

# Kerygma

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## Worship 10:00 a.m.



**Sunday, January 1**, First Sunday after Christmas  
Communion  
Psalm 148; Luke 2:22-40

**Sunday, January 8**, First Sunday after Epiphany  
Gen. 1:1-5; Mark 1:9-11

**Sunday, January 15**, Second Sunday after Epiphany  
1 Sam 3:1-20; John 1:43-51

**Sunday, January 22**, Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Psalm 62:5-12; Mark 1:14-20

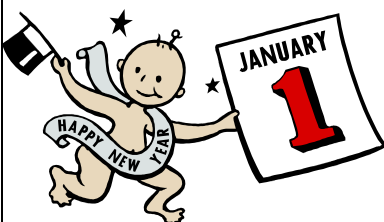
**Sunday, January 29**, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
Psalm 111; Mark 1:21-28



## Epiphany

The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." When the Magi approached the child Jesus, new understandings came to them and to all about who Christ would be a messiah for the entire world. It remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

Epiphany is an excellent opportunity to capture the profound and fresh understandings that follow the spiritual emphases of Advent and Christmas and the beginning of a new calendar year.



**New Year's Day Brunch at 11 a.m.**  
**Fundraiser for our Youth Group Mission Trip**  
Chef Bruce and a youthful crew will be offering a wonderful brunch after church on January 1.  
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We are a growing church. Each year on December 31 we complete a census form for the United Church of Christ. In 2009, we had 261 members. In 2010, we had 272 members. This year, when I fill out the form, I will put in for our membership a total of 285 members.

The increase might not seem like a lot, but with the trend of churches across our country declining in membership, the fact that we are growing is a big deal. We should be very proud that our active, vibrant church is attracting new members. Many in this church have worked very hard to make this the kind of church that people will want to join.

But I'm not one who gets caught up in numbers. I am much more inclined to focus on the people involved and how they are living their faith here at church and out in our community. When I think of growth in those terms, what has happened here at our church is a BIG deal!

Just watching our wonderful Christmas pageant made me appreciate all the new faces in our midst and how well they have folded into our faith community, sharing leadership roles with those who are more "seasoned" members and sharing the excitement of their faith. The energy that permeated our sanctuary on the Sunday morning of the pageant was truly the working of the spirit among us. People of all ages, some new and some not-so-new, were actively and energetically engaged in worshipping God. It was beautiful to watch the children, the congregation and the musicians.

Another example occurred when many of our new and seasoned members, along with 16 of our teenagers, actively shared the spirit of Christmas with over 400 children of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hartford. With tables full of gifts, many of which were donated by this congregation and others in community, the children were invited to "shop" for gifts to give to their families. At the end of the evening, each child went home with a bag of gifts to give, plus a book and some goodies for themselves. The spirit and excitement that rushed through the large gym where we were set up, as our youth and the children from the Boys and Girls Clubs were paired up, was a joy to watch. In the words of Dr. Seuss, "it made my heart grow several sizes."

This is the joy that is growth. It is not about numbers, it is about making our hearts "grow several sizes." The growth that is happening at our church cannot be counted or measured or even put down on a census form. The growth that is happening at our church is a growing of our faith.

I could fill this page and many pages over with all the examples of where our faith has grown as a congregation this year. We have overcome challenges from weather events, we have developed outstanding leadership among our congregation, we have expanded our mission focus many times over, we have beautiful worship enhanced by the many dedicated members of the choir, we have an enthusiastic Sunday School constantly finding new ways to engage our children - we have a beautifully growing faith.

As we all make our New Year's resolutions and wishes, my wish for this church and all of us in it, is that we continue to grow - not necessarily in numbers, but definitely in our faith.

A blessed new year to all,

*Martha*

Sunday school classes will resume on January 8 with all grades exploring the Faith Practice of Living Stewardship. Living Stewardship is a practice that involves all that it means to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. It grows out of a deep caring for and joy in who we are as God's people and the natural world in which we live. Through each week's lessons, the children will recognize that all of us have the responsibility to care for each other as we honor the holy in creation and ourselves. Living Stewardship is shalom: living in harmony with others and the world.

PreK - K class will meet in the Nursery School classroom.

Grades 1 - 6 will participate in multiage workshops.

Grades 7 and 8 will meet in the CE office.

The Christian Education committee would like to thank all those who have helped with Sunday School classes and activities. We feel very blessed to have so many dedicated teachers, shepherds and parents!

## Middle School Youth Group: Grades 5-8



Bowling! January 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:30- 2:30

St Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen February 4<sup>th</sup> 11-2

Please call Kris Foley at 663-3536 with any questions.



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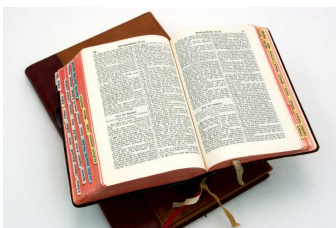
### Fundraiser for our Youth Group Mission Trip

Chef Bruce and a youthful crew will be offering a wonderful brunch after church on January 1. This will be a perfect last meal before everyone's January diet! The brunch is a benefit to raise money for our youth group mission trip to NYC on January 6-7 to work in food pantries and homeless centers. The mission trip is through YSOP (Youth Service Opportunities Project) and we will be joining with

First Congregational Church of Haddam for the trip. Our youth are each paying half the cost and we need to raise the other half through this brunch. **Invite family and friends (folks from other churches may join us after their church!) and be as generous as you are able when the basket is passed.** Donated goodies are welcome. Your pastor has even declared that folks are welcome to come to the brunch even if they didn't quite get up in time for worship - no questions asked!



The Infant and Toddler Room will be staffed and available to parents during worship. The speaker in the room can be turned on to fill the room with beautiful music and God's message. If you would like more information, please contact a member of the Christian Education Committee.



### First Wednesday Bible Study

#### January 4th at 7 p.m.

Join us for this Bible Study based on the scripture readings scheduled for the month. This is a great way to get a sneak preview of what to expect in church. We will have some thoughtful discussion on what these passages say to each of us, and there will be good fellowship and refreshments. Even if you haven't come before, join us this month!

### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has begun the process of preparing a slate of nominees for our church leadership to be voted on at the February annual meeting. If you would like to suggest a name (maybe even your own) for any of the church leadership positions, please just leave a note in the Nominating Committee mail box in the Parish Hall. You do NOT need to contact your suggestion – the Nominating Committee at this point just wants ideas and they will approach folks to determine their availability or interest. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee:

Randy Puska, Dee Esposito and Paulie Lally. Thank you.

### Rev. Martha to serve on Board of Trustees of the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries

At their annual meeting on January 9, Rev. Martha will begin a three year term on the Board of Trustees of the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries. The SSKP's mission is to provide food and fellowship to people in need along the shoreline. In 2011, the SSKP is on track to serve **more than double the amount of meals than it provided just five years ago in 2006**. More than ever before, too many of our own neighbors are the people in need. Our church will continue its support of this very worthwhile organization.

### Special Occasion Fashion Show



Did you know there are women in our community who won't go to a job interview or special occasion, because they don't have anything special to wear? This holiday season, help these women do something nice for themselves and give the gift of confidence by donating clothes to the Special Occasion Fashion Show.

By contributing new or gently used clothing you can brighten their day. Give them the opportunity to participate in a special event they would not have considered going to before. Skirts, blouses, slacks, dresses, and other nice accessories would be greatly appreciated. There will be a donation rack set up outside the church office and remember, every little bit helps! The Special Occasion Fashion Show will take place February 4th at the Clinton Shoreline Food Pantry. If you would like to get involved further in any way, please email Erin Hutchinson at [ehutch9136@gmail.com](mailto:ehutch9136@gmail.com).

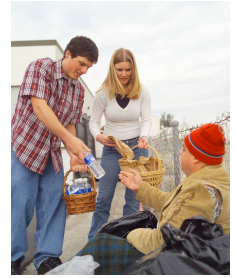
### Quilt Update

If anyone is interested in fellowship and quilting, please join on Wednesdays, either 9:00AM-10:30AM or 7:00PM - 9:00PM weekly beginning January 4th. Even if you have never quilted before and would like to try it, please come in the morning where someone will be there to guide you. Lets make our quilt a combined effort of everyone here and have some fun while doing it!



**January Midnight Run**

Items are needed for the Midnight Run to New Haven. Blankets, Good Used Clothing (Mainly men but will accept women & children’s clothes), Toiletries: Small travel sizes only such as soap, toothbrush, tooth paste, shampoo, wash cloth, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, lip balm, feminine hygiene products. No candy please. Items can be deposited in the collection box in the fellowship hall.



**Eddy House Dinner: January 31**

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 p.m. to go up to Eddy House to enjoy the sharing of hospitality as we eat with the guests there. This mission opportunity is open to everyone. If you have questions, please contact Paulie Lally.

**2012 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 FEB 14.**

Please include all information requested. Feel free to add additional notes if needed.

*The information provided is for church use only.*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

This form is also available online at [www.killingworthchurch.org](http://www.killingworthchurch.org)

## *“Count yourself blessed”*

I hope that you all had a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. As per December 27, we have received 80 pledges to a total value of \$94,348. Of these, 71 are returning pledges and nine are new. The average weekly pledge for the coming year is at this stage \$22.68 which is 3% higher than for 2011.

On the behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I wish you a Happy New Year and extend my thanks to all of you below, who have already pledged. It's a great help for us in our planning for the coming year and your support is certainly an important base for us to build on:


Joyce B Adams	Diane and Gary Gladstone	Richard Nelson
Tony and Diane Aeschliman	Ingrid and Ed Glynn	Don and Andrea O'Boyle
Richard Albrecht	Paul and Debbie Griswold	William Peckham
Carolyn Anderson	Raymond and Lilian Griswold	Ed Phelan
Martha Bays	David Gross	Page Quilliam
Jo Ann Bennett	Ernest Groth	Dennis and Cynthia Rich
Lauren Blaha	Richard and Grace Gruber	Rob and Joann Rimmer / Zamparo
Bruce and Elizabeth Bowman	Brian Hansen	Eleanor Sanderson
Robert and Florence Broach	Bernard Harrison	William and Marion Sanso
Robert and Evelyn Burley	Edward Hayash	Robert and Enid Sherman
Bruce and Marilyn Campbell	Janet Jette	Kay Sims
Alan and Virginia Chapman	Glen and Janet Johnson	James and Gayle Skelly
Robert and Elizabeth Civitello	Donald and Irene Kaiser	Charles and Sandra Smith
Nanci Coleman	Catherine Kovi	Alyson Somerville
Geoff and Annette Cook	Carole Koziy	Janice Stoner
Elaine L Coomes	Geraldine and Walter Kukta	Colin and Marcella Stegman
Sharyn Drapala	Leoto Lanoue	Clas and Angela Thelin
Christa Des Jardins	Pauline Lally	Dawn and Walt Tischbein
Louis and Irene Des Jardins	Chuck Langevin	Gordon and Marlene Turnbull
Robert Drew	Thomas and Judith Lentz	Dolores M Tyner
Louise S Ferguson	Neal and Joan Lewis	Bill and Gayle Van Huysen
Jennifer Figurelli	Matt and Christine Link	Rosemary Vidoli
Ron and Cheryl Fine	Charles and Deborah Lynskey	Dan and Cindy Vogt
Kristin Foley	Patti McClay	David Walton
Debra Fredricksen	David and Alice Montgomery	Robert Y Wassel
Bruce and Karen Gagliardi	Karen Montross	Opal Wilkinson
Evelyn Gill	Carol Ann Nash	

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Jan. 2	Suzanne Anziano		Janine Stoner
	James Amato	Jan. 21	Delores Tyner
Jan. 4	Debbie Fredericksen	Jan. 25	Marion Sanso
	Kathleen Mones	Jan. 26	Barbara Benjamin
Jan. 5	Lorraine Oelschlager		David Montgomery
Jan. 11	Susan Nash		Ashley Cook
Jan. 14	Diane Flynn	Jan. 30	Joe Van Huysen
Jan. 15	Mary Jennifer Amato		Gordon Turnbull
Jan. 18	Eleanor Kimball	Jan. 31	David Lahey
	Robert Flynn		Daniel Tyler

	Jan. 4	Lucy Ford
	Jan. 8	Lindsay Nord
	Jan. 19	Patrick DesJardins
	Jan. 25	Grace Quilliam
	Jan. 27	Cameron Garrelts

**Winter Fellowship Pot Roast Dinner**

Friday, January 20, 2012  
6:00 to 8:00 PM

On the menu:

- Herbed Pot Roast
- Red Potatoes
- Fresh Carrots
- Garden Salad

Warm Bread and Butter

Homemade Apple Crisp served with Ice Cream

Coffee, Tea, Milk



Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors (65+) and \$6.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door or reserved by calling the church office at (860) 663-1789. Take-out orders will be available. All proceeds will be directed to the Church's General Fund.



**Killingworth Nursery School – Registration and Open House**

The Killingworth Nursery School will hold their annual Open House and 2012 Fall Registration on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. The Killingworth Nursery School is located on the lower level of the Congregational Church of Killingworth at 273 Route 81. For more information about registration, please call 860-663-2950 or e-mail [killingworthnurseryschool@yahoo.com](mailto:killingworthnurseryschool@yahoo.com).

**REMINDER**

**To all Committee Chairpersons**

**Annual Reports are due on**

**February 1st.**





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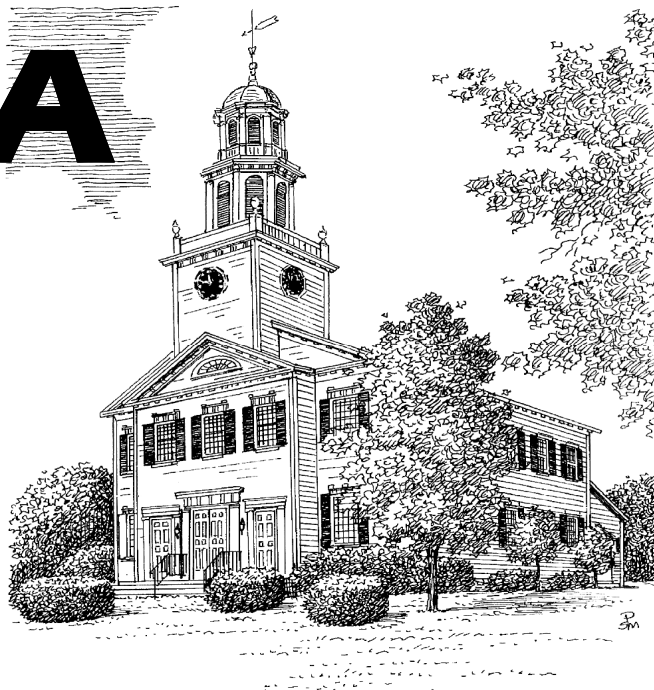
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## January 2012

### Sunday Worship

### 10:00 am



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**New Year's Day Brunch  
at 11 a.m.**

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

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Church Secretary  
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Allyson Glass  
Maryann McCary  
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