

THE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH IN  
KILLINGWORTH,  
UCC

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# Kerygma

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## Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Wednesday, September 2, 2009  
Evening Prayer Service 7pm

Sunday, September 6, 2009, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Service of Holy Communion  
The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching  
Psalm 146; Mark 7:31-37

Sunday, September 13, 2009, Sunda School Sunday  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching  
Proverbs 1:20-33; Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, September 20, 2009, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching  
Mark 9:30-37; James 3:13-18

Sunday, September 27, 2009, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching  
Psalm 124; Mark 9:38-50

### A Successful 50th Anniversary Country Fair and Silent Auction



Be sure to read next month's issue for a look back on our 2009 Fair.

## From the Minister

"Are you going home for vacation?" It was a simple question, asked of me during coffee hour this summer. I paused for a minute as my mind wanted to reply that "home" was across the parking lot, I didn't need to "go" there. In that pause was a sweet smile. It felt good to feel at home here in Killingworth.

But I knew what the questioner was asking. And yes, I did go "back" to Cleveland to visit my daughter and her husband. We then had a homecoming-away-from-home as four generations of my family gathered at a beach house on the outer banks of North Carolina. Two weeks at the beach is always a treasure of slipping into a gentler rhythm of life. In this case, it was even more marvelous as both of my children joined their cousins, my two brothers, their wives and my mother. Connecting with family is definitely a form of going home.

Coming home can also be something we do after a long absence. This summer I have reached out to several church members who haven't been here in a while. There usually isn't one reason for the absence – it's just a simple slipping away of the connection that holds people here. I always encourage a return visit; it's easy for me to say what a friendly and welcoming church this is, even for those coming back. I regard returning to church as simply a coming home.

I look at September as a month for us all to come home – to church! We are all coming home from vacations, from summer schedules, from an earlier starting time that may be just a little too early for some, or from absences that we may not even realize we have let go too long.

Whether you have been here every Sunday or haven't set foot in this church for a long spell, September is a good time to come home to church! On September 13, Sunday School begins with a yummy theme of "Sunday School Sundae" where after church, *children of all ages* will enjoy a chance to make your own sundae. On September 27, we will celebrate "Bring a Friend to Church" with fun, after-church, raffled door prizes for all guests and their host church members. And for all of our Sundays in September, we will be kicking off our Mission of the Month program by receiving fresh produce for the Shoreline Food Pantry and Soup Kitchens. There should be something for everyone to "go home to" in September!

But coming home can be even deeper. In his book, *Longing For Home*, Frederick Buechner describes his search to recreate the comfort and stability he found in his grandparents' home outside of Philadelphia. Buechner had a difficult childhood with just intermittent times of peace during extended stays at his grandparents' house. But throughout his early adult life, he couldn't find that kind of peace. It was only during a Christmas service in New York City that he finally realized that coming home meant not returning to a place, but to a belief. Coming home meant returning inwardly to find grace and strength through a faith in Jesus Christ.

Make September your homecoming – reconnect with family, restart a busy schedule, return to church, and rediscover the grace and strength of God who is always at home within us.

Welcome home!

*Martha*

# Sunday School Corner

I was pleasantly pleased to see many of our Sunday School families at the chicken barbecue dinner and also at the "50th Church Fair". A big thanks to those of you who were able to help out in some shape or form. This was a big fundraiser for our church and it was a success!!! Speaking of successes, the Christian Education committee and I are looking forward to another successful Sunday School year.

Registration and Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 13th. Your family should receive a registration form in the mail. Please remember to fill out both sides. We will hold registration from 9:30am to 10:00am on September 13th. Please feel free to invite any friends or relatives to come check us out. There will be extra forms and parents are welcome to check out our classrooms at this time. The children will actually have classes that day and there will be a "Make Your Own Sundae" following the service.

As always we could use a few good people to act as teachers and shepherds. The curriculum we use is easy to follow and the materials are provided for you. If you decide to teach it would only be for about 4 - 5 Sundays. We do ask you to fill out a safe church form for our safe church policy. If you have any interest at all or questions please call Tina Moore at (860)345 - 8828.

We're hoping that several or all of our confirmands will act as shepherds this year. Shepherds basically help the teacher with their class. Any student entering the 9th grade this year will be eligible for Confirmation. These children will be receiving a letter in the mail with information on the process of Confirmation.

Beginning September 13th the crib room will be opened and staffed. We could use some volunteers to help staff the crib room. Please consider spending one Sunday a month watching a toddler or two, so some young parents can spend some quality time in church. We all have busy lives, but please consider giving an hour of your time teaching or helping out in the crib room.

Our two youth groups will be up and running beginning in September. Our Middle School Youth group (grades 5 - 8) will be led by Kris Foley and our High School Youth group (grades 9 - 12) will be led by Karen Gagliardi. Both groups had some fun and some serious activities such as bowling, swimming at the HK pool, baking dog biscuits to raise money, baking for the local food bank, and shopping for a needy family. I'm sure some of these activities plus others are in the works for this year. There will be more information about these groups in the Sunday bulletins and in the "Kerygma".

With all that said, I look forward to seeing all my Sunday School friends at the beginning of September.

Sincerely,  
Tina Moore - Sunday School Superintendent  
(860) 345 - 8828  
[mom.first@live.com](mailto:mom.first@live.com)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

9/16 Tyler Saari

9/28 Gavin Figurelli





## First Wednesday Prayer Service: September 2 at 7 p.m.

If your days rush by from the beginning of the week to the end, these monthly services are for you. Take just 30-40 minutes to join us in the sanctuary for some quiet, reflective time including scripture, prayer and music. This mid-week respite will allow you to center yourself and reconnect with God's peace. All are welcome.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAE!**

Sunday School Registration and Open House SEPTEMBER 13, 2009



The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC will conduct registration for the 2009-2010 Sunday School year on Sunday morning, September 13 from 9:15 to 10:00 before church begins. The classrooms will be open, the teachers, the Christian Education Committee and the Sunday School Superintendent will be there to meet and greet you and your families. We will be serving coffee and breakfast snacks. This will be an excellent time to look over the curriculum and to ask any questions that you may have. If you are unable to register on the first day, we hope you will be able to do so as soon as possible. Classes will begin the same day and will be followed with a sundae social, "Sunday School Sundae!" The Christian Education Committee invites all members and friends to enjoy an ice cream sundae with the Sunday School children during coffee hour. This will be a "make your own sundae" with all the fixings! All are welcome to participate! Invite your neighbors and friends to register and attend Sunday School followed by Sunday School Sundae! For information regarding our Sunday School program, please contact the Sunday School Superintendent, Tina Moore at (860) 345-8828 or Deb Fredericksen at (860) 663-0907.



## Bring-A-Friend-To-Church-Sunday: September 27

Have a very friendly church – so why not add a few more friends! Here is an easy, comfortable way to invite your co-workers, new neighbors on your street, long-time friends or anyone whom you think might like to visit. After church in the Parish Hall we will have some fun door prizes that both those who issued the invitation and those visiting may participate in. But this will be just a very gentle, welcoming opportunity for all ages. **Statistics show that the number one reason people begin attending a church is because someone invited them!**



## Join the Choir

*Everyone can sing.  
Don't be shy -  
Here's your chance  
To give choir a try!*



Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 10 and will continue every Thursday at 7:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am

## Outreach Group

Over the summer, a new group has been established in our church as a part of our Missions Committee. The Outreach Group is an ongoing program for adults to do outreach service projects to help people in need outside our own church community. Listening to Jesus' call to help our neighbors wherever they may be, the group is planning a "Mission of the Month" for any volunteers in our church who are able to commit to that month's project. This group is primarily for adults, but many of the projects will be intergenerational which will allow all members of our congregation to participate in living their faith by actively working to help those in need.

Anyone is welcome at our planning meetings with suggestions for mission projects, or even better, a willingness to organize one project, for just one month. The next planning meeting is September 16 at 7 p.m.

And everyone is welcome to participate whenever you can. One of the joys of this group is that you can plug in when and as you are able. Just keep an eye out for our Mission of the Month.



### September's Mission of the Month: Shared Bounty

The Outreach Group's Mission of the Month for September will be Shared Bounty. Donations of fruit and vegetables from your garden, local farm stands, farmer's markets and grocery stores will be collected on all Sundays in September for the Shoreline Food Pantry and Soup Kitchens. These fresh, healthy foods are a welcome sight for those struggling to feed their families. Please bring any fresh produce with you to church where it will be collected.

Any questions please contact Karen Gagliardi at 663-3866.



### What a Show!

A very large thank-you goes to Maureen Alfiero for the successful Killingworth Youth Theater's presentation of Alice's Adventures. Not only did a wonderful group of kids have a great three week experience, but there was a full house for all four shows drawing a large number of the community to our little, unpolished jewel - The Old Town Hall. And if that was not enough, the church received two checks from the Killingworth Youth Theater totaling \$1115.03 for the restoration and care of the Old Town Hall! Thank you, Maureen, for leading this project from start to finish - and what a great finish it was!

### Welcome Maryann McCary and Thank You Barbara Benjamin

On Sunday, September 13 we will welcome Maryann McCary as our new Organist/Choir Director. Maryann is a graduate of Connecticut College and worked as an organist/choir director for many years in Haddam and East Haddam before moving to New York. Upon returning to the area she has been subbing and comes to us with outstanding references. We are delighted to welcome her as a member of our staff! Though she will not begin officially until Sept. 13, you may see (or hear) her around as she prepares for the fall. On September 6 during worship, we will officially thank Barbara Benjamin for the great job she has done this summer as our interim. This is a great time to be thinking about joining the choir which will return to Thursday night rehearsals on September 10 at 7:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am. We have been and will continue to be blessed with beautiful music.





## Killingworth Women: Finding Strength Together

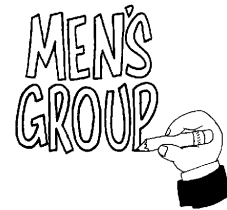
Join the Killingworth Women's Organization for a special event, featuring Sarah Suatoni, a body/mind therapist from Killingworth. Using guided talks and mental exercises, Sarah will help us recognize our individual talents to increase our sense of self and to determine how to strengthen our connection to the community.

Monday, September 14th, at the Old Town Hall, Route 81. Doors open at 7 pm for refreshments and the program will start promptly at 7:30.

The event is free, but seating is limited, so please reserve your seat as soon as possible by emailing [info@killingworthwomensorg.org](mailto:info@killingworthwomensorg.org) or by calling 663-5675 and leaving a message with name and # of tickets. More information regarding Sarah Suatoni can be found at [sarahsuatoni.com](http://sarahsuatoni.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 663-1789 or Janet Johnson 663-1456.



WE ARE BACK!!!! Your Mens Group will resume our monthly work party 9-23, 8:30 AM. WE welcome any and all gents who have little or no skills, but are willing to lend a hand, to join us on the fourth Wednesday of the month to: wash windows, move air conditioners, repair window shades, etc

Hope to see you then....

Charlie Smith 663-1583

- September 2 Bruce Campbell
- September 2 Mark Lehane
- September 4 Lauren Blaha
- September 4 Patricia Cusick
- September 7 Susan Gumbart
- September 9 Gilbert Kelly
- September 9 Faith McKenzie
- September 9 Louise Ferguson
- September 10 Leota Lanoue
- September 10 Neal Lewis
- September 12 Thomas Hines
- September 13 Bonnie Eldredge
- September 13 Laura Lehane

Happy Birthdays



- September 16 Charlene Koziy
- September 19 Megan Bache
- September 18 Mikayla Litevich
- September 20 Jared Langevin
- September 23 Charles Lynskey
- September 23 Tara Szakal
- September 24 Alexa Skoulis
- September 24 Jennifer Figurelli
- September 24 April Acker
- September 26 Matthew Correira
- September 26 Elaine Kaiser
- September 28 Eleanor Sanderson
- September 29 Rosemary Vidoli



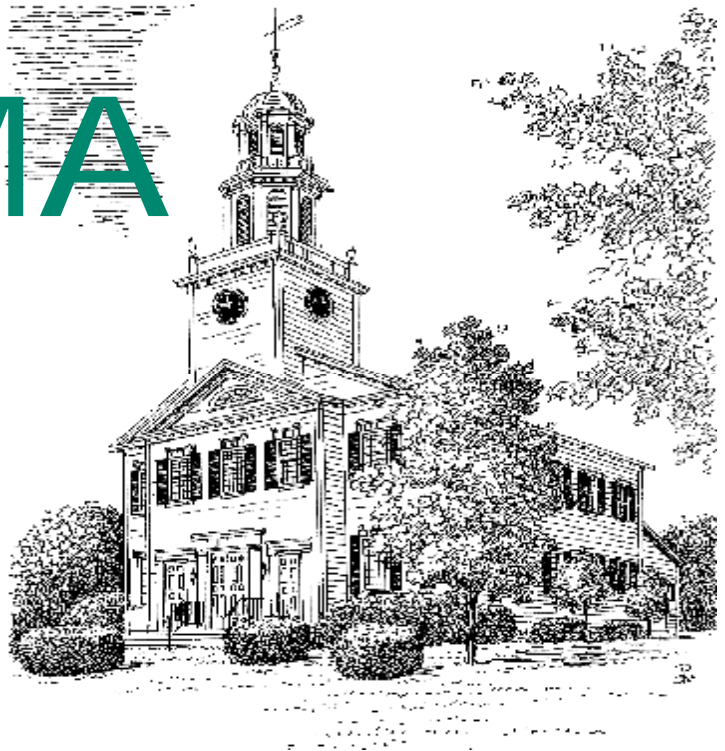
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| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                                    | Sat                                   |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
|  |  | 1<br>*10am Yoga<br>*7pm BS<br>7:30 WF  | 2<br>*9:30 NA<br>*6pm Yoga<br>7pm Tai Chi<br>7pm Prayer Srv<br>*7:30 AA | 3<br>*10am Yoga<br>*7:30 AA                  | 4<br>4:30 Wedding Rehearsal<br>*7pm NA | 5<br>11:30 Wedding<br>7:30 AA         |
| 6<br>10am Service<br>11am Fellowship   | 7<br>1:30pm K'worth Srs<br><i>Labor Day</i>    | 8<br>*10am Yoga<br>*7pm BS<br>7pm CE<br>7:30 WF                                  | 9<br>*9:30 NA<br>*6pm Yoga<br>7pm Tai Chi<br>7:30 Missions<br>*7:30 AA  | 10<br>*10am Yoga<br>7:30pm Choir<br>*7:30 AA | 11<br>*7pm NA                          | 12<br>7:30 AA                         |
| 13<br>9am Choir<br>10 Service<br><i>Sunday Sch'l Sundae</i><br>11am F'ship<br><i>Gr'parents Day</i>  | 14<br>*7pm KWO<br>7pm Deacons<br>7:30 LaLeche  | 15<br><i>Kerygma Deadline</i><br>*10am Yoga<br>*7pm BS<br>7:30 WF                | 16<br>*9:30 NA<br>*6pm Yoga<br>7pm Tai Chi<br>7pm Outreach<br>*7:30 AA  | 17<br>*10Yoga<br>7:30pm Choir<br>*7:30 AA    | 18<br>*7pm NA                          | 19<br>7:30 AA<br><i>Rosh Hashanah</i> |
| 20<br>9am Choir<br>10am Service<br>11am Fellowship   | 21<br>7pm Council<br><i>Int'l Day of Peace</i> | 22<br><i>Autumn</i><br>*10am Yoga<br>*7pm BS<br>7pm Worship Committee<br>7:30 WF | 23<br>8:30 Mens<br>*9:30 NA<br>*6pm Yoga<br>7pm Tai Chi<br>*7:30 AA     | 24<br>*10Yoga<br>7:30pm Choir<br>*7:30 AA    | 25<br>*7pm NA                          | 26<br>7:30 AA                         |
| 27<br>9am Choir<br>10am Service<br><i>Bring a Friend to Church Day</i><br>11am F'ship  | 28<br><i>Yom Kippur</i>                        | 29<br>*10am Yoga<br>*7pm BS<br>7pm New Member<br>7:30 WF                         | 30<br>*9:30 NA<br>*6pm Yoga<br>7pm Tai Chi<br>*7:30 AA                  |  |  |                                       |
| <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     * = Old Town Hall<br/>                     BS = Boy Scouts<br/>                     WF = Women's Fellowship                 </div> |  | The deadline for the next issue of the Kerygma is September 15.                  |   |  |  |                                       |

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