

FROM THE PASTOR

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." *-Philippians 4:7*

I hope you've had a wonderful summer! We move into the fall season with great appreciation for things coming together and things completing and things beginning as well, a time of accomplishment and a time of anticipation, too. This is a good time, a meaningful and purposeful time for our church.

The final details of Preservation 2020 are coming together, the Sundaes Sunday launch of the Sunday School program is right around the corner (Sep. 10), our new Covenant is nearing final form, the by-laws committee is working on a more efficient and effective framework for our organization and we are thinking about a fall celebration(s) where we will rededicate our restored building and ourselves to the Lord's service. There's a lot going on around here!

The proposed Covenant as it came from the Executive Council and was tweaked a bit at the most recent Congregational Conversation is below so you can check it out. It was a lively discussion from different perspectives, but the Covenant remained mostly unchanged as this was the will of the group ... with a couple exceptions. Which is a reminder that with anything new, some hesitancy or even resistance is always possible. So we pray and talk about it and hopefully respect each other in the process and then the majority determines the way we go. This is how Congregationalism works.

I invite your active participation in the worship, fellowship and mission life of the church. Hopefully, we can have another Congregational Conversation after worship on September 17 where we can talk about recommending the Covenant for a congregational vote in the near future. We can also talk about progress on the new by-laws and what form they might take, when and how we'd like to celebrate with a building rededication and maybe even finally install the pastor (!).

Peace and Blessings,
Rev Dave

COVENANT

Responding to the love of God we know in Holy Scripture as revealed in Jesus Christ, our mission is to wholeheartedly love and honor the Lord while embracing and loving our neighbors as ourselves and being faithful stewards of God's creation. We aim to cultivate a vibrant Christian community that celebrates diversity, eliminating any feelings of isolation or exclusion. We strive to live out a joyful Christian life that is open and affirming to all. Our shared life will be enriched through meaningful ministries of prayer, worship, music, education, stewardship and outreach.

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**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
10 A.M.**

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September Calendar

The Sanctuary is open. Masks are optional.

**Zoom Links and Log-on Numbers
For Sunday Worship and Bible Study**

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.

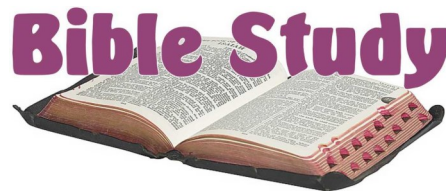
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Bible Study **Bright Spot in the Week**
Bible Study

Wednesdays on Facebook // 7pm

Each Wednesday, Rev. Dave will host 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. 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



Online Giving
**It's fast, safe, and
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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.



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Covenant

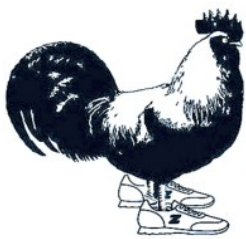
As individuals committed to this mission, we make the following promises:

1. To be supportive, compassionate, welcoming and loving to all, extending aid to those in sickness and distress. We will strive to promote kindness, compassion and empathy in all our interactions.
2. To respect and uphold the dignity of every person, considering the impact our words and actions may have on others. We will cultivate patience, understanding and uphold everyone in prayer.
3. To maintain honest and open communication, and faithfully represent the feedback and concerns of others, unless the rare situation calls for absolute confidentiality.
4. To actively engage and participate in the life of the Church, both the work to sustain and the fellowship to connect, sharing our talents and support for the betterment of the community and the fulfillment of our mission. We embrace collaboration and cooperation, seeking to strengthen our shared journey together.

By living out these commitments, both individually and collectively, we will embody the spirit of Jesus and contribute to a thriving community that glorifies God.

Sunday, September 17 – Congregational Conversation

On Sunday, September 17th, we are getting together for another congregational conversation to continue the discussion about ways to organize so our vision can become the foundation for all we do. Even if you've been unable to attend thus far, please step right in and join the conversation as we look forward to new hope together!



Killingworth Road Race Saturday, August 5, 2023

Once again, with the help of many, the Killingworth Road Race went off without a hitch. It was a beautiful day to run. There may not have been as many runners as last year—193 runners compared to this year's 126, but the temperature was cooler and everyone's excitement was up. Gill Simmons from Channel 8 news was even spotted! Thank you to all the runners and especially to everyone who volunteered.





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,

Hope you are doing well and had a relaxing and fun summer! Stellar! VBS was our best yet with lots of participants and counselors. Thank you all for your participation.

Save the date!! Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, September 10th. It is an open house, so invite your friends and family!

Each year, we ask that families register to update our records. Forms will be available at church for the first couple of weeks, but forms are also available on the website to print and complete if you can't join us for a few weeks.

Ice cream sundaes will be served after Sunday school for everyone of all ages to enjoy!

We will begin a new curriculum this year since our previous curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, by Woodlake Publishing went out of business.

Sunday school students continue to sponsor, Kenzie, our Save the Children sponsor child, with a weekly offering at Sunday school. We will also continue to have the 1st Sunday of the month food drive for our local food pantries. In addition, a fall mission project will be chosen to in the beginning of the school year.

Hope you all can join us for some learning and helping others.

Many Blessings,
Christine Link
Christian Education Chair
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September
10 Sundaes Sunday

Join us for an open house and 1st day of Sunday school

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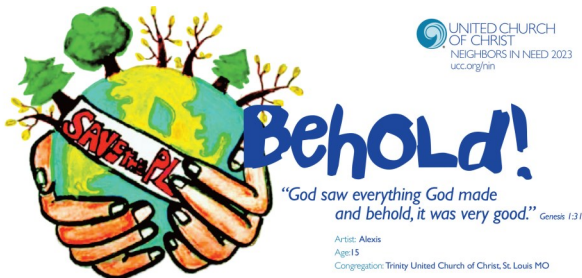


Eddy Shelter Dinners Tuesdays, September 12 & 26

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.



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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!

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

The Midnight Run will Resume in October

In October, our Mission’s Committee will be joining forces with St. John’s Episcopal Church in North Haven’s Midnight Run. As you may remember, our church was very active in this mission up to the time of COVID when the program was paused. More information on how our church will participate will follow as it becomes available. Please look for updates in the bulletin and October’s Kerygma.



Taken from St. John’s website, they describe this much needed mission as....

The Midnight Run is a ministry that helps clothe and feed the homeless in New Haven and beyond. A group of women from St. John’s, referred to as “The Sandwich Ladies” meet weekly during the cooler months, and monthly in the summer to make sandwiches and bag snacks and any other donations that are given to this cause. These donations are delivered to appropriate places in the New Haven Area. We also collect men’s coats and clothing, toiletries, new socks and new underwear during the cooler months. The clothing is delivered to Columbus House the first Tuesday of every month. This ministry is a great example of everybody working together to help those less fortunate.



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.

Preservation 2020's Final Phase: Carpets and Cushions

After four years, the sixth phase of Preservation 2020 is wrapping up this fall. Phase VI returns to the sanctuary with the addition of new carpet and cushions. New carpet was installed in early August in the downstairs sanctuary, pews, alter, and the two staircases in the narthex. New cushions for the downstairs pews are scheduled for delivery in late September/early October.

Our goal is to complete carpet and cushion prior to our installation and dedication services this fall.

We are also in final negotiations on the bell restoration (\$14,648), which will take approximately six months to complete. Work includes replacement of the clapper, spring assembly, pin, and headpiece. We also anticipate repairs to the roof connecting the Parish Hall to Sanctuary which occurred when the Sanctuary Chimney was removed.

Donations are needed to complete these two items. Please contact Charles F. Smith, 203-430-5887 for more information.

Phases and Timelines:

Phase I: Launched in late 2020 and focused on the belfry, steeple, weathervane plus removal of the deteriorated, unused chimney.

Phase II: Exterior carpentry, painting window repairs and moldings followed in Summer 2022.

Phase III: Returned to the sanctuary in January 2023 for ceiling plaster repair, stabilization, and painting/stenciling. Work was completed in Spring 2023.

Phase IV: Replacement of the carillon and clock was completed in Spring 2023.

Phase V: Repaving the driveways and curbing was completed in Summer 2023.

Phase VI: New carpet and new cushions are being installed in Summer/Fall 2023.

Preservation 2020 recently received an anonymous donation of \$1,000 to offset these additional costs. During September only, additional contributions to double the match can be submitted at Sunday services or to the church office. Please contact Charles F. Smith, 203-430-5887, for more information.



Holy Joe's Café—Coffee for the Troops

Holy Joe's Café is a global ecumenical ministry that originated at the First Congregational Church in Wallingford in 2006. Their mission is to provide coffee to Military Chaplains that serve in deployed locations around the world as well as in the United States. Our United Church of Christ - UCC Chaplains serve everywhere the military is located. In 2017, Holy Joe's Café became a stand-alone 501c3 nonprofit.



“As an ordained UCC minister and an Air Force Chaplain the ministry we do amongst our troops is a critical one. We help to spiritually ground their deepest fears, anxieties, and hopes with compassionate accompaniment,” said UCC Air Force Chaplain Ryan Tyler-Byers. Holy Joe's Cafe is the conduit for Chaplains who set up an oasis not in size but purpose. It's the 'taste of home' through coffee which is the most important place for people when they are in the midst of great havoc.

The spiritual renewal, the morale booster, the relationships, even the simple moment of enjoying a cup of coffee during a long shift are possible through the donations of coffee from Holy Joe's Café. Please consider making a donation ONLINE via Holy Joe's Cafe website @ <https://www.holyjoes.org/donate>. Visit their website at www.holyjoes.org for more information.

Killingworth Library



September Events at the Killingworth Library

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

Letter Writing Social – Friday, September 1st, 1:00pm-5:00pm. September 1st is World Letter Writing Day! Electronic communication is great, but texts and emails can't capture the personal touch of a handwritten letter. Creative, communicative fun for all ages. No registration necessary, just drop in!

Ancient Wisdom, Modern Hope author talk – Thursday, September 28th, 6:00pm-7:00pm. Join local author James T. Powers for a talk about his new book, *Ancient Wisdom, Modern Hope: Relearning Environmental Connectiveness*. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

Library Card Signup Month – the entire month of September! What can you get with a Killingworth Library card? Access our collection of 27,000+ books; 5,000+ audiovisual materials; magazines, puzzles, and games – plus the ability to request items and manage your library account through the Bibliomation consortium. And don't forget the museum passes that offer discounts to local attractions... and so much more! So register for a library card in September or any other month by visiting the

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 by the 15th of each month.



CROP Walk on Sunday, October 1 at 12:00 p.m.

EVERYONE is invited to join to walk to alleviate hunger on Sunday, October 1 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.cropwalk.org.



Our fair was successful because of your help. We could not have pulled it all together without you! Huge thanks to all the helpers and another big thanks to everyone who donated items. We had lots of treasures to sell and enjoyed lots of happy faces finding those treasures. Thank you!



**Birthdays
This Month**

- Sept 2 Bruce Campbell
- Sept 4 Lauren Blaha
- Sept 10 Leota Lanoue
- Sept 13 Bonnie Eldredge
- Sept 16 Kay Hammett
- Sept 17 Ryan Filosi
- Sept 21 Clark Judge
- Sept 22 Tristan Schemmerling
- Sept 24 Jennifer Figurelli
- Sept 26 Elaine Kaiser

Book of Life

Memorial Garden Interment

August 19, 2023
Susan M. Nash

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

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.

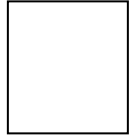
Please contact the church office with the date you will provide flowers.



September 2023

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

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH



Sunday Sundaes

Sunday School Registration and Open House
September 10th