

## FROM THE PASTOR

*"In faith we gather round the table to taste and share what love can do. This is the day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new."*

*-Hymn 355, verse 3*

The New Covenant for the church was just voted in at the October 1 congregational meeting called for that purpose. Thank you to everyone who participated in the congregational conversations that brought the New Covenant into being. Meanwhile, the Bylaws Committee is working on a more efficient and effective set of bylaws that will be sized to suit our church and where we are in our current ministry. The New Covenant will be part of the New Bylaws which we'll all get to consider and discuss and eventually, vote on. And of course, on October 29 we'll be celebrating 200+ years in our church building and rededicating it to the Lord's service, freshly restored and ready to support our ministries into the future. Pretty exciting!

Change is not always easy, but we either change or die. It's a fact of life and a fact of churches, too. If we weren't willing to take on the challenge of change, the restoration of our building would have never happened. There would still be plaster issues, faded carpet, rotting wood on the steeple, pot holes in the parking lot and no clock or carillon. It was definitely a lot of work and required diligence and patience, but we have arrived and can feel good about the accomplishment.

The New Covenant and Bylaws and so many other things about church life are like this. We consider where we've been, where we are and what the best way forward can be, being thankful for the past but not living in it, being hopeful about the future but living fully in the present.

There can be challenges and twists and turns, but trusting in God to show the way, we find that it is good. How cool is it that we get to be part of this creative and inspiring moment in the life of our church?

This is the perfect time to get more involved in your church, to be a part of something growing and good. If you've been laid back with your membership, perhaps have gotten out of "the habit" through the long stretch of the pandemic, your church is still here for you, a vibrant, caring and loving community. Why not come on October 29 and catch up and maybe even catch the vision? We'll be worshiping that special day at a special time, 11:00 AM.

In these days of so much uncertainty and strife in the world, there is a sanctuary, a shelter from the storm in our church. Here is where we find courage and strength and the faith that renews our hope. Here, all people are welcome and appreciated.

They say today is the first day of the rest of our lives. Might as well get a good start!

Peace and Blessings,  
Rev Dave



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October Calendar



*Join Us for*  
**WORSHIP**

**Please Join Us**

**Worship each Sunday at 10 am.**

**NOTE: Worship on Oct. 29 will be at 11am.**

\*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.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84538336049?pwd=Z0NRZC9rN0FCOWhPMTNZMk9EMHgZz09>

**Dial:** 929 205 6099

**Meeting ID:** 845 3833 6049

**Password:** 500345

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

**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=aIN4dTNITG1Yby9DUFVSV2RUMGN5UT09>

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



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**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 had great start to Sunday School and everyone enjoyed ice cream sundaes at our Sundae Sunday event! Sunday School registration is ongoing, so join us anytime!

We started out new curriculum called, Feasting on the Word. It follows the same lectionary calendar that the church worship service. This past month we have been learning from the gospel of Matthew with many of Jesus' parables.

Confirmation classes will be starting in October. If you have a 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade student who is interested, let me or Mr. Link know.

Finally, save the date for the Harvest Dinner which will be Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm this year.

Many Blessings,

Christine Link

Christian Education Chair / [Christinelax@hotmail.com](mailto:Christinelax@hotmail.com)



**How do you celebrate the 1st day of Sunday School?**

**With ice cream, of course!**

If you missed the first day, you are welcome to join us on any Sunday.

Bring a friend if you'd like.

Registration forms can be found online or call the church office.



## CALL TO THE FALL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Fall Meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC to be held according to the By-Laws during the month of October. The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2023 immediately following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Spring Meeting of May 21, 2023.
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  
August 17, 2023



### REDEDICATION SERVICE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 at 11:00 AM

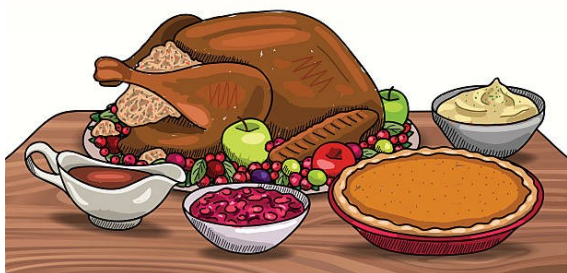
Sunday, October 29, is a special day at our church as we celebrate the completion of the Preservation 2020 Restoration Project which began in 2019.

Our traditional worship begins at 11:00 AM, followed by a special rededication service which includes presentations and appreciations to members of the congregation, the Killingworth community, and beyond.

An outdoor celebration with music by the Elm City Banjo Society (*weather permitting; if not, in Parish Hall*) will follow from 12:15 - 2:00 PM.

Please email the church at [Office@Killingworthchurch.org](mailto:Office@Killingworthchurch.org) or call 860-663-1789 for further information. We hope to see you there!

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Harvest Dinner**  
**Friday, Nov. 10th**  
**5pm—7:30pm**

You are invited to feast on a delicious traditional Thanksgiving meal. More details will follow.

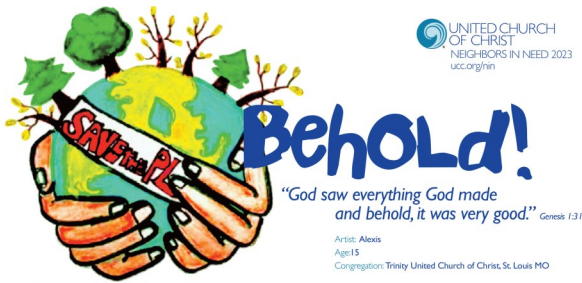


## Eddy Shelter Dinners Tuesdays, October 10 & 24

The Missions Committee delivers a meal to Eddy Shelter, a 30+ bed emergency homeless shelter for men and women of Middlesex County, each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. Contributions such as desserts, breads, and sides (salad, soup, veggies, casseroles) are always gratefully accepted.

**NEEDED: 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.



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2023  
ucc.org/nin

### Neighbors in Need

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

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Please join us in this year's NIN campaign on October 1, as part of World Communion Sunday.



### CROP Walk Sunday, October 1 Was a Success

We had great weather and a great group of walkers on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who came out to walk and who donated. "We walk, because they walk"-- for food, fuel, and clean water daily.





## Birthdays This Month

- Oct 3 Janet Summa  
Samuel Filosi
- Oct.7 Millie Jones
- Oct 12 Karen Montross
- Oct 13 Carolyn Anderson
- Oct 15 Hunter Tyrseck
- Oct 17 Kane Woodford
- Oct 18 Jessica Gersz
- Oct 26 Andrew Sodergren
- Oct 30 Cassandra Sodergren

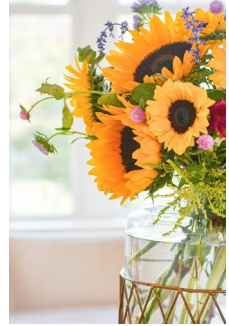


### Save the Date

November 5—All Saints Day  
Honoring our 30 plus year members.

### 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.

*Killingworth Library*



### **October 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.

### **October Events at Killingworth Library**

**60 Years Ago: Connecticut and the Cuban Missile Crisis with Phil Devlin – Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** “This was not only the most dangerous moment of the Cold War. It was the most dangerous moment in human history.” Space is limited, so please register in advance.

**Bears in the Backyard with Ed Ricciuti – Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.** Local author and naturalist Ed Ricciuti will be at the library to discuss his book, *Bears in the Backyard*. If you or a neighbor have had a bear in your backyard — or a coyote, or a cougar — come to the library and learn more about the changing habits of these animals, and what we can do to coexist with them. Signed copies of the book will be available to purchase after the talk. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

**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.

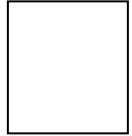
# October 2023

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Oct 2023 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - KNS 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship 12pm - CROP Walk	2 9am - KNS	3 9am - KNS 7pm - Boy Scouts	4 9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 6:30pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study FB	5 9am - KNS 7pm - AA	6 9am - KNS	7 7:30pm - AA
8 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9 9am - KNS	10 9am - KNS 3pm - Eddy Shelter 7pm - Boy Scouts	11 9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	12 9am - KNS 7pm - AA 7pm - Council	13 9am - KNS	14 7:30pm - AA
15 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	16 9am - KNS	17 9am - KNS 7pm - Boy Scouts	18 9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	19 9am - KNS 6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA	20 9am - KNS	21 7:30pm - AA
22 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	23 9am - KNS	24 9am - KNS 3pm - Eddy Shelter 7pm - Boy Scouts	25 8:30am - Mens Group 9am - KNS 12pm - Cafe Luncheon 7pm - Bible Study FB	26 9am - KNS 9am - Staff Meeting 7pm - AA	27 9am - KNS	28 7:30pm - AA
29 9am - Rededication 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	30 9am - KNS	31 9am - KNS 7pm - Boy Scouts	1	2	3	4

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**10 a.m. Worship**

**OCTOBER  
2023**



**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
IN KILLINGWORTH**



**Rededication Service and Celebration**  
**Sunday, October 29th**