

FROM THE PASTOR

"O Lord who changes not, abide with me."

- Hymn #521, verse #2

It's hard to believe leaves are changing color already! Where did the summer go?

They say the only constant in life is change. Thankfully, this phrase isn't actually true, for there really are constants in life we can trust and rely on. The Alpha and the Omega, "The First and the Last", our God has been and ever shall be creating and sustaining the universe and life within it. Psalm 23 reminds us that the Good Shepherd is with us even through dark and uncertain valleys, leading us to a victory feast of eternal goodness and mercy. Change may be inevitable, but so is God's unfailing love. Martin Luther wrote in his famous hymn (#507, verses #1 and #3):

*"A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
A helper, he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us."*

The Lord abides with us. God's truth triumphs through us.

Every generation certainly experiences change, but it's hard to imagine any in the past experiencing such rapid, life-altering and pervasive change as we are seeing right now. Some of it is pretty disturbing, like the world is devil-filled and threatening to undo us.

In a time of great uncertainty, the Apostle Paul listed the things he felt were going wrong with the world. Romans 8:31-39 lays it out: "hardship, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, death by the sword ..." Still, Paul didn't leave it there because of the Constant in which he trusted, the triumph which God promises in Christ. He reassured the early church and now, us:

"I am certain that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

So right now, as things are, the many changes and uncertainties we face – what can we depend on? What is constant, the high ground amid the flood?

Blueberry pies on race day. You just know they'll be there. And by the generosity of many of you, they were there in abundance!

From Confirmation and Children's Sunday and Vacation Bible School that kicked off the summer season, to the Summer Fair that followed and the Great Race that rounded out August, and all the Sundays of worship and fellowship and all the Wednesday Bible studies in between, we carried on with our time-honored traditions. These are not stodgy old patterns we mindlessly repeat, but bold proclamations to the often crazy world around us that there are things we can still depend on, good things, hopeful things, triumphs that by the grace of God, come through us.

It matters greatly that we share the constant truth, the enduring hope, the eternal love of Christ and his peace.

Peace and Blessings - Rev Dave



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September Calendar



@ 10 a.m.

Worship In-Person, Zoom,
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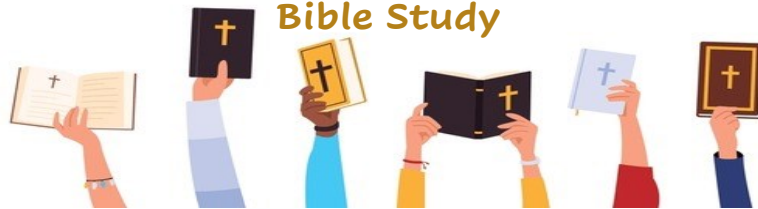


*Go to Facebook.com and search for: Killingworth Congregational Church
OR *Go to Zoom.us and add the meeting ID and passcode found below.

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

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

Bright Spot in the Week Bible Study



Parish Hall 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=aIN4dTNITG1Yby9DUFVSV2RUMGN5UT09>

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

Thank you for
giving
generously!



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

Hello Sunday School Students and Families,

I hope you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer! Sunday school classes to resume on Sunday, September 7th. All are welcome to join and attend. 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 7th to complete the form.

Save the date for the HK CROP Hunger walk on Sunday, October 5th at 12:30pm at Chatfield Hollow State park. The local food banks that benefit from our efforts are HK Backpack Program, Helping Hands food pantry and the Haddam food pantry. 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!! Register here or see me for an envelope and form. Can't make it; support a walker with a donation.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/haddamct>

Many Blessings,

Christine Link

Volunteer Christian Education Director

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WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD

Haddam/Killingworth
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 5, 2025

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Save the date!

Help end hunger!

Take the first step to help others
locally and world wide with hunger.

Register or donate by scanning the QR code



*Thank you Lord
for all the blessings.*



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, July 8 & 22
August 12 & 26

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.

***"When one gives,
two get happy."***

— Amit Kalantri, Wealth of Words



SSKP Volunteer Info Session - Sept. 17th

Are you interested in becoming an SSKP Volunteer?

Come on Wednesday, Sept. 17th to Grace Episcopal Church, 336 Main St. in Old Saybrook at 7 p.m. for a special information session. Learn about SSKP, potential volunteer opportunities, and what it takes to join our dedicated team of volunteers!



SAVE THE DATE:
October 5th Collection

Neighbors in Need

Gifts to Neighbors in Need (NIN) support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects and grants.



Sept 2 Bruce Campbell
 Sept 4 Lauren Blaha
 Sept. 5 Caiden Taylor
 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

Happy Birthday!



Killingworth Road Race

A certified 4-mile road race to benefit local charities

Thanks to all who ran the race with us on a beautiful day. Ben Szuhaj from Naples, FL won the race with a blistering 5:15 pace stopping by while he was on his way up to Cape Cod. Congratulations Ben, you now have a homemade blueberry pie and a trophy for your efforts!

Kaila Lujambio from Coventry was the fastest female with a time of 28:38. Great run Kaila.

Finally Cameron Hines was the fastest Killingworth resident with a time of 27:07

Many took home a homemade blueberry pie generously made by members of the Congregational Church in Killingworth. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with that and with the setup and logistics of the race.

Finally thank you to all of our sponsors from the community, without whom the race would not be possible.

The above information was taken from KillingworthRoad-Race.org. Visit the site to read a wonderful account of the day's events, see pictures, and view the 2025 race results.



Sept. 7 B. & G. Van Huysen
 Sept. 14 L. Judge, J. Bennett
 Sept. 21 B. & G. Van Huysen
 Sept. 28 L. Judge; J. Bennett

And he said to them, You are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knows your hearts...

—Luke 16:15

Community RETIREMENT PARTY
 FOR REV. TIMOTHY HAUT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
 4 PM – 7 PM
 Marvin Field
 across from the Church

The Community is invited to join in celebrating Rev. Timothy Haut. He has served our community for 45 years.

Musical Guest: Paddy Whack

PIE EATING CONTEST
 MUSICAL GUESTS
 FACE PAINTING BY CARA
 FOOD TRUCKS
 OR BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC
 ICE CREAM DESSERT

BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET

FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.DEEPRIVERCC.ORG



Killingworth Road Race

A certified 4-mile road race to benefit local charities



Congratulations to all our incredible runners!

A huge shout-out to our generous sponsors—your support makes all the difference. (See the list at KillingworthRoad-Race.org)

To our race committee: you make it look effortless, but we know the truth. Behind the scenes, it takes countless hours, seamless coordination, and true teamwork to pull off an event like this. You are all amazing!

Thank you for another successful race.



Congratulations to the fastest runners!

Kaila Lujambio
Finished in a fast 28:37 minutes.



Ben Szuhaï's
record breaking time of 20:55



All the pies were baked by our own parishioners at CCK.



Josie had plenty of water to hand the runners.



Go Glenn!

Barely stopping for a welcomed drink of water, Glenn pushes on.



Runner WTNH Meteorologist Gil Simmons with Clark Judge and Charlie Smith.



Volunteers from the Ambulance Association were ready to assist.



Southern New England Conference
United Church of Christ
Living the Love & Justice of Jesus



Seeds of Hope: A Preaching Gathering for All—Sept. 5 & 6

Join siblings from across the Southern New England Conference and beyond Sept. 5 & 6 in downtown Hartford for a two-day gathering of storytelling, preaching, live music, and workshops.

This is more than a preaching event - it's a space for storytellers, artists, community builders, preachers, lay folks, and seekers to gather in a time when the ground feels uncertain - to speak, to listen, and to plant what must come next. It is not just for preachers or clergy, but for anyone who feels the world shifting beneath their feet and still chooses to plant, to root, and to rise.

Hartford Stage will host us Friday night for a Moth-like storytelling event and again Saturday afternoon for a dynamic gathering of music, messages, and performance. Saturday morning will feature preaching workshops at nearby Christ Church Cathedral. All are welcome.

Learn more and register at: www.sneucc.org/seedsdohope.

SNE Women's Connection Fall Retreat, CT

An overnight retreat for Women of the Christian Faith

Recognizing The World We Live In!

Friday, September 19 at 4 pm until Saturday September 20, at 4 pm

Reynolds and Meyer Retreat Centers

Camp Wightman, 207 Coal Pit Hill Road N, (Route 201) Griswold, CT 06351

Led by Rev. Sue Latourette, Pastor of Congregational Church of North Stonington

Enjoy the natural setting at camp with women of faith and be inspired to discover the blessings of our natural world, and exciting ways to care & share.

Registration for one or two days: <https://www.sneucc.org/eventdetail/19130561>



Did you know.....

General Synod 35 was held on July 11-15

Watch livestreamed events from General Synod 35 as well as the State of the Church Address by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

<https://www.ucc.org/gs-livestream/>

A Pastoral Letter to the Faithful Lay Leaders of the Southern New England Conference:

Grace and peace to you, beloved ones,

Across our congregations, I see signs of resurrection breaking through, moments of deep connection, renewed imagination, and faithful action. I see churches building gardens where food insecurity once had the final word. I see worship teams blending tradition and innovation. I see leaders daring to try something new, to radically welcome, and to lead with love.

These glimpses of renewal are not accidental, they are a direct result of your labor, your vision, and your unwavering commitment to God's church. You are the hands and feet of transformation, and it is because of your faithfulness that we can say, even in uncertain times, that hope is alive and well in the Southern New England Conference.

This letter is also a reflection born of relationship. Since beginning my ministry among you, I have had the profound gift of being in fellowship with nearly 100 of our churches, worshiping together, celebrating church anniversaries, witnessing baptisms and funerals, laughter and longing, fear and fierce faith. What I've seen in these sacred encounters is a church that is very much alive.

Oscar Romero, a witness to both deep suffering and divine possibility, once said:

*"We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise...
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own."*

This is the sacred work you are doing every time you chair a meeting, pray over a budget, welcome someone new, or ask your church, "What's next?" You are planting seeds in faith, even if the harvest comes after you. You are helping to birth a church that is more just, more generous, more Spirit-led than we've known before.

I know the work can be heavy at times. But don't let the weight of what still needs to be done overshadow the glory of what is already becoming. You are not alone in this labor. God is with you. Your conference and associations are with you. And the cloud of witnesses, past, present, and future is cheering you on. Together we are one Church in many locations.

So I urge you: keep going. Keep dreaming. Keep leading. You are helping to shape a church worthy of our deepest hopes and holiest callings.

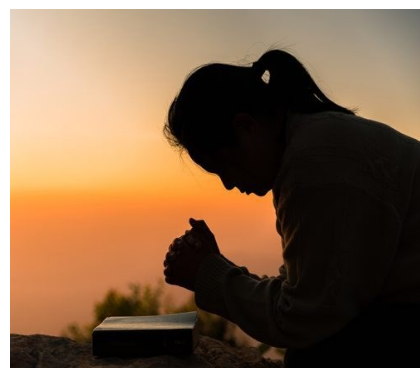
A Prayer for the Journey:

*God of seeds and seasons,
Thank you for the faithful ones who lead with love and live with courage.
When our energy wanes, renew us.
When our vision dims, remind us we are prophets of a future not our own.
Let the work of our hands be rooted in you,
and let the fruit of our labor bless generations to come.*

Amen.

With deep gratitude and hope,
Rev. Darrell Goodwin

Executive Conference Minister and President Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ



SEPTEMBER 2025

The Congregational Church In Killingworth, UCC

Sep 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

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

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10 a.m. Worship

September 2025



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH



September 7 is Sundae Sunday

First Day of Sunday School