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Calendar



Palm Sunday, April 17.

Worship at 10 a.m.

CE Brunch following worship

Don't miss this festive worship service! The children will process with palm branches as we celebrate Jesus' entry to Jerusalem. The celebration continues with brunch after church sponsored by the CE Committee. A sign-up will be in the Parish Hall for folks willing to bring food. Everyone is invited to the brunch. Bring your neighbors and friends.

Maundy Thursday, April 21

Seder dinner at 6 p.m.

Worship at 7:30 p.m.

First we will gather in the Parish Hall for a traditional Jewish Seder dinner prepared by the CE Committee and with readers from our confirmation class. This would have been the type of meal that Jesus shared with his disciples on his last night. We will then move into the sanctuary for the Tenebrae Service of communion, scripture, music and the extinguishing of candles. Our deacons will be the readers for this very moving service.

Good Friday, April 22

Sanctuary Open noon to 7 p.m.

The day of Jesus' crucifixion is a time of quiet, contemplative prayer. Our sanctuary will be open for individuals to spend time in silence in the presence of God.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 3, 2011

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Communion Sunday

Psalm 23, John 9:1-12

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Worship Service 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 10, 2011

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 130

John 11:17-37

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Worship Service 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 17, 2011

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:26-29

Matthew 21:1-11

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Maundy Thursday Worship 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 24, 2011

Easter

Psalm 118:19-24

John 20:1-18

Easter Sunday, April 24 at 10 a.m.

The church will be full of lilies, communion will be served, and we will gather as a community to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Please invite your family and friends to join us on this very special day. We are also looking for folks to bake goodies for coffee hour as we are expecting a full house. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.



From the Minister

Outside my window, there is a large mound of leftover snow. There is nothing more ugly than old snow. The mound doesn't even look like snow. It is covered with sandy dirt, and looks like some odd rock formation that one might find in the desert. In the beginning of winter, snow is so magical and fresh – it invites us to venture out to make new footprints. But by the end of the season, snow feels very old. Every year there is always a yearning for spring that we all feel, but this year I think we are more desperate than usual. It has been a long winter. We are ready for spring.

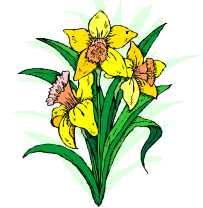
It's not a coincidence that Easter comes in the spring. We Christians borrowed much of the Easter tradition from others. Easter began in its earliest form as the Sunday of Pascha, based on Passover, which allowed Jewish Christians to carry their old traditions into their new faith. The word for Easter was borrowed from German mythology from the name "Eostre" who was the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. The date was fixed by the Council of Nicaea in 325 CE who decided that Easter should fall on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. This year it is one day short of being as late as it can be!

Yet it also makes sense that Easter comes in the spring for a very simple reason – it is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It is the ultimate symbol of transformation, new life and hope.

There is no better season to celebrate transformation, new life and hope than spring!

One of my favorite new hymns captures the essence of the joy in spring:

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.



As spring unfolds around us, take the time to look at all the signs of new life and transformation. Let each of those signs bring you hope. Let each of those signs encourage you to new directions in your life. Let each of those signs remind you that transformation is possible in all ways.

May this Easter season reveal to you what God alone can see,



Sunday School Corner

Along with the arrival of the Field of Flags to our church, the Christian Education Committee will introduce a mission project for the Sunday School children. Each flag on the front lawn not only represents a fallen soldier, but also represents a family suffering the loss of a loved one. Our children will have an opportunity to reach out to the children of fallen soldiers by supporting A Soldier's Child Birthday Foundation. The young man in this famous photo is Christian Golczynski receiving his father's flag. This photo was the inspiration for A Soldier's Child Birthday Foundation.



The intention of A Soldier's Child Birthday Foundation is,

As citizens of the United States of America, we are forever indebted to the men and women who so unselfishly protect our freedoms. It is our objective to communicate through A Soldiers Child to the children left behind that the memory of their parent will not fade away. We want them to know that there are many Americans that are forever grateful for their parent's sacrifice.

With humbleness of heart we aim to honor the memory of the parent by giving a meaningful gift to his/her children on their birthday. Christian Golczynski was the first child to receive a gift from ASC, and our goal is to reach every soldier's child, adopting them into the foundation until they are of adult age. We cannot substitute the bond and love of the parent that is forever gone, but with your help we can show them that we really do care.

The Sunday School children will learn more about A Soldier's Child during the gathering time before the start of classes on Sunday, April 3. During this time, they will have an opportunity to discuss the Field of Flags and ways to support this mission project. Banks will be distributed to help collect donations and their Sunday School offerings from April to June will be directed to this project. If you would like to learn more about A Soldier's Child Birthday Foundation, you can visit their website, www.asoldierschild.org.



Mark your calendars!
 Vacation Bible School is scheduled for
 June 27 - July 1, 2011!
 9:00 am—12:00 pm
www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/killingworthchurch

Infant and Toddler Room Staffing



Erin Fredericksen, one of our very able teenagers, will be the lead staff person in the nursery. She will be joined each week by either a parent or other adult helper. We have posted a volunteer sign-up sheet, along with the safe-church policy forms to be filled out, in the Parish Hall. We are hoping that parents will take a turn periodically, but are also looking for other adult helpers. Wouldn't you like to spend some time in the company of our youngest (and cutest!) folks? With a fully staffed nursery, parents can leave their children there for some or all of the time. Parents may feel free to come and go from the sanctuary worship service as you or your children need.

Wednesday Eves Bake Sale

The Wednesday Eves will sponsor a Bake Sale on Saturday, April 16 from 9am—Noon. Bakers are needed. Please sign up on the sheet located in the Parish Hall. Call Eleanor Sanderson 663-1442 or Joan Lewis 663-2170 if you can help in any way.



Middle School Youth Group—Grades 5-8

April 3rd – Swimming at the H-K Pool from Noon till 2 p.m. Pick up and drop off is from the Pool. Please call Kris Foley at 663-3536 with any questions.



2011 Scholarship Award

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC is pleased to offer graduating high school students the opportunity to apply for this year's Scholarship Award. Applications are available in the church office. Please contact Deb Fredericksen at 860-663-0907 or other Christian Education Committee members for additional information. The **deadline** for submission is **May 1, 2011**.

Deacons' Dinner, April 6 at 6 p.m.

Prior to the Lent prayer service on the evening of April 6, all are invited for a simple supper and good fellowship prepared by our Deacons. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and be over in time to attend the Lent service. Come join us!



Merry Christmas - on April 13 at 10 a.m.!



The Missions Committee is beginning planning for the Christmas Fair, which is the main fundraiser for our Missions giving. We are going to meet briefly on April 13 at 10 a.m. to look at ideas to make this event even more successful. If you enjoy crafts, if you enjoy Christmas Fairs, if you like to come share ideas or if you just want to think Christmas in April, please join us on April 13. All are invited to this open meeting to brainstorm and create!

Wednesday Prayer Services in Lent at 7 p.m.

Each Wednesday we will gather for prayer services in the sanctuary that will focus on different faith practices. We will begin with quiet moments of candle lighting, prayer and scripture followed by time to learn about and experience the following faith practices:

April 6: Forgiveness (Taize worship, Alyson Somerville - guitar)

April 13: Walking the Labyrinth (led by Debbie Sodergren)

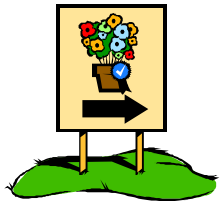
The last half of the April 13 service will be held outdoors, weather permitting. As we journey through Lent, each of these quiet times of prayer and preparation are open to all who seek to find a deeper commitment to their faith and an opportunity to quietly reflect in the middle of our busy lives.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: April 10



One Great Hour of Sharing offering is the refugee, relief and development fund of the United Church of Christ. By combining with other agencies, it provides support to people in more than 80 countries. In March, we took a special offering for Japan after the devastating earthquake and tsunami caused so much hardship and suffering. This month we will be taking our regular OGHS offering which will go to all 80 countries, all of whom still have significant needs.

The theme of this year's offering is "Sharing Resources, Changing Lives." Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9:8, "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." On April 10, we will be receiving the offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. May we all respond by sharing abundantly.



Save the dates for these upcoming Events

May 5th - Cinco de Mayo Dinner

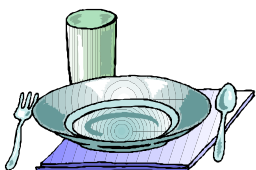
May 7th and 8th - Mothers' Day Plant and Gift Sale

We have many other exciting events that are in the planning stages at this point. Any fundraising ideas are welcome for discussion. Anyone having an interest in joining the Events Committee, helping, or has questions about our committee, please contact Angela Thelin at 860-664-3868 or email to: angelathelin@candeo-group.com.

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Caring for Our Neighbors All Month

Instead of a day of caring, this year we are doing a whole month of caring to do outreach projects in our community. We will be getting together groups of folks willing to do painting, raking, and small home projects for our neighbors in Killingworth who are not able to do these for themselves. We are looking for volunteers of all ages and abilities to help out. Families are encouraged to help together. If you are able to give even just a few hours to volunteer to help our neighbors, please see Karen Gagliardi or Rev. Martha.



Eddy House Dinner: April 26.

We will again be bringing and serving a hot meal to the Eddy House Homeless Shelter in Middletown. Come to our kitchen at **2 p.m.** to join in the cooking fun, or meet at church at **5:00 p.m.** to go up to Eddy House to enjoy the sharing of hospitality as we eat with the guests there.

Community Conversation about Education

April 9 at the HK Middle School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On April 9 our community will gather to hold a dialog about the purposes of public education. This program is being organized by Carolyn Anderson through a grant from the William Casper Graustein Memorial Fund. Rev. Martha will be one of the moderators. The program is open to everyone in the community as we are hoping to gather a wide range of voices. Refreshments will be served and childcare is available. Whether or not you have a child in the school system, we want to have your input. If you want more information or are interested in participating, please see Carolyn Anderson, Rev. Martha or email hkcommunityconversations@yahoo.com. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.



Basic Medical Equipment Available

Are you or someone you know in need of basic medical equipment? The First Church of Christ, UCC in Clinton has set up a free service to give/lend basic medical equipment to any Clinton or Killingworth resident who can use them. If you have a need, or have equipment to donate, please call their church office at 860-669-5735.

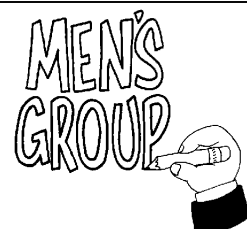
CHURCH MEN'S GROUP

If you have a few hours once a month, why not join us for fellowship and male bonding while performing minor maintenance to our four church buildings. Give me a call for more information.

-Charlie Smith, 663-1583

NEXT MEETING:

Wed. April 27th, 8:30 am.



A plea for more Ushers...

Your Church is looking for your smiling face and strong handshake. Where? At the two doors leading into our Sanctuary this Sunday. We will do the " On The Job " training. It only takes 1 1/2 hours a week to help welcome our congregation to worship. Please contact Charlie Smith at 860-663-1583.

PuppetSpeak! Saturday, April 30th



Arts Center at Killingworth hosts *PuppetSpeak!* a day of puppetry performances, interactive workshops and film for adults and families at the Old Town Hall, 273 Route 81, Killingworth, CT. Don't be fooled into thinking puppetry is "just for kids." Provoking and experimental, puppetry asks questions and offers insights for all ages! Puppeteer Robin McCahill performs *The Snow Queen* for children ages 4-9 (10:30-11:30am), then offers an interactive puppetry-making workshop for all ages (11:30-12:30pm). A viewing of the film *Sleeping Beauty* by Paul Mesner begins at 12:30pm. In the afternoon, Master Puppeteer Larry Hunt offers the *Peach Orchard*, a dynamic masked performance with dancer and choreographer Adelka Polak (2-3pm), then a mask/mime workshop for all ages (3-4pm). Hunt's inspiring work is for those who want to have fun exploring what masks and movement can do. For tickets call (860) 663-5593 or email artscenterkillingworth@gmail.com. Visit The Arts Center online at www.artscenterkillingworth.org.

Our Veterans and these Flags
(a reading, by Cheryl Fine)

I look in their eyes; look at the lines on their face.
 There's a certain look – there in the eyes and the lines.
 It's something you can't describe or put your finger on- but it's there.
 One senses a measured reserve in those eyes – as if the experiences,
 the memories of their fellows, of those never to be seen again, the lines of flag draped coffins –
 these visions are never far from their reality, never far beneath the surface.
 Their soul cries –
 Why him, why not me? He had so much to live for, so many plans.
 Why this war? Why not peace?
 Why her, not me? She had a great life ahead of her.
 The deep grieving never really ends; it retreats just a little below the surface.
 Then a field of flags appears crisp and moving in the wind.
 For them, for the families – the pride, the pain, the memories come in a flood.
 It never seems to end – the sights and sounds, the human damage.
 The wind whips the flags. It is eerily quiet.
 Then everything changes.
 The sun is brighter.
 A deep sea of air moves over the field.
 Reverence, awe, respect for all these souls – a flag for each one.
 They deserve the highest honor.
 They gave it all, lost it all. Never to grow old or follow their dreams.
 But they are not lost, not to us.
 We quietly honor them, all in our own way.
 We look at the flags – the almost endless sea of red, white and blue.
 In silence we pay homage to them.
 We honor their courage and dedication.
 We mourn their loss. And fear the loss of more of our best – fear the sight of more and more flags.
 How can we truly honor them?
 We stand here and stare at the flags.
 We remember they were all once living, breathing, smiling souls filled with hope.
 "Now" is gone for them.
 "Tomorrow" is gone for them.
 And all we can do today is honor them by watching their flags in the breeze.
 But what about the eyes, the lined faces of their comrades – those that came back and will go on?
 We honor them, too, for they lost something also.
 Their lives are forever changed, as are our own.
 We feel our "oneness" with them.
 How do we honor them?
 We honor them by never forgetting this field of flags; by never giving
 up on the hope of peace.
 How do we honor them?
 More flags?
 Please God – no more flags, ever.





- April 3 Christine Tischbein
Megan Tischbein
- April 6 Carole Koziy
Karen Gagliardi
Kathy Roelofsen
- April 8 Mary Cass
- April 9 Ginger Lahey
- April 11 Sal Benevento
Erin Ford
- April 12 David Brundage
- April 14 Ingrid Glynn
Cameron Cook
- April 15 Alan Chapmen
Joann Slocombe
Alex Langevin
- April 16 Sheryl Wescott
- April 20 Susan Otto
Matthew Moore
- April 21 Charlene Reynolds
- April 23 Stephen Saunders
- April 24 Enid Sherman
Elizabeth Blair
- April 25 Robert Drew
- April 26 Christa DesJardins
- April 27 Noreen Saunders



- April 2 Adam Anziano
- April 3 George Roelofsen, III
- April 5 Kyra Figurelli
- April 5 Erin Figurelli
- April 14 Arnie Moore
- April 22 Josephine Rimmer
- April 26 Lexi Hines
- April 28 Sean Link
- April 30 Chett Vogt



Welcome to our New Members

Welcome to our new members! **Ed Phelan** lives in Killingworth with his wife Fiona and they have two children, Colleen and Trevor.

Scott and Kim Andrews live in Killingworth and they have two children Michelle, age 8 and Haley, age 11. We were delighted to welcome them to our church family on March 13.

Spread the word!

We have a [facebook](#) Page

Keep in touch with events/news at the church, "Like" Killingworth Congregational Church facebook page.

Simply type in the fb search bar:

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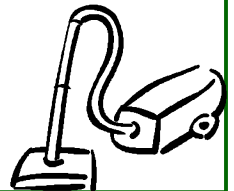
It's that easy!

REMINDER

Please update the Church Office with email, phone, and/or address changes.



The church is in desperate need of a vacuum cleaner. Please consider donating one to the church. Thank you!





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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN KILLINGWORTH, UCC

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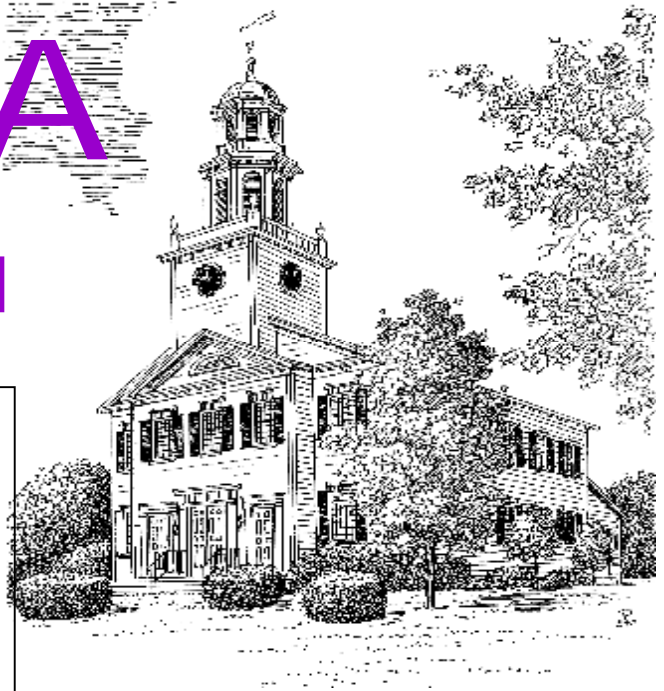
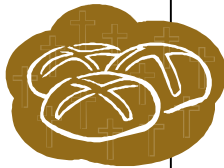


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Wednesday Eves



Bake Sale
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