

FROM THE PASTOR

*(Jesus said) "This my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."
-John 15:12*

"Love makes the world go 'round". "To love and be loved is the greatest joy on earth". So true! It is also true that loving one another can sometimes be the most difficult thing we do. The love which Christ commands of us requires standing for that which is right and good at all times, advocating for the powerless, reaching out to and lifting up those who are hurting and in need even when, especially when, doing so requires difficult decisions and personal sacrifices. To embody the love of God in Jesus Christ means picking up the cross and following him. It is not always the easy road, but the right one and in the end, hope, peace, love and joy are not only assured, but come to their fullest expression. There are rocky places in the road to navigate, but finding the way that is right and good makes the journey worthwhile, makes life truly a blessing.

Recently, a letter was received from the parents of a minor in our church, accusing an adult member of stalking. Inappropriate physical contact was not accused, but alleged repeated approaches by the adult that were perceived as both threatening and overly intimate, were. A second adult was also named, alleged to have direct knowledge of the minor's concerns, but disregarding them and acting to silence them.

Of course, dealing with something like this is incredibly difficult because it involves people that are part of the church, our faith family. There are friendships and loyalties involved, but love requires finding the right path, doing the right thing as best as we are faithfully able. Immediately, the leadership of the church went into action, first, to be sure the alleged victim was safe and second, to be sure the church was secure. Prayers began for all involved. The incident was reported to the police. The Area Conference Minister of the UCC was contacted and guidance was received. It was agreed the names of everyone involved would be held in confidence and not used in public settings or materials. A conversation was held after worship and a listening phase began where anyone affected in any way was encouraged to come forward and share their experience. This process continues, so if you weren't able to be with us that day, you are now encouraged to share your experiences as well.

Sadly, stalking behavior can be habitual, so others may be affected. So – and this is very important – if you or your child have been the victim of inappropriate advances, verbal abuse, suggestive language or physical touching and are able, please speak with me about it. This applies to recent events as well as the past. If you aren't comfortable coming to me, I've asked Christine Link to be a contact person as well since she is not only a younger woman, but also the respected leader of our Christian Ed program who has a trusting relationship with our children. If you are more comfortable coming to another leader of the church, please do so. Your information will be held in confidence as you request.

Now is the time for us to come together, to support our children and our adults, to face what needs faced, take necessary action and in all this, be the loving people Jesus calls us to be. We will find the way forward that is right and good. We can be, we will be, a safer and stronger church, one of hope, peace, love and joy.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev. Dave

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October



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

Watch past Sunday
worship services on



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.

A gift opens
the way
and ushers the
giver into the
presence of
the great.

Proverbs 18:16



USHER SCHEDULE

Oct. 3— Leslie Judge

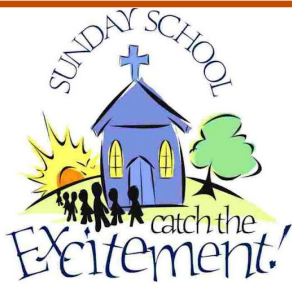
Paulie Lally

Oct. 10—Paulie Lally

Oct. 17—Leslie Judge

Oct. 24—Kristen Forster

Janet & Len Summa



Sunday School Corner

I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth. **3 John 1:4**

Happy Fall!

As the weather begins to get colder, please dress accordingly as Sunday school will continue to be outside.

CROP walk is **October 3rd at 12 pm** at Chatfield Hollow. Please join us to help end hunger right here in Killingworth and around the world. To register or donate, follow the link- (at the bottom) or donate after church to a walker.

As of now, we will plan to make pumpkin bread on **Nov 21st**. We may be virtual or in person depending upon the pandemic status.

Kenzie, our Save the Children sponsor child, will celebrate her 10th birthday on Oct 24th. Our care package for her will be arriving in Tennessee in the middle of this month. Thanks to those that donated items for her birthday care package. Please continue your Sunday school offering so we can continue to fund her sponsorship.

Finally, if you haven't done so already, please complete and return your Sunday school registration forms. You can bring them to Sunday school or mail them. Additional forms are available on the website under, the "more" tab and then the "resources and downloads" page.

Many thanks and blessings,
Christine Link
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CE committee- Kris Foley, Paige Quilliam, Carrie Jordan, Ann Pavlou, Alyson Somerville, Susan Harris, and Kristen Forster



First Day
Of
Sunday
School



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 October 12 & 26

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. Larger meals that can be frozen/stored is great.

Bottled water and “grab and go” foods (Protein/Granola Bars, Fruit, Packaged Nuts, Cheese Sticks, etc.) will joyfully be accepted. 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 on Sunday, October 3 at 12:00 p.m.

EVERYONE is invited to join to walk to alleviate hunger on Sunday, October 3 at 12:00 p.m., rain or shine, at Chatfield Hollow State Park on Rt. 80 in Killingworth. "We walk, because they walk"-- for food, fuel, and clean water daily. Please consider joining us in walking or sponsoring a walker by contacting Ann Pavlou or just show up at Chatfield Hollow State Park! Signs will be posted directing walkers. Learn more at www.crophungerwalk.org. A portion of the money raised will go to Killingworth Helping Hands food pantry and Backpack Program.



Neighbors In Need Offering October 3

In 2021, Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities. Look for a special envelope and an information insert on Oct. 3rd.



Save the Date

November 7—Honoring our 30 plus year members.

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 3, 2021 immediately following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Spring Meeting of May 16, 2021.
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 25, 2021

CANCELLED

The Fall Meeting is cancelled and will reschedule at a later date.



- Oct. 3 Janet Summa
Samuel Filosi
- Oct. 7 Millie Jones
- Oct. 10 Peyton Tyler
- 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



Another Successful Fair

From the beautiful mums to the scrumptious baked goods, the fair was a great success. A big thank you to everyone who helped before, during, and after the fair. Also, thank you to all who donated items to the general sales, silent auction, and baked goods. Together we had a wonderfully successful Fall Festival.

-JoAnn Bennett



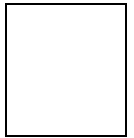
Celebrating the Life of a Friend and Long-time Member

A memorial service celebrating the life of Louise Ferguson, mother of Janet Summa, who went home to God on May 28, 2021, will be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 1pm followed by a gathering at the family homestead here in Killingworth.

Interment will be private. Donations in Louise's name may be made to the Deacon's Fund c/o The Congregational Church in Killingworth.

Heartfelt thanks from Louise's family for all the prayers and support received during her illness.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH

KERYGMA

10 a.m. Worship

**OCTOBER
2021**



Bright Spot in the Week
Bible Study

Wednesdays on Facebook // 7pm