



FROM THE PASTOR

"All the believers were one in heart and mind."

-Acts 4:32

The Gospel writer, Luke, also authored the Book of Acts. He spoke of the spirit of unity that defined the early Christian community. As one Body in Christ, they pulled together for the greater good, sharing what they owned, sharing their labor and time and most importantly, their faith in the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

We live in very different times, of course, but as a church of Congregational heritage and United Church Christ covenant, we continue to live out the call to contribute our individual gifts for the good of the whole. We are the Body of Christ even as we continue to be the unique and beautifully diverse individuals God created us to be. The Apostle Paul expressed this in 1 Corinthians 12:27:

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a member of it."

These days, and for some months to come, Our Congregational Conversations are focused on updating the church By-Laws to better reflect the needs and vision of our church. It's an encouraging process as every participant is able to contribute to the evolution of what will eventually become the final document ... or at least one that will serve our church for the foreseeable future.

And we're discovering some things along the way, like how to take a more Congregational approach to amending the By-Laws, allowing for greater conversation on the subject and time for clearer discernment of Christ's will. This, along with other updates and improvements can help us be of "one heart and mind", even as we are free thinking and believing individuals.

Be sure to keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming conversations and opportunities to be involved.

Much of the angst of our time is the result of a rapid rise in ideological isolationism. Walls of indifference repel genuine conversation, sharing and caring. It's much easier to go to war with people we don't know. Advances in technology (AI is the latest) have made it all the more possible for us to turn inward to a virtual world which denies the real one. So is it really a surprise that in an age when one can collect countless "likes" online that loneliness is now a bigger problem than ever?

We offer a genuine alternative to this, a way to become grounded again, a community we can count on, a fellowship of loving, caring people. The call of Jesus Christ is offered to each of us, that we might follow him and be part of his body of believers.

So here's an invitation – if you are searching for meaning and purpose in your life, a vision to aspire to and love you can trust, just come. You can certainly be yourself here, but also be part of something more, part of making the world a better place.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev Dave



Let us WORSHIP Together

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.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84538336049?pwd=Z0NRZC9rN0FCOWhPMTN2Mk9EMHgZzZ09>

Dial: 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 845 3833 6049

Password: 500345

Please call the church office if you have any issues or questions.

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Bright Spot in the Week Bible Study

In-Person or Join Remote
Wednesdays // 7pm

Each Wednesday, Rev. Dave hosts a live Bible study broadcast from church 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 in-person or watch through Facebook or Zoom.

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

Online Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81262507891?pwd=aIN4dTNI1G1Yby9DUFVSV2RUMGN5UT09>

Phone: 929-205-6099 **Meeting ID:** 885 6894 8592 **Passcode:** 476067



Giving is meant to be a joyful expression of giving thanks.

Let our giving be a natural response to God's gracious gifts.

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

Hello Sunday School Students and Families,

The end of the school year is upon us and it's time to celebrate the students and to have some fun! Josie, Sean, Hailey and Andrew will be confirmed on Sunday, June 2nd. Please join us for this special service. We will be presenting the Church Scholarship to high school senior applicants this month, too!

Children's Sunday is June 9th at 10am followed by a BBQ picnic. All are encouraged stay for fellowship and to share a delicious meal together. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be supplied by the CE committee. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Vacation Bible School registration is open! Please click on the link below or on the church website under the "resources and downloads" tab. Participants are pre-k to entering 5th grade. Volunteers are entering 6th grade and above. High school students should bring your community service forms. The suggested cost for participants is \$30 for materials and snack. If there is a hardship, please contact the church office or Christine Link. **June 18, 19, 20 from 9am to 12pm.** Please note, the camp starts on **Tuesday**. Volunteers need to register as well. Please spread the word to friends and family! All in the community are welcome!

<https://killingworthchurch.org/resources-%26-downloads>

Our Spring Mission project started late. We will continue to collect items through Vacation Bible School and the summer. We will collect school supplies to help students and families with back-to-school needs.

Finally, as a reminder, there are no Sunday School classes in the summer. Students are always welcome in the service. It is especially nice when worship is in the outdoor chapel. Please join us!

Many Blessings,
Christine Link
Volunteer Christian Education director
Christinelax@hotmail.com

Be sure to read your weekly announcements to meet Finnley and the other cast of characters.

Finnley



Finnley's message: God is a friend who loves.

June 18, 19, 20 9am to 12pm
Congregational Church in Killingworth
273 Route 81, Killingworth
Contact- Christine Link
Christinelax@hotmail.com



Eddy House Dinners
Tuesdays,
June 11 & 25

The Eddy House 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.



Missions NEEDS Your Help with Meals

Our Mission’s Committee has been bringing meals twice a month to the Eddy House in Middletown, feeding about 40 people. We need folks who can donate food, prepare food, and deliver everything to Middletown. Food donations can be bottled water, frozen foods, desserts, side or main dishes. Food prep will be on Tuesdays at 2pm the day of the meal. Please contact Karen Gagliardi 860-663-3866 to discuss how you can help. **Thank you!**



Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
 you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
 you stretch out your hand,
 and your right hand delivers me.

Psalm 138:7



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| June 1 | John Figurelli | June 13 | Eleanor Rich |
| June 2 | Pauline Lally | June 20 | Alyson Somerville |
| | Debbie Sodergren | June 23 | Katie Pavlou |
| June 3 | Nanci Coleman | June 24 | Robert Burley |
| | Julie Phelps | June 26 | Corey Sodergren |
| June 4 | Elizabeth Bowman | | Sandy Allard |
| | Anthony Gentile | June 27 | Kristen Foley |
| June 5 | Amanda Reynolds | June 28 | Leonard Summa |
| June 9 | Richard Gruber | | Kurt Schemmerling |
| June 10 | Jason Pavlou | | |



Mens Group BBQ Lunch
Wednesday, June 26th

No work to be done on BBQ day!
Join the Mens Group for a BBQ
at 11 am next to
the tractor shed.

Come relax and enjoy each other's company.
See Charlie Smith with questions.



**The Senior Community
Luncheon**

Come to the church hall each Wednesday at
12pm for a hot, nutritious lunch.
Call in your lunch reservations to
860-388-1611, x216, **before 11:00 A.M**
the day prior to when you wish to have lunch.
Suggested donation is \$3 per meal.



Children's Sunday
and Picnic on June 9

On Sunday, June 9, we will
celebrate Children's Sun-
day which will include
prayers, songs, and les-
sons that were taught during the past year. The
Sunday School classes will lead the worship ser-
vice, the children's mission project will be cele-
brated, and our high school seniors will be
honored.

Following the service, everyone is invited to
gather outside on the lawn for a picnic. Hot
dogs and drinks will be provided by the Chris-
tian Education Committee.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Thank you!

Book of Life

Milton Liebe Memorial Garden
Peter Petrowich
May 5, 2024

*For in the one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body...
1 Corinthians 12:13*

**Q: What do lobsters do for Father's
Day?**

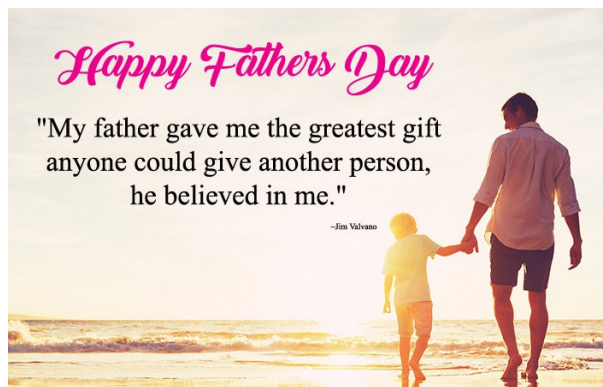
**A: They have a
shell-abration.**



Happy Fathers Day

"My father gave me the greatest gift
anyone could give another person,
he believed in me."

-Jim Valvano



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.



Julius Lester's *Day of Tears* Sunday, June 23rd at 3pm

The Day of Tears Touring Company will present a stage adaptation of Julius Lester's powerful book, *Day of Tears* depicting the largest recorded auction of people held in slavery in American history which took place on March 2 & 3, 1852 in Savannah, Georgia. Join us in the Sanctuary on June 23 at 3pm. Stay for a conversation with the actors followed by a light fare reception.

On March 2nd and 3rd 1852, in Savannah, Georgia, the largest slave auction in the United States took place. Four hundred plus slaves paraded as chattel to the auctioneer's block. The slaves referred to these times as, "The Weeping Time," for the skies opened, poured forth, and when the last slave was sold, miraculously, the sky returned to its former shade of blush.

This event is brought to life from excerpts of the multi-award winning *Day of Tears* by Julius Lester, told from the voices of those sold on the auction block, the slave master, the slave seller, the innocent children, husbands, wives, and lovers who clung to one last desperate hope of staying together. The slaves were the property of Master Pierce Butler, the husband of the British actress Fanny Kemble, fierce abolitionist, and author of the journal, *Residence on a Georgian Plantation*. Pierce Butler lost most of his wealth at the card table, forcing him to sell his portion of slaves (four hundred plus men, women, and children), inherited from his father, Ransome Butler. Broeck Racetrack in Savannah was the only place large enough for this historical event. Slaves were herded into stalls supplanting the racehorses. *Day of Tears* is a powerful, very personal and highly emotional dramatization that leaves an indelible impression on the audience.

Tickets will be sold in-advance or at the door. \$15 general admission; \$10 seniors and students. Call the church office 860-663-1789. All profits will benefit the Eddy Shelter in Middletown.

Adapted for the stage and directed by Ms. Laurie Maria Cabral.

The production is based on the book, *Day of Tears* by Julius Lester, who has granted permission for this adaptation.



News from 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.

Last Day of School Laugh Fest – Tuesday, June 11th, 4:00pm-5:00pm. Join Mrs. Fig and celebrate the last day of school with some silly stories from Robert Munsch!

Rainbow Fish Play – Wednesday, June 12th, 10:30am-11:00am. Our friends from the Grove School Children's Theater Troupe is promoting their love of story and stage again!

American Girl Movie – Thursday, June 20th, 5:30pm-6:45pm. Join us for a viewing of the movie Molly: an American Girl on the Home Front.

Play BINGO with Bingo – Thursday, June 27th, 3:00pm-3:30pm. Did you know that June 27th is National BINGO Day?

Life-Sized Candyland Summer Reading Kickoff – Saturday, June 29th, 10:00am-1:00pm. Mark your calendars! Life-Size Candyland returns to the Killingworth Library for the 4th year!

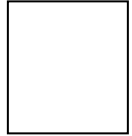
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The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Jun 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

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Confirmation Sunday 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - KNS	9am - KNS 7pm - Boy Scouts	9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study 7:15pm - AA	9am - KNS 7pm - AA	9am - KNS	8
Children's Sunday 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - KNS	3pm - Eddy Shelter 7pm - Boy Scouts	12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study 7:15pm - AA	7pm - AA 7pm - Council		15
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