

THE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH IN  
KILLINGWORTH,  
UCC

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# Kerygma

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## Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 2, 2008 \* Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

*Service of Holy Communion*

1 Sam 16:1-13, Psalm 23

Eph 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

Wednesday, March 5, 2008, Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 9, 2008 \* Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

Ezek 37:1-14, Psalm 130

Rom 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

Wednesday, March 12, 2008, Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.

6 p.m. Carry-In Supper

Sunday, March 16, 2008 \* Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

Matt 21:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Phil 2:5-11, Matt 26:14-27

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Seder Supper, 6:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 21, 2008, Good Friday

Church Sanctuary open from Noon—3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 23, 2008 \* Easter

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

Acts 10:34—43, Psalm 118:1-2

Col 3:1-4, John 20:1-18

Sunday, March 30, 2008 \* Second Sunday of Easter

Guest, preaching

Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16

I Pet 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

# PILGRIM PASTOR



It's almost time to roll back the stone, Resurrection people! Perhaps an angel will go on ahead of you and roll back the stone of death and decay in some area of your life. Did you think it was dead?! Don't be so sure. God may be planning a resurrection of your career, your marriage, a friendship, maybe even your self-esteem. Christ is Risen! You are Risen!

Next in our series of the United Church of Christ's background would have been The German Reformed Church, but I'm going to hold off on them until next month, as I'd like to say a bit more about the Congregationalists.

The Congregational Christian Church merged with the Evangelical and Reformed Church to form the United Church of Christ on **November 30, 1959.**

The Congregational Church in Killingworth was informed that the proposed constitution of the United Church of Christ had been sent to local churches for study, discussion, and suggestions. A revised constitution would be presented to the next national meeting. Then, the local church would vote on the final version with an affirmative vote making the local church a member of the United Church of Christ. On May 21, 1961, at your church, the following was passed: *"A motion was made and seconded that we accept the Constitution as is for the merger of the churches to form the United Church of Christ."* The Rev. Malcolm Grobe was pastor in Killingworth from 1956-1960. The Rev. John R. Johnston was the pastor from 1961-1966. (-from History of The Congregational Church on Killingworth, Connecticut, Thomas L. Lentz, copyright 2007.)

I know that New Englanders are particularly proud of their Congregational roots, but I must always remind them that if their church voted to become the United Church of Christ, their denomination is no longer Congregational. Their denomination is the UCC. In Killingworth, I think it is important to respect the time, consideration and thoughtfulness of the decision made by your church mothers and fathers in 1961 who voted to become the United Church of Christ.

It is my belief that we ought to identify ourselves first as God's beloved children. Following our baptism, our identity broadens to being named as Christian. Then, we view ourselves as members of the United Church of Christ, and we worship at The Congregational Church in Killingworth, United Church of Christ – where we are free to be proud of our Congregational heritage if we so choose.

I have a feeling this is always going to be a bone of contention, so I must confess this: I was born and raised an Episcopalian, and still enjoy aspects of that tradition... a part of me will always be an Episcopalian! So, I get it, you Congregationalists! I get it! But, thanks for letting me make my point. : )

Next month: The German Reformed Church

A light shines in the darkness: Happy Easter!

Interim Minister

## OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION (OCWM)

In the same way that we are asked to make a pledge to support the church so that the church may exist, the church's denomination asks the church to make a pledge to support the denomination, so that it too can exist. The church makes a pledge to the denomination from the pledges that its members make to the church. Many churches tithe 10-20% of their pledges to the denomination; some pledge less. The church's pledge to the United Church of Christ is called "Our Church's Wider Mission", "or OCWM. Here's where the denomination's pledge monies go:

**29.2% of OCWM goes to Global Mission** (which supports ministries with partner churches in 85 countries, supports 190 missionaries, advocacy for human rights, ministries to persons with disabilities, promoting health and wholeness, international social and economic development, disaster preparedness and response in the U.S. and abroad, refugee advocacy and resettlement, coordination of volunteer opportunities and services); **15.7% goes to Ministries to Local Churches** (which supports stewardship and financial development resources and training, worship and educational resources for congregations, Christian Ed curricula, partnerships with UCC-related colleges and seminaries, racial and ethnic education, resources for children, families, youth, young adults, women, and men, outdoor ministries, placement services for churches and clergy, ministerial formation and authorization, leadership training for laity and clergy, starting new churches, evangelism resources, capital campaign services for congregations, church building loans); **13.4% goes to Justice Ministries** (which includes economic justice concerns, including poverty issues, public education, labor relations, access to health care, racial justice issues, environmental justice, peace ministries, prison ministries, human rights, justice for women, social responsibility of corporations); **13.3% to Retiree Pension Supplement** (supplementation of pension benefits for retired UCC clergy when annual income is below a specified level); **7.4% Administration** (costs of overall planning, coordinating, and organizing of national ministries, including those parts of salaries, benefits, financial operations, rent, office costs, insurance, professional fees, etc., that apply to administration); **6.4% to Communication** (telling the story of UCC mission to members and the public, United Church News, UCC website ([www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)), video production); **5.8% to Offices of Executive Ministers** (costs of overall planning, coordinating, and organizing of national ministries' executive offices, treasury functions and liaison staff); **4.3% Governance** (convening of Boards of Directors, General Synod, Executive Council); **2.8% Covenantal Relations** (work with various ecumenical and overseas church organizations, work with UCC Conferences and UCC-related institutions); **1.6% to Research** (Operations, salaries and benefits for denominational recordkeeping and demographic study, UCC Year Book and Statistical Handbook).

The primary reason to belong to a denomination is name recognition. When we belong to a denomination, we belong to something greater than the local church, and we're connected. The secondary reason to belong is that by supporting a denomination assures that the major portion of money we pledge to the denomination goes toward mission. Denominations allow churches to be a part of a larger enterprise, pooling their resources to establish and advance great commission work. A denomination can have an impact larger than the sum of the impacts of the individual churches.

It might be interesting for you to know that it cost the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ \$6,000-8,000 in administrative costs to do a pastoral search. There are many hours involved talking with search committees and candidates. We've certainly used our Regional Conference Minister, the Rev. Dr. Michael Penn-Strah since August 2007 in various ways. We've received a good bit of assistance from the conference.

When a church belongs to a denomination, they make a covenant to support one another. A covenant is a promise, an agreement entered into by two or more persons or parties.

The Bible pictures financial and operational cooperation among New Testament churches, and virtually all churches cooperate with other churches in some fashion or other.

It is always a very serious and sad situation when a church votes to leave its denomination. There's a great system involved that works between a denomination, its conference, and the local church. While some in this church feel the conference has failed the church in the past, normally, this system works beautifully and faithfully. (I don't know how many pastors there are who wouldn't want the safeguards of a denomination – who would be interested in pastoring a church that is on its own.)

For those of you who experience trust issues with the conference and/or the denomination, I encourage you to phone our Conference Minister, the Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree at 860/761-7109, [dfc@ctucc.org](mailto:dfc@ctucc.org), and/or our South Central Regional Conference Minister, the Rev. Dr. Michael Penn-Strah at 203/389-1193, [mikeps@ctucc.org](mailto:mikeps@ctucc.org) and have a conversation. I'm sure either one or both of them would be happy to come back to the church to preach and/or lead a discussion.

Check out the website: [www.ctucc.org](http://www.ctucc.org). The United Church of Christ website is [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org). You're also welcome to subscribe to United Church News. It's a free publication, but they do ask for a donation. Go to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) and put United Church News in the search engine. You can either read it online or subscribe, in which case it will be sent to your home address. It's extremely informative, and allows you to feel even more connected to your denomination. You will be sent the conference news, in addition, which in our case is called CONNtact.

No church is perfect. The same goes for denominations. Just as with churches, denominations must find their way between putting up with anything and fighting over everything. There are rocks on both sides and the need for a great deal of patience as we chart our course between them. The United Church of Christ is more than its stance on any one topic. We can all get hung up on one issue in a denomination, or in a church – and even allow it to be divisive. We must all hang onto the greater good in the denomination, and in our church.

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*I would like to thank everyone for all of their prayers, generosity and support. I have been touched by all of the people who have reached out to me in so many ways. I feel truly blessed to have such a loving and caring minister and to be part of this church family.*



*Peace and Blessings--Noreen Saunders*

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*To My Church Family,*

*I want you all to know how much your prayers, cards, calls, and visits have meant to me since my accident and during my recovery. I miss you all and will get back to church as soon as I can.*

*God bless you all—Faith McKenzie*

# Sunday School Corner

March - During this season of Lent and looking forward to Jesus' resurrection, the members of our church use this time to reflect on what it means to be a Christian. The members of the Christian Education Committee and our Sunday School teachers are constantly trying to get the children to think about what it means to be a Christian. We are hoping that eventually this message clicks and that the children will lead Christian lives. We also need the support and encouragement of parents in order to accomplish this goal.

Hopefully, your children have enjoyed making whale shaped pizzas in our Jonah cooking rotation, or learned about how whales get their food using baleen in the science workshop or lastly, making origami whales in their art rotation workshop. As we move into the month of March, we will begin a workshop rotation entitled "The Lord's Supper". Here, either through storytelling, cooking or a video workshop the children will learn about the sacrament of communion and how it came into being. Our seventh and eighth graders will continue working with Mr. Tischbein and Mr. Moore using the lectionary based curriculum, "The Whole People of God".

The children will be handing out palms to the members of the congregation on Sunday, March 16th. We encourage you and your family to come to our annual Seder supper on Thursday, March 20th. The dinner will start at 6:00pm and is hosted by the Christian Education Committee. There will be a free will offering and a church service at 7:30 following the supper.

How fitting is it that our Senior Youth group is on it's mission trip to Washington,D.C. during this time of Lent. It is a rewarding and exciting time to see the youth of our church acting as disciples of God. I would like to extend a heartfelt note of thanks to Karen Gagliardi for working with this group and leading them in their fundraising efforts. Also, a big thank you to Karen Gagliardi and Reverend Max Ohmsted of the Higganum Congregational Church for giving up about five days with their families in order to chaperone the youth on their trip. I imagine these young people will have several stories to share with their families and church families.

I look forward to seeing all my Sunday School friends in the month to come.

Superintendent of Sunday School - Tina Moore

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## March Birthdays

3/4 Rachel Coady

## The Middle School Youth Group

In conjunction with our February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, there is a “Hunger Banquet” on March 7<sup>th</sup> at HKHS at 6pm. We invite all youth members and their families to attend. All proceeds (\$8.00 per ticket adults and \$6.00 for children) go to fight world hunger. Please let Kris Foley 663-3536, know who is interested in this event.

Also we will be having a fundraiser pizza party on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 p.m. More details to follow.

## THE PASTORAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- A call for High School Seniors: The Pastoral Scholarship Fund is pleased to have applications ready for any high school senior who is interested in applying for a scholarship to assist in the high cost of higher education. If you are;
    - a member of the church since Sept 2007
    - are accepted to an education program beyond High School
    - are planning to attend either full time or part time (at least 9 credits)
    - application may be postponed for one year
    - are willing to fill out the application and write an essay on 'How the church has influenced your life'
- Please get an application in the church office. All applications are due in the church office by April 15<sup>th</sup>. With questions contact Sue Anziano at 663-2176 or any CE member.



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

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



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).

The Christian Education Committee will be hosting a Seder Supper on Thursday, March 20 at 6 PM. We will participate in the Seder celebration to unite ourselves with our Jewish brothers and sisters who will celebrate Passover. It was at his **Last Seder** that Jesus identified himself as the Lamb of sacrifice, and took the bread and wine of the Seder and gave them a deeper meaning. We will eat the ceremonial meal using the symbols of the Jewish people while remembering with them, the struggles of our ancestors in faith. We then will serve the Passover meal, BBQ Beef Brisket. Following the meal, we will have our Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 PM where we will recall the words and actions of Jesus, the Lord's Supper, our Communion. Please join us for this very special evening.

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## MUSIC NOTES by Carolyn Engle



- Look in the bulletin on Sundays for interesting facts about the music you hear during the worship service that day
- New choir members are always welcome -- see Carolyn Engle if you're interested in joining
- Coming up -- Music Sunday -- more information to follow

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## Prayer Shawl Ministry



We are going to try meeting during the daytime through the month of March on the last Monday of the month. March 31st at 1:00 p.m. will be our next meeting

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

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## Happy Birthday to You!



March 2	Randy Puska	March 21	Charles Kovi
March 3	Dorothy Albrecht	March 22	Celia Marcum
March 5	Rita Flynn	March 24	Stacey Higgins
March 6	Ben Uihlein	March 25	Thomas Lentz
March 8	Eleanor Becker		Sharyn Drapala
March 10	Laurie Kukta		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 30	John Hutchinson
March 18	Donna Dudash	March 31	James Lehane
March 19	Robert Wescott		



## 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 March 21. Easter, therefore, follows on Sunday, March 23. Ash Wednesday is a moveable feast which occurs forty-six days before Easter, this year, - February 6, 2008.

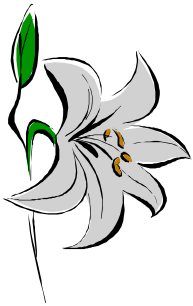
The display of lilies in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday is a living commemoration of Christ's return to life after his crucifixion and burial. Easter lilies may be ordered through the Flower Committee. The last day to order is Tuesday, March 11. No orders can be accepted after this date. Use the order form below.

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### EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY

Lilies for Easter may be purchased through the Flower Committee at \$8.50 each. Deadline to order is Tuesday, March 11. 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 March 30

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

Please make checks payable to: Killingworth Congregational Church Flower Committee



# Christians Caring for Creation

*By Marilyn C. Campbell*

During Easter week, the Vernal Equinox occurs and many people will be thinking about spring house cleaning in the weeks to come. In many cases, the conventional cleansers used are toxic, polluting indoor air with petrochemical volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which build up over a period of time. "When they evaporate, they are transported directly to the brain where they can be as intoxicating as ether or chloroform," says Kaye Kilburn, Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Southern California Medical School. Many of these VOCs are known or suspected carcinogens and/or hormone disruptors and have been implicated in headaches, dizziness, watery eyes, skin rashes and respiratory problems.

Many toxic ingredients find their way into the outdoor environment as well, polluting land, waterways, and air and harming wildlife.

Following are examples of unhealthy products and safer alternatives:

## Detergents for Dishes, Clothes, Floors, and Countertops

Most conventional soaps contain petroleum. Many also contain alRyphenaethoxylate, beityl cellosolve and phthalates (an ingredient in synthetic fragrances) all of which are known or suspected of being dangerous to one's health.

### Instead

Try products using grain alcohol as a solvent and natural plant oils as a soap base. "Fragrance free" cleaners are also available.

## Chlorine Bleach

Chlorine was listed in the 1990 Clean Air Act as a hazardous air pollutant and can be fatal when inhaled. It is extremely harmful to the environment and plays a significant part in ozone loss. It is responsible for most household poisonings and ranks first in industrial injuries and deaths in the U.S.

### Instead

Non-chlorine bleach, Borax, baking soda and white vinegar are all good alternatives as well as eco-friendly products on the market.

## Glass and Bathroom Cleaners

Ammonia is the main ingredient in many window, tub, toilet and tile cleaners. It is a dangerous toxin that irritates the body and has been linked to chemical burns, cataracts, corneal damage and skin cancer. The EPA lists ammonia as a toxic chemical on its Community Right-to-Know list.

 Instead

Baking soda and white vinegar are effective choices as well as the many green products available for sale.

No matter what cleaning chore you face, there are green options you can either purchase or make that are safe for all creation.

Sources:

Mindy Pennybacker "Natural Awakenings" January 2008

Deirdre Imus Green This! Volume One



## 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.

.....ORDER FORM.....

'History of the Congregational Church Killingworth' by Thomas Lentz

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

The price is \$35 each (please add \$5.00 per book if you'd like it sent to you).

Cash or Checks only please. Total number of books ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Tom is available to personalize your book on most Sundays.**

## 2007 Annual Report and 2008 Member and Friends Directory



Each family may receive one annual report (gold cover) and one directory (blue cover).

If you or a member or friend of the church have inadvertently been left out of the directory, please let Maureen in the church office know. In April's Kerygma, she will print a list of the omissions to be included in the directory. Thank you.

## The Congregational Church In Killingworth

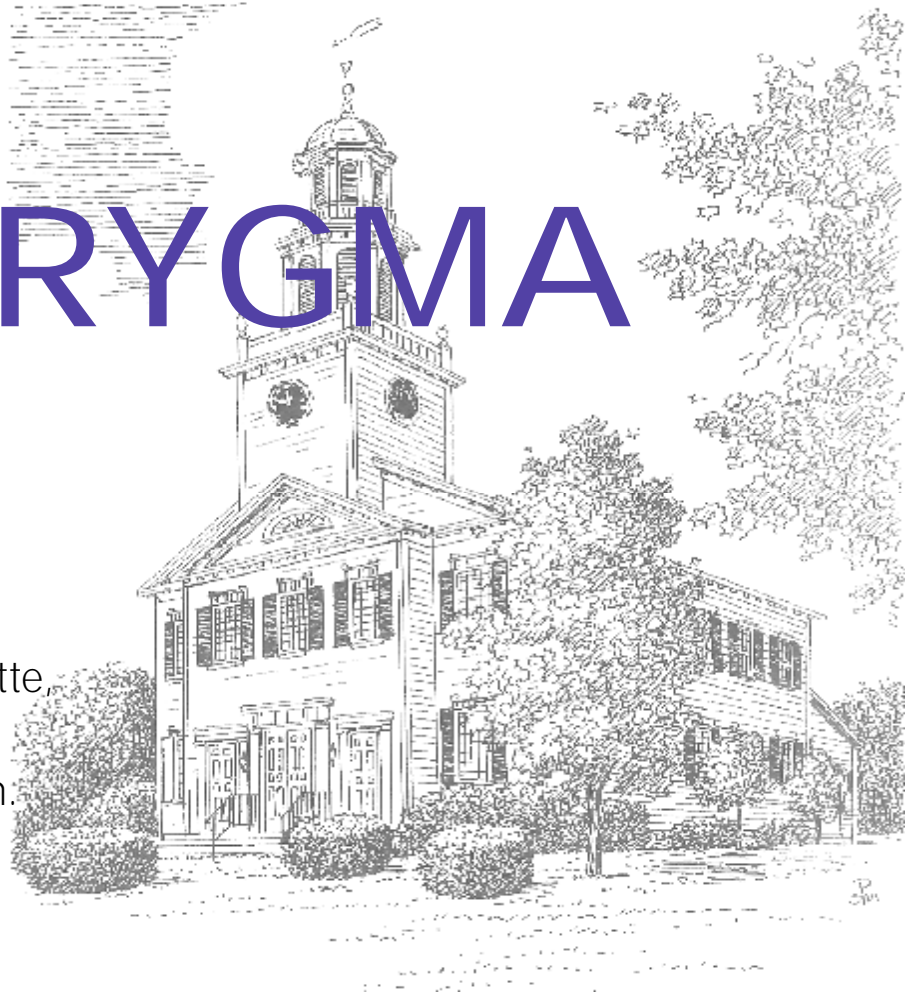
# March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> 9:00 CCD  7:30 AA
<i>2</i> 8:30 Pastoral Search 9:00 choir	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 7 pm Lenten Service 7:00 Tai Chi 7:00 AA*	<i>6</i>  7:30 AA*	<i>7</i> World Day of Prayer  7:00 NA	<i>8</i> 9:00 CCD Noon Private Party OTH  7:30 AA
<i>9</i> 8:30 Pastoral Search 9:00 choir 11:00 Music	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 9:30 am Missions Mtg  6 pm Trustees 7-9 pm Choir	<i>12</i> 6pm Carry In Supper 7 pm Lenten 7:00 Tai Chi 7:00 AA*	<i>13</i>  5:00 Worship Committee 7:30 AA*	<i>14</i>  7:00 NA	<i>15</i> 9:00 CCD  7:30 AA
<i>16</i> Palm Sunday 8:30 Pastoral Search 9:20 Choir No Sunday Sch.	<i>17</i> St. Patrick's Day  	<i>18</i> Kerygma Deadline 7-9pm Choir	<i>19</i> 6pm Seder 7 pm Lenten Service 7:00 Tai Chi 7:00 AA*	<i>20</i> 6 -pm Seder Supper 7pm Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 AA*	<i>21</i> Good Friday Noon—3pm Church Sanctuary Open 7:00 NA	<i>22</i> Holy Saturday 9:00 CCD
<i>23</i> Easter 8:30 Pastoral Search 9:20 Choir No Sunday Sch.	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>  7:30 Killingworth Garden Club	<i>26</i> 1:30 WedEves 7:00 Tai Chi 7:00 AA* 7-9 pm Choir 7:00 Council	<i>27</i>  7:30 AA*	<i>28</i>  7:00 NA	<i>29</i> 9:00 CCD 12:45 Girl Scouts Event 7:30 AA
<i>30</i> 8:30 Pastoral Search 9:20 Choir	<i>31</i>					

APRIL KERYGMA DEADLINE Tuesday, March 18, 2008



# KERYGMA



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

## March 2008

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Sexton	Alyson Somerville

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