



# KERYGMA



The Rev. Suzanne Personette,  
Interim Pastor  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.



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or call the office. Thank you.

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# Kerygma

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## Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 7, 2008, Second Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

The Service of Holy Communion

(Christian Education Advent Workshop & Brunch)

Isa 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Pet 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Sunday, December 14, 2008, Third Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

Poinsettia Tree Sunday

Isa 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday, December 21, 2008, Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 24, 2008

Christmas Eve Candlelighting & Service of Holy Communion, 7 pm

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, leading

Sunday, December 28, 2008, First Sunday after Christmas

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

Isa 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40



**If you were a Wise Man or Shepherd at the time Jesus was born, what gift would you bring Him?**

(Look inside for your answers)



God Bless Our Troops  
and their families.



# PILGRIM PASTOR

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Advent and Christmas Greetings all-in-one! In Advent, we *wait* for the blessed arrival of the Messiah, the newborn Christ, who ushers in Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Light. These are the gifts he brings. I know that Tina and Maureen have asked you to respond to their question in this Kerygma, that with the shepherds and magi, “what gifts will you bring to the Christ?” What gifts do you possess that can be offered (and magnified!) in the world, your workplace, your family, and in this church?... Remember, what we give can’t help but come back upon us, too. As you give, so shall you receive. Give humor, and it will come back to you. Give honesty, and truth will be returned. Give honor, and you will be honored. And so on. Together, we can reflect the Christ to one another. Don’t forget, we’re his hands, eyes, ears, mind, heart, and feet in the world!

(BTW, we’ll resume the tradition of the “carol-sing” from 9:45-9:55 or so for the four Sundays of Advent. So, come early and sing!)

Speaking of waiting, you are also waiting for your new settled minister, Pastor Martha Bays, whom you “called” on November 9. Martha is looking extremely forward to serving among you. She is due to be in the office on January 12, and will begin leading worship and preaching on Sunday, January 18. (My last day will be January 8. You will have a guest preacher on January 11.)

Thank you to the Pastoral Search Committee for all of their long hours of love and labor. Thank you to the Rev. Donna Cassity, your first interim. Thank you to the steering committee who explored the history and dynamics in the church. Thank you to Rick Albrecht, your Moderator, and to the Council who have led the church through a time of multiple transitions. Thank you to all the committees in the church who did not miss a beat serving to their full ability. Thank you to the entire church of members and friends who have continued to worship God in this church and to believe in the goodness of one another. On November 9, all of this came together in celebration to herald a time of new beginnings for The Congregational Church in Killingworth, United Church of Christ!!!

As the good interim minister I am (lol), I will say this, too: Please remember that when you speak poorly of someone, in many ways what you’re saying says more about you... When we see something we disapprove of in the other, it’s because we, too, have that characteristic. Don’t spend ANY time complaining about or trying to change anyone else. YOU are the only one you can change. Live and Let Live. “*Live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you*”. (~2 Corinthians 13:11)

*And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing! Amen.*

Light Shines!

Rev. Suz  
Interim Minister

### Church History Books

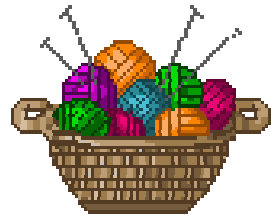
Tom Lentz's book, *History of the Congregational Church in Killingworth* is available. Along with a detailed history of Killingworth, there are many pictures from the archives as well as many photos from not so long ago. This book is a wonderful tribute to the past and present.

Books may be purchased during coffee hour on Sunday, from the church secretary during regular office hours, Banknorth, or the Town office building. Books can be ordered and sent first class mail. Call the church at 663-1789 or Janet Johnson 663-1456.

### Prayer Shawl Meeting

Beginning in December, there will no longer be Prayer Shawl meetings. However, please continue working on shawls at home. We will continue to distribute them as needed. Thanks to everyone who has participated in The Prayer Shawl Ministry.

-Jan Jette



### 2009 CHURCH DIRECTORY (MEMBERS & FRIENDS) AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We would like *everyone* to fill out this update form and return it to the church office NO LATER THAN DEC. 7. Please include all information requested. Feel free to add additional notes if needed.

Name(s) (all family members) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Include in Directory? \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Include in Directory? \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (Will not be included in directory)

E-mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_ Include in Directory? \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays \_\_\_\_\_

Please cut out this form and return to the church office by **DEC 7th**



If you were a Wise Man during the time Jesus was born, what gift would you bring him?

*I would bring a lamb.  
Warm blankets.*

*A Blue Tooth, that way he can communicate better with the world.*

*A promise of faith. -Rick A*

*I would give baby Jesus a toy. -Rae-chelle*

*A wii.*

*I would give him food and water or a cross on a chain to have God always with him. -Katherine*

*The gift of knowledge—Sam*

*I would bring Jesus a pillow to lay his head on.*

*I would have given Him my services as His servant. -Carol Ann Nash*

*A baby blanket made from my sheep's wool. -Corey*

*I would give Him the gift of building so he could build houses for Himself and other people. -Drew*

*I would give Him the gift of friendship. -Lexi*

*I would bring Jesus a stuffed animal that was an angel. -Chett Vogt age 8*

*A flower for the Mom, Mary, and warm clothes and a blanket for baby Jesus. -Lindsay and Anne Nord*

*A hand-woven woolen blanket.*

*A gift card from Walmarts.*

*Love, faith, and hope.*

*My loving heart.*

*Big hug and kiss. -Jess*

*Food -Kaitlin*

*A trophy -Jason*

*A stuffed animal -Kyra*

*Juice -Gregory*

*Fish -Kyle*

*A person -Katie*

*Clothing -Liam*

*The gift of happiness -Julie*

*I would bring him a blanket. -Sal*

*I would bring clothes. -Robert*

*The gift of happiness.—Julia*

*Gold—Gavin*

*I would bring soft blankets and clothes. -Matt*

*A baby bottle. -Kameron*

## United Church News

The United Church of Christ website is [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org). Check it out! You can also subscribe to the United Church News on the website, or phone 888-732-3826. It's a free bi-monthly publication, but they do ask for a contribution. This is a good way to know more about our denomination. You will also be sent the Connecticut conference news, which is called ConnTact. Our Connecticut Conference website is [www.ctucc.org](http://www.ctucc.org); phone 860-233-5564.

KERYGMA – to cry or proclaim as a herald, preaching good news to the poor, the blind, the captive: Jesus began his public ministry in the synagogue of his hometown, Nazareth in Galilee. He was



handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has

sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Jesus rolled up the scroll and sat down. With all eyes in the synagogue upon him he said, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" - (Luke 4:16-21).

### Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, 9 - 3

Thursday 10 - 2

Friday 9 - 12

# Sunday School Corner

If you were a shepherd what one gift would you have brought baby Jesus? Maybe you would have brought him the gift of a sheep to love and care for. Maybe Jesus would have felt blessed to have this animal as a pet and friend. Well members of the Congregational Church in Killingworth are very blessed too! We are blessed with a caring and committed Christian Education Committee. It's impressive how many projects they undertake throughout the year. Of course they and I couldn't do it without the help of many of the members of the congregation.

Lately we held a Lyman's pie sale in which we sold enough pies to donate 34 pies to Helping Hands and we raised about \$200.00 towards our scholarship fund. We also hosted the Harvest Dinner which was well attended. We were able to raise about \$800.00 to put towards the scholarship fund. A big thanks to all who supported our efforts by either cooking, serving, baking, shopping, setting up and buying tickets for the dinner.

Consider starting off the Advent season by joining us for our annual Advent brunch on Sunday, December 7th right after church. Hopefully you signed up to bring an item to the brunch. The children will be singing a Christmas carol each Sunday in Advent before the lighting of the Advent candles. Most likely you already heard them sing on the last Sunday in November. This is something new in place of the pageant, so please let the Christian Education Committee know what you think of it.

We have nine ninth graders participating in our confirmation program. Each child is working with a member of the congregation as their mentor. They will be meeting with their mentor throughout the year using the "Making Disciples" curriculum. Part of the confirmation process is remaining in church to hear the sermon.

Once again there are two things I could use help with. I'm hoping that by the time this newsletter comes out these two positions will be filled. We could use a person to write and mail Birthday cards to the Sunday School students. Also, we could use a person for our "Cradle Roll". This person would put up an ark on a bulletin board with the names of children christened in our church. He or she would also send letters informing those children who are eligible for our Sunday School program. Please consider taking on one of these two jobs. When we all work together we can accomplish so much!

Sincerely,  
Tina Moore-Sunday School Superintendent  
(860)345-8828  
[mooreavonpl@hotmail.com](mailto:mooreavonpl@hotmail.com)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



12/1 Kameron Abbasi

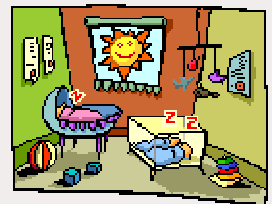


12/3 Chad Jennings

12/17 Christopher Garrelts

**The Infant and Toddler Room is open and staffed. Please consider helping out one Sunday per month.**

**If you would like more information, please contact Tina Moore or a member of the Christian Education Committee.**



# COMMITTEE NEWS

## Pastoral Search Committee Report:

### **GREAT NEWS—WE HAVE A SETTLED PASTOR!**

On Sunday, November 9, 2008 a Congregational Meeting approved the Pastoral Search Committee's recommendation to extend the call to Martha Bays to serve as the pastor of the Congregational Church in Killingworth commencing in January, 2009. The recommendation was approved on a vote of 83 yes and 3 no, or 93% of the total vote cast; and accepted by Martha.

This action starts the 60 day notice we are required to give our interim minister Suzanne Personette. On that basis Suzanne's last day is projected to be January 8, 2009. Sunday, January 11, 2009 services will be conducted by a supply minister. Martha will move into the Parsonage the week of January 5, 2009, officially start on January 12, 2009, and preach her first sermon as our settled pastor on January 18, 2009.

During that 60 day interval two major events will take place: recognition of Suzanne's service as our interim minister, and Martha's return to her home church in Ohio for her ordination service.

We, the Search Committee, want to thank everyone for their patience, prayers, and especially their faith over these last twenty months. You are a wonderful congregation, and we are humbled to have the privilege of serving you.

Dave Montgomery on behalf of Goeff Cook, Dave Flynn, Christina Forristall, Deb Fredricksen, Randy Puska, and Dawn Tischbein

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## Middle School Youth Group

On Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 p.m. we will be having our Christmas Party in Killingworth. All youth in grades 5-8 are welcome to attend and bring a friend. We will be doing the Yankee Swap again this year. Please bring a wrapped gift of \$5.00 or less with an Edible Theme. Please call Kris Foley at 663-3536 with any questions.



## Senior High Youth Group News

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped out with the Harvest Dinner which brought in over \$800 for the Scholarship Fund. The pumpkin breads we made for the Helping Hands Thanksgiving Dinner distribution were given out with help from Cameron Cook, Drew Sodergren, Matt Stoner, Ian McMahon and friends. Saturday, November 22 we had a food collection for the Shoreline Food Pantry from 9am to 1pm at the Clinton Stop and Shop. Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> we saw the TransSiberian Orchestra at the XL Center (formerly the Hartford Civic Center). Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we will meet in the Parish Hall kitchen to bake Christmas Cookies for the Helping Hands Christmas Dinner distribution. December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have a second food collection for the Shoreline Food Pantry at Robert's Food Center from 9am to 1pm. January 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be working at the Shoreline Food Pantry in Old Lyme. The group will be going to a UConn men's basketball game at the XL Center in Hartford on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. The tickets are \$19. I would like to get a ticket count for the game by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Adult volunteers are needed at all activities and drivers for those activities away from the church. I'll keep everyone posted as new events get locked in. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Karen Gagliardi at 663-3866.



# Christmas Fair

## Missions Committee

Our church is having a Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 6th from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The fair is a fundraiser for our churches' missions projects. There will be a silent auction, gift baskets, as well as fresh and artificial wreaths. Winterberry Christmas Tree Farm has donated a tree that you can pick out and cut yourself. The highest bidder gets the tree.

Coffee, refreshments, soup and chilli will be available. We have a bake sale and need the congregation to bake as much as they can or make a donation.

The Missions Committee needs the congregation's help to make this a success. Please see me after church or call me at 663-1693.— Lorraine Oelschleger

Please consider helping with: Baked goods for our Bake Sale, Crafts

Baskets need to be filled for our Silent Auction, Silent Auction donations

Anything you can contribute to sell at our fair

We can use your help the day of the fair.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

See Lorraine Oelschleger to sign-up to help



## STOCKINGS FOR COLUMBUS HOUSE

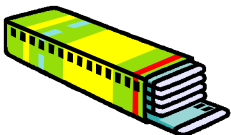
Faith McKenzie and the Missions Committee  
is teaming up for this year's Christmas Project.



Our goal is 200 Christmas Stockings for homeless men and women that will be donated to Columbus House in New Haven. The stockings will be a long, cotton, straight tube sock. We will tuck its mate in the bottom of the sock and fill it with the following donated items:

Toothbrushes, small toothpastes, chapstick, combs, cardboard emery boards., small hand soaps, small shampoos and travel size lotions, small Kleenex packets, Bandanas, men's and women's hats and gloves, brown cotton gloves, regular socks, granola bars, chewing gum, small packages of candy, small boxes of raisins.

A large container for your donations will be on the counter outside the kitchen.



## Greetings from the Trustees

Our church is getting ready to kick off this year's annual Stewardship Drive and we as trustees would like to share a few words about what stewardship means to all of us.

As you know, we are involved with the operation and maintenance of the grounds, the buildings, and the day to day business of our church. Since our financial situation is very tight right now - we've actually been running an annual deficit for a few years. We trustees, along with many of you, try to minimize spending by fixing equipment, mowing the lawn, removing the trash, repairing the buildings as we are able, soliciting donations and grants, and so on. Stewardship for us then, is about more than just giving money, it is also about donating our time, our talents, and reaching out to the congregation as a whole to invite everyone to participate in both the joys and the responsibilities of our church.

In light of this, we ask that you consider what talents you have to share, not only in the upkeep of the church facilities, but also through fundraisers and events that might open our church to the community and beyond, both as a means of generating much needed income and also as an ongoing invitation for new membership. Please don't hesitate to contact one of us or leave a note in our box by the church office with whatever ideas you would like to suggest, or better yet, that you are willing to pursue.

As Rev Suzanne has so aptly said, "We've moved on to our new beginning and the past is now history." So we as trustees wish to invite our entire congregation and any newcomers to join us as stewards of this wonderful church. Since attendance is roughly one third of our total membership, we know that this needs to change in order for us to continue to be the vibrant church that we have always been. Thus we ask that you join us in any way that you can, with your time and your talents, as we look for new ways to reach out, reconnect, and renew.

Our church has always been a safe place where the Holy Spirit dwells for us, our families, and our community, and with our new pastor soon to begin, the door to a new and exciting chapter has opened. It's time for all of us to step through. We look forward to seeing you soon!

With kind regards,

The Trustees

## Your pledge to the Church – A guaranteed great investment

I think that Karen Gagliardi hit home in her Stewardship Message on Laity Sunday when she advised about a great and safe investment opportunity –your pledge to the church.

In the middle of all financial turmoil we all feel very uneasy about how we best invest our money. We do certainly not feel comfortable with the advise we get from the financial market. Most of the ones there, who were considered to be experts and all asked us to rely on their advise, are now in deep financial trouble – if they are around at all. I am sure that this has hit everyone of us to some extent in that our savings has shrunk over the last few months.

Let us, though, not give in to this pressure but rather look for safer and more rewarding ways to invest our financial means. If we all take some time and think about it, I truly believe that we will all come to same conclusion, that it will be very hard to find a better investment than a pledge to the church.

Just to mention a few things. This will be an investment in the future of all our children participating in our Christian Education program and an investment in our facilities so that we can fulfill our local mission in Killingworth and be the safe church home we all need in this turbulent time. It will also be an investment in our pastor so that we, with his or her help, can grow as Christians – both as individuals and as a congregation as a whole. Additionally it will be an investment in local mission programs and in programs abroad.

### ***Is this not an unbeatable investment?!***

We are all aware of the need for us to get to a point where we are able to balance our budget better than we have done over the last couple of years. I have tried to put it all into perspective with the below graph that I hope will help us to better understand.

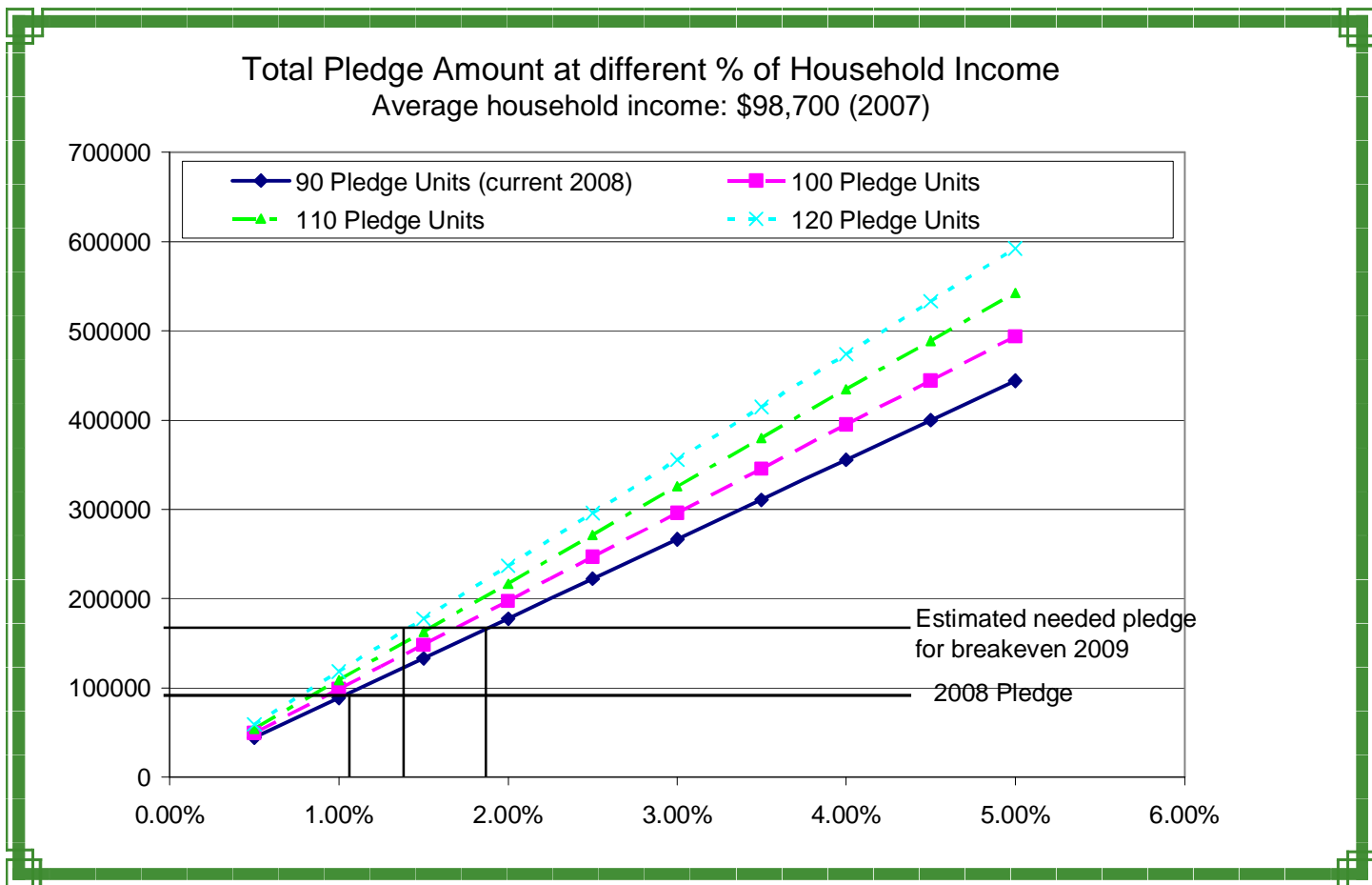
If we look at the demographics of Killingworth, we find that the average annual household income was \$98,700 in 2007. If we assume that this is the correct level also for our congregation, we will see that the average pledge for the 90 units that pledged for 2008 was just over 1% of household income as our total pledges for 2008 was \$94,300.

Our estimate for the coming year is that we would need pledges somewhere around \$170,000 to get to a break even situation. We can either get there by increasing the pledge level of the existing 90 pledge units to 1.9% of household income or we can increase the number of pledge units and breakeven at a lower pledge level. If we would have 120 pledge units the pledge level needed would be 1.4%.

I think that the situation is rather positive as we are not talking about any outrageous levels but a fairly modest ones – average below 2% of our income. Let us keep this in mind when we plan for the coming year and pray that we together can bridge the gap and jointly build a stronger financial foundation for the Church.

Thank you very much for your consideration and continued support.

Clas Thelin  
For the Stewardship Committee



# Happy Birthday

- Dec. 2      Opal Wilkinson
- Lisa Uihlein
- Laura Paoella
- Dec. 4      Jack Sizer
- Dec. 5      Richard Albrecht
- Dec. 7      Carolyn Engle
- Dec. 8      William Burley
- Dec. 9      Norma Hill
- Dec. 11     Sandy Smith
- Dec. 12     Debra Tyler
- Dec. 13     Cynthia Vogt



- Dec. 14     Michelle Hurteau
- Dec. 16     Michael Wells
- Dec. 17     Anne Nord
- Cynthia Nelson
- Dec. 19     Ashley Griswold
- Dec. 20     Kenneth Rivenburgh
- Dec. 22     Kathy Chrzanowski
- Dec. 23     Mary Garrelts
- Dec. 24     Richard Nordmann
- Dec. 27     Rebekka Blaha

Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest.  
-Reverend Larry Lorenzoni

*St. John Church is involved with Angel Food Ministries. This is a Non-profit, Non-denominational Food Assistance Program, which is open to EVERYONE. No Applications or Pre-qualifications are Necessary. Menu's can be found in the back of the Church. Anyone looking to Place an order or get involved in this program at St. John Church of Old Saybrook, Please contact Sherri Potter, or Stop by the Rectory and see Isabelle Esteves.*

*All Monetary Considerations St. John Receives From the Angel Food Ministries Will Be Donated To the Shoreline Soup Kitchen.*

*Rev. Joseph C. Ashe*

*Pastor*



## Merry Christmas From *Golden Lily*

We would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas! As of November 18 we are in Mobile Bay aboard our Nordic Tug 42, *Golden Lily*. We have completed half of the Great Circle Loop around the eastern half of the country, a total so far of 3,265 miles. Our next part of the trip includes the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to Carrabelle, FL, then crossing 80 miles of the Gulf to Steinhatchee, Crystal River, Clearwater, then Punta Gorda, where we will stay at a marina for 6 weeks. We will be home to Connecticut the end of January for a 2 week visit before heading back to continue the trip around Florida and then north on the Intracoastal. We miss Killingworth and our church family!

Barbara and Jim Benjamin, and Golden Retriever, Lily [www.goldenlilytug.com](http://www.goldenlilytug.com)



*Together, we can save a life*

Give the Gift of Life! Donate life-saving blood, Monday, Dec.22 here at our church! 1:00pm till 6:00pm

This is the season when we receive God's gift to us – the birth of our Messiah. Jesus taught us to love one another and help one another. We can do that by taking time to donate blood.

The blood supply is critically low. Donating a pint of blood helps save multiple lives and is the easiest way for us to reach out and help someone in need.

## LIONS CLUB FOOD DRIVES

The Killingworth Lions Club will hold their annual Christmas Food Drive on December 6th and 13th at the town compactor site from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Free-will donations of food, food gift cards, and cash will be greatly appreciated. All items collected will be turned over to Helping Hands of Killingworth. Please remember your neighbors in need during the holidays.



**Church Executive Council:** Rick Albrecht, Dave Montgomery, Rich Nelson, Bruce Bowman, Dawn Tischbein, Annette Cook, Jim Puska, Geoff Cook/Glenn Johnson, Clas Thelin, Lorraine Oeschlager, Debbie Fredericksen, Pastoral Relations Chair (tbd), Elizabeth Bowman, Randy Puska, Charlie Smith, Judy Lentz, Cheryl Fine, Cynthia Vogt, Nominating Chair (tbd), Joan Reed-Wilson, Jim Skelly, Rev. Suzanne Personette

**Moderator:** Rick Albrecht

**Vice-Moderator:** Dave Montgomery

**Clerk:** Annette Cook

**Treasurer:** Rich Nelson

**Associate Treasurer:** Vacancy

**Financial Secretary:** Bruce Bowman

**Assistant Financial Secretary:** Dawn Tischbein

**Diaconate:** Chair, Jim Puska; Marilyn Campbell, Ann Pavlou, Denise Acker, Anita Gomez Vallee, Jan Jette, Christina Forristall, Vacancy, Enid Sherman (Emeritus),

**Trustees:** Co-Chairs, Geoff Cook and Glenn Johnson; Jim Skelly, David Gross, Ally Glass, Bruce Campbell, Bill Burley, Lou Desjardins, Vacancy

**Missions Committee:** Chair, Lorraine Oeschlager; Marlene Turnbull, Joan Lewis, Helen Coulter, Rosemary Vidoli, Vacancy

**Christian Education Committee:** Janet Johnson; Karen Gagliardi, Walt Tischbein, Jennifer Figurelli, Debbie Fredrickson

**Church Council Members-at-Large:** Cheryl Fine, Cynthia Vogt

**By-laws Committee:** Joan Reed-Wilson, Robert Sherman, Bruce Bowman

**Music Committee:** Chair, Elizabeth Bowman; Sandy Smith, Faith McKenzie, Cheryl Fine, Bob Drew

**Worship Committee:** Chair, Rev. Suz; Carolyn Engle, Denise Acker, Judy Lentz, Eleanor Sanderson, Charlie Smith, Elizabeth Bowman

**Stewardship Committee:** Chair, Clas Thelin; Chuck Langevin, Charlie Smith

**Membership Growth Committee:** Charlie Smith, Vacancies

**Pastoral Relations Committee:** Denise Acker, Ally Glass, Lorraine Oeschlager; Members-at-Large: Carol Ann Nash, Delores Tyner, Tommie Peterson

**Pastoral Search:** Chair, Dave Montgomery; Randy Puska, Christina Forristall, Debbie Fredericksen, David Flynn, Dawn Tischbein, Geoff Cook

**Personnel:** Chair, Joan Reed-Wilson; Bob Sherman, JoAnn Bennett

**Auditor:** Jim Benjamin

**Investment Committee:** Jim Skelly, Richard Gruber, Vacancy

**Board of Ushers:** Charlie Smith, Dave Montgomery, Angela Thelin, Erin Ford, Anita Gomez Valle, Gerry Kukta, Matt Link

**Memorials Committee:** Randy Puska, Vacancy

**Flower Committee:** Judy Lentz, Dawn Tischbein, Annette Cook

**Memorial Garden Committee:** Glenn Johnson, Grady Slocombe, Cheryl Fine, Bruce Campbell, Pastor

**Card Ministry:** Faith McKenzie

**Historian:** Thomas Lentz


**Wednesday Eves:** President, Eleanor Sanderson, and a very large group of women!

**Nominating Committee: Cheryl Fine, Joann Wright, Chris Moore – please see/call if you'd like to serve!**

**Women's Fellowship** meets every Tuesday evening to visit, talk, share, and laugh. It provides a great opportunity to develop new friendships and enjoy the company of other women. This is the only church group that exists just for the pleasure of being together! Please see/call Cheryl Fine if you're interested in coming and she'll let you know in whose home the group will next meet.



# DECEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Hanging of the Greens</i>	3 6:30 Trustees 7 pm Deacons 7 pm CE *7:30 AA	4 7 pm Choir *7:30 AA	5 *7:00 NA	6 9 am Christmas Fair 4 pm Private Party 7:30 AA
7 <i>"Sock" Items Due</i> 8:45 am Choir 9:30 Children Sing 11:15 Advent Brunch	8 <i>Membership Directory Update Due</i>	9 *10:00 Yoga *7:00 BScouts 7:30 WF	10 *9:30 N/A *6:15 Yoga 7:00 Tai Chi 7:00 Choir *7:30 AA	11 9:30 Staff *8:30 am Yoga 3:30 UGC *7:30 AA	12 5pm KNSA Party *7:00 NA	13 9 am CCD 7:30 AA
14 <i>Poinsettia Tree Sunday</i> 4:00 MSYG 8:45 Choir 9:30 Children Sing	15 	16 *10:00 Yoga *7:00 BScouts 7:30 WF	17 *9:30 N/A *6:15 Yoga 7:00 Tai Chi 7:00 Council *7:30 AA	18 *8:30 am Yoga Choir 7:00 pm *7:30 AA	19 *7:00 NA	20 9:00 CCD 7:30 AA
21 <i>1st day of Winter</i> 8:45 Choir 9:30 Children Sing	22 <i>1st day of Hanukkah</i> 1—6 pm Blood Drive	23 *10:00 Yoga *7:00 BScouts 7:30 WF	24 7 pm Christmas Eve Service *9:30 N/A **7:30 AA	25  <i>Christmas Day</i> *7:30 AA	26 *7:00 NA	27 9:00 CCD 7:30 AA
28 <i>TBD Choir</i> <i>No Sunday School</i>	29	30 *10am Yoga 6:00 Choir *7:00 BScouts 7:30 WF	31 <i>1st day of Kwanzaa</i> *9:30 N/A *6:15 Yoga *7:30 AA			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* = Meets in Old Town Hall</li> <li>UGC = United Girls Choir</li> </ul>		WF = Women's Fellowship (Call 663-1789 for meeting place)		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DECEMBER IS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eat a Red Apple Day World Aids Awareness Day National Fritters Day National Roof over Your Head Day <b>CHRISTMAS</b></p>		

JANUARY KERYGMA DEADLINE Friday, December 12, 2008