

**THE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH IN  
KILLINGWORTH,  
UCC**

# Kerygma

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## Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 1, 2009, First Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

The Service of Holy Communion

Gen 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Sunday, March 8, 2009, Second Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Gen 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Rom 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Sunday, March 15, 2009, Third Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Ex 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Cor 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Sunday, March 22, 2009, Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Num 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Eph 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Sunday, March 29, 2009, Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Jer 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Heb 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

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Monday & Thursday 9-12  
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Thursday 10-2  
Friday 9-12  
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## From the Minister...

I have this same problem every year. When it's time to gather all the information together to begin doing my taxes, I think I know exactly where it all is. I have very carefully been placing all the forms and papers on my desk in my second floor study, so it shouldn't take that long to gather it all up and get to work. But I have the same problem this year as last. When I go to put together what I need, I realize that I have been placing many, many other papers on my desk also. Finding what I need for my taxes means digging through lots and lots of clutter.

As I was snarling at the papers on my desk that were now all being rearranged, including some that were "rearranged" into the trash where they should have gone originally, I kept asking myself, how did all of this stuff get there? There was no way I could blame anyone else, so I was forced to look in my own direction. And I came up with three reasons for all my clutter: some of it I just didn't notice had accumulated (one doesn't need that many catalogs), some of it was stuff I knew was there but was avoiding (I really do need to make that dentist appointment) and some of it I had no idea that it was even there or why (I have no idea how I got a biking magazine). I spent a long time de-cluttering my desk and finally could be productive with my beginnings at tax preparation.

Lent is a time of de-cluttering.

Lent is a time of looking inside and emptying ourselves of all those big and little things that keep us from being the person we want to be. It is a time when we sort through the clutter of our lives looking for the places where we have separated ourselves from God. And just like my desk, some of the clutter is stuff we didn't even notice that we had accumulated. Some of the clutter is stuff that we don't want to look at or deal with. And some of the clutter is stuff we didn't even know was there.

Sue Bender in her book, *Everyday Sacred*, tells a story of a wise Zen monk who lives in a very remote area. An earnest student makes the long pilgrimage to visit this monk in an effort to discover the source of his wisdom. The student immediately begins asking questions and becomes very frustrated when the monk does not reply.

"Pour me a cup of tea," the monk eventually says, "and I will tell you when to stop." The student begins pouring and pouring, becoming horrified as the tea overflows onto the table and the floor while the monk sits silently.

Finally the student blurts out, "Can't you see the cup is full? It can hold no more!"

"And so it is with you," the wise teacher replies, "Your mind is full of too many things. Only when you are empty will there be room for more knowledge to come in."

Lent is our opportunity to empty ourselves to make room for the hope and joy that is ours at Easter. And knowing that Easter will come and be full of God's transforming love, Lent allows us to notice, deal with and discover even those things that are difficult or uncomfortable in our lives. Lent gives us space to look at our rough places because we know there will be an Easter. No matter how cluttered our lives have become, God will always help us remove that which keeps us from being the person we want to be. God will always be there to help us make room for the sacred in our lives.

My desk is now de-cluttered. My path for Lent will be to de-clutter my life so that I have room to receive the joy of Easter morning.

May we all journey in our faith this Lent,

Martha



### One Great Hour of Sharing Lent Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries.

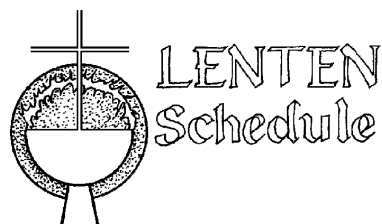
The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

Scripture teaches us that God treasures all people, throughout the world. One of the gifts of being God's children is that sometimes we are called to be "treasure tenders" for God. By sharing some of our earthly treasure—our money, our time, our energy—decisive aid can be sent when disaster strikes. Refugees receive help in the long term as they rebuild their lives. We help people help themselves through education, health care, tools, seeds, and resources to improve community infrastructure.

And the sharing is mutual. When we care for people, we can be transformed by experiencing the presence of God. Seeing what others have lost, we are reminded what matters most in life. Seeing what others live through, we are inspired to live courageously. Seeing that new life is possible, our hope rises. Working with others, we realize that God reaches out to all of us. Relying on God for the outcome, our faith increases.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). May you find your treasure, and your heart, by sharing resources and changing lives with a generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Envelopes will be in the pews throughout Lent and we will dedicate our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on March 22.



### Lent Services, *Journeys of Faith*

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1 at 7 p.m.

On each of the middle Wednesdays during Lent we will hold short prayer services in our sanctuary as we journey in our faith to Easter. Each service will include music, readings for meditation and times of silence during which we may reflect on our own journeys of faith. 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 look within on how we each are following the path of Jesus.

### And There's Food!

Prior to the Lent services on the evenings of March 11 and March 25, all are invited for a simple supper and good fellowship. The members of the Board of Trustees are preparing the meal on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the Board of Deacons are making plans for the 25<sup>th</sup>. The dinners will begin at 6 p.m. and be over in time to attend the Lent service. Come join us!

# Sunday School Corner

The season of Lent has begun. During this time we reflect on Jesus' life and his journey to the cross. Lent is a special time for meditation and prayer. It is a time for increased understanding of Christ's sacrifice and Resurrection. Lastly, it is a time of renewal of baptismal vows and recommitment to the Christian life. We are planning to dedicate the first Sunday in March to explaining to the children the meaning of this special church season.

By now we have completed our workshop rotation on "The Prodigal Son". There was much to be learned from this bible lesson. Hopefully, your child or children have come to learn that God loves us even when we do wrong things and that when we are truly sorry, God forgives us. We will be starting a new workshop rotation on Sunday, March 15th.

Perhaps many of you were able to come out and enjoy the Mardi Gras Pancake Supper which helped support our Scholarship fund. On Sunday, March 15th the confirmands will be meeting after church to make a banner for the Confirmation Class of 2009 and enjoy a pizza lunch together. We hope to see all our confirmands at this event, so mark your calendars.

Calling all parents - if you wish to help in any shape or form with the Sunday School program, please see Tina Moore or Deb Fredericksen. The more parents we have involved, the better our Sunday School program will be.

Sincerely,

Tina Moore - Sunday School Superintendent

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"Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus" workshop.

## **Honor Roll list for the High School:**

Libby Brundage (9) Honors,  
Megan Tischbein (9) Honors,  
Ashley Griswold (11) High Honors  
Robert Flynn (11) Honors,  
Katrina Manzi (11) Honors,  
Jessica Moore (11) High Honors,  
Sarah Tischbein (11) Honors,  
Brooke Faircloth (12) Honors,  
Celia Marcum (12) High Honors,  
Josh Reynolds (12) Honors,  
Jason Stoner (12) Honors,  
Shelby Van Huysen (12) Honors



March 4

Rachael Cody



# HEY! What's going on here!

## Middle School Youth Group

Our March activities include a meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 p.m. in Killingworth. Rev. Martha Bays will be our guest.

Anyone in grades 6-8 interested in the Maple Sugaring at Silver Lake the weekend of March 27-29 should contact Kris Foley at 663-3536.



### 2009 Flower Calendar

The Calendar is up in the Parish Hall. Please sign up early as special dates often go quickly.



### 2009 Coffee Hour Sign-Up

Is available in the Parish Hall.



## MUSIC NOTES

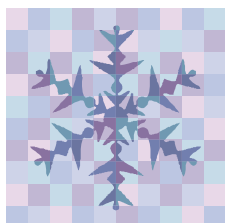
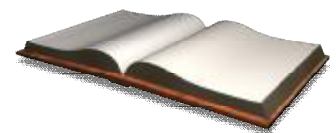
Ever thought about singing in the choir? We rehearse on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, once each week, and at 9:00 AM on Sundays prior to the service. Our rehearsal schedule can be found in the weekly bulletin. High school students and adults are welcome in the choir, whether you can read music or not!!! If you think you might be interested, please see Carolyn Engle or any member of the choir for more information.



## Church History Books

**SALE**

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 at \$25.00. Books can be ordered and sent first class mail. Call the church at 663-1789 or Janet Johnson 663-1456.



**CHURCH WILL NOT BE CANCELED EXCEPT FOR  
A STATE OF EMERGENCY.  
PLEASE TAKE CAUTION WHEN HEADING OUT.... SOMETIMES  
IT'S SAFER JUST TO "STAY IN".**

## MIDNIGHT RUN



On Saturday night, February 14<sup>th</sup> Karen Gagliardi, Cameron Cook, Matthew Stoner and Chris Moore left our Church in Killingworth at 5PM to participate in the Midnight Run. We met up with the Deep River Congregational Church to form a 6 vehicle convoy which was completely filled with clothes, food, toiletries and about 30 people to hand them out to the homeless of Manhattan. The Midnight Run Organization provided the lead vehicle in our Convoy with a guide as we tried to find the neediest of those in NYC. We stopped at 5 different locations and found the homeless very appreciative of the group efforts. The prior Wednesday evening and Friday afternoon was spent organizing each shirt, pair of pants and pair of shoes by size so that little time was needed to find the right match for each homeless person. The warm chili and snack bag (Juice box, fruit, chips, cookies) was handed out from about 10 PM until almost 2 AM. I was surprised that the toiletries were in big demand and they were the first thing that we ran out of. We would like to thank all those at the Killingworth Congregational Church that donated or otherwise helped to make our first Midnight Run a complete success.

## LAST CALL

Please check your jewelry boxes for unwanted pieces to be refurbished and sold at the fair. Money made will go towards fuel for the church.

Thank you. -Marlene Turnbull



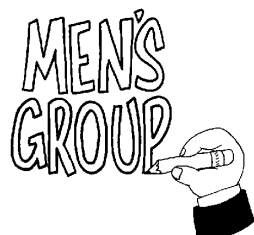
## HELPING HANDS

The Helping Hands food pantry has a new phone number. Our HelpLine can now be reached at 663-1765 ext. 401. We are deeply grateful for all the donations from the Congregational Church this past holiday season, and for the food you continue to collect for us. Thanks again to everyone for the great support! Jan O'Sullivan and Chiqui Ricciuti



## AARP TAX-AIDE

Free, confidential income tax assistance is available in Killingworth and other shoreline communities. Trained volunteers will help persons aged 60 and older in preparing their federal and state returns. Volunteers will be at St. Lawrence Parish Hall on alternate Tuesdays 3/10, 3/24, and 4/7 from 9am until noon. Enter through the green door facing the parking lot. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 388-1611.



## CHURCH MEN'S GROUP TO FORM

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. Bring your own lunch, tools, and good humor to the Parish Hall every fourth Wednesday, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. There will be no dues, agenda, dress code, bylaws, or required attendance, only an interest in making our Church a better place. Give me a call for more information. -Charlie Smith, 663-1583



## THE SEASON OF LENT

Easter, the commemoration of the resurrection of our Lord, brings visions of green grass, tree buds swollen with new life, and spring flowers bursting with bloom. Easter is a movable feast—meaning its date is variable—and all other moveable feasts are dependent upon it. Easter occurs the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal (spring) equinox, March 20. This year, the first full moon occurs on April 9. Easter, therefore, follows on Sunday, April 12. Ash Wednesday is a moveable feast which occurs forty-six days before Easter, this year, - February 25, 2009.

The display of lilies in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday is a living commemoration of Christ's return to life after his crucifixion and burial. Easter lilies may be ordered through the Flower Committee. The last day to order is Tuesday, March 31. No orders can be accepted after this date. Use the order form below.

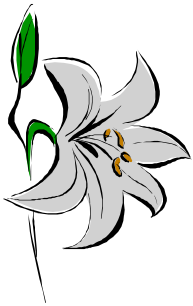
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### EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY

Lilies for Easter may be purchased through the Flower Committee at \$9.00 each. Deadline to order is Tuesday, March 31. Mail orders to Judy Lentz, 126 Schnoor Road, Killingworth, CT 06419. Make checks payable to:  
Killingworth Congregational Church Flower Committee.



GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

WITH LOVE TO: \_\_\_\_\_

I will take my plant (s) after the service on April 12

I will leave my plant (s) for a sick/shut-in.

Please make checks payable to: Killingworth Congregational Church Flower Committee



## Something to Share

by Maureen Alfiero

Many times we find our selves traveling the same route on a regular basis. Whether for work, a meeting, or our child's scheduled program, we set ourselves on auto-pilot and off we go.

Since late December, I have been traveling back and forth to Guilford via Green Hill Road. This is my second year doing this. We all know the routine—rush to meet the bus, throw the kids into seatbelts, and hurry to get there on time. I really hate that. The rushing, that is. I decided that I needed to find something along my route that would remind me to slow down, breathe, and just enjoy the moment. It didn't take long to find my "focus".

On Green Hill Road there stands a tree. An old tree. I love this tree. Even bare of leaves it gives off a vibe of wisdom, knowledge, strength, and loyalty. I wouldn't say this ancient wood is pretty or even graceful, but it's solid. I wonder of all the changes this old tree has seen over the past years and the strength needed to endure storms, winds, disease, and man. I imagine those roots must go very deep to have survived those tests, and still remain strong, straight, and proud.

So now I call it "my tree". And when I no longer travel past it on a daily basis, I can keep it's proud, gentle image as a reminder to just *be*—even for a moment. A reminder to take that breath, regain that balance, to draw on a positive strength. We know the stronger our roots, the stronger our foundation, the easier it is to take on whatever challenge is given. And by doing that, we get stronger, wiser, more loyal to ourselves and those around us. Boy, that's a lot from one old tree. I love that tree.



As many of you know, we had a problem with our Duplicator. This machine does all the printing of the Kerygma, Bulletins, Announcements, etc. Because it was down, I needed to rely on Staples for the large print jobs. Annette Cook was so kind to pick up the jobs every week from Staples and, between Geoff and Annette, they made sure the printing arrived safely to the church office. Thank you so much, Annette and Geoff, for your

help.

There are many people who help assemble the Kerygma and get it ready to mail. Please know I very much appreciate all you do. It is because of your help that the issue is on time every month. Many, many thanks. -Maureen

### KILLINGWORTH NURSERY SCHOOL

The school offers programs for 3 - 5 year olds. Four year old classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 11:30 am or 12:15 pm to 2:45 pm. Three year old classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday at the same times. A Terrific Tots program is also offered for 2 year olds plus a caregiver. Tots classes meet one day a week from 9:30 am to 11:00 am (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday).





# Happy Birthday!

March 2	Randy Puska	March 18	Donna Dudash
March 3	Dorothy Albrecht	March 19	Robert Wescott
March 5	Rita Flynn	March 21	Charles Kovi
March 6	Ben Uihlein	March 22	Celia Marcum
March 8	Eleanor Becker	March 24	Stacey Higgins
March 9	Paige Quilliam	March 25	Thomas Lentz
March 10	Laurie Kukta		Sharyn Drapala
	Katrina Manzi		William Van Huysen
March 11	Kaitlyn Marcum	March 26	George Roelofsen, Jr.
	Sarah Tischbein		JoAnn Bennett
March 12	Shelby Van Huysen		Thomas Nelson
	Joann Wright	March 29	Tia Manzi
March 14	Jessica Moore	March 30	John Hutchinson
March 16	Erica Albrecht	March 31	James Lehane

## 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.



## The Infant and Toddler Room

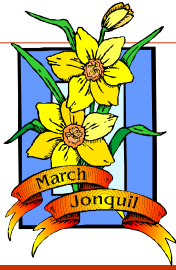
is open and staffed.

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.

I've got the best seat in the house!





# March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> Communion 9 am Choir</p>	<p><b>2</b> 1:30 Killingworth Senior's Group 7:00 Deacons</p>	<p><b>3</b> *10:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir *7:00 BScouts 7:30 WF</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:30 N/A *6:15 Yoga 7:00 Lenten Serv 7:00 Tai Chi *7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>5</b> *10:00 am Yoga 3:30 UGC *7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>6</b> *7:00 NA  World Day of Prayer</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:00 am CCD  7:30 AA</p>
<p><b>8</b> 9 am Choir  New Members Sunday 4 pm MSYG</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:30 Missions *10:00 Yoga *7:00 BScouts 7:30 WF</p>	<p><b>11</b> *9:30 N/A *6:15 Yoga 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Lenten Serv 7:00 Tai Chi *7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:45 Staff Mtg *10:00 am Yoga 3:30 UGC 7:00 Choir *7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>13</b>  *7:00 NA</p>	<p><b>14</b>  9:00 am CCD  7:30 AA</p>
<p><b>15</b> 9 am choir Kerygma Deadline 12 pm Confirmation Class Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b> 7:00 CE</p>	<p><b>17</b>  *10:00 Yoga 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 Trustees *7:00 BScouts 7:30 WF</p>	<p><b>18</b> *9:30 N/A *6:15 Yoga 7:00 Lenten Serv 7:00 Tai Chi *7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>19</b> *10:00 am Yoga 3:30 UGC  *7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>20</b>  *7:00 NA</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9:00 am CCD  7:30 AA</p>
<p><b>22</b> 9 am Choir</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> *10:00 Yoga *7:00 BScouts 7:30 WF</p>	<p><b>25</b> *9:30 N/A 1:30 Wed Eves 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Lenten Serv *6:15 Yoga 7:00 Tai Chi *7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>26</b> *10:00 Yoga 3:30 UGC 6:00 Garden Club 7:00 Choir *7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>27</b>  *7:00 NA</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:00 am CCD 7:30 AA</p>
<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> *10:00 Yoga *7:00 BScouts 7:30 WF</p>	<p>* = Meets in Old Town Hall BS = Boy Scouts UGC = United Girls Choir</p>		<p>WF = Women's Fellowship (Call 663-1789 for meeting place)</p>	

APRIL KERYGMA DEADLINE Sunday March 15, 2009



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Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.

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