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FROM THE PASTOR

"Hope does not disappoint us for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit."
-Romans 5:5

"April showers bring May flowers", they say. If this is true – look out for a big bloom ahead! It's already started, of course, with Easter ushering in forsythia blossoms and daffodils popping up everywhere even though the first half of April was cold and soaking wet. I know, because I had a number of outside projects I was trying to accomplish and about the time I'd seize on a sunny moment, the clouds would come rolling in again. I began thinking it would never end. But finally – *Easter* – like the official beginning of sunny days at last!

If there's one good thing to say about gloomy days, it's that they really make us appreciate better weather when it comes.

The first Easter was a like a breath of fresh air. The people Jesus ministered to were filled with gloom and discouragement. They suffered under the oppression of a foreign power and longed for liberation. No wonder they waved palm branches when they heard God's Messiah was coming to Jerusalem. Many turned to Jesus in hopeful expectation of a new king. He was so much more than they had imagined, for his kingdom was not defined by national boundaries, but by the eternal kingdom of God. An earthly king took Jesus' life, but he rose from the grave victorious over sin and death – King of Kings and Lord of Lords. For those who believed and followed, their hope for liberation had come, a release from bondage no power on earth could ever restrain.

Earthly powers often specialize in the restraining business, as we are witnessing today in many ways. Greed and selfish pride, the lust for power, bigotry, hatred – the cold and gloomy clouds of sin – the bane of humanity when it chooses to live without God.

Human kingdoms left to their own devices inevitably go awry, misled by the notion that pushing harder, clamping down, oppressing the perceived opposition is the way to success: surely, the battle can be won by force! But so many people are left hurting, confused and disheartened, wishing things could be better, wishing the gloom would end.

It can — by the grace of God in those who turn to the Savior and believe and follow and set their hopes on the kingdom of God. It is not some sweet-by-and-by thing, but a bold proclamation that right here in the here and now, the Greater Truth, the Higher Power is with us, to save us, to give us direction and purpose and courage and ultimately, peace. Easter is proof of this. Jesus said:

"Believe in the Good News, for the kingdom of God is at hand" and, "Do you not know that the kingdom of God is within you?"

Within us. The best part of us. Ready to bloom forth with the Easter promise of Christ's salvation, forgiveness, the boundless love we share as God's liberated people. This is the Good News we profess in bad news times, the hope and promise of new life even now.

Big bloom ahead.

Peace and Blessings, -Rev Dave

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Worship In-Person, Zoom, or Facebook

*Go to Facebook.com and search for: Killingworth Congregational Church **OR** *Go to Zoom.us and add the meeting ID and passcode found below.

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84538336049?pwd=Z0NRZC9rN0FCOWhPMT NZMk9EMHgzZz09

Dial: 929 205 6099 **Meeting ID**: 845 3833 6049 **Password**: 500345



Bright Spot in the Week Bible Study

Parish Hall or Join Remotely 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.

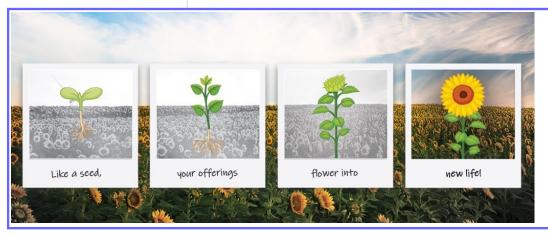
Join in-person or watch through Facebook or Zoom.

Zoom Link to join the meeting: You can sign in 10 minutes early.

Online Zoom link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81262507891?pwd=alN4dTNlTG1Yby9DUFVSV2RUMGN5UT09

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



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





Sunday School Corner

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Romans 8:14

Happy Spring Sunday School Students and Families,

In May Sunday School students will explore the book of Acts and learn about the early church leading up to Pentecost.

Save the date for many upcoming events this spring-

- June 1st Confirmation and scholarship presentation
- June 8th- Children's Sunday with picnic to follow the service
- June 18, 19, 20- Vacation Bible School- True North- Trusting Jesus in a wild world The ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. True North VBS shows kids that Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PLMpjmZ-o4

Many Thanks, Christine Link Volunteer Christian Education director Christinelax@hotmail.com





Easter Sunday began with a sunrise service followed by a lovely breakfast. At 10am everyone gathered in the Sanctuary. The space was transformed by the delicate beauty of Easter Lilies displayed around the altar. The day's events, from the early morning service, baptisms, to the welcoming of new members, collectively reflected the deep-rooted traditions and the vibrant spirit of the Easter celebration.









joyfully invites all to attend the installation service for the

Reverend David Hammett

as settled pastor on June 1, 2025 at 2 pm

A light reception will follow

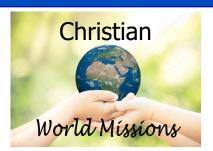
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In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'

Luke 3:11

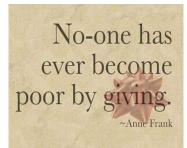


Eddy House Dinners Tuesdays, May 13 & 27

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

Each second and fourth Tuesday, 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.





May 1 Patrick Brandon
May 4 Walter Macklem
May 5 Joann Zamparo

May 9 Devyn Tyrseck May 11 Derek Phelps May 12 Vicki Harris
May 15 Shawn Sodergren
May 19 Richard Anziano

May 21 Edward Glynn Jack Kaiser



May

May 4 Jo Ann Bennett
May 11 Board of Ushers
May 18 Jo Ann Bennett
Sandy Allard

May 25 Bill Van Huysen Gayle Van Huysen



Book of Life

Eleanor Sanderson March 3, 2025 Evergreen Cemetery

Rosemary Vidoli March 9, 2025

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

Matthew 5:4



2025 Scholarship Award

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC is pleased to offer graduating high school students who are members of the church the opportunity to apply for this year's Scholarship Award. Applications are available in the church office or online. Please contact Christine Link or other Christian Education Committee members for additional information.

Welcome New Members

We are delighted to welcome you to our church family. We look forward to sharing in your spiritual journey and growing together in faith and love. May you find peace, inspiration, and community here with us.

Welcome to... Christina Harkins, our first virtual member. Rachel Parks Parker Smith



Congratulations to Rachel (Parks) Smith and Parker Smith on their recent wedding. We wish you blessings on this joyous occasion that marks the beginning of a beautiful journey together, filled with love, happiness, and countless cherished moments.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION – MAY 4

Join the conversation on Sunday, May 4 after worship. We may not have any big policy issues or church business to discuss, but it's certainly good to check in with each other to see how we're all doing ... especially now. There are so many challenges and changes to navigate these days and the question is, "What does it mean to be Christ's people at times like this?" Who are we called to be when things seem to go off the rails and there is so much uncertainty?

How are you doing? What are your concerns and needs? Where can we find peace and direction? What can we do to give others hope? How can we make a positive difference?

As always, we'll check politics at the door and just be here for each other with patience and understanding no matter our party affiliations or opinions. Come, expecting to be blessed and to have blessings to share. -Rev Dave



<u>Vespers Memorial Worship Service</u> Sunday, May 25 at 11:30 a.m.

Each year we hold a Memorial Worship Service in our outdoor Hervey Moores Memorial Chapel. The service is open to all in the community wishing to remember loved ones, especially those who are interred in our Milton R. Liebe Memorial Garden. The congregation, family, friends, and the community are all invited to this beautiful worship service.



Groups from Killingworth are welcome to participate! You do need to REGISTER!

Staging: 8 AM at Killingworth Elementary School, Parade starts at 9:00

Parade Route: Rte 81 South from KES to The Congregational Church, about .3 miles.

This parade is to honor those who died while preserving our country's freedom. Veterans are welcome to participate, and vehicles will be provided for those unable to walk the route. Civic organizations and groups are encouraged to participate using themes of Memorial Day, Community Spirit and American History.

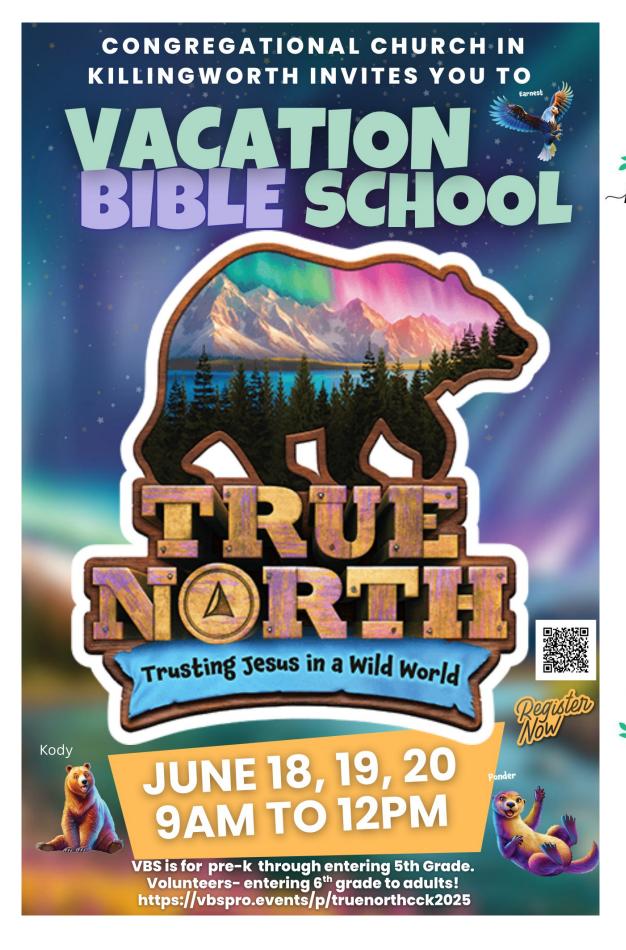
CALL TO SPRING MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Spring Meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC to be held according to the By-Laws during the month of May. The meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2025 immediately following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

- 1. To approve the minutes of the Annual meeting held on February 23, 2025.
- 2. To receive current reports from Boards, Committees, Officers, and the Pastor.
- 3. To transact any other business properly to come before the meeting.

Leslie Judge, Clerk April 1, 2025





May 2025

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC May 2025 (Eastern Time - New York Sun Mon Tue Wed Sat 27 28 29 30 2 3 1 7pm - AA 4 9 5 6 7 8 10 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - AA 10am - Worship 12pm - Cafe 11am - Fellowship 6pm - Lions Club 11:15am -7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA 12 13 14 15 16 17 11 10am - Worship 3pm - Eddy House 12pm - Cafe 6:30pm - Trustees 11am - Fellowship 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Bible Study 7pm - AA 7:30pm - AA 7pm - Council 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 10am - Worship 7pm - Boy Scouts 12pm - Cafe 7pm - AA 11am - Fellowship 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA II:I5am Annual Meeting 29 30 31 26 10am - Worship метопаі рау 3pm - Eddy House 8:30am - Mens Ascension Day 11am - Fellowship 7pm - Boy Scouts 12pm - Cafe 7pm - AA 11:30am - Vesper 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA

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Vesper Service Sunday, May 25 11:30 am.