

## FROM THE PASTOR

*“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in God my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks.”*

-Psalm 28:7

It has been said that the most important prayer we can pray is, “Thank you, Lord”.

So often our focus is on some critical need when we turn to God in prayer – a health concern, strength for a personal challenge, a time of loss, a concern for a loved one who is suffering. These are, of course, all good reasons for prayer, the communication we have with God for all matters in life. Beginning with a prayer of thanks helps prepare us for what we are about to share and receive. Thankfulness is an expression of humbleness before God where we recognize and appreciate the One “from whom all blessings flow”, the source of our hope, peace, love and joy (the weekly Advent themes arriving just next month!).

November is the month of Thanksgiving, the threshold of the holiday season, a time for deepening gratitude and a renewed focus on the things in life that matter most.

Our recent approval of the New Covenant and a new vision for who God is calling us to be, the 203<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary and Meeting House Rededication celebration that just happened on October 29 (!), All Saints Sunday beginning the month with loved ones remembered and new members joining, the Holiday Dinner coming up and on the last Thursday of the month, Thanksgiving with Advent just around the corner – so many things to be thankful for around our church!

But of course, none of these wonderful events would happen if not for the many faithful people who make up our congregation. The activities of our church are not planned so that people might choose to show up, but rather, are the result of the faithfulness, the aspirations and inspirations of the good people who come here to worship, fellowship, and serve. Our church life is an expression of our individual and shared faith journey. We are the church and our building and program help us be about what Christ calls us to do.

With so many concerns in the world around us these days, it is so important to have a focus of thankfulness, to express gratitude for the good things, the good times, the love and laughter we share and the blessings we can extend to others. This is not a “head in the sand” approach to life, but rather, one of faith and courage, one of trust in the Resurrected One who gives us the victory. We face the challenges of the day with the blessed assurance that God is with us, that Christ is our salvation and that the Holy Spirit is our strength. Our cup is not just half full, but overflows with God's merciful and encouraging grace (Psalm 23). And for this blessed assurance, we give thanks.

*“O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his mercies endure forever!”*

-Psalm 136:1

Peace and Blessings,  
Rev Dave



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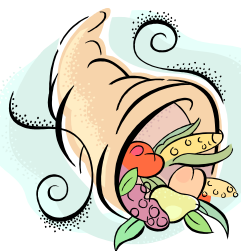
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November Calendar



*Join Us for*  
**WORSHIP**

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

**Please Join Us**

**Worship 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.

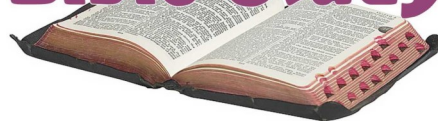
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**Dial:** 929 205 6099

**Meeting ID:** 845 3833 6049

**Password:** 500345

**Bible Study**



**Bright Spot in the Week**  
**Bible Study**

Wednesdays on Facebook // 7pm

Each Wednesday, Rev. Dave hosts a live Bible study broadcast 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 Bible study through Facebook or Zoom. Zoom Link to join the meeting: You can sign in 10 minutes early.

Online link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81262507891?pwd=aN4dTNITG1Yby9DUFVSV2RUMGN5UT09>

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



Online Giving

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

Visit

**KillingworthChurch.org** and click on the

**Giving link.**



This QR Code helps connect you quickly and safely to our Giving link.

Open the QR reader app or the camera on your smartphone and point it at the QR code.



## 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 are well into Sunday School classes for the fall semester, and it has been wonderful seeing everyone. If you haven't already joined us, you are welcome anytime. Please send in the registration form so your student can be official!

We started a new curriculum called, Feasting on the Word. It is similar to our last curriculum because it follows the same lectionary calendar that the worship service uses. That way, we are exploring the same Bible verses from the church service. Over the past 6 weeks we have been exploring the gospel of Matthew. Jesus uses parables to teach the disciples to follow in Gods ways.

Confirmation classes started last week for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students with Mr. Link during Sunday School time. Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and younger will be in a multiage class with a youth lesson and a multiage elementary school lesson.

The **fall mission project** will support teenagers living at the Eddy Homeless Shelter in Middletown. Recently, the shelter was infested with bed bugs. Our Mission's Committee has been helping with donations of linens. This is a great way for our youth to help local youth in need. We will be collecting - fitted sheets, blankets, socks, toiletries, and non-perishable foods for teenagers

We continue to collect non-perishable food items on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month for our local food banks. We continue to collect a Sunday School offering to support our sponsor child, Kenzie, thru "Save the Children".

And finally, we plan on sending care packages to Sunday School students who have graduated. Please bring in donations of snacks and gift cards for them!

There are some exciting events coming up! I hope you can join us!

Many Blessings,  
Christine Link  
Christian Education Chair /  
Christinelax@hotmail.com





## PV2020 Update The Steeple Bell

The last task in completing the Preservation 2020 campaign is restoring the steeple bell. The Verdin Company of Ohio, crafters of the highest quality bells, clocks, and towers in the world for over 180 years, will be bringing our bell system back with them for a complete refurbishment in December. Meetings will be held between now and then to finalize all plans. Stay tuned for updates as this exciting last step is taken.

### Thanksgiving Sunday & Dedication of Pledges Sunday, November 19

It is a tradition at our church to show our gratitude for all that we have received by dedicating our financial pledges of support for 2024 during the worship service on November 19. Pledge cards will be sent out the first week in November; additional cards will be available on the side table. Pledging to the church allows us to responsibly budget for the coming year. Please bring your pledge card with you on November 19th that you may personally put it in the basket to be dedicated. If you are unable to bring your card that Sunday, please send it in to the church. Thank you.



## Harvest Dinner

Friday, November 10th, 5pm – 7:30pm  
Come and enjoy our annual Harvest Dinner!



Roasted Turkey with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Rolls  
Apple Cider, Coffee, Tea, Milk  
Homemade Pies served with Ice Cream

Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$18.00 for seniors and \$12.00 for children 13 and under.  
Purchase tickets at the door or reserve by calling the church office at (860) 663-1789.  
Take-out orders will be available. All proceeds will benefit the Church Scholarship Fund.



## Eddy Shelter Dinners Tuesdays, November 7 & 23

The Eddy Shelter is a 30+ bed emergency homeless shelter for men and women of Middlesex County.

**This month, Missions will bring the Thanksgiving meal.**

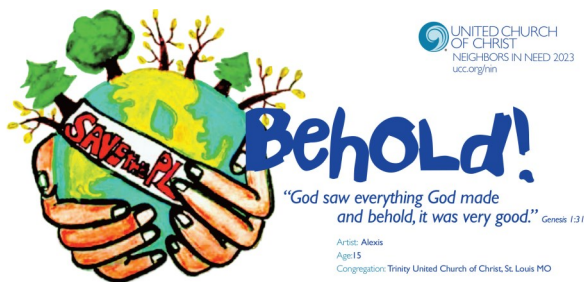
**Contributions** such as desserts, breads, and sides (salad, soup, veggies, casseroles) are always gratefully accepted.

**Always needed and appreciated:** Socks, Twin Sheets, comforters, bottled water and “grab and go” foods like Protein/Granola Bars, Fruit, Packaged Nuts, Cheese Sticks.

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

Do to others as you  
would have them  
do to you.

Luke 6:31



### Neighbors in Need Collection—November 5th

In 2023, the Neighbors in Need “BEHOLD!” theme continues. This year’s focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, and buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sin-

ful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet!

Please join us in this year’s NIN campaign on November 5th, as part of World Communion Sunday.



### Sunday, November 5

#### All Saints Day Celebration: Honoring our 30+ Year Members

During the worship service on Sunday, November 5 we will be honoring those who have been members of our church for thirty years or more. A special reception prepared by the Deacons will be held after church. If you need a ride to church or if you would be willing to give

someone a ride, please call the office. We would love to have all of our long-time members in attendance so we may say thank-you!



- Nov. 5 Sandy Allard, Jo Ann Bennett
- Nov. 12 Paulie Lally, Jo Ann Bennett
- Nov. 19 Bill and Gayle Van Huysen
- Nov. 26 Leslie Judge



Sunday, November 5

Change your clocks &  
replace batteries

# CHRISTMAS FAIR



**Saturday, December 2nd**

**9am – 3pm**

**Helpers Needed**

## Christmas Fair December 2nd

It's that time of year again! This year's fair will be held on Dec. 2 from 9-3. It will feature a silent auction with visible bids, gifts, wreaths, arrangements, lunch, and a cookie sale. Lots of cookies will be needed. They can be baked ahead, frozen, and dropped off a day or two before the fair. On fair day, they will be displayed in a responsible and safe way.

We are in need of gift items (new or slightly used) for both the silent auction and general sales. Do you have some gifts that you received last year but are still in the boxes unwrapped? You might want to donate them to our sale.

Volunteers are needed the day of the fair. Please consider helping out. Donations for the general sales and silent auction can be dropped off at the church until Nov. 27. A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. Questions? Please call Jo Ann at 860-663-2178 or the church office at 860-663-1789.

# Red Poinsettias - December 11th

A TRADITION IN THIS CHURCH FOR MANY YEARS



Poinsettias will be available through the Flower Committee. The plants in 6-1/2" pots are locally grown and may be designated as memorials or specials.

\$11.00 per plant.

Use the sheet below to order. If you have any questions, please call the church office (860-663-1789).

Last day to order is **Sunday, December 3rd**

Make checks to: **CCK Flower Committee.**

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Order your holiday red poinsettias for pick up on December 10th - \$10.00 per plant

Last date to order is **Sunday, December 3rd.**

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

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

OR WITH LOVE TO: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my plant on Dec. 10th      \_\_\_\_\_ I will leave my plant for someone else to enjoy.

*Happy Birthday*



Nov 4	Nancy Reynolds	Nov 22	Joseph Dudash
Nov 5	Liam Foley	Nov 24	Louise Van Haverbeke
Nov 10	Aidan Coleman		Laurie Kumnick
	Lindsay Woodford	Nov 28	Jim Skelly
Nov 11	Gayle Van Huysen	Nov 30	Willow Gersz
Nov 16	Tessa Tyler		Florence Broach
Nov 19	Graydon Slocomb		



## Fall Clean-up After Church November 19

All ages are invited to bring their rakes to help with the leaf clean-up on our church campus. We will begin around 11:30 and be done by 12:30.

**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](mailto:office@killingworthchurch.org) by the 15th of each month.



### Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

**Sunday, November 19 at 3 p.m.**

This year the multi-faith service of Thanksgiving, sponsored by the Valley Shore Clergy, will take place at Essex Baptist Church at 3pm.

### Flowers for the Altar

Each week, you 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.



**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.



### **November Events at the Killingworth Library**

Programs for younger folks continue through the fall! Check the Calendar on our website, [killingworthlibrary.org](http://killingworthlibrary.org), for details on all programs and registration information or call the library at 860-663-2000.

### **November Events at Killingworth Library**

**Watercolor Botanicals with the Florence Griswold Museum** – Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-8:00pm. Come flex your creative muscles with a night of watercolor painting, led by an artist from the Florence Griswold Museum.

**Great Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge 2** – Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Gather a team and head to Killingworth Library for our second jigsaw puzzle tournament!

**Pajama Storytime** – Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Come dressed to cuddle and bring your favorite stuffed animal! Mrs. Fig will share her favorite seasonal stories.

The Killingworth Library is now a **FamilySearch Affiliate Library**, which means it has access to more genealogy resources to help you make more family discoveries. FamilySearch is a world leader in family history. The database is only accessible in-person, using one of the library's public access computers. Please ask a staff member how to get started!



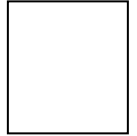
# November 2023

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Nov 2023 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB	9am - KNS 7pm - AA	9am - KNS	11am - Funeral Service 7:30pm - AA
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time New Member Sunday 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - KNS	9am - KNS 3pm - Eddy Shelter 7pm - Boy Scouts	9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	9am - KNS 7pm - AA 7pm - Council	5pm - Harvest Dinner	1pm - Memorial Service 7:30pm - AA
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - KNS	9am - KNS 7pm - Boy Scouts	9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	9am - KNS 6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA	9am - KNS	7:30pm - AA
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Fall Clean-up Day 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship 3pm - Interfaith/Essex	9am - KNS	9am - KNS 7pm - Boy Scouts	8:30am - Mens Group 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	Thanksgiving Day 3pm - Eddy House 7pm - AA		7:30pm - AA
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9am - KNS	9am - KNS 7pm - Boy Scouts	9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	9am - KNS 7pm - AA		

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**Church Office Hours:**

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860/663-1789



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# KERYGMA

**10 a.m. Worship**

**November  
2023**



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
IN KILLINGWORTH



**Harvest Dinner  
Friday, Nov. 10**