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## Worship: 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, September 4, 2011**

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion Sunday

Psalm 149; Matthew 18:15-20



**Sunday, September 11, 2011**

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dedication of New Hymnals

Genesis 50:15-21; Matthew 18:21-35

**Sunday, September 18, 2011**

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Day of Sunday School—Sunday School Sunday

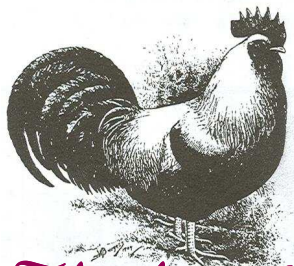
Jonah 3:10-4:11; Matthew 20:1-16

**Sunday, September 25, 2011**

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neighbor's-in-Need Offering

Psalm 25:1-9; Matthew 21:23-32



*Thank you!*

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who worked so hard on this year's Chicken BBQ, Road Race, and Country Fair. Your enthusiasm, teamwork, and the great weather came together for a very successful two day event!

Deb Fredericksen

## From the Minister

There is something very invigorating about experiencing new things. I had the joy of spending four days on a retreat with the Benedictine Monks at the New Camaldoli Monastery in Big Sur, California. I had never been to that area of California before and had many people tell me how lovely it is. I have retreated with the Benedictines before and always found it to be spiritually uplifting and very nourishing of the soul. My expectations were really high for this new experience.

There was nothing that could have prepared me for the beauty I found on that drive north from Los Angeles. As the road winds around to higher and higher elevations, the rugged terrain that hugs the blue Pacific unveils one spectacular vista after another. I wanted to stop at every turn to take in the beauty of God's creation that was just sitting there in front of me. When it was time to turn off the road for the monastery, I drove two miles winding up a mountain side, ending at a place full of large evergreen trees with miles and miles of blue ocean in view. As the fog rolled in, the ocean slide out of view, but I was up so high the clouds were below me and the blue sky continued to shine behind the tree branches and rock formations. It was an amazingly beautiful place unlike anything I had experienced before.

I came seeking rest, but I was so invigorated by the beautiful new surroundings, I found myself energized from the beginning, able to fully respond to the spiritual offerings of the Monks and their lovely facility. Discovering something new was all that I needed to recharge myself.

Of course, the other "new" piece of my trip was my beautiful (said without any bias!) new granddaughter. I had a lovely time with my daughter, my son and his wife, and of course their little two month old, Pippa. New on this trip were her ability to now sleep all the way through the night, and to look up at you and smile when she recognizes you, guaranteed to bring tears to the eyes of grandma on the spot.

It always feels good to go on vacation and it always feels good to come home. I arrived home to a very busy church getting ready to gear up for the fall start to our programming. I have become invigorated just preparing for the new offerings this year:

- We will be incorporating a new UCC curriculum into our Workshop Rotation Model full of even more Bible-based, multi-sensory experiences for our Sunday School, which begins with the ever-popular Sunday Sundaes on September 18.
- We are starting a new adult Bible study called, "First Wednesday Bible Study" based on the lectionary readings, beginning September 7.
- We will be dedicating our wonderful new hymnals on September 11.
- We have a new, multi-church youth group forming called Giv<sup>2</sup> where our students in grades 7-12 will join other youth for service and fellowship.
- We are continuing our popular Play Group at church for the 4 year old and under set every Tuesday at a new time, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

New things are happening all around us. We can shake our heads in confusion at all this change, or we can jump right in and be invigorated with God's creative spirit that is flowing through our church. Second Corinthians 5:17 tells us, "So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

Join me as the Spirit invigorates us all in the newness of a very busy church,

*Marta*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAE

2011-2012 Sunday School Registration and Open House  
Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Come at 9:30 a.m., before our 10 a.m. worship service, to register your children, grades PreK - 8 for our Sunday School. You may view the classrooms, meet the teachers and our Christian Education Committee, and get a chance to look over the curriculum and information on our program. Classes begin the same day. Children attend the first part of our worship service with their families and then leave together to enjoy stories, art projects, cooking experiences, science projects, and many other activities, all based on Bible stories.

On September 18 after the worship service, the children and the entire congregation will enjoy a free make-your-own ice cream sundae with all the fixings! This fun, kick-off event is enjoyed by all, so please plan to join us, even if you are new to our congregation. If you can't make it on September 18, you may register your child any Sunday before worship at 10 a.m.

For more information, please contact the church office at 860-663-1789, email us at: [kwcongchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:kwcongchurch@yahoo.com) or visit our web page at [www.killingworthchurch.org](http://www.killingworthchurch.org).

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, we would like to extend a special thank you to all the children and to all who participated in raising money for A Soldiers Children Birthday Foundation. Banks continued to come in after Children's Sunday to bring the total donation from \$625.00 to \$690.00! "Just one year ago, ASC was celebrating the birthdays of 40 children, today now have over 400 children of fallen soldier's in 43 states! We could not do it without the folks who love freedom and support the families that defend it. We remain an all volunteer staff; 100% of all donations goes to our kids. We currently spend about \$150 per child per birthday up until 19 years of age." says Daryl Mackin Founder of A Soldiers Child.

With many thanks and gratitude,

The Christian Education Committee



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.

### **Are You Interested in Being a Student Deacon?**

Last year the Deacons begin a program for our high school students who are members of the church to participate as Student Deacons. We have four returning Student Deacons, but would love to add more.

Student Deacons will occasionally read the liturgy during the worship service and serve communion along side of the Deacons. The requirements for membership in the program are that the student be enrolled in high school grades 10, 11 or 12, and that the student be a member of the church. Any eligible student may join this program by submitting a letter expressing their interest and giving a paragraph introduction of themselves. The letter may be emailed to Rev. Martha at marthabays@aol.com or sent to the church. If you have questions, you can contact our Deacon Chairperson, Rick Albrecht. The deadline is September 30 for this year's program. Current Student Deacons do not need to submit a letter.

Being a Student Deacon will enhance our students' faith, give them the respect they deserve and provide them experiences that will strengthen their readiness for college or work. The Student Deacon program strengthens the congregation as we celebrate our understanding that commitment, dedication and faith are traits without age limits or restrictions. Everyone is benefitting from this new program.



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

The 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 Pantries. 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 each Sunday.

### **First Wednesday Bible Study**

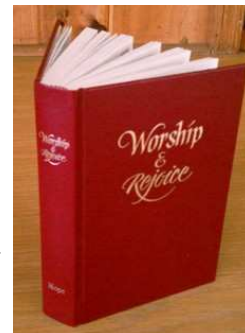
#### **September 7 at 7 p.m.**

New this year will be a monthly Bible Study based on the lectionary readings for the month. On the first Wednesday of each month we will gather to look at what scriptures are scheduled for the next several Sundays. Each month we will highlight two or three passages to look at in-depth, but each scripture reading for the month will be covered. This is a great way to get a sneak preview of what to expect in church. We will generate 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.

### **Dedication of Our New Hymnals**

#### **Sunday, September 11 at 10 a.m.**

Last May, the congregation voted to purchase new hymnals for our sanctuary after an extensive study done by the Hymnal Advisory Committee: Barbara Benjamin, Judy Lentz, Christine Link, Maryann McCary, Alyson Somerville, Christina Woytowich and Rev. Martha Bays. Through the generosity of our members who supported this project with dedications, 200 brand new hymnals will be in our pews at the beginning of September. These hymnals will enhance our worship for years and years to come. We will dedicate these hymnals during worship on Sunday, September 11, plus we will honor all those who worked for and supported this project. A special thank-you goes to the family and friends of Helen Coulter who provided the initial donations in her memory.





Choir rehearsal starts after Labor Day, Thursday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m.  
Choir rehearsal on Sundays starts on September 11, at 9:00 a.m.  
All are welcome!

### **Neighbors In Need Offering September 25**

The Neighbors in Need Offering, which supports the UCC's ministries of compassion and justice throughout the United States, will be received on Sunday, September 25. Look for special envelopes and an information insert in the bulletin that morning. This is one of four special offerings that we take to support the UCC mission ministries, in addition to our budget support of Our Churches Wider Mission. We have many neighbors in need across our country; please be as generous as you are able.



### **Labyrinth Walk**

**Monday, September 26 at 7 p.m.**

Whether you are an experienced labyrinth walker or have no idea what this walking in circles is all about, come join us for some information, time of reflection and walking our beautiful outdoor labyrinth. This ancient practice of walking prayer is easy, relaxing and opens us to a closer relationship with God. We will begin in the Parish Hall and then move outdoors. If the weather is too bad, we will stay indoors the whole time. This adult education program

is a great way to introduce friends and neighbors to our church, or a great way for you to introduce yourself to a new faith practice! Come join us.

### **Eddy House Dinner: September 27**

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.

## **PARSONAGE PAINTING PROJECT**

### **Parsonage Painting Project - Thank You and Well Done!**

Under the excellent leadership of our Parsonage Painting Campaign committee composed of Ginny Chapman, Rob Rimmer and Charlie Smith, we raised **\$17,280** to date exceeding our goal by over \$2,000! This is a fabulous accomplishment which was possible only through the generosity of our dedicated membership. It is a strong indication of the church's commitment to its long term financial interests. Thank you to all those who donated and to the committee for all their successful efforts.

The painting and restoration is well underway. The extra money raised will allow us to cover the unforeseen work that always arises in a project of this size. Thank you especially to Geoff Cook and the Trustees for managing this project from start to finish.

A job well done by all!



### Announcing a New Youth Group for Grades 7-12:



Giv<sup>2</sup> (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.

Giv<sup>2</sup> 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).

**The first meeting is a planning (and eating!) event at First Congregational Church in Essex on September 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Meet in our church parking lot at 6 p.m. to car pool.**

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

#### Play Group is Back For More!

Every Tuesday, 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! For more info, contact Christine Link.



#### Thank-you Drew Sodergren for the New Benches in the Memorial Garden Chapel

Thanks to the hard work of soon-to-be Eagle Scout Drew Sodergren, our lovely outdoor Memorial Garden Chapel has beautiful new benches and the area has been cleaned of debris. Drew completed this Eagle Scout Project by presenting a thorough plan to the Church Council, raising the money through a pancake brunch held here at church, organizing his fellow scouts to help remove fallen branches from the area, and building the benches. On August 7<sup>th</sup> we celebrated this accomplishment by dedicating the benches and honoring Drew at our Sunday morning worship. These new benches will enhance our outdoor worship space for many, many years. Thank you, Drew!




#### SAVE THE DATE:

OCTOBER 1—11 a.m. - The Blessing of the Animals

OCTOBER 14 - 6-8 p.m. - Oktoberfest Dinner

# Happy Birthday

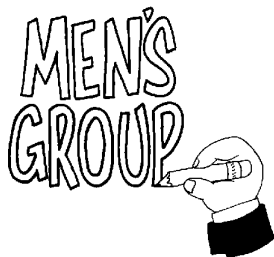
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Sept. 12	Thomas Hines
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Sept. 18	Mikayla Litevich
Sept. 20	Jared Langevin
Sept. 23	Charles Lynskey
Sept. 24	Jennifer Figurelli Christina Woytowich April Acker
Sept. 26	Matthew Correira Elaine Kaiser
Sept. 28	Eleanor Sanderson
Sept. 29	Rosemary Vidoli



Sept. 11	Yres Stancuna
Sept. 16	Tyler Saari
Sept. 19	Megan Bache
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Sept. 24	Lily Karber
Sept. 28	Gavin Figurelli



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



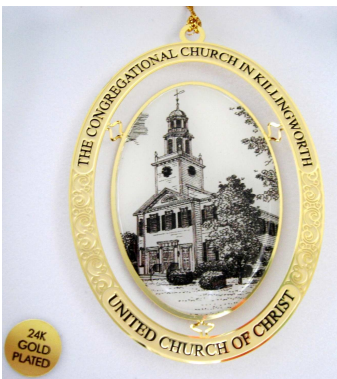
## CHURCH MEN'S GROUP

Here we go again!! The summer is almost over. Staining and painting the deck and ramp are priorities, Please join us for a work day at the Church on Wednesday, September 28 at 8:30 AM... Charlie Smith 860-663-1583

## 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**



## Fall 2011

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Worship and Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a.m.



**Sept. 7, Oct. 5 & Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.**

**First Wednesday Bible Study**

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month to look at the month's scripture readings and enjoy good discussion, fellowship and refreshments.

**Sunday, Sept. 11:**

**Dedication of New Hymnals**

During worship we will dedicate our beautiful new hymnals.

**Sunday, Sept. 18:**

**Sunday Sundae**

Sunday School Open House and Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited after church to make your own sundae.



**Monday, Sept. 26**

**Labyrinth Walk at 7 p.m.**

Gather in the Parish Hall and then walk our labyrinth in the woods. Rain or shine; beginners always welcome.

**Sept. 27, Oct. 25 & Nov. 29:**

**Eddy House Dinner**

Come to church at 2 p.m. to help prepare, or 5 p.m. to help deliver, a meal to the Eddy House Homeless shelter in Middletown.

**Saturday, Oct. 1 at 11 a.m.**

**Blessing of the Animals**

A short prayer service will be held on the steps of the Old Town Hall followed by individual blessings of pets. All of God's creatures are welcome, but must be leashed or contained. Refreshments provided.



**Sunday, Oct. 2: CROP Walk**

After celebrating World Communion Sunday in worship, join us at 12:30 p.m. at Chatfield Hollow to walk to raise money for local and world hunger missions.

**Friday, Oct. 14 from 6-8 p.m.**

**Oktoberfest Dinner**

A traditional Oktoberfest dinner will be provided for the whole community. Call the church office for ticket info.

**Tuesday, Oct 18 at 7 p.m.**

**New Member Information Meeting**

Come find out what it means to join our church. Even if you are just curious, come enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

**Sunday, Oct. 23:**

**New Members/Fall Meeting**

New members will be received in worship which will be followed by our fall congregational meeting.

**Sunday, Oct. 30: All Saints Celebration**

We will be honoring all of our long time members in the worship service and with a reception afterward.

**Wednesday, Nov. 16: Shoreline Food Pantry**

Join us at 3 p.m. or at 5 p.m. as our entire church runs the Shoreline Food Pantry at the Episcopal Church in Clinton.

**Friday, Nov. 4: Harvest Dinner, 5-8 p.m.**

The C.E. Committee invites you enjoy turkey and all the trimmings as a fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund.

**Sunday, Nov. 20: Thanksgiving Sunday**

We will dedicate our pledges and offerings in a service of Thanksgiving. The children will make pumpkin bread for our shut-ins.



All are welcome  
at all of our events!





# SEPTEMBER 2011

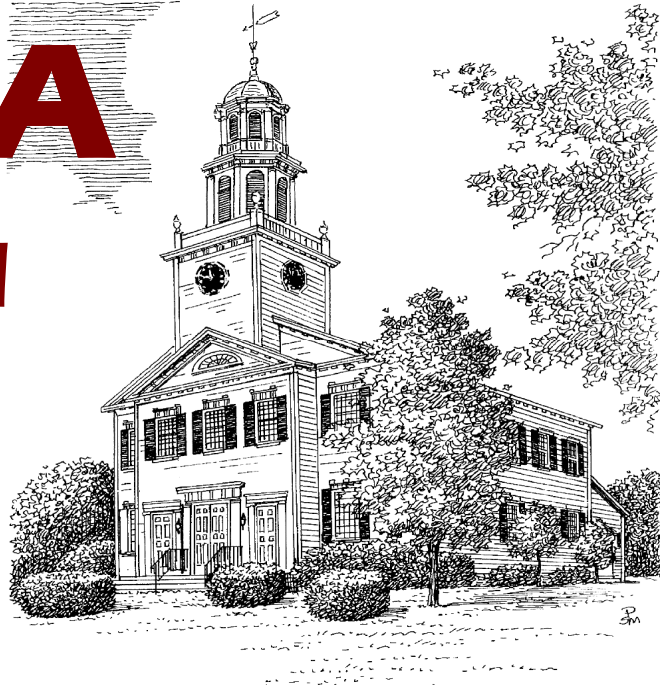
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN KILLINGWORTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## September 2011

Sunday Worship  
10:00 am



Sunday School Sundaes  
September 18th



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