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Calendar



**The Field of Flags is
coming to our church
on March 18.**

**Dedication Ceremony
on March 20.**

The Field of Flags is a memorial to all our women and men who have given their lives in the service of their country during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. The array of flags is presented without any political message, but simply as a means to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We will be setting up the flags on our front lawn on Friday, March 18 and they will remain there for one month. A Dedication Ceremony will take place on Sunday, March 20th at 12:00 pm. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and take down this memorial project. Please see Dawn Tischbein if you can help.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 6, 2011

Last Sunday after Epiphany
Communion Sunday
Exodus 24:12-18
Matthew 17:1-9

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 13, 2011

First Sunday in Lent
Psalm 32
Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 20, 2011

Second Sunday in Lent
Psalm 121
John 3:1-17
Field of Flags Dedication
Ceremony 12:00pm

Sunday, March 27, 2011

Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 17:1-7
John 4:5-14



Fat Tuesday Dinner

Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

The Men's Group will be cooking pancakes with all the trimmings. This is a fundraiser for the church and there will be a free will offering (\$10 per head suggested).

From the Minister

As a child, I never liked to practice the piano. I loved going to my lessons, though that may have had something to do with the fact that I got to visit with my Grandmother who lived in the same apartment building as my piano teacher. I loved playing the easy pieces on the piano, the ones I had already learned. It felt so good to just get lost in the music, knowing that my fingers more or less knew where to go and what to do. But practicing new pieces that were a little difficult, or even worse doing scales that would develop my fingers, I avoided that like the plague.

Yet, I kept going back for more. I took lessons all the way through high school. Though I am certainly not an accomplished pianist, I can sit down and enjoy the relaxation and the peace of making music. Having learned the basic skills, I can enjoy playing what I want, even sometimes challenging myself with something new. I can even sit down at the piano very occasionally to play for other people, something I had to do when most everyone was snowed in for our 2009 Christmas pageant. All that practicing paid off in ways that I never would have anticipated.

Practicing our faith pays off in ways that we never would have anticipated.

There are actually certain religious practices that have been developed through the centuries that help us as we develop in our faith. Dorothy C. Bass has written a beautiful book entitled *Practicing Our Faith*. In it she points out, "Christian practices are things Christian people do together over time in response to and in the light of God's active presence for the life of the world.... And all of them, woven together, suggest the patterns of a faithful Christian way of life for our time." She takes both familiar and unfamiliar practices such as prayer, keeping Sabbath, testimony, forgiveness, shaping communities, healing, dying well, even singing our lives, and points out how they can deepen our faith if we put them into our daily lives. Practicing our faith is living our faith.

During Lent this year we are going to take a few of these practices to focus on during our Wednesday evening prayer services. Each service will begin with scripture, prayer and candle lighting, which will be followed with a time to experience a different faith practice: *Centering Prayer* on March 16, *Listening to God* on March 23, *Healing through Guided Imagery* on March 30, *Forgiveness* on April 6 and *Walking the Labyrinth* on April 13. The series will begin with our Ash Wednesday Prayer Service on March 9 where we will offer a blessing of ashes to any who choose to receive.

There will of course also be several dinners. The Men's Group will be offering pancakes and all the trimmings on Fat Tuesday, March 8. The Trustees will be offering a dinner before the Wednesday Prayer Service on March 23 and the Deacons will do the same on April 6. Food is something that this church does well without any practice!

As we begin the journey through Lent together, be thinking where in your life you may need to add a deeper understanding of your faith. Together we can explore some wonderful faith practice opportunities that will enrich and strengthen all of our faiths.

As is always the case with our faith, it will pay off in ways that we can't even begin to anticipate.

With blessings for our Lent journey together,

Martha

Sunday School Corner

This month's Workshop Rotation is "Teach Us How to Pray." The children in Grades 1 to 6 will visit a new workshop each week such as Cooking, Storytelling, Games, or Art. The story will remain the same, but the children will encounter it in different ways each week. They will discover there are many ways to talk with God and many different kinds of prayers. The focus will be on the special prayer Jesus taught the disciples, the Lord's Prayer.

All grades will participate in a mission project yet to be decided. As the children gather in the hall before classes, we will discuss their Sunday School offerings and how the money is distributed. We will suggest areas and people in need and let them decide what project to take on. Last year, the children raised money to support a carpentry workshop for Simon Malo. Let's see what they can do this year!



Mark your calendars!
Vacation Bible School is scheduled for
June 27 - July 1, 2011!



Middle School Youth Group—Grades 5-8

March 20 Meeting, 4-5:30— making care packages for our college Freshman students who are away at school. We will be meeting at the First Congregational Church of Haddam. Any donations (ie microwave popcorn, candy, gum, stickers, pen, pencils, sticky notes) will be accepted in a box in the Parish Hall. 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**.



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.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m.

Come to the sanctuary to participate in a quiet, reflective prayer service that will offer the blessing of ashes for those who choose.

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:

March 16: Centering Prayer

March 23: Listening to God (Taize worship, Alyson Somerville - guitar)

March 30: Healing Through Guided Imagery (led by Allyson Glass)

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.



Trustees' Dinner, March 23 at 6 p.m.

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

Prior to the Lent prayer services on the evenings of March 23 and April 6, all are invited for a simple supper and good fellowship prepared by our Board of Trustees and our Deacons. The dinners will begin at 6 p.m. and be over in time to attend the Lent service. Come join us!

Events Committee

The purpose of the Events Committee is to coordinate and promote all fundraising events of the church. Any committee that has a fundraising event for the church can request assistance from the Events Committee for publicity and marketing support. A completed *Events Committee Form* is requested from the Committee Member hosting the fundraising event.

The Events Committee also serves as a clearinghouse to ensure that multiple fundraising events are not running at the same time and all efforts are successful. The Events Committee may also initiate and run events.

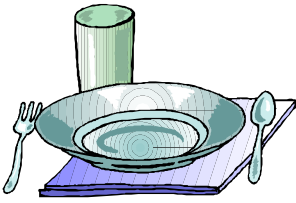
Currently our members are as follows: Angela Thelin (Chair), Clas Thelin, David Gross, Liz Blair, Dawn Tishbein and Martha Bays. New members are always welcome.

Save the dates for these upcoming Events

March 19th Join us for *Cabaret Night with Michael Cartwright*. Details of this event will be announced.

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, helping, or has questions about our committee, please contact Angela Thelin at 860-664-3868 or email at angelathelin@candeo-group.com.



Eddy House Dinner: March 29.

We will again be bringing and serving a hot meal to the Eddy House Homeless Shelter in Middletown. Come to our kitchen at 3 p.m. to join in the cooking fun, or meet at church at 5:30 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.

Fair Planning Meeting March 1 at 7 p.m.

What could be better on a cold March evening than sitting around discussing our always warm and inviting summer Country Fair! If you have signed up to be in charge of an area, please come. If you haven't signed up, please come anyway. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting. The Country Fair is a FUN event and this committee has FUN in the process (and they work hard, too!). Questions, call Debbie Fredericksen.



Sign-ups in the Parish Hall



Steeple Lighting

Sponsor the steeple lighting in memory of a loved one or, perhaps, to celebrate a special occasion.

Coffee Hour

Help set-up and/or bake.



Flower Calendar

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



Music Notes

COME SING WITH US!

Choir rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 9:00 am. All are invited.

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.



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 17. Easter, therefore, follows on Sunday, April 24. Ash Wednesday is a moveable feast which occurs forty-six days before Easter, this year, - March 9, 2011.

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, April 12. No orders can be accepted after this date. Use the order form below.

EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY

Lilies for Easter may be purchased through the Flower Committee at \$9.00 each. Deadline to order is Tuesday, April 12. Mail orders to Judy Lentz, 126 Schnoor Road, Killingworth, CT 06419. Make checks payable to: Killingworth Congregational Church Flower Committee.

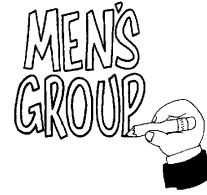
GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR WITH LOVE TO: _____

_____ I will take my plant (s) after the service on April 24 _____ I will leave my plant (s) for a sick/shut-in.

Please make checks payable to: Killingworth Congregational Church Flower Committee



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



CT Kids on Stage
is proud to sponsor

Young Actor Workshop
with Emily Webster
for 11 to 17 year olds

March 5, 2011

At The Old Town Hall, Congregational Church in Killingworth, 273 Rt 81, Killingworth

10 am—3pm

Visit www.ckidsonstage.com for more info and online registration or call Maureen Alfiero at 860-663-1218.



Killingworth Nursery School

The Killingworth Nursery School has openings available for the three year old and four year old classes for the 2011-2012 school year. Three year olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays. Four year olds meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We are excited to offer a new Pre-K program and Lunch Bunch! For more information about registration, please call 860-663-2950 or e-mail killingworthnursery-school@yahoo.com.

Play Group at Church

Every Tuesday Morning from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

We are off to a great start for this new program for children ages 4 and under along with their parents, grandparents or caregivers. Play Group will be a weekly time each Tuesday when the littlest members of our community can come to play with each other while Moms, Dads, Grandparents or Caregivers can enjoy a chance to connect with others who are at this stage of child-raising. The Parish Hall will be baby-proofed and full of toys welcoming any in our community who would like to come play. Play Group will be unstructured and folks can come and go as their children's schedules allow. This program is offered to our entire community so spread the word and come play with us! Thank you to Christine Link and JoAnn Bennett for getting this group up and running!



Caregivers Support Group

An on-going and free of charge support group for caregivers is held each Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. This group is held here at church in the CE Office and is facilitated by Cynthia L. Sarris-Vogt, LCSW. Call the church office or Cindy directly for more information and to register. Space is limited so call now.



- Mar 2 Randy Puska
- Mar 3 Joseph Higgins
- Mar 5 Rita Flynn
- Mar 6 Ben Uihlein
- Mar 8 Eleanor Becker
- Mar 9 Paige Quilliam
- Mar 10 Laurie Kukta
- Mar 10 Katrina Manzi
- Mar 11 Kaitlyn Marcum
- Mar 11 Sarah Tischbein
- Mar 12 Joann Wright
- Mar 12 Shelby Van Huysen
- Mar 14 Jessica Moore
- Mar 16 Erica Albrecht

- Mar 17 Robert Rimmer
- Mar 18 Donna Dudash
- Mar 18 Art Stoner
- Mar 19 Robert Wescott
- Mar 21 Charles Kovi
- Mar 22 Celia Marcum
- Mar 23 Stephanie DiPalma
- Mar 24 Stacey Higgins
- Mar 25 Bill Van Huysen
- Mar 25 Thomas Lentz
- Mar 26 George Roelofsen, Jr.
- Mar 26 Thomas Nelson
- Mar 26 JoAnn Bennett
- Mar 29 Tia Manzi
- Mar 30 John Hutchinson
- Mar 30 Ernest Groth
- Mar 31 James Lehane



- 3/2 Cailey Anderson
- 3/4 Rachel Coady
- 3/7 Peter Brandon
- 3/9 Marina Coleman
- 3/10 Lily DesJardins
- 3/24 Kelli Haggerty
- 3/25 Jon-nelle Albrecht
- 3/27 Aaron DiPalma

Spread the word!

We have a [facebook](#) Page

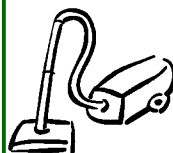
- Everyone Join
- Events posted
- Photos posted
- Become a fan of the page

Simply type in the fb search bar:
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It's that easy!

REMINDER

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



If you have a vacuum that you are no longer using, please consider donating it to the church. Thank you!



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 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, and 4/5 from 9am until noon. Enter through the green door facing the parking lot. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 388-1611.

Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Talent Show



Haddam-Killingworth Middle School in collaboration with Youth & Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth is hosting a talent show for fifth through eighth grade middle school students. Fifth and sixth grade will perform on March 30 at 7 p.m., and seventh through eighth grade will perform on March 31 at 7 p.m. The talent show will take place in the H-K Middle School Auditorium. Any student who is interested in performing or helping back stage should see Mrs. Greene. All members of the community are welcome to attend the show.



Students Against Destructive Decisions
Helping teens make better choices
and avoid dangerous situations



Youth and Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth Inc. in collaboration with the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) will be hosting the nationally recognized SADD speaker Stephen Wallace on March 22, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. This speaker will provide parents with information about the real world of today's teenagers and outline concrete steps they can take to help keep youth safe both on and off the road. All members of the community are welcome to attend.



a cabaret with Mike Cartwright and Paul Feyer

Saturday, March 19 · 7:00pm - 9:00pm



How has music shaped your life?
Come hear how something so simple can change a person's life.

The Killingworth Old Town Hall will be turned into an intimate performance space with cabaret-style seating. Guests are invited to "make their own party" by bringing food and drink to enjoy during the show. The event is BYOB.


Admission is \$20. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Killingworth Old Town Hall Project, dedicated to the renovation of the facility. The Hall is located at 273 Route 81 (Higganum Road), ¼ mile north of the traffic circle at the Routes 80/81 intersection. For more information or reservations, contact (203) 673-9485 or cabaret@ctyuletide.com.

The Shoreline Cabaret Series is presented by MiLo Productions, which also produces the popular Victorian holiday singing group, the Connecticut Yuletide Carolers.



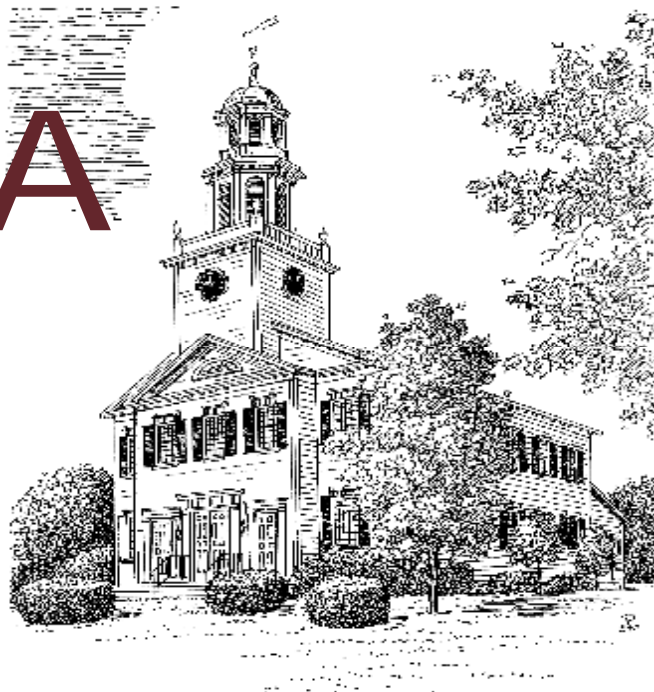
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