

FROM THE PASTOR

"Then Jesus told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'"

(Matthew 9:3-8)

Kay and I checked out the seed displays at some local stores the other day. There were hundreds of seed packets for flowers and herbs and veggies, their bright photos on the outside promising amazing results. For farmers and gardeners, this time of year is for dreaming about getting back in the soil for planting and growing and eventually harvesting. We bought a handful of packets and will start planting when conditions are right.

If you're familiar with farming and gardening you know it takes a certain amount of care to nurture a young plant to maturity and eventual harvest. One could just save the trouble and throw seeds on the ground and some might even sprout, but for more productive results it's really important to provide the right conditions for plants to grow at their best. There are challenges such as unpredictable weather, weeds, disease and insects, but by dealing with things as they come and learning along the way, a good harvest will likely result and there will be fresh and healthy food for the table.

Our church is something of a seedbed, a greenhouse and a fertile field where we learn the ways of God and seek to grow in wisdom and faith, seeking to become better people whose lives yield a harvest of goodness and grace. Faith isn't a thing we acquire in finished form, but grows and blooms and yields fruit throughout our lives. There can be setbacks and course corrections at times, but good gardeners learn through experience and apply what they learn.

In the past several months, we've given a lot of thought to what it means to be a church and the responsibilities we have to one another, how we can provide a safe and caring environment for both children and adults. We've responded to concerns with corrective actions, patience and prayer, making changes along the way as we seek the best way forward. The result is that we are becoming a stronger and safer, more faithful community. As we continue on this path, applying what we learn, we grow in spirit. Faith blooms, good things happen and there is a harvest of the goodness and grace God intends for us.

As the pandemic diminishes, as winter turns to spring, as Lent leads to Easter with the wonderful celebration of new life in Christ, we look forward with hope and great expectation for this new season and the good things that are sure to come.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev. Dave

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March Calendar

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 A.M.

Let us worship together.

**The Sanctuary is open. Masks and distancing are required.
We will continue to worship via Facebook and Zoom**

Watch from the church Facebook page. 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:

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BY PHONE: 929 205 6099

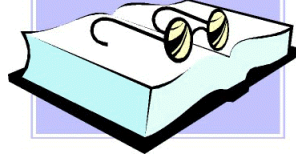
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BIBLE

Study



Bright Spot in the Week

Bible Study

Wednesdays on Facebook // 7pm

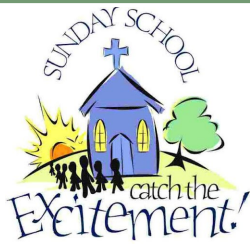
Call for Zoom Connection Information

Draw near to God,
and he will draw near to you.
James 4:8



Ash Wednesday March 2nd

7:00 pm in-person in the
Sanctuary and also on
Zoom and Facebook



Sunday School Corner

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

Hello Sunday School Students and Families,

Lent is a season to grow closer to Jesus. We will spend the 40-day journey learning to pray, fast, and give.

They will learn about a ritual of thanksgiving, about God's covenant with Abraham and Sarah, and a song of joy in the Psalms. They will also hear two stories about extravagant love.

Here are some activities your family could do together during Lent

- *follow a Lenten practice: each week the children will be introduced to a spiritual practice, and will be encouraged to do that practice with their families at home.
- *work together on a family service or outreach project
- *set aside a daily prayer time together
- *choose one thing your family might do without or one thing your family might begin doing during this time.

Please remember to bring non-perishable food on the 1st Sunday of each month (March 6th).

Many blessings,
Christine Link
CE Chair
Christinelax@hotmail.com
203-623-1663



Silver Lake Scholarships

Do you know a child who would like to go to Silver Lake Camp this summer? Financial assistance is available from the Middlesex Association! Application forms and additional information is available in the church office. Application deadline is May 1, 2022. Visit www.silverlakect.org to learn more.

Successful Chili Sale

The snow may have kept some folks home on Sunday, Feb. 13, but the chili lovers showed up! The chili fundraiser sold out in 30 minutes! The church made \$220 from the sales.

Thank you to everyone who made chili. Thank you, Christine Link, for coordinating this delicious fundraiser.



**Eddy Shelter Dinners
Tuesday, March 8th and 22nd**

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

EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY



Lilies for Easter have been a beautiful tradition in our church and may be purchased through the Flower Committee at \$10.00 each.

Deadline to order is Sunday, April 10th.

Mail orders to The Congregational Church in Killingworth, 273 Rt 81, Killingworth, CT 06419.

Make checks payable to: *CCK Flower Committee*

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR WITH LOVE TO: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ x \$10.00 each = \$ _____

\$ _____ (enclosed)

_____ I will leave my plant(s)

_____ I will take my plant(s) after the service on April 17th

Please call the church office with any questions 860/663-1789



Lenten Schedule

Wednesday evening Lenten services will be held from March 2 through April 13, 7:00 PM at the church and on Zoom and Facebook as well. Lenten services will take the place of “A Bright Spot in the Week” Bible studies through Lent.

The Zoom links for Wednesday services **EXCEPT MARCH 9** will be:

ONLINE LINK:

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

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The March 9 link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85316083036?pwd=RjVVSU0Z1VTZMMEVMYmU2TDBza3dhUT09>

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OR GO TO ZOOM DIRECTLY:

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The theme of our Lenten services will be “Spiritual Renewal”. The weekly lessons will be:

March 2 ASH WEDNESDAY: Mark 10:17-31

March 9: Mark 10:32-52

March 16: Mark 12:1-12

March 23: Mark 12:28-44

March 30: Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

April 6: Mark 11:1-11

April 13: Mark 14:22-42



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

Mark 12:30

DailyVerses.net



Turn clocks
ahead
March 13



Just for Giggles!

Enjoy these bloopers taken from church bulletins. (Not ours, of course!)

- ◆ The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- ◆ Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I Will Not Pass This Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- ◆ Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm. – prayer and medication to follow.
- ◆ The pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary...
- ◆ Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the carpet should come forward and do so.

Deacon's Corner

Show Me the Way Lord

Show me the way Lord,
not to fortune or fame,
not how to win praise
for my work and my name -
But show me the way to
spread the Great Story
that thine is The Kingdom
and the Power and Glory!
Show me the way to spread
the Good News, to share the
message of Jesus to all
who might choose - to live
for love and salvation ,
to be saved and redeemed.
Show me the way Lord,
and I will follow thee.

Happy Birthday



Mar 2 Cailey Anderson
 Mar 6 Ed Phelan
 Mar 8 Stephen Tyrseck
 Mar 9 Paige Quilliam
 Marina Coleman
 Mar 11 Sarah Bold
 Mar 12 Shelby Van Huysen
 Hilary Kumnick

Mar 13 James Houpert
 Mar 17 Robert Rimmer
 Mar 18 Donna Dudash
 Mar 25 Bill Van Huysen
 Thomas Lentz
 Sharyn Drapala
 Mar 26 Jo Ann Bennett
 Mar 29 Tia Manzi

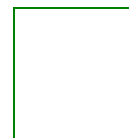
Mar 1 Molly Mones
 Mar 14 Garrett Jordan
 Mar 16 Gabriella Palumbo

March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
		7:30pm - Boy Scouts	Ash Wednesday 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Ash Wed. 7:30pm - AA	9am - AARP Tax 7pm - AA		7:30pm - AA
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship		3pm - Eddy Shelter 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Lenten 7:30pm - AA	9am - AARP Tax 7pm - AA 7pm - Council		7:30pm - AA
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship		7:30pm - Boy Scouts	6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Lenten 7:30pm - AA	9am - AARP Tax 6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA		7:30pm - AA
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship		3pm - Eddy Shelter 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	8:30am - Mens 7pm - Lenten 7:30pm - AA	9am - AARP Tax 7pm - AA		7:30pm - AA
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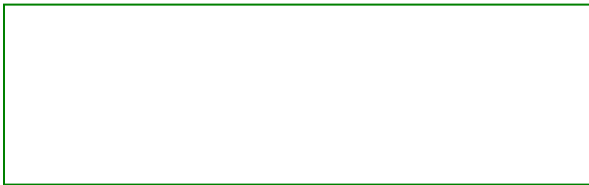
Maureen Alfiero

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 **10 a.m. Worship**
March 2022



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH

March 2nd

7 pm Service

