



FROM THE PASTOR

***“Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

-Romans 8:39

Mark your calendar – Sunday, October 16 after worship, we'll sit down together and begin a conversation about what it means to be us, The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC. We'll talk about joys and concerns, things that work and things that don't, what matters most to us and what we believe God is calling us to do. And we'll see where this leads, what further conversations we need to have, what we need to focus on and what impact this may have on the way we go about being Christ's church now and into the future.

If you've been keeping up on these newsletters, you may remember that I shared some rather daunting American church attendance statistics in the July-August issue. For instance, in 2019, pre-Covid, the Pew Research Center found that 45% of Americans said they attended worship services at least once a month. Since then, with churches across the nation fully open, that number has dropped to 27%. And churches are not seeing any resurgence to previous levels. A dozen years ago, the attendance number was 52%, so attendance has been in decline for some time.

We're looking at huge cultural shifts, certainly accelerated by Covid, but going well beyond that. What this tells us is that there isn't an easy fix, some fancy program that will turn the tide. What this doesn't tell us, however, is that in a shifting cultural paradigm, you and I are still called to be faithful, to witness to the saving love of God in Jesus Christ. The question is, then, how do we go about doing this in the unique moment we find ourselves?

Back in the first century as people of faith were experiencing their own cultural upheavals, the Apostle Paul wrote to the young church in Rome (Roman s 8:14-16):

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit ...”

It was Paul's way of saying believers have nothing to fear as they face life's uncertainties because Christ's Holy Spirit is our inspiration and life. We don't have to have all the answers or the ability to figure everything out, but rather, as God's children, we trust the Holy Spirit to show the way, open our hearts and minds to what we need to be about today.

And, Lord willing, that's where we'll be headed on October 16.

Believe me, I am as concerned and confused and frustrated with the events in this country and beyond as you are, and there are times it seems overwhelmingly discouraging, but Christ's light still shines in the dark, even now, especially now. You and I have an important role to play in the healing, hope and peace of our families and community and world. In this we do not have to fear, for the Holy Spirit is our strength and guide. This time, this historical moment of great change, can be a defining moment in the life of our church. It truly matters that we be about this important task.

Come, be part of the conversation and this new day. Together, we can make a real and positive difference. And remember, “God is good all the time”. Trusting him, this time can be good, too.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev Dave

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**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
10 A.M.**



The Sanctuary is open. Masks are optional.

Watch from the church Facebook page, YouTube, Twitter, 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=bml0Q1BPVTZ2dEtkeklUek5RQ042Zz09>

BY PHONE: 929 205 6099

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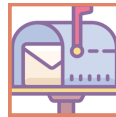
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Thank you!



Online Giving - It's fast, safe, and easy to use.
Visit KillingworthChurch.org and click on the Giving link.



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



Sunday School Corner

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

Hello Sunday School Students and Families,

I hope you are all doing well and had a restful summer. I also wish you the best in the new school year and hope you are settling into a routine. It is that time of year again that we also get back into the routine of Sunday school!

Sundae Sunday will be September 11th. Please arrive by 9:45 to fill out a Sunday school registration form. (Also available on the website to print and bring on the 1st day!) It is also an open house and all are encouraged to bring a friend! All are welcome.

There are many wonderful events to get involved with this year. I hope you can join us and make a difference in the lives of others and in the community.

- Sept 11th-** Sundae Sunday! All are welcome to enjoy ice cream and to celebrate the start of the Sunday School year
- Oct 1st-** Fall Festival- Kids games in am
- Oct 2nd -** CROP Walk at Chatfield Hollow
- Nov 4th -** Harvest Dinner
- Nov 20th -** Pumpkin bread baking

-**Kenzie is our Save the Children sponsor child**– The Sunday School offering funds her sponsorship.

-**1st Sunday of the month** food collection for local food banks

Hope to see you all soon!

Many Blessings,
Christine Link
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*I praise you, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made.*

Psalm 139:14



Eddy Shelter Dinners Tuesday, September 13 & 27

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.

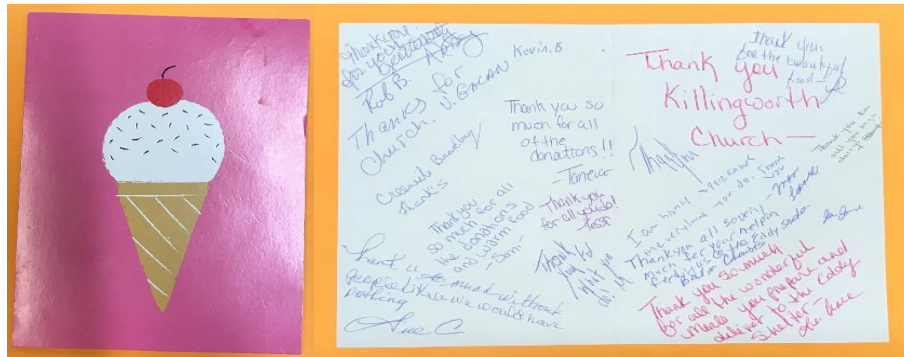
Clothing & Toiletries are NO LONGER being accepted at this time.
NEEDED: Twin Sheets and comforters, individually wrapped snack foods



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.

The residents and staff of the Eddy Shelter send their heartfelt thanks for the food and donations we have been sending.

The card is hanging on the Mission board in the parish hall.



There has been a lot of hard work going on around here! Thank you to everyone who came out to trim the trees and the front yard shrubs, weed whack, and clean it all up, The Church looks great! And it was just in time for the Road Race. We're very grateful to those who volunteered.



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.





Killingworth Road Race

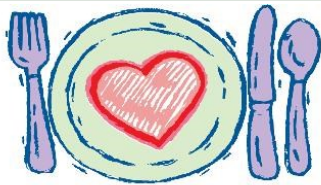
A certified 4-mile road race to benefit local charities

We ran the Killingworth Road Race again for the first time since 2019 and netted the church over \$3,000, exceeding our expectations! It was a hot day, but our many volunteers (see list below) made it easy for the runners which included our own Rob Rimmer, Matt Link, Cindy and Chett Vogt, and Kristen Tyrseck! In addition, Maureen Alfiero's Down the Lane Farm was a paid advertiser and appears on the t-shirt. Many thanks to all who volunteered and made this year's race a huge success!



Race Volunteers -

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|------------------|----------------|
| Chuck Langevin | Dan Vogt |
| Shawn Sodergren | Lauren Blaha |
| Debbie Sodergren | Christine Link |
| Drew Sodergren | Sean Link |
| Clark Judge | Claire Link |
| Leslie Judge | Nancy Dickey |
| Charlie Smith | Ed Glynn |
| Sandy Smith | |
| Rob Rimmer | |
| Joann Rimmer | |
| Josie Rimmer | |



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

LUNCH PRICES :

Age 60+ \$3.00 *suggested donation.*

Under Age 60 – Cost is \$13.93

The Senior Community Luncheon is Back!

The Estuary Luncheon is back 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.

Provide full names of all people wanting to have lunch (First & Last), state Killingworth as your Café location, date for lunch (can leave multiple dates for the month) and phone number. Lunch is served promptly at Noon.



Beginning mid-September, mums will be available Sunday mornings on the parish hall deck and at the October 1st Fair

Market Competitive Price

Unusual Colors that Bloom into November

Congregational Church Fall Festival

Saturday, October 1, 2022

We will hold our Annual Outdoor Fall Festival on the front lawn on Saturday, October 1, from 9:00 - 3:00 (rain date is October 8). Join us for family-friendly events. Highlights include a Silent Auction, 50-50 Raffle, attic treasures, home goods, clothing, Chrysanthemums of all colors, bake sale, food and so much more. For further information or to donate items (please donate items in very good condition), call the church office at 860-663-1789 or visit <https://killingworthchurch.org/resources&downloads>

DONATIONS NEEDED: Donate your slightly used and new items.

No electronics unless new. Clothes in style and good condition are acceptable. Donations will be accepted thru Sept. 25th only.

**We NEED HELP! Please sign-up in the parish hall.
Suggestions and ideas are always appreciated.**

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 1

(rain date Oct 8th)

9 am — 3 pm

Attic Treasures * Silent Auction * 50/50 Raffle
* Plant Sale * Children's Games * Food



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 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.



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 20 Jared Langevin
- Sept 21 Clark Judge
- Sept 22 Tristan Schemmerling
- Sept 23 Charles Lynskey
- Sept 24 Jennifer Figurelli
- Sept 26 Elaine Kaiser
- Sept 28 Eleanor Sanderson
- Sept 28 Gavin Figurelli
- Sept 29 Rosemary Vidoli

“The older
you get the
better you
get, unless
you are a
banana.”

-Betty White

Book of Life

Memorial Garden Interment

June 4, 2022
James Puska

Memorial Service

June 4, 2022
James Puska

August 5, 2022
Royce McCall

August 11, 2022
Lillian Griswold

Evergreen Cemetery

June 30, 2022
Emogene Robinson

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

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.

September 2022

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Sep 2022 (Eastern Time - New York)

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

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10 a.m. Worship

**September
2022**



**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH**



Sunday Sundae

**Sunday School Registration and Open House
September 11th at 9:30 am**