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November Calendar

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 6, 2011, Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion Sunday

Psalm 78:1-7; Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 13, 2011, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 103:1-8; Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 20, 2011, Thanksgiving Sunday

Psalm 100; Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, November 27, 2011, First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37



Harvest Dinner

Turkey Dinner with all the "fixings".

Friday, November 4th,

5:00 and 6:30 seating

\$12.00 Adults, \$6.00 Children (12 & under)

Please call Church Office at 663-1789 for Reservations

Pay at the door.



November 6th

Time To **Change Your Clocks.**
Change Your Smoke Alarm and
C.O. Detector batteries.

From the Minister

There are no Thanksgiving carols. Nor does Thanksgiving have the many hymns full of halleluiahs for which Easter is known. Yet there are some tried and true simple hymns of giving thanks. They are used over and over, maybe because there are so few of them. I can remember singing “We Gather Together” in my elementary school chorus. I can recall processing into church in the junior choir to “Come Ye Thankful People Come.”

One of my favorite hymns that appears this time of year is, “Now Thank We All Our God.” Like other favorites, I know most of the words by heart. It begins,

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother’s arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.



The message is beautiful – from our very beginnings cradled in our mother’s arms, God has blessed us with wondrous things and countless gifts of love. The message is even more poignant when you learn that it was written in 1637 by a pastor, Martin Rinkart, who was trying to minister to refugees flooding his German city of Eilenberg in the middle of the Thirty Year’s War during a horrendous plague outbreak. He writes in the second verse that God is near us and, “keeps us in his grace, and guides us when perplexed.” Pastor Rinkart was speaking from the heart. That we all can thank our God no matter what our circumstances is a powerful message.

Even though I knew the hymn so well, something puzzled me about the first verse. It’s easy to understand how we can thank God with our heart and also with our voice. But how do we thank God with our hands?

I thought about this for a while. As I was looking at our schedule for the month, I realized that I knew the answers. We can thank God with our hands:

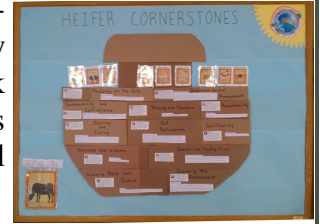
- when over 50 of us will stack cans, sort fresh produce and fill bags at the Shoreline Soup Pantry in Clinton on November 16.
- when we help a child’s artwork in Sunday School or hold a folder of sheet music as we lift our voices in song in the choir.
- when we open our Bibles on the First Wednesday Bible Study.
- when we cook, serve and eat the Harvest Dinner to benefit our Scholarship Fund on November 4.
- when we rake the leaves during our fall clean-up after church on November 20.
- when we chop, peel, cook and clean-up the meals that we take to the Eddy House Homeless Shelter.
- when we drop our pledge cards in the basket during worship on November 20 knowing that we have sacrificed just a little more for our church.

There are so many ways for us all to be thankful. We have received from God the wondrous blessing of countless gifts of love for which we can offer thanks with our hearts, with our voices, and yes, even with our hands.

Thanksgiving blessings to everyone,

Martha

The children have been working hard with their lessons centered on Faith Practices “Giving and Receiving Hospitality”. Some of you may have been the recipients of the work produced by the 1st – 6th graders and tasted their delicious ‘chick’, ‘chicken’ and ‘egg’ cookies. They learned the relationship between the bible story of Noah’s Ark and the philosophy of the modern day Heifer International organization. As you engage with your children, be sure to ask them what they have learned ~ they will be happy to share their learning as well as their baked goods! Also, take a look at the giant ‘Ark’ on display in the Parish Hall that was created by our 7th -8th grade lessons – its’ a masterpiece!



We will continue through November 27th with the ‘**Giving and Receiving Hospitality**’ curriculum by offering interesting, diverse and meaningful workshops. Grades 1-6 will have the Science and Nature Workshop that offers an opportunity for the naturalists in our group to excel and blossom! First, the children will explore patterns in nature to discover how the faith practice of hospitality sustains the web of Creation. In the second workshop, the children will experience hospitality in our midst by practicing active listening and participation skills. The lesson teaches us ways to open our hearts to one another’s differences, no matter what our background and age, as we listen and work together through the Games Workshop. The final lesson of this series will center on the ritual of Communion in our Food Workshop. The food will symbolize a much deeper and unseen action ~ that of entering into a covenant with God that leads us to a new and deeper relationship with the Creator through Jesus Christ. With this workshop, it is hoped that the children begin to think concretely about what it means to offer the hospitality of Communion to diverse people, and how that diversity affects each of us in our congregation overall.

The 7th – 8th grades will continue with their lessons centered on the Faith Practice of ‘**Giving and Receiving Hospitality**’ with six explorations; ‘Discover’, ‘Scripture’, ‘Discipleship’, ‘Christian Tradition’, ‘Context’ and ‘Mission’, and ‘Future and Vision’. Identity and Acceptance are key issues for this group of students to work through, with the challenges of exploring their own need for hospitality and then receiving the encouragement to risk the vulnerability it takes to know and be known by the other.

The PreK – Kindergarten class will be presented with the same six explorations as the 7th & 8th grade through age appropriate bible stories, music, art and games which will help the children to connect the theme of ‘**Giving and Receiving Hospitality**’ for their learning level. Erin Hutchinson is a wonderful addition to our teaching crew and we appreciate her talent and boundless enthusiasm that she brings to our children. Erin and Paige Quilliam make a great team for this class! Please feel free to seek them out, to learn more about their classes and what the children are doing on any given Sunday.



November 20th is **Pumpkin Bread Sunday**, a tradition that stimulates all of our senses and is enjoyed by our entire congregation! All of the Sunday School classes will meet with their teachers and classmates at 10AM in the Parish Hall to mix up and bake a batch of Thanksgiving pumpkin bread. While the loaves bake and cool, the children will decorate bags with their personal messages and artwork to hold the breads. This would be a great opportunity for parent volunteers to help with supervising the baking and wrapping of the breads. Additionally, following coffee hour, the pumpkin breads will be ready to deliver to those who are not able to come to church and other members of our church community to let them know we are thinking of them. Volunteers will be needed to deliver a few loaves, perhaps to someone in your neighborhood. Please consider doing this with your family – it is a very rewarding activity and will complete the “giving” experience for the children. Extra pumpkin breads will be available to take to someone you feel is in need of a friendly visit and a warm, freshly baked bread!



Welcome to Our New Members

Lisa Dias - Lisa and her husband Jose live in Killingworth. They have two children, Caleb who is 6 years old and Lucas who is 3 years old.

Carolyn Anderson - Carolyn and her husband Stephen have two daughters: Liz, age 15 and Cailey, age 13. They live in Killingworth.

2011-2012 Student Deacons

Welcome to our new Student Deacon, Marina Coleman, who joins our current Student Deacons: Erin Hutchinson, Holly Nord, Don O'Boyle and Megan Tischbein. This outstanding group of high school students each submitted a letter to our Board of Deacons to apply to become Student Deacons. They will serve occasionally as liturgists on Sunday mornings, serve communion alongside the Deacons and share some other Deacon responsibilities. Our church is blessed to have these young people to volunteer their service as full members of our church.

Middle School Youth Group

11/16 Shoreline Food Pantry - Grades 5-8 encouraged to sign up with their families for this church-wide mission project. If you have any questions, please contact Kris Foley

First Wednesday Bible Study

November 2 at 7 p.m.

Join us for this Bible Study based on the lectionary readings for the month. On the first Wednesday of each month we will gather to look at the scriptures scheduled for the next several Sundays. 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. Put First Wednesday Bible Study on your calendar for each month.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service

Sunday, November 20 at 4 p.m.

All are invited to the First Congregational Church in Essex for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Worship will be led by the Valley Shore Clergy, of which Rev. Martha is a member. A multi-congregation choir will be gathered so if you are a singer, please let Rev. Martha know if you are interested in participating. This gathering of many faith congregations will be a wonderful celebration of all the blessings of our faith communities in this area. Come join this worship service of thanksgiving.



Play Group for Ages 4 and under

Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

All children age 4 and under, along with their parents or caregivers, are invited to our Parish Hall every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We welcome the littlest members of our community to come 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 providing a free, safe, healthy and non-plugged-in opportunity to play. Playtime 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!



Collecting Gifts for Hartford Boys & Girls Club Holiday Shopping Night

Did you know that according to the 2007 U.S. Census Bureau 47% of Hartford children live below the federal poverty level? Many of these children don't have an opportunity to give presents to their families. Sponsored primarily by Killingworth and Haddam residents, the Shopping Night on December 9th gives kids of the Hartford Boys & Girls Club the chance to give holiday presents to their families. The kids "shop" from our donated items – leaving the night with big smiles and arms full of presents!

We're looking for gifts for moms, dads, teens and kids

Toys, books, games and stuffed animals in great condition that your kids have outgrown

Costume jewelry you no longer wear

Gifts you've received that have a place of honor in your closet

Gifts you've given to those "hard to shop for" men and TEENS - still with the tags on.

This year, we particularly need children's books - and gifts for kids and dads. We're also collecting wrapping paper. If you have any donations, please bring them to church. We'll leave a nice BIG container in the parish hall. For more information call Carolyn Anderson or Karen Gagliardi.

Giv



On Saturday, October 15, 27 youth and 20 adults, from the Congregational Churches in Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, and St. Joseph's in Chester worked at a house in Ivoryton whose owner is on a fixed income. With donations from Essex Hardware, the group was able to paint the entire exterior, two interior rooms, clean up the yard, mulch flower beds and make many small repairs throughout the house, including replacing cracked tile, leaky gutters, a faulty light switch and caulking drafty windows. The team worked tirelessly for several hours and many remarked at how much fun they had while working side by side with new friends. This multi-generational group (ages 12 – 83) really got the job done! This picture shows most of the group surrounding the homeowner, Mary, seated in the center. Be on the lookout for news about upcoming Giv² projects that you can be a part of.



The Cookie Platoon's holiday shipment is taking place on Saturday, November 19th, at Whelen Engineering in Chester. The Cookie Platoon plans on sending 500 service members homemade cookies in time for the holidays. If you would like to get involved there are a couple of ways you can help. We are looking for bakers and packers for homemade cookies. Soldiers love receiving drawings and letters if anyone would like to include one. Giving to help defray shipping costs and candy are also appreciated. If you would like to bake a batch of cookies to send but can't make the packing time you can drop them off at the Church. We will be meeting at the Church at 8:30 on Saturday morning if anyone would like to carpool. Please call Karen Gagliardi (663-3866) or Andrea O'Boyle (663-2281) if you would like more information.



Fall Clean-up After Church on November 20

All ages are invited to bring their rakes to help with the leaf clean-up on our church campus. We will begin around 11:30 and be done by 12:30. Donuts and cider will be provided.

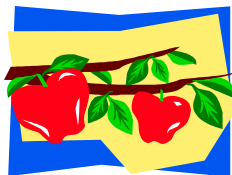


Community Tag Sale

The Community Tag Sale was a big success. We had the best weather and the fellowship was great with all. We did very well as we made \$380.30 on the table rentals. Katie and Jason Pavlou made \$15.00 selling apple cider for the Heifer Project. The Missions made \$30.30 selling items from their table. Carolyn Anderson made over \$200.00 selling items for the Boys and Girls Club and Deb Lynsky made over \$190.00 on items that were left over from the Summer Fair to go into general fund. The Wednesday Eves made \$355.50 on bake goods. Thanks to everyone who baked, bought, or worked on this tag sale.

Crop Walk

The Crop Walk was held on October 2nd at Chatfield Hollow and we had a beautiful day. We collected \$812.00, had 22 walkers and 6 dogs. Thanks to Ann Pavlou for organizing the walk and the many participants and donors who made it a success.



Apple Picking

On September 30th we went apple picking at Scott's Orchard and were blessed with yet another beautiful day. We collected over 50 pounds of apples that were taken to the Shoreline Food Pantry in Clinton by Rev. Martha. Thanks to all who helped.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Shoreline Food Pantry in Clinton on November 16

Our church will once again provide the entire staff for the Shoreline Food Pantry located at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Advent at 81 Main Street, Clinton on Wednesday, November 16. We need around 50 people in two shifts from 3-5:30 p.m. or 5:30-8 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be located on the Mission Board in the Parish Hall. This will be the third year that our church has been given the honor to fully staff a food pantry. It is one of the highlights of our Mission activities; last year everyone came away feeling so good about our church's participation. All ages are encouraged to help out again this year.



The Christmas Fair—December 3

The Christmas Fair will be held on December 3rd from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. this year. We have many Christmas projects going on right now. We will be having a candle and candy making day and would love to have you involved.

The day of the Fair we will have a bake sale and could use your help with baked goods. We also sell soup and rolls, so if anyone could make some soup or rolls we would like to have your help. We can also use your help the week before setting up as well as the day of the Fair. All the proceeds from the sale go to the Missions.

This year so far we have sent money to World Vision for our 3 adopted children, Soup Kitchens and Pantries, Midnight Run, Eddie House, Helping Hands of Killingworth, the Diaper Bank, and Boys and Girls Club for Christmas gifts. If you would like to help, please let Joan Lewis or Karen Gagliardi know. -The Mission Committee



November 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: November 29

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.



Red poinsettias—a tradition in this church for many years—will be available through the Flower Committee and will be displayed at the service on Sunday, December 11. The plants in 6-1/2” pots are locally grown and may be designated as memorials or specials. The price is \$8.50 per plant.

Use the sheet below to order. If you have any questions, call Judy Lentz (663-1361). Last day to order is **Wednesday, November 30th**. Make checks payable to: KCC Flower Committee.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Red poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary on December 11th for \$8.50 per plant. Last date to order is **Wednesday, November 30th**. NO ORDERS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME.

Mail orders to : Judy Lentz, 126 Schnoor Road, Killingworth, CT 06419

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR WITH LOVE TO: _____

I will take my plant(s) after the service on December 11th.

I will leave my plant(s) for someone who is unable to attend church.

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Happy Birthday



Nov 4	Joan Lewis David Tuckerman Nancy Reynolds Timothy Foley
Nov 6	Michael Reynolds
Nov 10	Lindsay Reynolds
Nov 11	Gayle Van Huysen
Nov 12	Robert Sherman
Nov 19	Graydon Slocombe Matthew Stoner
Nov 20	Diane Aeschliman Rick Wright
Nov 22	Joseph Dudash
Nov 23	Kay Simms
Nov 24	Louise Van Haverbeke
Nov 25	Margaret Pope
Nov 26	Jessica Jackson
Nov 28	Jim Skelly

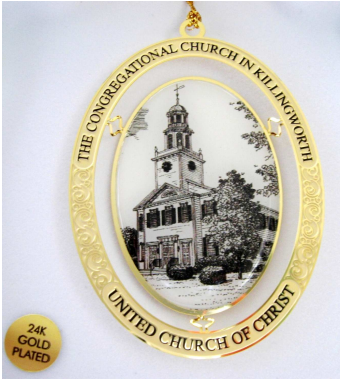
Nov. 1	Cassandra Garrelts
Nov. 2	Michelle Andrews
Nov. 5	Liam Foley
Nov. 6	Kaley Wilson
Nov. 9	Sal Esposito
Nov. 10	Aidan Coleman
Nov. 13	Alex Karber
Nov. 16	Tessa Tyler
Nov. 20	Travis Watrous



Killingworth Nursery School – Terrific Tots - Winter

The Killingworth Nursery School Association is offering a Terrific Tots class for two year olds with a caregiver beginning in December. The program includes activities, stories, art and playground activities. Terrific Tots* meet Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays (*1 class weekly/10 week session/3 sessions per year). The Killingworth Nursery School is a non-profit, interdenominational, cooperative preschool which admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. The Killingworth Nursery School is located on the lower level of the Congregational Church of Killingworth at 273 Route 81. For more information, please call 860-663-2950 or e-mail killingworthnurseryschool@yahoo.com.

It's not too early to think about Christmas Shopping



The Congregational Church in Killingworth Ornaments are available for purchase 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.

\$20.00 each— includes gift box and history



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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN KILLINGWORTH, UCC

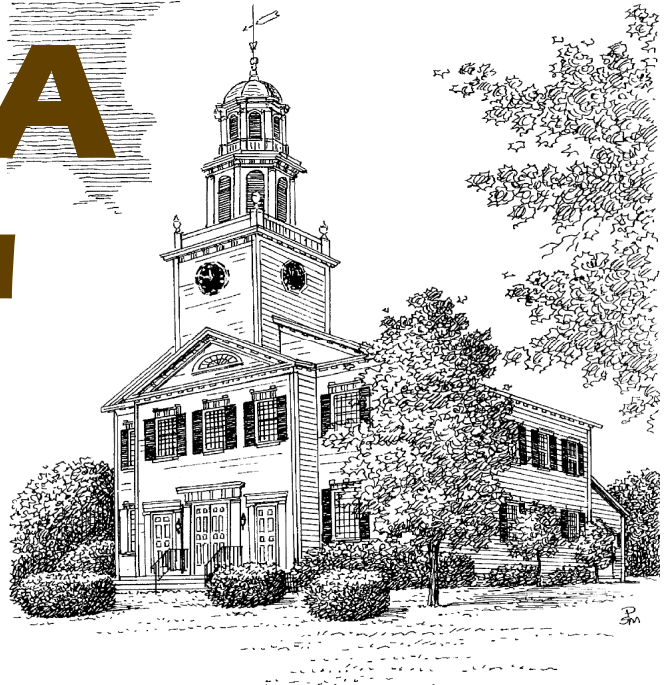
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November 2011

Sunday Worship

10:00 am



**Harvest
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