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Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 2, 2010, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Communion

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6



Sunday, May 9, 2010, Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Acts 16:9-15; John 14:23-29

Sunday, May 16, 2010, Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Psalm 97; Acts 16:16-34

Sunday, May 23, 2010, Pentecost Sunday

Confirmation Sunday

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21

Sunday, May 30, 2010, Memorial Day Sunday

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5

5:00 pm Vespers Service

Vacation Bible School at The Congregational Church in Killingworth

June 21–25

9 am–Noon

All ages Pre-K through 6th grade are welcome!



What is a Baobab?

Baobab (bə ˈɒbɑːb) is a gigantic tree found in Africa that creates its own ecosystem. A baobab tree's hollowed-out trunk, leaves, foliage, nectar, fruit, and bark provide basic life needs for many different creatures. The baobab tree serves as a meeting place for many people to gather, discuss, and share stories.

At Baobab Blast, the baobab tree is the central figure—the hub of activity, energy, and life. The baobab tree supports and invites community. Call the church office for Registration Information

From the Minister

“Something there is that doesn’t love a wall.”

Robert Frost’s poem, *Mending Wall*, begins with those words. It goes on to describe all the natural reasons why walls ultimately decay and fall – frost, animals, people and the changing seasons. The most famous line from the poem comes from the middle section where the author is describing how he and his neighbor spend time each spring replacing the stones on the wall that separates them. The neighbor keeps repeating the phrase he learned from his father, “Good fences make good neighbors.” Frost points out the shallowness in this statement as there is no need to wall in his apple trees or wall out his neighbor’s pine trees.

The author chastises the stubborn neighbor who, “will not go behind his father’s saying.” Without cows or any need for a divide, Frost concludes,

Before I built a wall I’d ask to know
What I was walling in or walling out,
And to whom I was giving offence.
Something there is that doesn’t love a wall,
That wants it down.

I thought of Frost’s poem this month as I had a fence put in outside the three-season porch on my house. I have “grand-dogs” who frequently visit. No grand children yet for me, but two very active and adorable “grand-dogs.” Soon I would like to add a dog of my own, so the fence will be put to good use. It will keep in some valuable creatures. The picket fence will protect them from countless messy things in the woods and even deadlier consequences on Route 81. I know what I am walling in and what I am walling out.

Churches have walls. Not just the physical ones that hold our beautiful buildings. We know what they wall in – a sacred space in which we can all find solace, comfort, challenge and joy. But sometimes we have walls that are not visible; walls that we don’t even realize that we have put up.

Jesus was a master at breaking down invisible walls. The story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) is one of my favorites. It actually describes the crowd as grumbling when Jesus asks the hated tax collector to come down from his attempt to separate himself by climbing a tree. Jesus breaks down all the invisible walls dividing this outcast from the popular crowd by declaring that he will eat at Zacchaeus’ house that night. He will accept Zacchaeus unconditionally without putting him in any limited, separating or demeaning category that would “wall” him off from others.

Our church does a really good job of welcoming newcomers. One of the strong indicators of this is the wonderful new members we have been receiving. But each of us and all of us together, need to make sure we are doing nothing that walls people out. We need to make sure that there is a way in to our church for all people – those with kids or without kids, those looking for traditional hymns or a variety of musical styles, those looking for formal worship or those looking for more personal connections, those looking for quiet reverence or those looking for joyful experiences. Whatever folks are seeking, wherever folks come from or even whoever folks are, everyone is welcome here.

Our walls are full of many doors that welcome all to come in and join together in faith!

Martha



Thank you!

Thank you, Annette Cook, for sewing the covers for the Easter Lily risers that adorned the Sanctuary Easter morning. The Flower Committee did a lovely job, as usual, displaying the beautiful lilies.

New Members

What does it mean to join our church as a member? If you are interested in finding out the answer to that question, come to the New Member Information Session on Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. This will be an informal evening to meet with the minister and some current members to find out about our church. Whether you know you want to join or if you just want to come to find out what it is all about, we would love to see you there. We will be welcoming new members into the church during the worship service on Sunday, May 16. We would love to have you join us!

Adult Education: THE BOOK/a book

Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for another in the adult education series offered by the Christian Education Committee. This will be a combination Bible study (THE BOOK) and book discussion (a book) led by Rev. Martha. This month we will be looking at the Parable of the Sower, Matthew 12:1-9 along with Mitch Albom's new book, *Have a Little Faith*. You do not need to have read the book first, just come to see how both of these books can deepen our faith. There will be discussion, refreshments and good fellowship.

Middlesex United Way Diaper Appeal

The United Way has issued an urgent appeal for funds to purchase disposable diapers for low income families in Middlesex County. Many parents are unable to afford these and can't use cloth diapers which are not allowed in day care centers, nor allowed to be washed in laundromats, for health reasons. Most support programs do not pay for diapers. This year for Mother's Day and Father's Day, the United Way has issued a special appeal that will allow folks to donate in honor of their mothers or fathers. Please see Joan Lewis, Missions Chair, if you have any questions.



CALL TO SPRING MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Spring Meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth to be held according to the By-Laws during the month of May. The meeting will be held on Sunday, May 16, 2010 immediately following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 28, 2010.
2. To receive current reports from Boards, Committees, and Officers and the Pastor
3. To act on the 2010 budget.
4. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Annette Cook, Clerk



The UCC Middlesex Association annual business meeting will be in Hadlyme on Monday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m.. If you are interested in going, please see Cheryl Fine.

Sunday School Corner

Along with flowers blooming there is much to celebrate in the month of May. We will be recognizing and honoring mothers on Sunday, May 9th. We will be completing our last workshop rotation. We will be celebrating Confirmation Sunday on May 23. Lastly, we will be working on some projects to help our World Vision youth, Simon.

We will be finishing our last workshop rotation, "Walk to Emmaus" on Sunday, May 9th. Hopefully your children or child have or has shared this particular bible story with you. On Sunday, May 2nd the children will be making paper flowers to be sold after church at our plant sale. The Christian Education committee will be holding the plant sale after church to benefit the scholarship fund and our fund for Simon. On Sunday, May 16th we will be doing some baking in order to hold a bake sale after church. The money raised by this bake sale will also go to Simon. There will not be Sunday School on Sunday, May 30th due to the holiday.

Please get your calendars out and mark the following dates. Sunday, June 13th will be our annual "Children's Sunday" program concluding our official Sunday School year. The Christian Education committee will host a picnic following the service. Also, the Christian Education committee has decided to hold a Vacation Bible School during the week of June 21st. The program is called "Baobab Blast" and it is an open invitation to be a part of God's Great Get-Together. Set under the impressive baobab tree, this program gives kids the opportunity to hear the word, be amazed at God's wildlife creations and be part of a supportive community. We hope many folks take advantage of this program. Look for more information to come.

Sincerely,

Tina Moore - Sunday School Superintendent
(860) 345 - 8828
mom.first@live.com

Happy Birthday

May 6 Kate Saari

May 10 Julia Abbasi

May 11 Ross Meglin

May 13 Dominic Anziano

May 13 Emma Anziano

May 20 Drew Burley

May 21 Jack Kaiser

May 26 Sam Stoner

May 29 Holly Nord



Music Notes

Choir Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am through May. June rehearsals will be each Sunday at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.

Open Choir Loft

There will be no open choir loft in May.

Wish List: Looking for a small desk or table that can be used as a desk to be placed in the organ loft.

Sunday, May 23,
Confirmation Sunday
Special Music
Michael Cartwright
"You Raise Me Up"

Sunday, May 2: Scholarship Fund Plant Sale

The Plant Sale is a great way to support the Church's Scholarship Fund and to get a head start on your gardens! Plants will be available following the Sunday service during coffee hour. We will offer the following plants: Geraniums, New Guinea Impatiens, and Annual Dahlias. Prices will be \$5.00 for 4.5" pots and \$8.00 for 6" pots. Charlie Smith's famous tomato seedlings will be available for sale, too! This year, he is offering Roma tomato plants which are a classic Italian plum, Rutgers and Jet Star, both are great for slicing or chopped on salads. Two plants for \$3.00. Thank you Charlie and his helper, Robert Tischbein! If you have questions or would like to reserve plants in advance, please call Deb Fredericksen at (860) 663-0907 or contact a member of the CE Committee.



Middle School Youth Group

Upcoming May Events:

May 2nd – Geocaching at Chatfield Hollow.

11:30a.m. – 2 p.m. Come dressed to hike and bring a bag lunch. We'll meet in the outer parking lot.

May 16th—Pizza party finale—Our last event of the year. Come and bring a friend! 4-5:30 pm Please call Kris Foley at 663-3536 with any questions.

Global Gateway Trip to Heifer International's Overlook Farm in Rutland, MA Columbus Day Weekend 2010

The First Congregational Church of Haddam has booked a 3 day 2 night educational program trip to Overlook Farm the second weekend in October. They have offered anyone interested from our church to join them. Haddam did have 9 interested people, and the maximum number of participants is 16, so anyone interested should signup ASAP. Cost if all 16 go will be just \$60.00 a person for the whole weekend! Anyone interested in going or who would like further information or has any questions should contact Kris Foley at 663-3536 or e-mail at pressman@machine1.com.



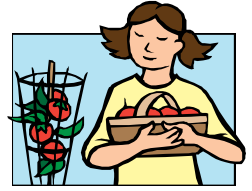


Outreach Group

Mission of the Month

Grow –A-Row

Grow an extra row in your own garden to donate to the Shoreline Food Pantry. As you harvest, drop off your produce in the marked basket in the Parish Hall any Sunday.



Edy House Homeless Shelter Dinner: Looking for volunteers for prep and delivery. Please call Karen Gagliardi at 860-663-3866 if you can help in any way.



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Haddam & Killingworth will be held at the Haddam-Killingworth High School Track on June 11-12, 2010. This inspiring overnight event unites the entire community in celebrating those who have had cancer, remembering loved ones lost, and providing an opportunity to fight back against the disease. Relay For Life supports the Society's mission to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

You can form a team of your fellow parishioners, family members and friends, or walk as an individual. Volunteers are also needed to provide their time (860) 885-6312, visit www.RelayForLife.org/hkct, or e-mail HKRelayforLife@gmail.com.

News from the Golden Lily

We finally left the west coast of Florida on March 3 and crossed the Okeechobee Waterway to the east coast. The wind was over 25 MPH from the north and our boat got splashed with mud as the lake only had 8 feet of water. After making stops in Ft. Pierce and Cocoa Village, we docked at Daytona where we spent 3 weeks. Jim's brother and wife drove down in their motor home from upstate New York, and we had a nice week with them.

We departed Daytona on April 12 just in time for the winds to kick up again! The intracoastal was choppy, but most of it was sheltered enough with no fetch to build waves. We stopped at Fernandina, Florida where we had to decide whether to travel St. Andrew Sound or take a by-pass channel through the salt marshes of Georgia. The wind seemed to lessen, but Jim wanted to try this other route for the experience and we had a rising tide which was the perfect time to head through. We saw wild boars and dolphins, and it was like being an explorer!

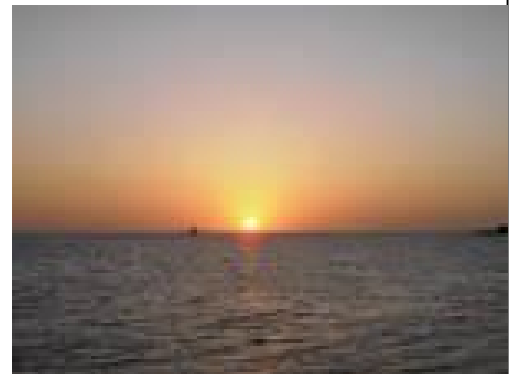
After a night at Jekyll Island, we stopped at Isle of Hope, a suburb of Savannah, then on to Isle of Palms, and Myrtle Beach for the Great Loop Rendezvous at the end of April. After that we, will be heading straight for home! We plan to be back in our slip at Pilot's Point Marina in Westbrook sometime the week before Memorial Day weekend. It will be good to be home!

We hope all of you had a wonderful Easter.

Barbara, Jim, and Golden Retriever, Lily

Aboard "Golden Lily" Nordic Tug 42

www.goldenlilytug.com



Church History Books

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 860 663-1789 or Janet Johnson 860-663-1456.



Church Ornament on sale now



The Congregational Church in Killingworth Ornaments are available for purchase, \$20 each, at the church office. If you have not had the opportunity to see how beautiful it is, please do so. Plated in 24K gold, this gorgeous work of art is truly an everyday display piece. Included in every box is an overview of the church’s history. Thank you, Rick Albrecht, for seeking out the artist and following this project from start to finish. If you have any questions, Rick will be happy to answer them.

Tiny Tots Fair



On Saturday, May 8, 2010 the Killingworth Nursery School will hold its 44th annual Tiny Tots Fair from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. It is held at the Killingworth Congregational Church Fair Grounds. The fair offers pony rides, decorate-a-cookie, face painting, raffle, silent auction, sand art, games, prizes, vender tables, refreshments, Touch-a-Truck, and much, much more! Admission is \$1.00. Please join us rain or shine!

May 1 Patrick Brandon

May 2 Carl Nord
Jessica Litevich

May 5 Robin Faircloth
Adam Bache

May 7 Harris Wilson

May 8 Clas Thelin

May 11 Erin Fredericksen

May 12 Angela Thelin
Emily Peterson
Dan Allen
Janet Welter

Happy Birthday!



May 15 Shawn Sodergren
Elizabeth Ellal
Alex Piala

May 17 Jean Peckham
Raynor Clark

May 19 Virginia Chapman
Richard Anziano

May 27 Kris Nystrom

May 28 Barbara Chase
Don O’Boyle

May 29 Kurt Uihlein

Fun Quotes.....

PAUL REVERE'S MOTHER: "I don't care where you think you have to go, young man. Midnight is past your curfew!"

MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY'S MOTHER: "I don't mind you having a garden, Mary, but does it have to be growing under your bed?"

MONA LISA'S MOTHER: "After all that money your father and I spent on braces, Mona, that's the biggest smile you can give us?"

HUMPTY DUMPTY'S MOTHER: "Humpty, if I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to sit on that wall. But would you listen to me? Noooo!"

MICHELANGELO'S MOTHER: "Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

GOLDILOCKS' MOTHER: "I've got a bill here for a busted chair from the Bear family. You know anything about this, Goldie?"



The Green Ministry

(Christians Caring for Creation)

By Marilyn Carlson Campbell

Over the past months, our church has been converting from conventional cleaning products to earth-friendly cleaning products.

Most conventional cleaners contain dangerous ingredients which include volatile organic compounds (VOCs), formaldehyde, harsh acids, hormone disrupters linked to cancer, reproductive toxicity, and eye, skin and respiratory irritation. Some examples of ingredients to be avoided are ammonia, chlorinated bleach and synthetic fragrances.

Alyson and some others have purchased a variety of green cleaners with brand names such as: Ecover, Citrosolve, Seventh Generation, Sun and Earth, EO, Mrs. Meyers, and BioKleen.

These preferred products may be found at supermarkets, hardware stores, and health food stores. Any donations of these green products would be very much appreciated.

The Congregational Church in Killingworth, CT

and Richard Kamins

invite you to

Wine Tasting

Friday, May 14, 2010, 7.30 p.m.

at the Old Town Hall, 273 Rte 81, Killingworth, CT

Ticket price: \$20

Call the Church office at (860) 663-1789 or send an email to

kwcongchurch@yahoo.com to reserve your ticket.

(Must be 21 years or older to attend)





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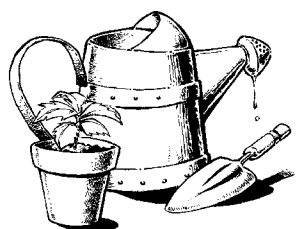
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