

FROM THE PASTOR

"Do not call to mind the former things; pay no attention to the things of old. Behold, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not perceive it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert."

-Isaiah 43:18-19

My computer bogged down the other day, started running slow and refused to run some programs, so I rebooted it. Soon, everything was humming along as it should and I was able to get on with my work. A reboot allows a pause, a reconfiguration and a new start. Things that bogged down the system are removed, things that are working fine are retained and sometimes new programming not only allows the computer to operate as it was designed, but makes it even better at accomplishing new things.

Perhaps you already know where I'm headed with this, a "church reboot"!

As we all know far too well, we are slowly emerging from the worst pandemic in 100 years. During this time, we've had to be creative with how to continue holding services and remain connected as a faith community even while distanced. We figured out how to culture a faithful online community through our Zoom and Facebook services. We worshiped outside in our cars and on the lawn. We returned to the sanctuary, but socially distanced and masked. We are, literally, at a very different place socially and as a faith community than we would have imagined just two years ago. And we all sense, as strong as the tug of nostalgia may be, there really is no going back. Too much has changed.

The people Jesus called to follow were invited into a new understanding of the kingdom of God, something they had never imagined before. The community of faithful people that he gathered were led by a message of boundless love and inclusiveness that was unlike anything they had experienced. But it was a new day and a new way of being, indeed a better way, one that welcomed all ages and genders and races and nationalities, even those of different faiths. The kingdom of God Jesus spoke of created a new vision of what the world should and could be. Since that time, faithful people have been seeking to live out that vision in their lives. The message of Jesus forever changed the world. It was a major reboot.

What is the vision of the kingdom of God for our time? What does it mean to be us, considering what we are experiencing in these days? What have we learned from recent challenges in our church community? How can we be a safe church, a compassionate and encouraging church moving into the future with confidence and hope? What do we need to let go of? What should we keep and grow into? Nostalgia, yearning for something past that can no longer be, is not the answer. A new creation is. Do we not perceive it, that way through the wilderness, the stream in the desert?

I invite the congregation ... you, me ... to begin intentional conversations about these things and I'm hoping that we might gather after worship sometime in the beginning of the new year.

God has big plans for our little church, for who we are and who we can be. We've come through a lot. Perhaps now is the time to take a fresh look at what it means to be Christ's church today and tomorrow.

Trusting God with this is all good of course, because God is good, all the time.

I welcome everyone's thoughts and input on the possibilities!

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Dave

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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 Live 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:

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

BY PHONE: 929 205 6099

OR GO TO ZOOM DIRECTLY:

Meeting ID: 852 5777 5429

Password: 068550



Bright Spot in the Week Bible Study

Wednesdays on Facebook // 7pm

Each Wednesday evening, Rev Dave hosts a live Bible study broadcast focused on the scriptures for the coming Sunday's worship service. You'll be able to ask questions, make comments, and share prayer requests.

Prefer to watch via Zoom? Let us know in advance and you will receive a Zoom link.

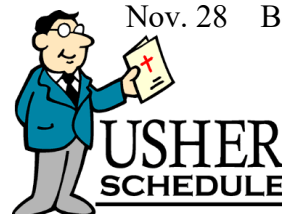
Thank you, God, for our friends,
Thank you, God, for our food,
Thank you, God, for your love.
Thank you, you are always good!
Amen.

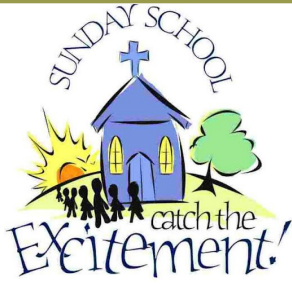
Nov. 7 Paulie Lally, Leslie Judge

Nov. 14 Len and Janet Summa

Nov. 21 Paulie Lally

Nov. 28 Board of Ushers





Sunday School Corner

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Hello Sunday School Students and Families,

As you read in last month's Kerygma and in the letter to your homes, a letter was received in the church office accusing an adult member of stalking and another adult was named to have knowledge of the concerns but disregarded them. I know that this is a scary and anxious time for all families. Please be reassured that the church takes the safety of the children very seriously. The accused received a registered letter informing them not to come on church property until an investigation can be conducted. The intention was to assure the safety of the congregation. The police were contacted and a report filed because reporting any concerns is mandated. The church's Safe Church conduct policy is being updated and will be posted on the website and in the church building. Currently, the policy is in the church office if anyone wants to review it. Please contact me. Finally, as a church, we are still in the listening phase. Please contact Rev. Dave or me with any concerns.

November is a time to give thanks to many, including God. There will be many opportunities to help and thank those in our community. We will be making cards for Veterans, pumpkin bread to our members at home, starting a coat drive for children in Haddam/Killingworth with our partners HK Youth and Family Services and finally a book drive to benefit the Read to Grow program. Collection bins will be in the sanctuary for coats and books starting this month. Sunday School will continue to be outside for a few more weeks. November can be very cold, so please dress your children accordingly.

Save the date for **November 21st!!** We will be baking pumpkin bread and cleaning up the church with help from Boy Scout Troop 18!! Check your email for updates- we may be baking in the fellowship hall spaced out, or we may be baking virtually like we were last year. It all depends of the Covid status as we get closer to the date.

Many thanks and blessings,
Christine Link
Killingworthchurch.org
CE chair
Christinelax@hotmail.com



CE committee- Kris Foley, Paige Quilliam, Carrie Jordan, Ann Pavlou, Alyson Somerville, Susan Harris, and Kristen Forster



Fall Clean-up After Church on November 21

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.



Children's Fall Mission Projects

Kids Coat Drive and Book Drive

Collection bins will be in the sanctuary.



~ HK Youth and Family Services is helping children in our community stay warm. Please donate new or gently used coats.

~ Donate new or gently used books for the local organization, Read to Grow. Their vision is that every family will understand the critical importance of early childhood literacy and will take an active role in their child's reading development. All children in Connecticut will have books of their own.



Christmas Fair Preparations

It's that time of year again! This year's fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4th from 9-3. The room will be decorated, music will have you humming carols, and there will be jollity in the air.

This year's fair will feature a silent auction with visible bids, gifts, wreaths, arrangements, food as well as the cookie sale, and cookie decorating for children. Cookies will be displayed in a responsible and safe way for the cookie sale.

We are in need of gift items (new or slightly used) not only for the silent auction but for 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.

Perhaps you have a flair for constructing theme baskets. They sell well and are a nice addition to the fair. Would you be able to provide one for us? It involves themed items and arranging them in a basket or other suitable container. No basket? No worries. Bring in the items and we will provide a basket. Some themes to consider are cooking, babies, candy, wine/cheese, children's activities, travel games, sports, jellies/jams, Christmas items, and Sudoku/puzzle (with a BIG eraser.)

Cookies will also be needed. They can be baked ahead, frozen, and dropped off a day or two before the fair.

Please consider helping out before the fair as well as the day of. Donations for the general sales and silent auction can be dropped off at the church and will be accepted until Dec. 1st. Questions? Please call Jo Ann at 860-663-2178 or the church office 860-663-1789.



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

November 9th and Thanksgiving, November 25th

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.

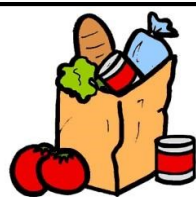
Contributions such as desserts, breads, and sides (salad, soup, veggies, casseroles) are always gratefully accepted to accompany these meals. Bottled water and “grab and go” foods (Protein/Granola Bars, Fruit, Packaged Nuts, Cheese Sticks, etc.) will joyfully be accepted. **For the Thanksgiving meal we will need fresh or cooked turkeys, cooked vegetables, rolls, and pies.** Contact Paulie Lally at 860-663-2315 to offer donations or to help deliver the meal.



Towels, bedding, and toiletries (full size) also appreciated. Men's and Women's clothing are accepted in like-new, freshly cleaned condition. New socks are always needed.

CROP Walk 2021

The totals are not completely in yet, however, so far the three churches combined have raised over \$5,000! We do know that Sean raised \$250 total and Josie raised over \$1,500! Wow! Well done! We'll bring you an update as soon as we receive one.



The Killingworth Lions Club will hold their annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** on Saturday, November 6th, 13th and 20th and their annual Christmas Food Drive on Saturday, December 4th, 11th and 18th at the town compactor site from 8:00 am to Noon. Donations of food, food gift cards, and cash are needed and will be greatly appreciated. All items collected will be turned over to Helping Hands of Killingworth and HK Backpack program for distribution in the community. Please remember your neighbors in need during the holidays.

Pumpkin Bread Baking and Delivery Sunday, November 21

As their expression of generosity on our Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21, our children will be baking pumpkin bread and delivering it to our home-bound members. If you can help with the delivery of bread, see Christine Link after church. Our church will be overflowing with the delightful smells of pumpkin bread and our hands will be reaching out to connect with those folks who cannot make it here every Sunday.





Sunday, November 7 All Saints Day Celebration:
Honoring our 30+ Year Members

During the worship service on Sunday, November 7th, we will be honoring those who have been members of our church for thirty years or more. Invitations will be sent out and we will have a special reception after church in their honor prepared by the Deacons. 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!

Thanksgiving Sunday & Dedication of Pledges
Sunday, November 21

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 2022 during the worship service on November 21. 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 21st 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.

Rev. William Seward chairs donated to the Church

Two chairs that belonged to the Rev. William Seward (1712-1782) have been donated to the church. In 1735, the General Assembly granted permission to form the Second Ecclesiastical Society (now present Killingworth) so residents in the north part of Killingworth did not have to travel as far to attend church. William Seward, a graduate of Yale College, was selected as the first pastor. He was ordained on January 18, 1738 at the first Church in now Clinton. This is the date usually given for the formation of the Church. The ordination was attended by the pastors and deacons of the surrounding towns. Rev. Seward served until his death in 1782. He is buried in the Union District Cemetery on Roast Meat Hill Road. The headstone was taken up to preserve it and is located in the narthex. The chairs are fine examples of early American furniture. They are banister back armchairs of a type made between about 1710 to 1740. They are in excellent condition and do not seem to have been in the church or received much use. Because of their age, it is possible that these were gifts given to the Rev. Seward at his ordination. The chairs were donated by William Seward Littell of Madison, a descendant of the Rev. Seward. The chairs were passed down through the family until William Littell kindly decided to donate them to the church with the condition that they not be sold. The donation was arranged by Bruce Campbell. The Board of Trustees voted to accept the chairs.

Thomas L. Lentz, Church Historian



Preservation 2020 Update

To the residents of Killingworth,

My name is Mike Wallace, a former Killingworth resident, volunteer fireman- including fire commissioner, Lions Club member, and was active in other town organizations before my wife Joey and I retired to South Carolina in 2000.

I recently visited Killingworth and spent a Saturday helping at the Congregational Church's Fall Fair, then attended service the next day.

Following the service, Charlie Smith gave me an extended tour of the building, including a climb up to the clock and bell tower which provided a view of the 202-year-old construction of the domed ceiling. All I can say is 'wow.'

As you can imagine, the framework, along with the exterior of the building, needed much work to save the structure.

"Preservation 2020" was formed in 2019 to raise the funds to help the church's restoration. I was delighted to learn that the original goal is close to being met.

However, as it always is with centuries-old buildings, additional work and additional costs are still needed.

The beautiful church is a spiritual and visual 'force' that is known to everyone in Killingworth and beyond. The newly repaired steeple stands tall to guide planes toward Chester Airport, plus is a guidepost for boats in the Long Island Sound. I remember seeing the steeple while sailing off the Sound in Clinton.

I could go on and on, but Preservation 2020 needs an extra monetary boost to help finish the restoration and save our town's most beautiful landmark.

If you can and are willing to help, please mail any donations to Preservation 2020, The Congregational Church in Killingworth, 273 Route 81, Killingworth, CT 06419.

Thank you so much from an old friend and neighbor.

Sincerely,

Mike Wallace



Red Poinsettias - December 12

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.

\$10.00 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 6th**

Make checks to: CCK Flower Committee.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Order your holiday red poinsettias for pick up on December 12th - \$10.00 per plant

Last date to order is **Sunday, December 6th.**

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 \$ _____

Please pick up plant(s) on Sunday, December 12th

Happy Birthday



Nov 2 Michelle Andrews

Nov 4 Joan Lewis

Nancy Reynolds

Nov 5 Liam Foley

Nov 10 Aidan Coleman

Lindsay Woodford

Nov 11 Gayle Van Huysen

Nov 16 Tessa Tyler

Nov 19 Graydon Slocomb

Nov 20 Diane Aeschliman

Nov 22 Joseph Dudash

Nov 24 Louise Van Haverbeke

Laurie Kumnick

Nov 28 Jim Skelly

Nov 30 Willow Gersz



Sunday, November 7

Change your clocks & replace batteries

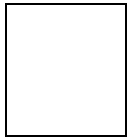
NOVEMBER 2021

Nov 2021 (Eastern Time - New York)

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		7:30pm - Boy Scouts	6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	7pm - AA		7:30pm - AA
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
All Saints Sunday 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	Office Closed 3pm - Eddy Shelter 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	Office Closed	Office Closed 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	7pm - AA 7pm - Council		7:30pm - AA
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship		7:30pm - Boy Scouts	6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA		7:30pm - AA
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pledge Dedication 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship 11:15am - Fall		7:30pm - Boy Scouts	8:30am - Mens 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	Thanksgiving Day 12pm - Eddy House 7pm - AA		7:30pm - AA
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	7:30pm - Boy Scouts					

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please email or call the office. Thank you.

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10 a.m. Worship

November 2021



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH



Sunday, November 7th
Join us in celebration