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FROM THE PASTOR

"On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth

-Isaiah 25:6-8

Summertime winds down and fall is just around the corner. Evenings are getting cooler. There's a tree near our place already changing color – so soon! It won't be long before Sunday School begins (see announcement in this newsletter). We'll also have another Congregational Conversation in the coming weeks as we hopefully complete work on the by-laws and ready them for a congregational vote. The fall program picks up pace and there's renewed energy for our faith community. If you've been keeping a low profile for the past few months, now is a great time to reengage with the church's ministry.

There are many good reasons to become more active in the church besides a happy return to fall programming. There is peace and purpose to be found here, friendship and fellowship and numerous ways to find meaning in our lives. In these particularly challenging and uncertain times, it matters greatly that we experience and share the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ. The relationship we are offered in him is a blessed assurance of amazing grace for us personally and through us, for the people in our lives.

There is often real darkness in the world. It worries us. It makes us anxious about what the future might hold. But there is more to life than this. Indeed, as Christ's followers we have the light of his saving love to cast into the dark with the assurance that goodness and grace will happen, that our hope is sure, that peace is Christ's intention and possible in our time.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

-Matthew 5:14-15

By this, we help remove, "the shroud that is cast over all people", and help, "wipe away the tears from all faces".

So come, receive God's grace and be God's grace for a hurting and hungry world. Put your lamp on a stand. Be changed for the better. Be the change that makes for a better world.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev Dave



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September Calendar





*Watch from the church Facebook page or Zoom.

*Search for: The Congregational Church in Killingworth UCC. OR *Go to Zoom.us and add the meeting ID and passcode found below.

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Dial: 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 845 3833 6049

Password: 500345

Please call the church office if you have any issues or questions.



Bright Spot in the Week Bible Study

In-Person or Join Remote Wednesdays // 7pm

Each Wednesday, Rev. Dave hosts a live Bible study broadcast from church focused on the scriptures for the coming Sunday's worship service.

You can ask questions, make comments, and share prayer requests.

Each study will be followed by prayer.

Join in-person or watch through Facebook or Zoom. Zoom Link to join the meeting: You can sign in 10 minutes early.

Online Zoom link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81262507891?pwd=alN4dTNlTG1Yby9DUFVSV 2RUMGN5UT09

Phone: 929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 885 6894 8592 Passcode: 476067



Use the QR Code to connect quickly and safely to our *Giving* link.



God's grace is abundant.

Giving is meant to be a joyful expression of giving thanks.



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,

I hope you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer! The Link family spent last week in Maine and went on a white water rafting adventure!

I'm excited for Sunday school classes to resume on Sunday, **September 8th**. Of course, there will be ice cream sundaes for everyone, so please invite a friend!! Sunday school registration forms are available on the church website under the resources tab or plan to arrive early on September 8th to fill out the form.

Save the date for the HK CROP walk at Chatfiled Hollow park on **October 6th.** Participants walk to help others with food insecurity at the local and international levels. Participants of all age and fitness levels are encouraged to attend. It's a great way for students to get involved with helping others!!

Hope to see you all soon!
Many Blessings,
Christine Link
Christinelax@hotmail.com







CROP Walk on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 12p.m.

EVERYONE is invited to join to walk to alleviate hunger on Sunday, October 6 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 Christine Link or just show up at Chatfield Hollow State Park! Signs will be posted directing walkers. Learn more at www.cropwalk.org.

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

CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSIONS

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16



Eddy House Dinners Tuesdays, September 10th & 24th

The Eddy House is a 30+ bed emergency homeless shelter for men and women of Middlesex County.

The Missions Committee delivers a meal to the Eddy House each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month.

Contributions to the monthly meals such as desserts, breads, and sides (salad, soup, veggies, casseroles) are always gratefully accepted.

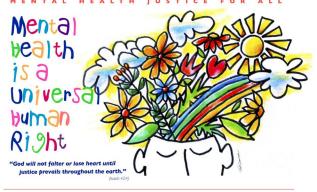
Always needed and appreciated: Socks, Twin sheets, comforters, bottled water and "grab and go" foods like protein bars, granola bars, fruit, nuts, cheese sticks.

Contact Paulie Lally 860-663-2315 to offer donations or to help deliver the meal.

Missions Needs Your Help with Meals

We need folks who can donate food, prepare food, and deliver everything to Middletown. Food donations can be bottled water, frozen foods, desserts, side or main dishes. Food prep will be on Tuesdays at 2pm the day of the meal. Please contact Karen Gagliardi 860-663-3866 to discuss how you can help. **Thank you!**





Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering Sunday, October 6

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States.

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is "Mental Health Justice For All!" A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respect-

ed, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

* One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.



Join UR Community Cares to make a difference!

UR Community Cares is looking for passionate volunteers to help our aging neighbors thrive. Whether it's removing an air conditioner, gardening, organizing, or teaching technology, your skills and time are invaluable.

Become part of a community that supports and uplifts each other. Flexibility in commitment allows you to volunteer based on your availability and interests. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected community. Learn more and sign up today at www.urcommunitycares.org.

The town of Killingworth and the Beechwood community joined together to provide seed funding for the UR Community Cares program. The program addresses the everyday needs of 70+ and disabled adults in our community so that they can stay in their homes. Although the service is free, a \$100.00 donation is required for a background check, insurance and driving history to insure the safety of each participant. Residents who are financially able are urged to contribute to their own background check. Killingworth civic organizations and businesses will be asked to help fund the project. Individuals can participate as a donor, volunteer or recipient online or by calling UR Community Cares at 860-430-4557 or www.URCommunityCares.org.

The Missions Committee will support this program and any church member who may need assistance.



Killingworth Road Race

110 racers lined up at the starting line. Off they ran, despite the high temperatures on that Saturday morning. 98 racers finished the race and many were treated for heat exhaustion. All walked away fine. Congratulations to the winners! A huge thank you goes to each racer, the race coordinators, helpers, and EMT's. Visit www.KillingworthRoadRace for stats on this year's race.















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 Ginger Jett-Gentile

Sept 26 Elaine Kaiser

Sept 28 Eleanor Sanderson

Happy Birthday!

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.

Flowers for the Altar



Each week, families and/or individuals will 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 announce-

ments. 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. Thank you.



Sept. 1 B. & G. Van Huysen

Sept. 8 L. Judge, J. Bennett

Sept. 15 B. & G. Van Huysen

Sept. 22 L. Judge; S. Allard

Sept. 29 L. Judge

Book of Life

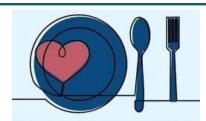
Memorial Service

August 24, 2024

Russell J. Schildge

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

Matthew 5:4



Killingworth Café A Senior Community Luncheon

Come to the church hall each Wednesday at 12pm for a hot, nutritious lunch.
Call in your lunch reservations to 860-388-1611, x216, before 11:00 A.M the day prior to when you wish to have lunch. Suggested donation is \$3 per meal.

Hosted by The Estuary Center of Old Saybrook

September 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Frf	Sat
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	2	3	12pm - Cafe 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	7pm - AA	6	7
sundae sunday 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	9	3pm - Eddy	12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	7pm - AA 7pm - Council	13	14
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	16	17	12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA	20	21
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If you do not wish to continue receiving the Kerygma, please email or call the office.

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10 a.m. Worship

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Sunday Sundae

Sunday School Registration and Open House September 8th at 9:30 am