

FROM THE PASTOR



And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us."

Romans 5:5

What a wonderful Easter Sunday we just had! It felt so good to be back in the church for the holiest day of the year with mask-optional worship so we could sing and celebrate and actually be heard. With lilies up front and Easter hymns being played on organ, piano and violin (!) and wind-up hoppy bunnies and chicks for the Children's Message, it was the perfect day. MANY THANKS to everyone who worked extra hard from Palm Sunday through Holy Week to Easter Day to make it all possible. It sure was nice to see the sanctuary nearly three times as full as on a typical Sunday.

Now, we enter into the season of Easter which lasts 7 weeks until Pentecost Sunday (June 5). During this time we'll hear the biblical stories about the beginning days of the Christian faith. Easter began a faith movement that continues to this day, one of never-ending hope and new life because of the resurrection of Jesus. I like to say we are "Easter people" because our faith is so centered in the event of Christ's rising from the tomb. Easter is, after all, the reason we worship on Sundays, a weekly remembrance of Resurrection Day. In the past three churches I served, we moved to a weekly celebration of Communion because of this. I don't know if this is something that would be meaningful for CCK, but certainly it is good to remind ourselves why we worship on Sundays and not forget that the gift of Christ's saving love is what brings us to together and sends us forth to serve.

Being "Easter people" also informs our response to the many challenges we face in the world today. With so much concerning news, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and discouraged. We know that depression and anxiety are on the rise for adults and children. Certainly, the troubles of our time are daunting and may even seem insurmountable, but we are not without the power to overcome because we are God's people and Christ's followers. Our faith is not just about feeling good, about "blessed assurance", but also about being equipped to address the issues of the day. We have the boundless and eternal love of God in Christ that death cannot contain, that endures all things and forever offers the hope of goodness and grace and reconciliation and peace. It calls us to confront evil and with love, undo it, diffuse it, defeat it and then in its place, plant, nurture, encourage, grow and celebrate new life. The challenges are great and the way isn't easy, but God is good all the time and love not only perseveres, but seeks new opportunity to emerge in new and wonderful ways.

This is why this Easter is so particularly wonderful. Sin and death do not stand a chance. Love wins. And the more you and I live out and share this truth, the better the world will be for everyone.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Dave

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May Calendar

May



- May 1 Jo Ann Bennett
- May 8 Sandy Allard, Charlie Smith
- May 15 Joann Bennett, Leslie Judge
- May 22 Board of Ushers
- May 29 Board of Ushers

JOIN US FOR



The Sanctuary is open. Masks are optional.

We will worship at 10:00 am In-doors, Facebook, and Zoom

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.

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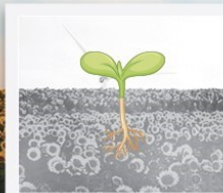
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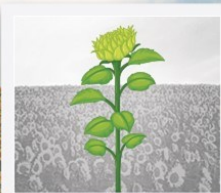
Thank you.



Like a seed,



your offerings



flower into



new life!



Sunday School Corner

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

Hello Sunday School Students and Families,

We are beginning our spring mission projects! Together with the missions committee, we will be sponsoring a local teen to attend Camp Hazen for a 2-week session who is in financial need. Without financial support, the teen would not be able to attend. The missions committee will be covering the cost of the camp and the Sunday School students will be collecting items the student will need for camp. (Beach towels, bathing suits, sunscreen, bug sprays, etc.) There will be a sign-up genius and a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Please sign up to help this student out!

The church is also accepting scholarship applications until June 5th. We award a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to any of our graduating seniors who is a member of the church and meet other guidelines. The application is posted on the church website under "Resources & Downloads"

Mark your calendar: Confirmation and Children's Sunday service will be on June 12th. We will celebrate with a picnic outside following the service. More information will be shared as we get closer.

Many Blessings,
Christine Link
Christian Education Chair
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Palm Sunday - Students handing out Palms. Children took part in fun Easter workshops followed by an Easter egg hunt on the back lawn.



Eddy Shelter Dinners Tuesday, May 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.

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.



2022 Scholarship Award

CCK is pleased to offer graduating high school students the opportunity to apply for this year's Scholarship Award. Applications are available in the church office or on the website. Please contact Christine Link at 860-663-1789 or other Christian Education Committee members for additional information.

The Mens Group Invites You on May 25

If you have a few hours once a month, why not join us for fellowship and male bonding while performing minor maintenance to our four church buildings. Bring your own tools and good humor to the Parish Hall **every fourth Wednesday**, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. There will be no dues, agenda, dress code, by-laws, or required attendance, only an interest in making our Church a better place. Give me a call for more information.

-Charlie Smith, 663-1583



Memorial Worship Service

**Sunday, May 29th at
11:30 a.m.**

Each year we hold a Memorial Worship Service in our outdoor Hervey Moores Memorial Chapel. The service is open to all in the community wishing to remember loved ones, especially those who are interred in our Milton R. Liebe Memorial Garden. The congregation, family, friends, and the community are all invited to this beautiful worship service.



Memorial Day Prayer

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away
our tears, that we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom and bring
them safely into your kingdom of justice and
peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



Preservation 2020: Phase 2 Starts in Mid-May

Spring has arrived and with it comes warm weather, flowers....and Phase 2 of our church's restoration.

In January 2022, SHPO (the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office) awarded the church a second grant - matching state funds totaling \$39,700 for Phase 2 restoration. Work is scheduled to begin in May and should be completed by late summer, 2022.

Phase 2 focuses on the sanctuary's exterior structure below the belfry – exterior carpentry, roof, painting, window repairs (sills and jambs), architectural moldings and trim, plus repairs on all of the center front door's hardware for functionality and safety. No work is required on the stone foundation.

Upon completion of Phase 2, the church will immediately apply to SHPO for a Phase 3, which centers on stabilization and restoration of the church's dome between the roof and the ceiling plus the interior surface painting and stenciling. Once approved, Phase 3 will start in fall, 2022, through early 2023.

Phase 4, in 2023, will include parking lots, the bell/clock/and carillon, and cushions and carpet in the sanctuary as funding allows.

Estimated Timelines and Scope of Work

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Scope of Work</u>
Phase 1	Completed, 2021	Repairs in the belfry: spindles, railings, finials and regilding the weathervane.
Phase 2	May-September, 2022	Roof, windows, exterior painting, center front doors.
Phase 3	Fall-Winter, 2022-23	Stabilization of dome, painting and plastering.
Phase 4	TBD, 2023	Parking lots, sanctuary carpets and cushions, bell/clock/and carillon.

While SHPO grants offset 50% of the historic building restoration costs, additional funds are always needed for the non-building expenses. Please consider making a contribution toward our sanctuary's restoration in its 202nd year. Donations can also be earmarked for specific areas including the church's exterior, interior and the bell/carillon.

Please contact Committee Chair Charlie Smith (203-430-5887) for information or donations. We are especially grateful to our congregation and our community – past and present -- for their continued support of our beautiful, historic landmark.

The Preservation 2020 Committee – Chair Charlie Smith, Len Summa and Leslie Judge **and**

The Preservation 2020 Construction Committee – Glenn Johnson, Bob Burley, David Gross, and Charlie Smith

CALL TO SPRING MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Spring Meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC to be held according to the By-Laws during the month of May. The meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022 immediately following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual meeting held of February 27, 2022.
2. To receive current reports from Boards, Committees, Officers, and the Pastor.
3. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Janet Johnson, Clerk
April 20, 2022



May 1 Patrick Brandon
May 4 Emogene Robinson
May 5 Joann Zamparo
May 11 Derek Phelps
May 12 Vicki Harris
May 13 Ronald LaPorto
Emma Anziano
Dominic Anziano
Linda Mead
May 15 Shawn Sodergren
May 19 Richard Anziano
May 21 Edward Glynn
Jack Kaiser

May 4 Walter Macklem
May 9 Devyn Tyrseck



The Mens Group will be hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast in the Parish Hall after worship on Sunday, May 8th.

Suggested donation:

\$10 per person and \$5 per child

which will support the church's general fund.

Take out orders will be available.



Ascension

Ascension Day celebrates when Jesus ascended to heaven on the 40th day after Easter.

While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. Luke 1.51



May God's many blessings be yours forever more
And may you know you're valued and loved by the Lord
Especially on this day that we have set aside
To show our appreciation to the Mothers in our lives.

By: M. S. Lowndes

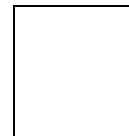
May 2022

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

May 2022 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	2	3 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	4 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	5 7pm - AA	6	7 7:30pm - AA
8 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9	10 3pm - Eddy Shelter 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	11 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	12 7pm - AA 7pm - Council	13	14 7:30pm - AA
15 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	16	17 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	18 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	19 6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA	20	21 7:30pm - AA
22 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	23	24 3pm - Eddy Shelter 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	25 8:30am - Mens 7pm - Bible Study FB 7:30pm - AA	28 Ascension Day 7pm - AA	27	28 7:30pm - AA
29 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship 11:30am - Memorial	30 Memorial Day 9am - Parade	31 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	1	2	3	4

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10 a.m. Worship

May 2022



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH

Join Us for
Mother's Day Breakfast
May 8th

