

THE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH IN  
KILLINGWORTH,  
UCC

# Kerygma

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## Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 6, 2008 \* Epiphany

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

*Service of Holy Communion*

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14:122

Eph. 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 13, 2008 \* First Sunday after Epiphany

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 20, 2008 \* Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11,

1 Cor. 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

Sunday, January 27, 2008 \* Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9,

1 Cor. 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23



# PILGRIM PASTOR



*“that they may  
all be one.”*  
-John 17:21

Happy New Year to you!

Because there seems to be an increased interest among you in our denomination, the United Church of Christ, I thought that I would utilize this space to provide some information about “who we are.” I’ve referred to my Ordination Paper, written in 1995, which required a section on the UCC. In The Rev. Dr. Michael Penn-Strah’s (our Regional Conference Minister) sermon on December 9, he proclaimed how proud he is of the United Church of Christ, that it’s really the only Christian denomination that allows its members the openness of diverse theological opinion and conversation. This creates a lot of richness! There are challenges to difference of opinion, but it’s that word “covenant”, of which Michael spoke, that binds us all together—in hard times, and easy times—through thick and through thin.

Transformation is a most appropriate word to associate with the United Church of Christ—who we’ve been, who we are, and who we might become. Movement and flexibility under gird our denomination. I think of the incredible faith and courage of the pilgrims (and puritans) who left stable understandings of church, to follow *“more light and truth that they perceived was breaking forth from God.”* (1646, John Robinson, spiritual leader of the pilgrims who founded the Plymouth Colony).

The UCC has been criticized for being more mission than faith oriented, but our roots suggest incredible faith and hope. I believe our roots are firmly planted in an enormous love of God—heart, mind, and soul, and strength, which as under girded our work with our neighbor. Our heritage maintains that we are a united and uniting church, whose working goal is *“unity in diversity”*. This allows the United Church of Christ to firmly believe that all people are equal and children of God, and to therefore be deeply committed to our church motto: *“That they may all be one”* (John 17:21).

Four denominations came together to become the United Church of Christ: Christian, Congregationalists, The German Reformed Church, and The Evangelical Church. But, first, the Congregational Churches and the Christian Churches began meeting, and in 1931 the two become one. The Evangelical and Reformed Church adopted a formal plan of union in 1934. But, then, lo and behold, merger negotiations soon began between these two newly formed denominations, and they become known as the United Church of Christ, in 1957. This month we’ll first explore our Christian Churches denominational history.

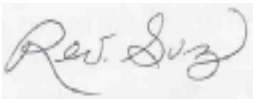
In 1794, under the leadership of lay preacher James O’Kelly, a group of congregations in Virginia and North Carolina broke away from the newly formed Methodist Church because they were not about to relinquish their religious freedom and simple church government to the leadership of bishops. The church O’Kelly and his followers founded was simply called “Christian,” in an effort to exclusively maintain the principles of Christ. Around 1800, several New England Baptists also become concerned over the implementation of denominational labels and doctrine. Abner Jones and Elias Smith, both Baptists, ventured out and formed numerous “free” Christian Churches that based their principles on how members were living their life, as opposed to what they believed. In 1803, some Presbyterians in Kentucky began to protest Calvinism (human depravity, predestination, “the elect are saved”). Under the leadership of Barton W. Stone in 1804, this group too abandoned all labels, except “Christian”. They were intent on increased lay leadership, attention to the Bible, and fellowship.

Four years later, O’Kelly, Jones and Stone met and shared their Christian concerns and common interests. In 1820, despite disagreement over infant baptism, they were able to bring their three groups together in the United General Conference of Christians and share the common commitment of freedom of thought, unity, and autonomy of the local church.

Next month: Congregationalists

I’m proud that God is using me in the United Church of Christ; I’m proud to be a UCC pastor! And, I’m happy to be in partnership with you, Congregational Church in Killingworth, United Church of Christ!

Here’s to a year of new wonderful beginnings—in your life, and in the life of the church!



Interim Minister

*The United Church of Christ acknowledges as its sole head, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior. It acknowledges as kindred in Christ all who share in this confession. It looks to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world. It claims as its own the faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers. It affirms the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord and the practice prevailing among evangelical Christians, it recognizes two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord’s Supper or Holy Communion.* -From the Preamble to the Constitution for the United Church of Christ



**CHURCH WILL NOT BE  
CANCELED EXCEPT  
FOR A STATE OF  
EMERGENCY**

# Sunday School Corner

I would like to begin by wishing all our church families a healthy and happy New Year. It's hard to believe that the year 2008 is upon us. I have to say that we've had a successful Sunday School year thus far and I would like to thank all the parents for sharing their wonderful children with us.

We had a very busy December between several events at church and the holiday season. Hopefully, many of you were able to attend the Christian Education Committee's advent brunch. There was a good show of people and I'd like to thank all those who brought a dish or something to share. We lucked out on the weather and were able to have our pageant on December 15th. I believe twenty-five of our children participated in this event. I would like to thank all the children who came out and played a role in our pageant. I would like to thank the following adults for helping with this event- Karen Gagliardi, Chris Moore, Walt Tischbein, Kris Foley, John and Patti Hutchinson and Janet Johnson. A big thank-you to Carolyn Engle for her playing of music and stage directions. The music committee did an awesome job decorating and setting up for the pitch-in supper. Liz Bowman made a beautiful birthday cake for baby Jesus.

Looking to the month of January, we will be completing the workshop rotation entitled "Good News". We will begin a new workshop rotation which is called "Abraham and Sarah". The children will learn how in the book of Genesis, Abraham and Sarah were the first people to be called the People of God. Hopefully, the children will come to realize that at any time God may call upon us to do something.

Lastly, we could use some more volunteers for teaching the workshop rotations or covering in the nursery. It really isn't hard to do. Please give Deb Fredericksen 663-0907, Jennifer Figurelli 663-2698 or myself a call, even if you just want out find out more about teaching or the nursery. Thanks!

Superintendent of Sunday School - Tina Moore  
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## January Birthdays



1/8 Lindsey Nord  
1/26 Ashley Cook  
1/27 Cameron Garrelts  
1/31 Brian Saunders

## Kudos to our HK High School Students

High Honors- Gregory Cumpstone (grade12), Jessica Moore (grade10), and Sarah Tischbein (grade10)

Honors- Darcey Hughes (grade12), Christine Tischbein (grade12), Joe Van-Huysen (grade12), Shelby Van-Huysen (grade11), Robert Flynn (grade10), Ashley Griswold (grade 10) and Katrina Manzi (grade10)

Congratulations to all our young people!

## The Middle School Youth Group

Will meet at our church on January 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 p.m. All youth in grades 5 through 8 are invited and are welcome to bring a friend. The theme of this meeting is "Friendship". Since we had to cancel our Christmas Party, please bring your wrapped grab bad gift (\$5 - \$8 value) with an edible theme to this meeting.

Also, we will be going to A New World Laser Tag in Middletown on January 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Cost of this trip will be \$16. Permission slips will be available soon and due back by January 13<sup>th</sup>. Drivers will be needed as well.

### FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE:

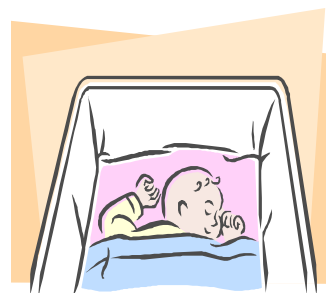
We have received eighteen Ministerial Profiles from ministers interested in our call for a permanent minister; and the Regional Conference Minister advises that another six or more such profiles will be in our hands shortly.

We have conducted a review of the eighteen profiles on hand; each consisting of about 18 pages. They include a Statement of Ministry, a Self Appraisal Statement, and several references.

Based on a review of each profile, the Committee members reached a consensus to eliminate ten from consideration as unsuitable at this time. We are retaining six profiles for further review, and two profiles of immediate interest which we will follow up on as a first priority.

We anticipate receiving as many as 30-50 profiles from ministers interested in serving churches in Connecticut. So while we are processing those profiles on hand we can expect new ones to evaluate.

Under these circumstances we continue to ask for your patience and prayers in determining God's will in calling a minister to our church.



**We love and welcome babies to our time of worship, but sometimes parents need a break! The Crib Room will be staffed and available Sunday mornings for families with infants and toddlers.**

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

If you made a pledge for 2008, your envelopes are available in the Parish Hall for you to pick up. Please use these when making your 2008 pledges. If you are making a 2007 pledge, please mark it on the check.

Pledging 2007 Financial Statements will be available January 27, 2008. To save paper, please contact me if you want a 2007 Financial Statement—663-2802 or leave a message in the church office—663-1789. We find each year that many people do not pick up or use the statements. We will not mail the statement unless you request it.

Thank you to everyone who has pledged for 2007 and 2008.—Lauren Blaha

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### MUSIC NOTES by Carolyn Engle

January choir rehearsals will be 6:45–8:45 p.m. on Thursday evenings on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 31st. All those interested in joining may attend.

Once again, Mary Ann Schwartz donated her time and musical talent by playing the piano at the December 30th service.

The United Girls Choir will perform at 4:00 on Sunday, February 10th. Please attend this second concert in our church's newly revived concert series.

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## Prayer Shawl Ministry



We are going to try meeting during the daytime through the winter months of January, February, and March on the last Monday of the month. That would be Jan. 28th, Feb. 25th, and March 31st at 1:00 p.m.

In the meantime, continue working on your shawls or lap robes. Any questions or comments, call Jan Jette 663-1686.

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## CHURCH QUILTING BEES



On Tuesday, January 8th, we will continue quilting our handsome hand-pieced, hand-appliqued bedcover that we found in the white elephant pile during church fair time.

Quilting sessions will be held every Tuesday at the parish hall from 9 'til noon until the quilt is completed. Come and go as you please. Beginners, experts, and in-betweens are all welcome. Please bring scissors. I will supply all other items unless you have a favorite needle or other useful sewing necessities.

If anyone knows the maker of this quilt, please notify Sandy Smith, 663-1583, as we would like to name the quilt after her/him.



*A special day*

# Happy Birthday to You!

Jan. 1	Judy Tewksbury	Jan. 16	Jessica Davis
Jan. 2	Suzanne Anziano	Jan. 18	Sarah Bates
Jan. 4	Katherine Ringland		Eleanor Kimball
	Debbie Fredericksen	Jan. 19	Janet Johnson
Jan. 5	Lorraine Oelschlager	Jan. 20	Mark Perrotta
	Susan Nordmann	Jan. 21	Delores Tyner
Jan. 8	Christopher Cornell	Jan. 24	Eric Sodergren
	Jonathan Rick	Jan. 26	Barbara Benjamin
Jan. 10	Daniel Gauthier		David Montgomery
Jan. 11	Susan Nash	Jan. 30	Joe Van Huysen
Jan. 12	Susan Dufel	Jan. 31	Darrel Davis
Jan. 14	Diane Flynn		

The 2008 sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour is hanging in the Fellowship Hall. Don't be shy.....everyone appreciates your generosity (and the goodies as well!) Thanks for taking a turn!

## FEBRUARY KERYGMA DEADLINE

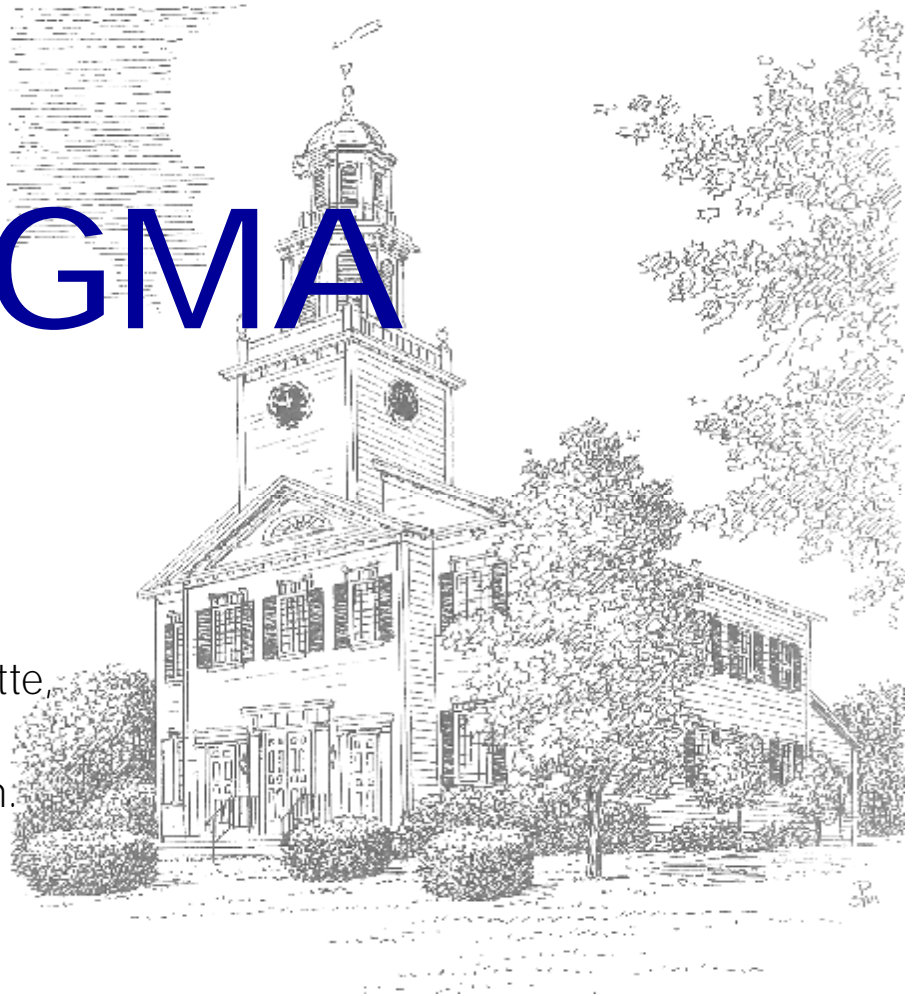
Please submit information for the February edition of the Kerygma by Monday, January 21, 2008. You may email your articles to [kwcongchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:kwcongchurch@yahoo.com) or bring them to the church office or office mailbox. Thanks!

The Congregational Church In Killingworth

# January 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 New Year's Day	2 7:30 AA*	3 UGC 3:30 Sanct. And Hall  Choir 6:45-8:45 7:30 AA*	4 7:00 NA	5 9:00 CCD  7:30 AA
6 9:20 choir 10:00 Service of Holy Communion	7	8 6:30 Memorial Garden	9 7:00 Deacons 7:30 AA*	10 11:15 Staff Mtg Choir 6:45-8:45 7:30 AA*	11 7:00 NA	12 9:00 CCD  7:30 AA
13 10:00 Worship	14	15	16 7:30 AA*	17 Choir 6:45-8:45	18 7:00 NA	19 9:00 CCD  7:30 AA
20 9:20 choir 10:00 Worship	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22	23 7:00 Council  7:30 AA*	24 7:30 AA*	25 7:00 NA	26 9:00 CCD  7:30 AA
27 9:20 choir 10:00 Worship	28	29	30 7:30 AA*	31 Choir 6:45-8:45  7:30 AA*		

# KERYGMA



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

## January 2008

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Sunday School Superintendent	Tina Moore
Church Secretary	Maureen Alfiero
Sexton	Alyson Somerville

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**2008 CHURCH DIRECTORY (MEMBERS & FRIENDS)**  
**AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Update as much or as little information as you'd like on any information the church does not currently have on you or your family.

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Addresses \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays \_\_\_\_\_

**Please cut out this form and send it to the church office or leave it in the church office box.**

**Church History Books**

Tom Lentz's book 'History of the Congregational Church in Killingworth' is now 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 any Sunday during coffee hour, from the church secretary during regular office hours, Banknorth, or the Town office building. Books can also be ordered and sent first class mail. If you have any questions call the church office 663-1789 or Janet Johnson 663-1456.

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