? We are in need of some folks to help coordinate the water tables, parking, and race course safety. Please contact the church (office@killingworthchurch.com) or Shawn Sodergren (shawnsodergren@gmail.com). A meeting date will be scheduled for the near future. Please respond favorably at your earliest convenience. Your help is very much needed and appreciated.

CALL TO SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a special meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC. The meeting will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2022, immediately following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purpose:

1. To vote on using money from church funds to finance the Old Town Hall roof repair/replacement.

Janet Johnson, Clerk

June 23, 2022



The Senior Community Luncheon is Back!

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

LUNCH PRICES :

Age 60+ \$3.00 *suggested donation.*

Under Age 60 – Cost is \$13.93

The Estuary Luncheon is back 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.

Provide full names of all people wanting to have lunch (First & Last), state Killingworth as your Café location, date for lunch (can leave multiple dates for the month) and phone number. Lunch is served promptly at Noon.



Organ—FREE to a Good Home

Please call Doris Hughes at (cell) 203-915-2742 or (h) 860-345-2800 with questions.



Happy Birthday

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|---------|------------------|---------|---------------------|
| July 1 | Charles Smith | | |
| July 3 | Lisa Dias | | |
| | Pam Rich | Aug. 2 | Grace Gruber |
| July 4 | Abbey Albrecht | Aug. 6 | Ray DesJardins |
| | Gavin Manzi | | Christopher Pastore |
| | Randin Manzi | Aug. 7 | Ann Pavlou |
| July 6 | Liz Anderson | Aug. 9 | Laura Quilliam |
| July 8 | Irene DesJardins | Aug. 12 | Bruce Bowman |
| July 9 | Brian Hansen | Aug. 14 | Dorothy Sprague |
| July 10 | Blake Forster | | Hailey Yahara |
| July 16 | Scott Andrews | | Charlotte Judge |
| | 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. 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 |
| | | | Cheryl Fine |
| | | Aug. 31 | Daniel Vogt |



Volunteer to Help a Neighbor

UR Community Cares' home page reads: "We help fill in the gaps of traditional at-home care services by mobilizing residents to care about and connect with each other. Our goal is to link people who can help to those who need help – whether it's for one hour per week or month or year – because UR COMMUNITY CARES. "

The number of people in need of help is growing, we are asking folks to give an hour a week or a hour a month to help in their community.

Volunteering is made easy by signing up on URCommunityCares.org.

Volunteers feel good by making a real change on the life of people they help.

LOST & FOUND

We have a few found items that you may be looking for. Please contact the church office to claim.

- ◆ Red Casserole dish
- ◆ Shein black coat with hood
- ◆ Jacket with lettering *USS Forrestal 1955-1993*
- ◆ Women's Warby Parker RX glasses
 - ◆ Car keys

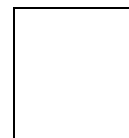
July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	4	5	12pm - Cafe Luncheon 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	7pm - AA	8	7:30pm - AA
3	11	12	13	14	15	16
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	3pm - Eddy Shelter	3pm - Eddy Shelter	12pm - Cafe Luncheon 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	7pm - AA 7pm - Council	7:30pm - AA	7:30pm - AA
10	18	19	20	21	22	23
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship			12pm - Cafe Luncheon 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA	7:30pm - AA	7:30pm - AA
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August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10 a.m. Worship

**July/August
2022**



**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH**



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