

-From "The Starfish Story", by Loren Eisely

In a recent conversation with a member of the church, we wondered together what our response might be, what actions our church might take considering the many challenges we face today, both national and global. After all, the sheer magnitude of the issues of the day can feel impossibly overwhelming. How can we get our heads around the climate crisis, social and political strife, economic uncertainties and global conflicts? It's just too much!

I'm accustomed to being able to figure things out, find a way through a problem and usually come out at a better place, but I'm not so sure these days. There are times we pray our way forward, unsure of ourselves, but trusting in the One who knows more and knows better than we do. And we take one step at a time.

I am reminded of a story about saving starfishes. You may have heard me share it before, so please forgive the repetition, but this one is worth retelling. It's one of those illustrations we might all benefit from remembering. The author is Loren Eisely, an American anthropologist and writer who passed away in 1977. Here is my paraphrased version:

After a storm, a woman walking along a beach found thousands of starfish washed up on the sand, unable to return to the water. As she walked along, she would bend down and pick one up, then toss it into the waves. A man coming the other direction stopped and asked her why she bothered to do this, when there were far too many for it to make a difference. She looked at the starfish in her hand and said to him, "It matters to this one."

When Jesus healed people, he did it one person at a time. It was enough to change the world. Even when we are unsure of ourselves or the way forward, we can make a difference by the grace of God. Christ calls us to be the change, the means by which his saving love is manifest, his light of hope shines.

Join the conversation on October 16 after worship as we sit down together to consider Christ's call upon our lives and the ways of healing and hope he now sets before us.

It matters.

Peace and Blessings, Rev Dave

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#### The Sanctuary is open. Masks are optional.

Watch from the church Facebook page, YouTube, or Zoom. Search for: The Congregational Church in Killingworth UCC. The tagline should put you to the video.

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=bml0Q1BPVTZ2dEtkekl

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**BY PHONE:** 929 205 6099

OR GO TO ZOOM DIRECTLY: Meeting ID: 852 5777 5429 Password: 068550

Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good.



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

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Thank you!



Bright Spot in the Week Bible Study Wednesdays on Facebook // 7pm

A BRIGHT SPOT IN THE WEEK ZOOM CONNECTION JOIN ONLINE: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85316083036? pwd=RjVSU0Z1VTZMMEVMYmU2TDBza3dhUT09

JOIN BY PHONE: 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 853 1608 3036 Passcode: 397471



# **Sunday School Corner**

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

Hello Sunday School Students and Families,

It was so nice to see so many smiling faces at the start of Sunday School! And everyone certainly enjoyed the ice cream! Sunday School registration is ongoing, so join us any Sunday. If you have not turned in your Sunday School registration form, please bring it with you or mail it to the church office.

During the fall we will continue to explore the Season of Creation. For the full Sunday School lessons at a glance, click on the link below. https://www.seasonsonline.ca/files/At%20a%20Glance-p2-22-fusion.pdf

If you haven't already done so, <u>definitely register to walk with us at the annual CROP walk.</u> We walk through Chatfield Hollow state park. There is no set amount of walking or time required. You walk what you can. It would be really nice to have a large group of people! Anyone can walk- Sunday school students, church members, family, friends and members of the community. If you can't join us, please consider donating to the cause! 25 % of the money earned stays local in the HK community; 75 % goes worldwide. Together we can make a difference and can help end hunger.

OCT 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12pm - Chatfield Hollow

https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/haddamct

Thanks for your continued support! Many blessings, Christine Link Christian Education Chair Christinelax@hotmail.com





A yummy first day of Sunday School! Sunday Sundae—September 11th

## Eddy Shelter Dinners Tuesdays, October 11 & 25

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 & Toiletries are NO LONGER being accepted at this time. NEEDED: Twin Sheets, comforters, individually wrapped snack foods



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.



### CROP Walk on Sunday, October 2 at 12:00 p.m.

EVERYONE is invited to join to walk to alleviate hunger on Sunday, October 2 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 con-

sider 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.cropwalk.org. Money raised will stay local and go to Killingworth Helping Hands food pantry and Backpack Program.

# 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 23, 2022 immediately following the worship service. The meeting is called for the following purposes:

- 1. To approve the minutes of the Spring Meeting of May 22, 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 August 17, 2022

## Sexton Wanted



The church is in need of a sexton. This position is somewhat flexible. The primary responsibilities would be cleaning and opening/closing the church for regular and special events and services. This is a paid position and anyone interested should contact the church office at 860-663-1789.



#### A New Roof for an Old Building

The Old Town Hall got a new roof, thanks to LA Roofing of Middletown, CT.

Once the job got started it progressed rather quickly. Not as much plywood was needed, so that was a good thing. The results are a dry, new roof.

Thank you to the Trustees and all who helped coordinate this latest project.

#### **Neighbors in Need**

#### **Behold!**

Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you... James 5:4

The Neighbors in Need offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Twothirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM).



# Fall Festival

Saturday, October 1 (rain date Oct 8th) 9 am — 3 pm

Attic Treasures \* Silent Auction 50/50 Raffle \* Plant Sale \* Food



#### 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.

**COMMUNITY LUNCHEON** 

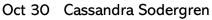


Mums are available Sunday mornings on the parish hall deck and at the October 1st Fair

*\$9 each \$20 special: 2 mums + T-shirt* Unusual Colors that Bloom into November



| Oct. 3  | Janet Summa      |                                |
|---------|------------------|--------------------------------|
|         | Samuel Filosi    |                                |
| Oct. 7  | Millie Jones     | Age is an issue                |
| Oct. 10 | Peyton Tyler     | of mind over                   |
| Oct 12  | Karen Montross   | matter. If you                 |
| Oct 13  | Carolyn Anderson | don't mind, it doesn't matter. |
| Oct.15  | Hunter Tyrseck   | duesin t matter.               |
| Oct 17  | Kane Woodford    | -Mark Twain                    |
| Oct 18  | Jessica Gersz    |                                |
| Oct 26  | Andrew Sodergren |                                |
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Friday, Nov. 4th—Harvest DinnerSunday, November 6th—All Saints Day Celebration:Honoring our 30+ Year Members; Daylight SavingsTime Ends



**Q**: When is it bad luck to see a black cat?

A: When you're a mouse.

Q: Why don't mummies take time off?A: They're afraid to unwind.



<u>Memorial Garden Interment</u> September 17, 2022 Shirley Hunt

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4

## **PRESERVATION 2020 UPDATE**

Our Killingworth "skyline" is looking better and brighter! Work on Phase 2 of Preservation 2020 is wrapping up this autumn, and it's right on schedule.

Complete Phase 2 restorations included: Painting on all sides of the building below the steeple, including the front doors, pediments, molding, and trims; replacement of front door hardware; and repairs of windows, gutters and downspouts.

Pending a third grant from SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office), Phase 3 begins later this year and focuses on interior repair and restoration. Target areas include interior dome repair and painting, ceiling stain/plaster repair and stenciling.

Phase 3 is expected to be completed by Spring, 2023.

Once completed, we're more than halfway there. Future phases include parking lots and repairs on the bell, carillon and clock.

While SHPO grants offset many expenses, additional funds are always needed. Please consider making a contribution toward our sanctuary's restoration in its 202<sup>nd</sup> 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



Start of Phase 1 (May, 2021)



Completion of Phase 2 (Fall, 2022)

| 2 (Eastern Time - New York)                    | Sat | 9am - Fall Festival<br>7:30pm - AA | 8 | Fair Rain Date<br>Memorial Service<br>7:30pm - AA   | ų | Memorial Service         | 7:30pm - AA                                 | 22 | 7:30pm - AA   | 28 | 7:30pm - AA  | n  |
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|  | E   | 30                                 | 2 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth  | 3 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth |   | 21 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth  | 28 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth   | 4  |
|  | Thu | 28                                 | 9 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth<br>7pm - AA  | ę | 9am - KNS - Killingworth | 7pm - AA<br>7pm - Council                   | 20 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth<br>6:30pm - Trustees<br>7pm - AA               | 27 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth<br>7pm - AA   | m  |
| er 2022  | Wed | 28                                 | Q | 9am - KNS - Killingworth<br>12pm - Cafe Luncheon<br>6pm - Lions Club<br>7pm - Bible Stdy FB | ţ | 9am - KNS - Killingworth | 12pm - Cafe Luncheon<br>7pm - Bible Stdy FB | 19 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth<br>12pm - Cafe Luncheon<br>7pm - Bible Stdy FB | 26 | 8:30am - Mens Group<br>9am - KNS - Killingworth<br>12pm - Cafe Luncheon<br>7pm - Bible Stdy FB | 2  |
|  | Tue | 27                                 | 4 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth  | : | 9am - KNS - Killingworth | 3pm - Eddy Shelter                          | 18 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth  | 25 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth<br>3pm - Eddy Shelter   | £  |
| Octob<br>Milingworth, Ucc                      | Mon | 28                                 | 8 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth  | ç | 9am - KNS - Killingworth |   | 17 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth  | 24 | 9am - KNS - Killingworth   | 31<br>9am - KNS - Killingworth   |
| The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC | Sun | 25                                 | 2 | 10am - Worship<br>11am - Fellowship<br>12pm - CROP Walk @                                   | c | 10am - Worship           | 11am - Fellowship                           | 16 | 10am - Worship<br>11am - Fellowship                                     | 23 | 10am - Worship<br>11am - Fellowship<br>11:15am - Fall Meeting                                  | 30<br>Baptism<br>Music Appreciation<br>10am - Worship<br>11am - Fellowship |

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#### \* \* \* STAFF \* \* \*

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#### **KERYGMA ESTABLISHED 1966**

**Deadline** for the next issue is no later than October 15, 2022

If you do not wish to continue receiving the Kerygma, please email or call the office. Thank you.



# 10 a.m. Worship

# October 2022



**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** IN KILLINGWORTH



**Fall Fair** Rummage & Mum Sale

Saturday, October 1st