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October Calendar

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion Sunday

Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 21:33-46



Sunday, October 9, 2011

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:1-14; Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 16, 2011

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 33:12-23; Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 23, 2011

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fall Meeting

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 22:34-46

Sunday, October 30, 2011

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalms 107:1-9; Matthew 23:1-12



All Saints Day Celebration: Honoring our 30+ Year Members

During the worship service on Sunday, October 30 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 a special reception after church in their honor prepared by the Deacons. If you need a ride to church or if you would be willing to give someone a ride, please call the office. We would love to have all of our long-time members in attendance so we may say thank-you!

From the Minister

My house glows. It's not just the new paint, though that looks fabulous. It's not the reflection of the smiles on people's faces as they come in and out of church admiring the incredible improvement. It's not even the sun reflecting off all the newly washed windows and storms.

The glowing takes place only in the late afternoon on the gable on the south side of the house. The wood ledge across the triangle section up under the roof had been rotting out and falling down in pieces. The wood was all repaired and replaced. After that, the top of the ledge was properly finished off with copper covering which should protect it for years and years.

Standing in the back yard one cannot see the copper above the ledge. Yet at just the right time of day when the setting sun hits that copper, the whole gable glows.

Every time I see it I am reminded that when we work hard on a project, taking the time, care and commitment to do it right even in the places that no one will ever see, there is a glowing sense of accomplishment that transcends the task completed.

Our church should feel very proud of the effort that went into the Parsonage Painting Project. We rejected the temptation to take an easier route that would not have given us professional results. We had an excellent fund-raising committee who worked hard to remind us all of the importance of supporting our church buildings. We had a large number of folks who donated generously to the project. We had an excellent leadership role taken by our Trustees who managed the project from start to finish.

We all should be glowing from a job well done!

There is an even deeper message to that glowing from the hidden copper on the ledge on the south side of the parsonage. This is exactly how God works. We only see God's works as reflections. When we pause long enough to open ourselves to the possibilities, we can see glowing reflections from God's hidden presence all around us.

We can see God's glowing reflection on the faces of our children as they walk down the aisle in their group candle lighting procession; we can see God's glowing reflection in the steps of people and dogs as they traipse through Chatfield Hallow for the CROP walk; we can see God's glowing reflection through the voices of our spirited choir; we can see God's glowing reflection in the changing colors of the trees on our beautiful church campus; we can see God's glowing reflection in the swirl of activity that flows through this church day in and day out in ways too numerous to list.

We can feel God's glowing reflection when we take time to be in prayer and to gather as a community of faith every Sunday morning in worship.

May this month be a time of reflection, prayer and joyful worship in thanks for a God that never stops glowing.

Martha



Our Sunday School year is off to a great start with many of you registering your children during registration week. Anyone who has not yet completed their child's registration form, please do so as soon as possible so that we may plan accordingly. We thank everyone who made the 'Sundae' Sunday a fun time had by all and a great way to kick off the new season. A special thank you to all of our teachers and shepherds for volunteering to help with the Sunday School Program this year ~ a lot of thoughtful planning has been done on behalf of our children and we could not do this without their generosity, talent and wonderful spirit!

The children will return in their ark banks during the service on October 23rd with the 7 and 8th grades presenting the 12 Heifer Cornerstones during the children's message. This day will mark our beginning of the lessons centered on Faith Practices "Giving and Receiving Hospitality". To share with all of you, the following was taken from the lesson;

Hospitality begins when we perceive ourselves and others as strangers in a community of welcome. Seeing Christ's presence in the other enables us to welcome Christ into the midst of the community, with all of the costs and joys of discipleship. Gentle, attentive, patient, and consistent care is required to create a community where members are intentional about seeking and welcoming all, especially those whose abilities, experiences, and cultural traditions are different from the mainstream of the current community. A community of hospitality is aware, sensitive, and open to divergent cultural practices. It reaches far beyond the limits of the familiar in a highly mobile world, transforming both the newcomer and the established community.

As a reminder, the Crop Walk will be held on October 2 at Chatfield Hollow. We encourage the children to participate in this important community event in which we can all come together and walk for hunger. Please pick up a registration form at your convenience. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

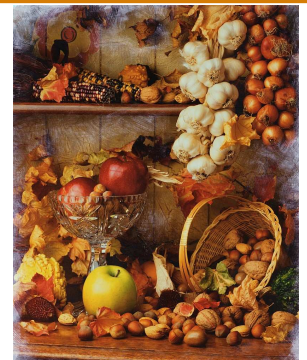
The Christian Education Committee and all of our volunteers are excited about our curriculum and looking forward to working with your children this again year. As always, please feel free to seek out any of the CE members to answer any of your questions or concerns and as well as to let them know of interests you may have in volunteering throughout the year.



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.

Good and generous Lord, You have once more brought the year full circle, through planting and growing and ripening to harvest time, and autumn.

We thank You for the sun and the wind, the rain and the dew, the minerals of the earth and all the plants that grow and all the beasts and birds of farm and field. We marvel at Your wonderful ways of bringing food from the earth for man's good.





Giv² (Give Squared) is a regional youth group organized by our UCC Connecticut Conference for grades 7-12 that focuses on service and fellowship. We have been invited to join the Middlesex chapter which will include the First Congregational Church in Essex, United Church of Chester, St. Joseph's Church in Chester, Our Lady of Sorrows in Essex, First Congregational Church in Haddam and The Congregational Church in Killingworth. This is a new initiative, combining youth groups from several churches, and our Christian Education Committee was pleased that our church was asked to join the first group and we gladly accepted.

Giv² will meet every other month to gather for fellowship and food, to go to a local non-profit to work for around 2 hours, to reflect together on the work we have done, and to share our gifts with our community and our congregation. Our gifts are multiplied over and over again (and so is the fun).

If you are in grades 7-12, come join the fun!

GIV2 Youth Group, Grades 7-12

Saturday, October 15

12:00pm—4:00pm

Come work on a mission project to help an elderly neighbor along with the youth groups of 6 Middlesex churches. We will be painting and doing yard work, followed by food and fun. T-shirts will be provided! For more info, contact Karen Gagliardi or Kris Foley.

Middle School Youth Group

The Middle School Youth Group is making some changes to its format and activities this year. The biggest and most exciting part is our church's involvement in Giv². We have joined with several other UCC churches in the area to form the Middlesex Chapter of Giv² where youth in grades 7-12 gather together for service and fellowship.

So as not to leave the 5th and 6th graders out, there will still be some events during the year for them as well. Activities scheduled so far include:

- 10/15 Giv² project in Ivoryton (Grades 7-8)
- 10/23 Lyman Orchard Trip (Grades 5-8)
- 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



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!



Blessing of the Animals: October 1 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, donuts and dog biscuits will be provided afterward.

First Wednesday Bible Study

October 5 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.

Oktoberfest

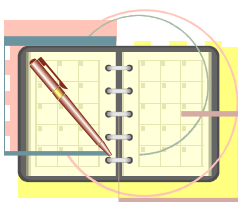
Friday, October 14th at 6:00pm: Please join us for our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest Dinner. Celebrate the fall season with a traditional German Oktoberfest meal featuring bratwurst, German potato salad, homemade pretzels, special German desserts, etc....and BYOB. Tickets will be available at the door for \$12/adults, \$10/seniors and \$6/kids, and proceeds from the dinner will go towards the general fund of the church. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Dawn Tischbein at 663-3666.



New Member Information Session

October 18 at 7 p.m.

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 18 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. Come whether you know you want to join or if you just want to come to find out what it is all about. We will be welcoming new members into the church during the worship service on Sunday, October 23. We would love to have you join us!



SAVE THE DATE:

NOVEMBER 4 - 5-8 p.m. - Harvest Dinner

NOVEMBER 16 - 3 or 5 p.m. - Shoreline Food Pantry



REMINDER

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

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Collecting Gifts and Raising Money 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!

For the October Mission of the Month:

1) 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.

2) We're looking to raise money for this event through a

Community Tag Sale at Church

Saturday, October 8 from 9-1 p.m.

For just a \$10 donation, folks can purchase space to sell their own tag sale items, crafts, fresh produce, etc.

Buy a table or come to shop or do both!

For more information call Carolyn Anderson or Karen Gagliardi.



CROP Walk, Sunday, October 2

The CROP Walk will be held this year in Chatfield Hallow on October 2 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. Ann Pavlou will be taking registrations for walkers or will help you to find a walker to whom you can give your donation. Donations may also be made on-line at www.cropwalkonline.org. Last year we had over 20 people there (and several dogs!) - let's see if we can get even more this year. It would be great if everyone walked, donated, or prayed for the walkers. If you have questions, check with Ann Pavlou.

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 23, 2011 following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Spring Meeting of May 15, 2011.
2. To receive and act on Reports of Boards, Committees, and Officers.
3. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Janet Johnson, Clerk
September 25, 2011



October 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.

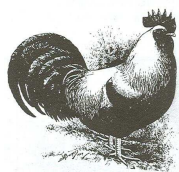
Eddy House Dinner: October 25

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, check with Paulie Lally.



Country Fair Planning Meeting

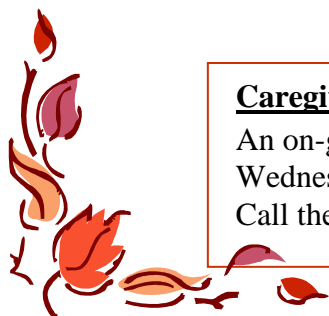
October 30 at 11:30 a.m.



What would you like to see at our annual Country Fair? How do you think we can make it even better? Come brainstorm with us as we begin to look at next summer's Country Fair. We are looking for a willing chairperson(s) and lots of good new ideas, so please join us on October 30 after church. This is a fun event and a fun planning process!

Caregivers Support Group

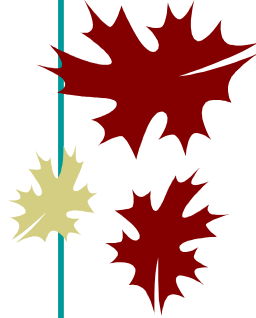
An on-going and free of charge support group for caregivers meets at church every Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. The group is facilitated by Cynthia L. Sarris-Vogt, LCSW. Call the church office or Cindy directly for more information and to register.



Happy Birthday



Oct. 1	Louis DesJardins
Oct. 3	Dorothy Swan
Oct. 4	Evan Gross
Oct. 6	Wesley Forster
Oct. 7	Chris Moore
	David Lewis
Oct. 9	Alyson Ricketts
Oct. 11	Brandon Chapman
Oct. 12	Karen Montross
Oct. 13	Carolyn Anderson
Oct. 14	Sarah Brundage
Oct. 16	Paul Cusick
	Katherine Civitello
	Sam Civitello
Oct. 23	Dolores Sansing
Oct. 26	Andrew Sodergren
Oct. 27	Patti McClay-Saari
	Brooke Faircloth
Oct. 29	John Raudat
Oct. 30	Cassandra Sodergren



Oct. 10	Peyton Tyler
Oct. 12	Joseph Wolf
Oct. 14	Jonathan Blair
	Katelyn Woytowich
Oct. 15	Abby DesJardins
	Ethan Coady
Oct. 16	Ryan DiPalma
Oct. 24	Jessica Randall
Oct. 26	Natalie Wilson

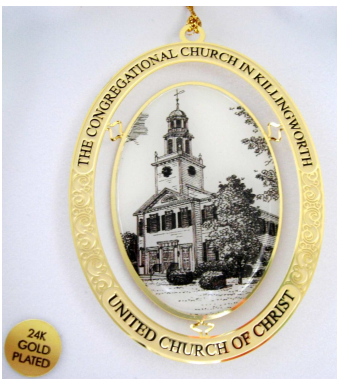


Congratulations
to
Drew Sodergren
for passing his
Eagle Scout
Review Board!



Killingworth Nursery School – Seeking Crafters

The Killingworth Nursery School Association's annual Holiday Craft Fair, to be held on Saturday, December 3 is looking for crafters. If interested, 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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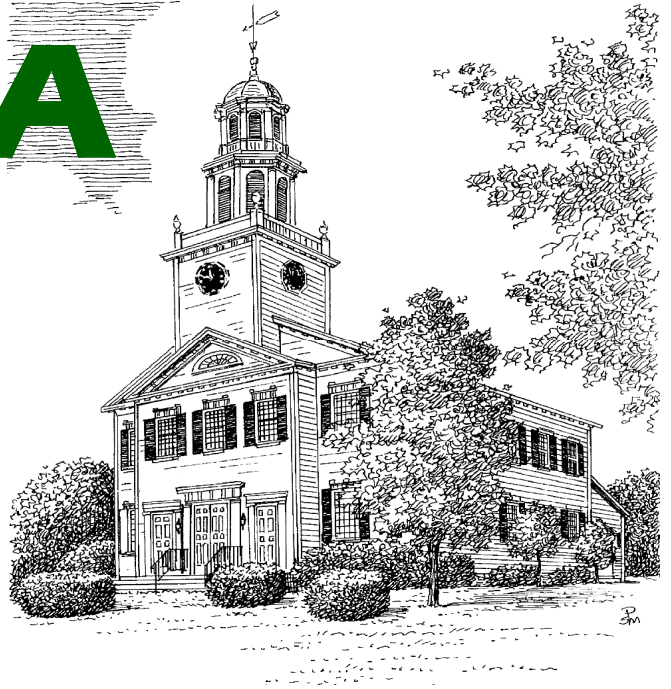
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