

FROM THE PASTOR

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"And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

-The Apostle Paul (Philippians 4:7)

For several weeks, we've been following a series of New Testament readings in church from the Gospel of Luke: Luke 16:19-31; Luke 17:5-10; Luke 17:11-19; Luke 18:9-14. A common theme is evident among them – Christ's followers are to honor and respect all people, regardless of race, nationality or social perspective or status. The theme reflects Christ's revelation of, "the greatest of all commandments" (Mark 12:30-31) :

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength ... and your neighbor as yourself"

With a backdrop of increasing division, hatred and violence in our country, the Good News of Jesus we seek to learn, teach and preach here stands in stark contrast. The core values of our Christian faith are called into question. Evil is a reality we all face and these days, it is taking forms not seen before in any of our lifetimes.

I name no names or political parties because, frankly, there is plenty of blame to go around. The old axiom, "Absolute power corrupts absolutely" is as true today as it ever was and it applies to many who rise to power in business and government. The other reason I avoid finger-pointing is because Jesus expressly forbade it (consider the Luke 18:9-14 passage, for example). In Jesus day, there were innumerable horrific acts of violence perpetrated against innocent people by the legions of the Roman Empire, but Jesus made no mention of this. He didn't call out Caesar or any of the Roman authorities that made life miserable, even unbearable for many Jews and their neighbors. As God's Messiah, he certainly wasn't blind to these issues. He certainly felt the social, political and economic stress personally, but had an entirely different perspective on things, a focus so vital, so true, that everything else paled by comparison. At all times and in all places, Jesus focused on the kingdom of God. It was his core belief that the world would be a much better place if people turned their hearts to God, if they humbled themselves, letting go of pride and power to become available to the love of God, love that manifested itself in love of self and neighbor. This was the central truth. This was the key to healing, hope, wholeness and peace in God's world. Indeed, he gave his life to proclaiming this message, to reaching across the boundaries, to loving the whole people of God.

So I encourage you, even in all the current confusion and uncertainty, to put your trust in Jesus, put your trust in God, be the person the Savior calls you to be. It's big picture stuff. It's having a focus on the kingdom of God. It is the way to a better place.

Today is a good day to take a step in the right direction.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev Dave



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH



**Sundays
@ 10 a.m.**

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OR *Go to Zoom.us and add the meeting ID and passcode found below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84538336049?pwd=Z0NRZC9rN0FCOWhPMTNZMk9EMHgZz09>

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

COME JOIN OUR



Bright Spot in the Week **Bible Study**

Wednesdays @ 7pm
Parish Hall or Join Remote

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.

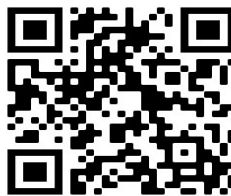
Join in-person or watch through Facebook or Zoom.

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

Online Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81262507891?pwd=aIN4dTNITG1Yby9DUFVSV2RUMGN5UT09>

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 for your continued generosity!

Online Giving

Trusting
God by
giving in
faith.





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,

Thank you to everyone who walked and donated in the CROP Hunger Walk!! We surpassed our goal of \$4,000 and raised just under \$5,000!!!

We are continuing our lessons from the gospel of Luke and focusing on being grateful this month. We are also in the process of choosing a new sponsor child through, Unbound.

There are many upcoming events! Please join us anytime!!

November 14th- Harvest Dinner- Teens are needed as volunteers!

November 23rd is Pumpkin bread baking - we will also make hygiene kits for the Eddy shelter

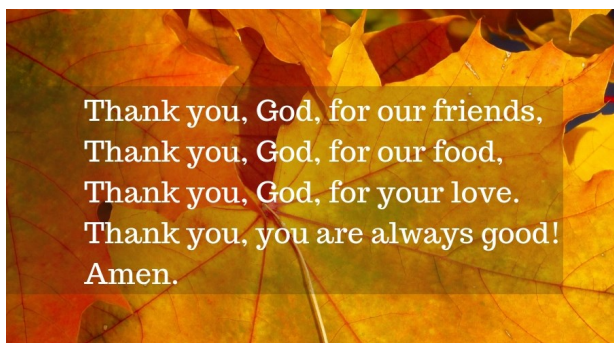
November 30th- Advent Wreath workshop during Sunday school.

In addition, we will be **collecting gift cards** for HKYFS Holiday giving program. This program helps families in need with giving gifts to their families.

The Christmas Pageant will mostly likely be **December 21st**.

Finally, no Sunday school on December 28th!


Many Blessings,
Christine Link
Volunteer Christian Education Director
Christinelax@hotmail.com



Sunday, November 2


Change your clocks &
replace batteries in your
smoke detectors.

**WEDNESDAY MEAL
BEFORE BIBLE STUDY 6 PM**
BIBLE STUDY @7PM



December 3, 10, & 17

Begin with dinner then explore the meaning of the Christmas story. Discuss biblical accounts of Christmas and the traditions that have grown around them.



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**PUMPKIN
BREAD
BAKING**

Sunday 11/23

Students will start in fellowship hall

Church Clean Up

Nov. 23



Join us after the service with Troop 18 to clean up our campus. Bring Rakes, leaf blowers, tarps, etc.



Pumpkin Bread Baking and Delivery
Sunday, November 23

As their expression of generosity on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23, our children will be baking pumpkin bread and delivering it to our home-bound members. If you can help with the delivery of bread, see Christine Link after church that Sunday.

Our church will be overflowing with the delightful smells of pumpkin bread and our hands will be reaching out to remember those folks who cannot make it here every Sunday.



**Fall Clean-up
After Church**

November 23

All ages are invited to bring their rakes to help with the leaf clean-up on our church campus. We will begin around 11:30 and be done by 12:30.



Nov. 2 Jo Ann Bennett, Leslie Judge
Nov. 9 Sandy Allard, Jo Ann Bennett
Nov. 16 Leslie Judge, B. & G. Van Huysen
Nov. 23 Jo Ann Bennett, B. & G. Van Huysen
Nov. 30 Leslie Judge, Sandy Allard

Sunday, November 2nd

All Saints Day Celebration: Honoring our 30+ Year Members

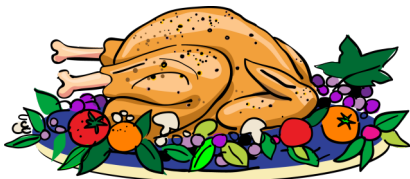
During the worship service on Sunday, November 2, we will be honoring those who have been members of our church for thirty years or more. We will have a special reception after church in their honor prepared by the Deacons. If you need a ride to church, please call the office 860-663-1789. We would love to have all of our long-time members in attendance so we may say thank-you!



During worship, through prayer and the ringing of the bells, we will remember those who have died in the past year. Don't miss this beautiful worship service.

HARVEST DINNER

Friday, November 14th
5 - 7:30pm



Roasted Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Sweet Potatoes, Rolls..... is your mouth watering yet? Did I mention PIE? Come enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with all the homemade fixings!
Tickets: \$25, \$20 Seniors, and \$15 children under 12 years old.

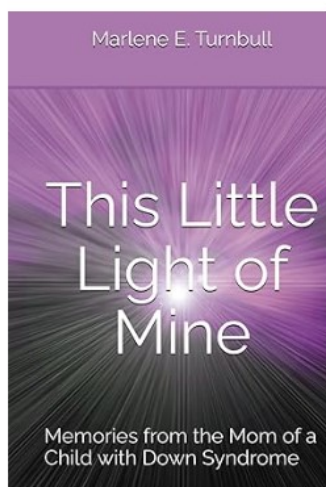


**Killingworth
Café @ CCK**

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



This Little Light of Mine: Memories from the Mom of a Child with Down Syndrome Hardcover – July 14, 2025

by Marlene E. Turnbull (Author)

Congratulations, Marlene!

Marlene Turnbull, a long-time member of CCK, has authored a heartfelt memoir titled ***This Little Light of Mine: Memories from the Mom of a Child with Down Syndrome***. The book chronicles her life raising her daughter, Sue Ann, who was born with Down Syndrome in 1956—a time when attitudes toward disabilities were far less accepting than today. (Find it on Amazon)

CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSIONS

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,
November 11 & 25**

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: Warm clothes, jackets, 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.



"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

HEBREWS 13:16

Christmas Fair

NEEDS YOUR HELP

Basket Items Needed

It's that time of year again! This year's fair will be held on Dec. 6th from 9-3. It will feature a silent auction with visible bids, gifts, wreaths, arrangements, lunch, and a cookie sale. Lots of cookies will be needed. They can be baked ahead, frozen, and dropped off a day or two before the fair. On fair day, they will be displayed in a responsible and safe way.



We need gift items (new or slightly used) for both the silent auction and general sales. Do you have some gifts that you received last year but are still in the boxes unwrapped? You might want to donate them to our sale.



Perhaps you have a flair for constructing theme baskets. They sell well and are a nice addition to the fair. Can you provide one for us? Some themes to consider are cooking, babies, candy, wine/cheese, children's activities, travel games, sports, jellies/jams, Christmas items, and Sudoku/puzzle (with a BIG eraser.)

Volunteers are needed on fair day. Please consider helping out. Donations for the general sales and silent auction can be dropped off at the church until Dec. 1st. **NO Electronics.** A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. Questions? Please call Jo Ann at 860-663-2178 or the church office at 860-663-1789.

Red Poinsettias - December 15th

A TRADITIONAL POINSETTIA SUNDAY * DECEMBER 14



Poinsettias will be available for purchase through the Flower Committee. The plants in 6-1/2" pots may be designated as memorials or specials.

\$11.00 per plant.

Use the sheet below to order. If you have any questions, please call the church office (860-663-1789).

Order by December 7th for pickup on December 14th

Make checks to: CCK Flower Committee.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Order your holiday red poinsettias for **December 14th** - \$11.00 per plant

Last date to order is Sunday, December 7th.

Mail orders to : The Congregational Church, 273 Rt 81, Killingworth, CT 06419

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR WITH LOVE TO: _____

Number of Plants Ordered _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

_____ I will take my plant on Dec. 14th _____ I will leave my plant for someone else to enjoy.

Please pick up plant(s) on Sunday, December 14th



Nov 4 Nancy Reynolds
Nov 5 Liam Foley
Nov 10 Aidan Coleman
Lindsay Woodford
Nov 11 Gayle Van Huysen
Nov. 13 Walter Albrecht
Nov 16 Tessa Tyler

Nov 19 Graydon Slocomb
Nov 22 Joseph Dudash
Nov 24 Louise Van Haverbeke
Laurie Kumnick
Nov 28 Jim Skelly
Nov 30 Willow Gersz
Florence Broach

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

You are invited for an evening of *Music for Christmas* brought to you by the New England Chamber Choir. Sunday, December 7th at 4pm at the Congregational Church in Killingworth. Free Admission—Donations appreciated.

New England Chamber Choir

Richard Wm. Donohue, Conductor

Music For Christmas



Music of Brahms, Byrd, Donohue, Lassus, and more

Sunday 7 December 2025 at 4 p.m.

Congregational Church of Killingworth
273 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut

Sunday 14 December 2025 at 4 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
60 Church Street, Manchester, Connecticut

Each performance preceded by half an hour of instrumental music.

Free admission – donations appreciated www.newenglandchamberchoir.org

Christmas Concert

*Dec 14th
at 3pm*

**Congregational Church
in Killingworth**



Featuring trio **“Anything Goes”**

**Playing a selection of Christmas,
winter and topical songs.**

“Anything Goes” is a local trio featuring people who love music and like to share it. They specialize in making a connection with the folks in the audience and take the time to get to know them.

**Goodwill offering
Reception to follow**

273 Route 81- Killingworth, CT 860-663-1789

NOVEMBER 2025

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

Nov 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 All Saints Day
2 All Saints Sunday 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	3	4 7pm - Boy Scouts	5 12pm - Cafe 6pm - Lions Club 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	6 7pm - AA	7	8
9 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	10	11 Veterans Day 3pm - Eddy House 7pm - Boy Scouts	12 12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	13 7pm - AA 7pm - Council	14 5pm - Harvest	15
16 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	17	18 7pm - Boy Scouts	19 12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	20 6:30pm - Trustees 7pm - AA	21	22
23 Campus Cleanup Pumpkin Bread 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	24	25 3pm - Eddy House 7pm - Boy Scouts	26 8:30am - Mens 12pm - Cafe 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - AA	27 Thanksgiving Day 7pm - AA	28	29
30 Advent Wreath 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship	1	2	3	4	5	6

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC
273 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419



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Joann Zamparo

Volunteer Director of Christian Ed

Christine Link

Office Manager

Maureen Alfiero

Sexton

Matt Link



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Tuesday - Thursday 8am—12pm

Extended hours by appointment

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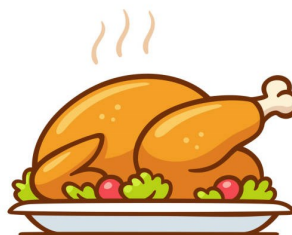
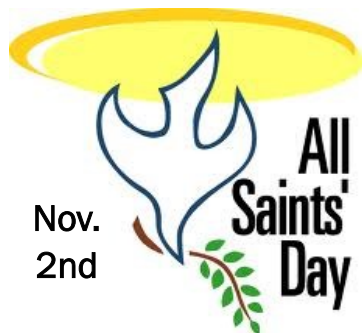
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10 a.m. Worship

NOVEMBER 2025



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH



Harvest Dinner
Friday, Nov. 14