

FROM THE PASTOR

"For I am certain ... that nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

-Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter 8

After a long day, Kay and I often become "couch potatoes", settling in to watch some re-runs on Netflix. I stumbled onto one recently about building "tiny houses", living with less in a more affordable home. The episode was about a volunteer fireman and his wife in northern California rebuilding after a wildfire in 2020 destroyed everything they owned. The tiny house would give them a new beginning. Guess where they chose to build – on the same spot as the previous house, on a landscape that has been turned to charcoal. Now, why in the world would they return to such a place and live with the continued threat of fire (as we are seeing sweep through northern California even now)? Personal connections, family relationships and friendships, many of them deepened by a tragedy shared by neighbors, have bonded them together as an especially close community. The droughts, the risks, the blackened hills – these things don't matter as much as the people they care about and want to remain close to.

Wildfires, earthquakes, floods, pandemics, social upheavals and wars, disasters of natural and human origin – there are ample things to be distressed about, to grieve, to worry over. They remind us of our fragile existence, our vulnerabilities, our fears, our failures. They humble us and the technologies we so depend on. For all our modern advancements and achievements, we are still very mortal indeed.

Weighing the risks, dealing with our personal concerns, Kay and I canceled our trip to Florida. We weren't the only ones. Airline travel has been dropping off rapidly as the Delta variant rapidly rises. So we connected with our families there in an online video chat instead. We watched as our grandsons excitedly tore open the birthday gifts we sent. They held them up for us to see even though we were the ones who sent them. It was a wonderful time. No, we weren't physically there, but it sure felt like it. It reminded us that what matters most of all, come what may, is the love we have for each other.

We can wish life's more difficult challenges wouldn't happen, but personally, I would never wish away how these experiences deepen our appreciation for each other, for the love that makes life worth living and keeps us persevering and gives us hope.

In northern California, Lodgepole pines sprout back up after forest fires. Their cones are tightly sealed and require extreme heat to open and release seeds. It's a natural adaptation to wildfires that bears the promise of new life, even after great devastation.

"Hope springs eternal" they say. It's true, especially when the things we go through deepen our appreciation for one another, especially when we more fully appreciate the love God has given us to share.

Do not despair. There is always the promise of new life. Hope springs eternal. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev Dave

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September



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 live from the church facebook page. A facebook account is not needed. 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?>

OR GO TO ZOOM DIRECTLY:

Meeting ID: 852 5777 5429

Password: 068550



Did you know that you can view past Sunday Worship Services?

Visit www.youtube.com and, in the search box, type *Congregational Church in Killingworth*.

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

Proverbs 18:16



Thank you for your generosity.



Psalm 125:2

*As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
both now and forevermore. (NIV)*



Sunday School Corner

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

Hello Sunday School Students and Families!

I hope you are healthy and safe and enjoyed the summer.

As of this moment, the Christian Education committee plans to resume Sunday school classes again on September 12th! We will also be handing out individually wrapped ice cream sandwiches instead of make your own ice cream sundaes at the conclusion of the lessons.



Sunday school will be outside (if weather permits). Please plan to dress accordingly. If the weather is bad, we may decide to do a Zoom class instead, so check the weather and your email before heading to Sunday School.

Just like for school, we ask you to bring your own supplies. (**Pencil, scissors, Bible, and either crayons, markers or colored pencils** (your preference)). I will have a few ziplock bags of supplies made up ahead of time in case anyone forgets supplies, so don't worry! All students will be required to wear a mask. A **towel** or **blanket** will be helpful if grass is wet.

We will resume Sunday school offering each Sunday. This offering supports our sponsor child, Kenzie, through "Save the Children". A basket will be provided for students to drop their offering in.

Please fill out and mail in the Sunday School registration form to 273 Route 81, Kworth, CT 06419. The form can be found on the church website and will be available on Sunday, September 12th at the church.

As always, we will collect food for local food banks all year on the 1st Sunday of each month and the food will be delivered monthly.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe and healthy!

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



CROP Walk on Sunday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m.

EVERYONE is invited to join to walk to alleviate hunger on Sunday, October 3 at 1:00 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. All the money raised will go to Killingworth Helping Hands food pantry and Backpack Program.

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 September 14 & 28

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.

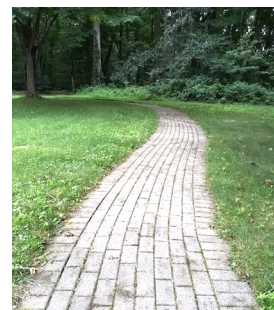


Towels, bedding, and toiletries (full size) also appreciated. Men's and Women's clothing are accepted in like-new, freshly cleaned condition. New socks are always needed.

*please
join us*

You're Invited! Let Missions Know You're Thoughts

The Missions Committee would like to invite the congregation to our next meeting on **September 26**. We will serve a picnic dinner. We want to engage in a discussion about what the Congregational Church of Killingworth would like the Missions Committee to support and how we support the needs of our community and beyond. It will be one of two meetings. The second meeting will provide an opportunity for people to bring back information about suggested directions considered in the September 26th meeting.



Garden Walkway and Labyrinth Gets Some TLC

In 2004, William Jette, Sr and his son Bill hand placed over 1,300 stones that made up this seven-circuit 45 foot labyrinth, taking them about 100 hours to complete. Since then, the beautiful space has been lovingly cared for by Bill Jette.

Last week, Bill spent the weekend landscaping the area including the walkway. It looks amazing!

Thank you, Bill for all your hard work to insure this lovely space is ready for visitors. Your efforts are truly appreciated by many.



Church Updates

PRESERVATION 2020 – PHASE 2 UPDATES

The church's next preservation effort, Phase 2, focuses on the church's exterior below the belfry. In the meantime, there was a demolition of the deteriorating chimney, which was not in use. That project was expected to be completed in late August.

Other Phase 2 plans are on hold as we have not received close-out information from SHPO. Therefore, we cannot begin Phase 2 until the check for Phase 1 is submitted.

That phase includes all exterior carpentry and painting, window repairs, plus repairs on the center front door hardware and all architectural moldings and trim.

The procedures to apply for a second grant from the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) will follow the exact protocols as those for Phase 1.

A grant application will be submitted to the Connecticut's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). If awarded the grant, the church will then solicit bids followed by SHPO's review and approval of the bids and choice of contractor. This involves a pre-bid conference and time for bid preparation. Once received and approved, the Preservation 2020 team will award a contract to the successful bidder and begin construction.

We anticipate that comprehensive work on Phase 2 will begin in the spring.

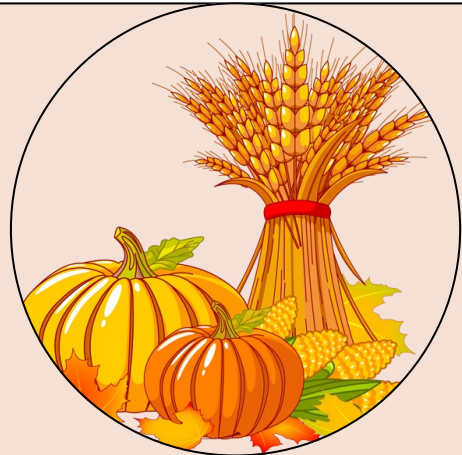
Fall Festival

Saturday, September 11th

9 am — 3 pm

Attic Treasures * Silent Auction

Plant Sale * Children's Games * Food



Sexton Wanted

The church is need of a sexton. The primary responsibilities would be cleaning and opening/closing the church for regular and special services. This is a paid position and anyone interested should contact the church office or Rob Rimmer.



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



Sept 2 Bruce Campbell
Sept 4 Lauren Blaha
Sept 10 Leota Lanoue
Sept 10 Neal Lewis
Sept 13 Bonnie Eldredge
Sept 17 Ryan Filosi
Sept 20 Jared Langevin
Sept 21 Clark Judge
Sept 22 Tristan Schemmerling
Sept 23 Charles Lynskey
Sept 24 Jennifer Figurelli
Sept 24 Lily Karber
Sept 26 Elaine Kaiser
Sept 28 Eleanor Sanderson
Sept 28 Gavin Figurelli
Sept 29 Rosemary Vidoli

Book of Life

Memorial Garden Interment

July 10, 2021

Constance Gasteyer

Memorial Service

August 7, 2021

Robert Broach

August 18, 2021

Margaret Pope

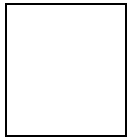
***Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.***

Matthew 5:4

It's back to regular office hours!
Tuesday, Wednesday
9 am—3 pm
Thursday 9 am –2 pm



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10 a.m. Worship

**September
2021**



Ice Cream Sunday
1st Day of Sunday School
September 12th