

FROM THE PASTOR



“Through Christ we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.”

-Romans 5:2-5

Lent is meant to be a journey, one of spiritual reflection and growth, a preparation of the soul for the Good News that inevitably comes with the glorious celebration of Easter, the day we remember and celebrate Christ’s resurrection and victory over sin and death.

Lent is 40 days, but more it seems if we add up the dates on a calendar. That’s because Lent only includes Mondays through Saturdays each week of the six weeks in the season. Sundays are excluded. But why? It’s because Jesus was resurrected on a Sunday. Every Sunday, then, is an Easter celebration, even through the season of Lent. Every Sunday, we recall the gift of forgiveness and life Jesus gave us and every Sunday, we consider what it means to so blessed in our current time, what it means to be believers of a resurrection faith.

There are many paths to God, as witnessed by the many different religions around the world. Across the broad spectrum of faith, people sense a Higher Power in their lives and offer worship and prayers to the Divine. But it is this unique faith of ours alone where people celebrate Easter, where there is faith in Emmanuel, God-with-us in Jesus. This is no small matter, for it means we are people of an eternal hope and victory. When we say Jesus “defeated sin and death”, it means that the love and life of God we know in him is forever, that in a world of sin and death, these things do not hold dominion over us. We believe that love has the last word. We have an eternal hope and victory to share.

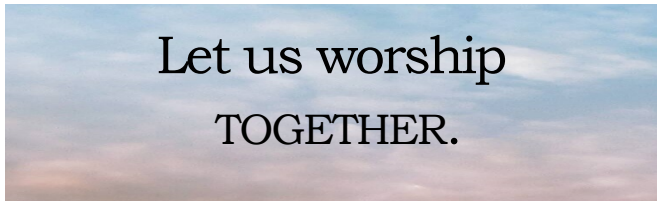
With so much worry in the world these days, it is easy for people to feel defeated, overwhelmed and unable to do anything about it. For many the situation seems hopeless. So “what the world needs now, is love, sweet”, to quote the recently departed Burt Bacharach. What the world needs now, is Easter. It is our great calling and purpose to tell others of this blessed assurance.

May God bless your Lenten journey, this time of spiritual reflection and growth. May we all grow in wisdom and understanding and courage, becoming more able to live out our faith today. And may we be so filled with the hope of the Risen One, that we just can’t keep the Good News to ourselves.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev Dave



SUNDAY WORSHIP



The Sanctuary is open.

Masks are optional.

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March Calendar



Zoom Links and Log-on Numbers For Sunday Worship and Bible Study

Watch from the church Facebook page, YouTube, 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:

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Phone: 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 857 8262 2218



Bright Spot in the Week

Lenten Services

(with Bible Study)

Wednesdays on Facebook @ 7pm

Our Wednesday Lenten Services (with Bible study) will continue online each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM through Holy Week: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5. Join with the usual Zoom link for, "A Bright Spot in the Week", or watch the video on the church's Facebook page or YouTube.

The theme for our Lenten journey will be, "Heading in the Right Direction".

The Maundy Thursday service will be April 6 and will begin in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM, concluding in the sanctuary.

Join Bible study through Facebook or Zoom

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

Online link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88568948592?pwd=K1FnbVBwZ1QvVzZDS>

Phone: 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 885 6894 8592

Passcode: 476067



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,

We have started our journey through lent and will continue the journey all month until Easter on April 9th. Save the date for an **Easter Workshop on Palm Sunday, April 2nd**. There will also be an **Easter egg hunt** at the conclusion of the workshop.

During this Lenten season, the children will hear some key stories about Jesus from the gospel of John and begin to explore the themes of making choices, God's loving and life-giving Spirit, and Jesus' compassion and healing ministry.

Other important dates-

***Seder dinner - April 6th**

***Vacation Bible school-** tentatively June 19, 20, 21 (if snow days don't prolong the school year)

Many Thanks,

Christine Link

CE chair

Christinelax@hotmail.com



We are so grateful for the many who helped organize and run the Pancake Supper on 2-21-23, and those who came to eat a fabulous meal. The Church budget is richer by \$220.

Charlie Smith, For the Mens Group



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Easter Workshop

Student will rotate to different learning stations after handing out palms

April 2nd
Palm Sunday

EGG HUNT

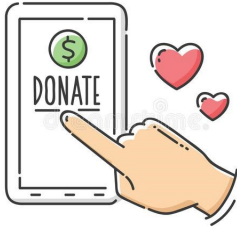
Following Sunday school at 11 am

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE

SEDER DINNER

APRIL 6, 2023
AT 6PM

Dinner followed by Maundy Thursday Service



Online Giving

It's fast, safe, and easy to use.

Visit
KillingworthChurch.org
and click on the
Giving link.

Thank you!



We have a QR Code that helps connect you quickly and safely to our *Giving link.*

- Open the QR reader application or the camera on your smartphone
- Point it at the QR code.



Turn clocks
ahead

March 12

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 Tuesdays, March 14 & 28

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 & Toiletries are NO LONGER being accepted at this time.

NEEDED: Twin Sheets, comforters, individually wrapped snack foods



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.



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.

Preservation 2020 Update

The Birds of Killingworth *and* The Bells Of Killingworth

As many Killingworth residents know, our town was the subject of an 1863 poem written by beloved American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. His poem, "The Birds of Killingworth," is an homage to our town's resolve as it describes aggressive flocks of birds decimating local crops.

Move over, Henry. The Congregational Church in Killingworth was already 43 years old when the poem was written. And now "The Bells of Killingworth" have returned to stay with the addition of carillon music playing from the church's steeple.

The carillons play a song twice daily -- 12 noon and 5:00 p.m. -- plus 9:50 a.m. on Sundays before 10:00 a.m. worship.

Other restoration work is taking place in the sanctuary and includes plaster repair, painting, re-stenciling, and stabilization (*see photos below*). Subsequent phases will focus on driveway paving and sanctuary cushions and carpets.

Additional funds are still needed and are always greatly appreciated as we work toward our goal in the church's 203rd year. For more information, contact Preservation 2020 Chair Charlie Smith (203-430-5887).

And while your ears are turned toward the steeple, also keep an eye on its clock – the hands are coming soon!



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. Easter, the commemoration of our Lord, is a movable feast—meaning its date is variable—and all other moveable feasts are dependent upon it. Easter occurs the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal (spring) equinox, March 20.

This year, the first full moon occurs on April 6. Easter, therefore, follows on Sunday, April 9. Ash Wednesday is a moveable feast which occurs forty-six days before Easter, this year, - March 22nd.

Easter lilies may be ordered through the Flower Committee.

Deadline to order is Sunday, April 2nd.

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 9th

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



Altar Flowers

Flowers for the Altar

Each week, families and/or individuals will 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.



One Great Hour of Sharing—Sunday, March 19

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women’s empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place. Our OGHS collection will be on Sunday, March 19.



AARP Tax-Aide Appointments


AARP trained volunteers will be available for **free and confidential tax preparation** at four sites in our area: Clinton Town Hall (Mondays), Killingworth Congregational Church (Tuesdays), Westbrook Library (Wednesdays), and at the Estuary Senior Center in Old Saybrook (Fridays).

There are two ways to make an appointment:


1) Online at https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations.html and search for any of the local sites (Old Saybrook, Westbrook, Killingworth, or Clinton)

OR

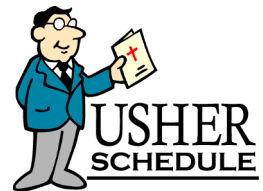
2) by calling 860-579-3192. (Please note that this is **not** the Estuary's phone number.) This number will be staffed on **Mondays from 11am-2pm, Thursdays from 2-5pm, and Fridays from 9am-noon and from 2-5pm.**



Happy Birthday



Mar 2 Cailey Anderson	Mar 25 Bill Van Huysen
Mar 6 Ed Phelan	Thomas Lentz
Mar 8 Stephen Tyrseck	Sharyn Drapala
Mar 9 Paige Quilliam	Mar 26 Jo Ann Bennett
Marina Coleman	Mar 29 Tia Manzi
Mar 11 Sarah Bold	Mar 1 Molly Mones
Mar 12 Shelby Van Huysen	Mar 14 Garrett Jordan
Hilary Kumnick	Mar 16 Gabriella Palumbo
Mar 13 James Houpert	
Mar 17 Robert Rimmer	



March 5 - Leslie Judge
Paulie Lally

March 12 - Sandy Allard
Charlie Smith

March 19 - Paulie Lally
Jo Ann Bennett

March 26 - Leslie Judge
Jo Ann Bennett

March 2023

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Mar 2023 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		28	1	2	3	4
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - KNS - Killingworth	9am - AARP Tax Aide 9am - KNS - Killingworth	9am - KNS - Killingworth 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Lent/Bible Study	9am - KNS - Killingworth 7pm - AA	9am - KNS - Killingworth	7:30pm - AA
	5	6	8	9	10	11
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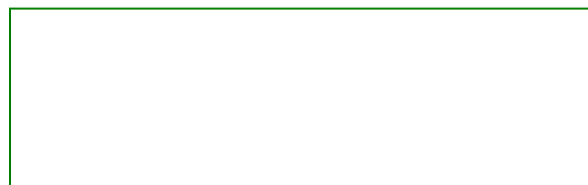
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KERYGMA

10 a.m. Worship

March 2023



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH



Wednesdays During

LENT

Lenten/Bible Study

Wednesdays @

7pm