

**THE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH IN  
KILLINGWORTH,  
UCC**

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October Calendar



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## Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Sunday, October 3, 2010, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion Sunday

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sunday, October 10, 2010, Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Allyson Glass, preaching

Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Sunday, October 17, 2010, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptism

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Luke 18:1-18

Sunday, October 24, 2010, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Psalm 65; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, October 31, 2010, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Psalm 119:137-144; Luke 19:1-10

### Say "Cheese" on October 17

Don't miss your chance to be included in a group photo taken in front of the Church. After Sunday Service we will all congregate on the front steps for an aerial view photo of our congregation.

You never know, this photo just may appear on the front cover of our new Pictorial Directory.

## From the Minister

I've never blessed an animal before. As a long time dog owner, I'm definitely convinced of the rightness of animal blessings. Animals are an important part of God's creation. God created all creatures co-dependent on each other which means we need to look out after each other. Our scriptures teach us that God cares about the well-being of all creatures. Given that tradition, it is only natural that we humans should extend God's blessing to our animal friends.

St. Francis of Assisi certainly thought so. St. Francis was a 13<sup>th</sup> century monk who at a critical point in his life began to question whether he should continue preaching or retreat from the world in a silent retirement. He asked the opinion of two colleagues at neighboring missions by sending out couriers, who returned immediately with the response that Francis should continue preaching.



In his usual no-nonsense approach, St. Francis got up and immediately set out to preach by continuing his travels as an itinerate monk. The first creatures he met along the road were a flock of birds, so Francis immediately began preaching to them, referring to them affectionately as "my brothers and sisters." Though obviously the words were unintelligible to the birds, the feeling of love that he conveyed soothed them and they followed Francis on his way. From then on there are many wonderful stories of St. Francis involving all kinds of animals, including a wild wolf that Francis tamed to become the town pet.

Love and kindness know no bounds of species. They are a blessing we can all bestow on humans and other animals alike. They are blessings that God bestows on all of God's creatures.

This month we are going to have a blessing of the animals on the steps of the Old Town Hall at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, just a couple of days before St. Francis of Assisi Day. It should be a joyful event with plenty of love and kindness spread around (it might even be fairly noisy with some lapses in behavior!). But it is a good thing to do – to declare as a church that we welcome noise and joy and all creatures of God, and that we are all blessed together to have such a loving God who created us all.

This month is packed with activities that should provide plenty of blessings for everyone. There is a Crop Walk, bible study, Oktoberfest dinner, Play Date at church for our youngest members, Heifer International fundraising by our Sunday School, Noah's ark workshops for the children, the fall rummage sale, hospitality to a homeless shelter, a baptism, the beginning of our stewardship appeal, a support group for caregivers, a new curriculum for our toddlers, reception of new members, our fall annual meeting and a church family photo taken on the front steps after church on October 17. We are even going to end the month with a celebration of our long term members that will include a Dixieland band in worship on Sunday, October 31!

Just as God created so many species of animals, so too is our church re-creating itself with a wide variety of activities, choices and opportunities. This month should have something for everyone.

We will all be showered with God's blessings all month – even those among us who bark, meow, neigh or gulp!

*Martha*

## Sunday School Corner

Our Sunday School year is off to a great start!!! We had many families register their children. There were some new children joining our Sunday School program as well. Ark banks and calendars were given out for Heifer International's "Fill the Ark" mission project. The children have been studying the "Noah's Ark" bible story for several weeks, so don't hesitate to ask your child to tell you about Noah and his ark. Pre-K, Kindergarten, seventh and eighth graders have been busy following the *Gather 'Round* curriculum and are participating in the mission project.

On Sunday, October 3rd we will be having a multiage program where the children will watch a video on Beatrice, the young child who received a goat and was able to lift her family out of poverty thanks to Heifer Project International. We will also be discussing the type of animal we would like to purchase with the money we have collected.

The following Sunday, October 10th we will begin our new workshop rotation based on the story of "The Good Samaritan". We will start collecting the Heifer ark banks on October 10th, so mark your calendars.

We've had several babies and toddlers visit our nursery. Due to several people expressing an interest in volunteering in the nursery, a sign-up sheet will be available.

The Christian Education Committee and I look forward to working with your children this year. Thank you to everyone for volunteering. Your time and talents will ensure the Sunday School program's success.

Sincerely,

Tina Moore - Sunday School Superintendent  
[mom.first@live.com](mailto:mom.first@live.com)

### Happy Birthday

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| 10/10 | Peyton Tyler   |
| 10/11 | Brandon Chapman                                      |
| 10/12 | Joseph Wolf  |
| 10/14 | Jonathan Blair<br>Katelyn Woytowich                  |
| 10/15 | Abby DesJardins<br>Ethan Coady                       |
| 10/16 | Katherine Civitello<br>Sam Civitello<br>Ryan DePalma |
| 10/18 | Clara Gumbart  |
| 10/24 | Jessica Randall<br>Autumn Coady                      |
| 10/26 | Natalie Wilson                                       |



Sunday School Sundae Sept 2010



**Rev. Martha's Vacation**

Martha will be on vacation visiting her children in California from October 6-12. If you have any pastoral care needs, please contact one of our deacons who can help you or who can contact the arranged on-call minister from one of our sister UCC churches. Ally Glass will be preaching on Sunday, October 10. We welcome her in her new capacity as a ministerial intern.

Middle School Youth Group

October happenings are as follows:

October 4<sup>th</sup> Crop Walk

October 11<sup>th</sup> Camp Hazen – Rope Course \$10.00

October 25<sup>th</sup> Lyman Orchards – Corn Maze & Apple Picking



Senior High Youth Group



Sunday, October 25, 2009 Pumpkin Bread, 7-8:30pm

Helping Hands provides Thanksgiving dinner to families in need in Killingworth. We will meet at the church to bake breads for the Thanksgiving baskets.

For more info call Karen Gagliardi 663-3866

**Play Group at Church**

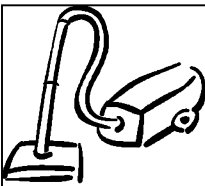
**Every Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30**

We are beginning a new program for children ages 4 and under along with their parents, grandparents or caregivers. Play Group at Church will be a weekly time each Tuesday when the littlest members of our community can 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 welcoming any in our community who would like to come 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



**THE BOOK/a book: October 27 at 7:30p.m.**

THE BOOK/a book is offered by the Christian Education Committee as an adult education program. Everyone, even if you have never been before, is invited to join us on Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. This will be a combination Bible study (THE BOOK) and book discussion (a book) led by Rev. Martha. We will look in depth at Luke 19:1-10 (the story of Zacchaeus) and at the first three chapters of The Five Secrets You Must Discover Before You Die by John Izzo. You do not need to have read the book first, just come to see how both of these books enrich our faith. There will be discussion, refreshments and good fellowship!



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

Thank you!

**WISH LIST**



## Music Notes



## COME SING WITH US!

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



## Mission of the Month

### October's Mission of the Month:

#### CROP Walk, Sunday, October 3



The CROP Walk will be held this year in Chatfield Hollow on October 3 at 12:30 p.m. We will be walking to reduce hunger by raising money for Church World Service and our local food pantry, Helping Hands. Chris Moore will be taking registrations for walkers or will help you to find a walker to whom you can give your donation. Last year we had 19 people there - let's see if we can get even more this year. It would be great if everyone either walked, donated, or prayed for the walkers.

### Eddy House Dinner: October 26.

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 p.m. to go up to Eddy House to enjoy the sharing of hospitality as we eat with the guests there.



## New Pictorial Directory

When was the last time you had a professional family portrait made? Mark your calendars for **Oct 1, & Oct 2, 2010**. Olan Mills will be here in our church to create your family portrait. You will have the opportunity to choose separate poses for children, large family groups and generational portraits in a variety of styles. Immediately after your sitting you can preview your portraits on their imaging system. Choose the portrait you want included in the directory and your complimentary 8x10. You will want to share your portraits with family and friends. What a wonderful gift to give them this Christmas. Be sure to take advantage of the special discounts they will be offering. Each family will receive one FREE 8x10 portrait and a FREE Church Directory,

Deacon, Carol Ann Nash, will be available to schedule your appointment date and time starting the end of August. She will also have samples of directories to view.

Get your entire family involved. Talk about it and make a plan. We all have plenty of time to pick out what we want to wear, how we fix our hair, and practice our smiles. Families can dress in color harmony, children can bring along a favorite toy or doll. Do you want to include the family pet?

If you have any questions please contact Carol Ann at 860-663-1550.



## Oktoberfest Dinner

It's time for our first ever Oktoberfest Dinner! Mark your calendar on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm, for a traditional German Oktoberfest meal to celebrate the fall season- bratwurst, German potato salad, homemade pretzels, special German desserts, etc....and BYOB. Tickets will be available at the door for \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$6 for kids. If you'd like to help with cooking or set-up, please call Dawn Tischbein at 663-3666.



### Blessing of the Animals: October 2 at 11 a.m.

A very short prayer service in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi will be held on the steps of our Old Town Hall (inside if bad weather) followed by individual blessings of each animal. All animals must be on leashes or contained. All of God's creatures are invited. Cider, cookies and dog biscuits will be provided afterward. If you are willing to provide any edible items, please see Rev. Martha.

### Caregivers Support Group

An on-going and free of charge support group for caregivers will begin Wed., Oct. 6 and continue each Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. This group will be held here at church and will be 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.

## Happy Birthday

Oct. 1	Louis DesJardins	Oct. 16	Paul Cusick
Oct. 3	Dorothy Swan	Oct. 21	James Hughes
Oct. 4	Evan Gross	Oct. 22	David Gumbart
Oct. 6	Wesley Forster	Oct. 23	Dolores Sansing
Oct. 7	Chris Moore	Oct 26	Andrew Sodergren
	David Lewis	Oct 27	Patti McClay-Saari
Oct. 9	Alyson Ricketts		Brooke Faircloth
Oct 12	Karen Montross	Oct. 29	John Raudat
Oct 14	Sarah Brundage	Oct. 30	Cassandra Sodergren





## Cook & Care Walk-a-Thon Sunday, October 17 , 2010

Please plan to join us for our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Cook and Care Walk-a-thon on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Individuals, families and groups are encouraged to participate in this fun 3 mile walk at the beautiful Edgerton Park in New Haven. Walkers enjoy live entertainment, delicious refreshments and receive event T-shirts. Proceeds help the elderly, the poor, and the needy right in our own communities via the work of the Community Soup Kitchen, the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, FISH of Greater New Haven, and Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. For more info visit our website at [www.cookandcare.org](http://www.cookandcare.org) or call us at 203-624-6426 or 203-230-8994.

*Thank you for your support*

*Connie Pino, 203-878-6443*

*Under the auspices of Interfaith Cooperative Ministries*

### **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, October 5 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, October 24. We would love to have you join us!

### **All Saints Day Celebration: Honoring our 30+ Year Members**

During the worship service on Sunday, October 31 we will be honoring those who have been members of our church for thirty or more years. Invitations will be sent out and we will have after church a special reception in their honor prepared by the Deacons. If you need a ride or if you would be willing to give someone a ride, please call the office or sign up on the clipboard on the office sideboard. We would love to have all of our long-time members in attendance so we may say thank-you!

### **CALL TO FALL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of the Fall Meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth to be held according to the By-Laws during the month of October. The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2010 following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Spring Meeting of May 16, 2010.
2. To receive and act on Reports of Boards, Committees, and Officers.
3. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Annette Cook, Clerk  
September 26, 2010



## Fall Rummage Sale

The Wednesday Eves of The Congregational Church,  
273 Route 81, Killingworth,

will sponsor a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, October 8th, 5:30–8:00 pm  
and Saturday, October 9th, 9:00–1:00 pm.

Donations of clothing and household items are appreciated and accepted all day Monday, Oct. 4th through Friday, Oct. 8th until 12:00 pm. Please, NO computers, TV's or electrical appliances. Children's car seats or strollers will not be accepted.



### 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. Bring your own tools and good humor to the Parish Hall every fourth Wednesday, from 9:00 am until 12:00 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

### **Upcoming Events at the Congregational Church in Killingworth and The Old Town Hall**

October 2 at 11:00 am—Blessing of the Animals  
October 8 and 9 - Wednesday Eve's Rummage Sale  
October 9 at 6:00 pm—Oktoberfest Dinner

Q. What do you call a goblin who gets too close to a bonfire?  
A. A toasty ghosty.

Q. Why did the Vampire read the Wall Street Journal?  
A. He heard it had great circulation.



Q. What do you get when you cross Bambi with a ghost?  
A. Bamboo



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 Tina Moore or a member of the Christian Education Committee.



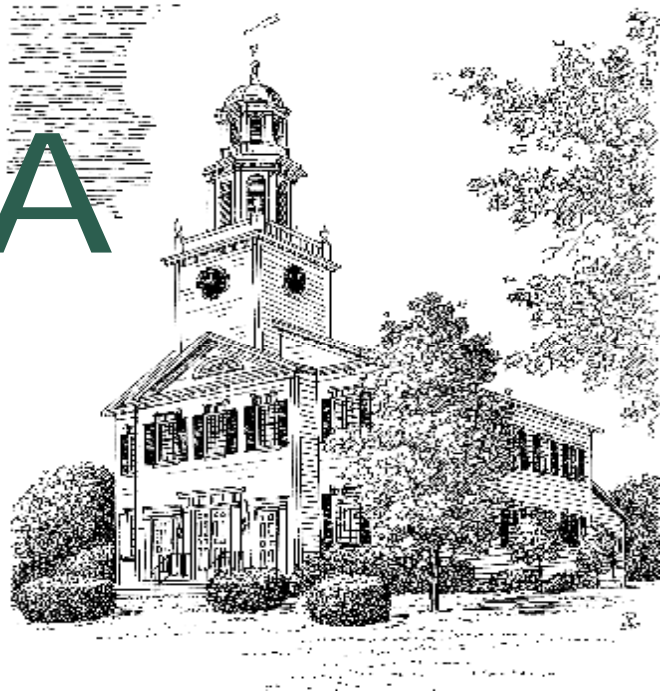
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**Oct 8 & 9**



**Oktoberfest Dinner**

**Oct 9 at 6pm**

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