

# Cross Ways

The Newsletter of  
The Congregational Church of Brookfield  
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**JUNE 2008**

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## **Summer Campfires / Vespers**

*This favorite event continues again this summer!*

Wednesdays in July— 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30



Gather at the campfire circle at **6:30pm** in the lower parking lot for your meal, and stay for the campfire, worship, songs, stories and s'mores!! Please bring the meat you'd like to grill for your family, and a side dish to share. The church will provide the hot grill, drinks, utensils, and s'mores. Rain or shine, gather your family and friends for this fun event. Please contact Pete Lane or Carolyn Lindroth for more information.

## **Summer Worship Schedule**

***Our summer schedule begins June 1<sup>st</sup>.*** From June 1<sup>st</sup> thru August 31<sup>st</sup>, we will worship at 8:00am in the Outdoor Chapel beyond the Memorial Wall, and at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. Child care will be provided at both services, and there will be Church School for children 4 years-old thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:00am service.

### **June 1<sup>st</sup> is Confirmation Sunday**

Join us as we celebrate with our 11 confirmands at the 10:00am service, as they become official members of CCB by Owing the Covenant in worship, and join with the congregation in receiving communion.

## **MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL – May 13, 2008**

*In an effort to keep the congregation better informed as to actions taken or being considered by the Church Council, we will be including a summary of significant actions in the monthly CrossWays.*

**Refugee Resettlement:** Jen Wurst shared many great things with us: May 13<sup>th</sup> was the Abtans six month anniversary with us, Nafie has found a job at St. Mary's hospital in Waterbury, and in one years time they will enroll him in their Physician's Assistant program! Also, on June 8<sup>th</sup> Chris George from IRIS will be joining the congregation at the 8:00 and 10:00am services to extend their thanks for our support of the refugee program. Nafie and Suhair will also speak to the congregation.

**Investment Treasurers:** Welcome the addition of Jim Eagan, who will take over the insurance sector from Wally Thiel.

**Christian Growth and Enrichment Request:** Council approved the request of a scholarship for one of our youths to attend a Silver Lake Workshop this summer.

**Youth Designated Fund Proposal:** Council approved a request of funds, not to exceed \$5000, to help offset costs for the youth trip to Slidell, LA in June. The fund presently has a balance of \$28,400.

**Anniversary Campaign - Projects Implementation update:** Dave Goral reported that we have \$336,000 in pledge income; \$242,000 cash on hand; \$125,700 available funds. The air conditioning of the school wing and Fellowship Hall is planned for this summer, and the Parsonage group is looking into cedar siding that is required by the Historic District Commission.

### **Committee Communications:**

Fellowship – Please consider signing up for summer coffee hours. Council clarified the Brooks Hall food policy: furniture does not need to be moved aside for receptions.

Christian Education - Mark your calendar for the All Church Picnic to be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Church House – The library floor will be refinished the week of June 9<sup>th</sup>, the stairs to the Fair Kitchen are being rebuilt by the Morrison's Gang, and they are continuing to accept quotations on the front walk project because the contractor they had planned on going with can not start until Fall.

### **Pastor Time:**

The Rev. Jennifer Whipple distributed a detailed outline on who is covering for her while she is on maternity leave. *Enjoy your time as a new mom and we look forward to your return!*

The Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia submitted a Study Leave Proposal for the weeks of July 21–25 (a prayer study retreat) and July 28–August 1 (a leadership seminar) at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. Pulpit supply and pastoral coverage, with funds budgeted in preparation for Jen's maternity leave, will be arranged and details announced as soon as possible. Leave was approved and recommended by the Personnel Committee. Council also approved the request.

*You are always welcome to attend and observe the Council meetings. To be added to the agenda of the monthly meeting, please contact Tom Eaker or Audrey Himebaugh.*

## 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign Implementation Update

### *“For all the Saints”*

In the next few weeks there will a number of bulletin boards placed in Fellowship Hall that will have updates and pictures from the various projects. Please stop down and take a look!

**Parsonage** – The parsonage committee has continued meetings with the Brookfield Historical Society to insure any exterior work complies with the required guidelines for the renovation of a historic structure. As a result of the meetings, the group is refining their plans and getting revised quotes on work and materials based on the recommendations of the historic commission. With discussions essentially complete, the group will begin to plan the exterior work that will occur this summer.

**Air Conditioning** – A number of contractors have been through the building to review the project and submit their quotations. These will be reviewed in the next few weeks, and the best proposal will be selected. Indications are that the work can be completed for use this summer.

**Fellowship Hall Kitchen** – This committee is working on their plan with the input of a commercial kitchen designer. The plans are expected to be complete by the end of summer of 2008, with implementation and construction occurring in summer of 2009. The intent of this plan is that once the work begins, it will all be completed as quickly as possible to minimize the unavailability of the kitchen.

**Organ** – Austin Organs of Hartford is making great progress with their on-site work for our organ. All of the new pipes that will augment our existing pipes have been fabricated. The pipes are now in the lengthy and meticulous process of voicing. This takes the rough pipe and fine tunes the critical shape of the mouth and other features to give it the desired sound. Each pipe must be made to play with the proper onset of sound (known as speech) sustained tone, and volume, but also needs to be voiced so it sounds correctly with the rest of the pipes. The final voicing work will take place in our Sanctuary to make sure the sound is correct for our space. The work on the console is also continuing well. With each visit, we see it growing little by little from the early stage where it was just rows of keys, to now where it has pedals installed, and the cabinet work is nearing completion. We look forward to the completion of this project in the later part of September.

Yours faithfully,  
*Dave Goral*, Program Manager

# YANKEE FAIR & BARN SALE

Saturday, October 18, 2008

9:00am to 3:00pm

(the Barn opens 8:00am)



Bake Shop – Barn – Cheese - Children's Games—Coffee Shop  
Country Store/Churchwares – Entertainment – Grill—Quilts  
Second Hand Rose – SERRV – Used Books – Used Toys—White Steeple Inn

**Fair Chairs: Jeanine Hanewicz, Dave Honeyford, & Sue Slater**

*We would like to have one more chair!*

*If you're interested, please contact one of the chairs.*

## LIVING WILLS & POWER OF ATTORNEY

On June 19th, Michelle Liguori, Esq. from the office of Cramer & Anderson will conduct a **Workshop from 9:30 to 1:00** in Brooks Hall. After conferring with you, she will draft the documents, execute them for you **FREE OF CHARGE** and send you home with them.

Please sign up for a 1/2 hour appointment on the schedule posted outside the church office. Any questions---call Ginny Van Horne.



## Looking for some summer reading?

There is a shelf of new books in your Church Library & we hope you will stop by and read one this summer. You will find them just below the shelf of videos to the right of the Library storage closet door, on the wall to your left as you enter the room. *The CCB Book Club* cleaned out their home book shelves of recently read book club selections and are sharing them with us! They only ask that after you read a book, you write your name on the inside cover so the next reader will know they can discuss it with you. Look for our shelf in the adult library and **Happy Reading!**

**CCB Book Club** meets on the third Wednesday every month from 7:30 to 9:00pm and would love to have you join us. All are welcome, here are some books we'll be discussing:

**"Friday Night Knitting Club"** by Kate Jacobs on **June 18<sup>th</sup>**, at Jeanine Hanewicz' home.

**"Three Cups of Tea"** by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, **July 16<sup>th</sup>** at Eleanor Loesch's

**"Circe's Song"** by K.G. Glaub, **August 20<sup>th</sup>**, at Sue Slater's home.

*If you like to read give us a try!* If you have any questions or if you'd like to be added to our email list, email or call Jeanine Hanewicz.



## Meet Our New Members

*These three new members entered into covenant with us on May 4, 2008. Please make a point of getting to know them and sharing your own "bio" with them, as well as your excitement about our church!*

**Kathleen Taylor** – Kathy is a special education teacher in New Milford where she lives with her husband, Ken, and 3 daughters – Amelia, Olivia, and Claudia. Kathy enjoys spending time with her family and working with children of all ages. Other things she enjoys are scrapbooking, singing, and eating chocolate!

**Olivia Taylor** – Olivia is a sophomore at New Milford High School where she plays lacrosse, basketball, and soccer. She enjoys singing and spending time with her friends. Olivia has 2 sisters, Amelia who is a freshman at U-Conn and Claudia, who is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Both Olivia and her mother, Kathy, come to us by Letter of Transfer from First Congregational Church in New Milford.

**Ashley Zennis** – Ashley grew up in Ansonia, and then lived in Milford from freshman year in high school until 2007. Last October, she moved to Danbury with her boyfriend, Mike. She comes to us by Letter of Transfer from Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church in Milford. She is employed by Yale University as a research assistant at the Yale Reading Center, where she is helping to run a study on children with reading disabilities, such as dyslexia.

Ashley writes: "I enjoy reading, especially Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series. I like to run, and I have done many 5Ks and a half-marathon. I also enjoy swimming and hiking. I've been having fun exploring the trails at the State parks nearby. I'm excited to join the Congregational Church of Brookfield because this is such a welcoming and active community in which to worship. Over the past months, I have received such a warm welcome by the congregation's members, and I'm looking forward to deepening my faith through my membership at CCB."

**THE RED CROSS** needs help to maintain our state's blood supply this summer. Unfortunately, it is a tradition for some blood donors to "take a vacation" from giving the gift of life, even though to keep our CT hospitals at a safe inventory, they must collect 650 units of blood each day. Please consider giving the gift of life this summer. If you'd like information on local blood drives please call Matt White at 860-284-7049 or e-mail [whitemaa@usa.redcross.org](mailto:whitemaa@usa.redcross.org).

**Baccalaureate Sunday**  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>**



*Parents, if you have a son or daughter graduating from High School or College this year, please call the church office (775-1259). We would like to honor them at the 10:00am service on June 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**Brookfield Vacation**  
**Bible School**  
**July 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>**



The Brookfield Ecumenical Vacation Bible School will be held at our church this year. Registration forms are available at the church office. For more information, please contact Joanne Siergiej.

**Annual All-Church Picnic**  
**Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendars to join us for a time of fellowship and fun immediately after the 10:00am service on June 15<sup>th</sup>! Please sign up so we know how many to expect.



**WANTED – Summer Teachers**

If you have been thinking about teaching but can only do it for a day, this is your chance! We are looking for teachers for all Sundays in the summer. Please see Carol Eagan, Heather Berner or anyone on the Christian Education Committee to sign up.

Our 2007-2008 Teachers & Shepherds will be recognized at the June 15<sup>th</sup> service. If you were one of the talented, helpful and dedicated people who helped our Church School this year, we hope to see you on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Missing from Church School**

2 Brookfield Library books that were used for church school are missing:

1. "Martin Luther King, Jr." by H. Nigel
2. "My First Martin Luther King, Jr. Book" by D. Lilligard

Please return to the CCB Children's Library, or to the Brookfield Library.  
Thank You!!



## Meet Our Confirmands

**Geoffrey Bradley** is 15 and a freshman at Canterbury School. He lives with his parents, Wendy and Ken, and his younger brother and sister, Joey & Katie. They have two dogs. Geoff's favorite things to do are play lacrosse and hockey. His confirmation project was to help get CCB's recycling program up and running. A favorite quote of Geoff's: "The man who is willing to die is going to win that inch." (Al Pacino)

**Christopher John Fragomeli** is 14 and a freshman at BHS. He lives with his parents, Michele and John, and his younger sister, Courtney. They have a dog named Blake, a FAT cat named Toby, and a lizard named Skittles. Chris's favorite things to do are play soccer and watch soccer. His confirmation project was to organize and raise money for a Relay for Life team in the Shepaug Relay.

**Jonathan Alexander Gianazza** is 15 and a freshman at BHS. He lives with his parents, Rob & Allison, his older brother, Michael, and his grandma, Chickie. His grandparents, Bob and Jeanie Bergman, are also members of CCB. Jonathan has a guinea pig named Reese and a dog named Goober. His favorite things to do are run track and play on his computer. Jonathan's confirmation project was a collection for the Danbury Animals Wellness Services (DAWS). A few favorite quotes: "Judge me by my size you do, I would not." (Yoda) and "Everything's gonna' be alright." (Reel Big Fish)

**Ariel Caroline Knauer** is 15 and a freshman at BHS. She lives with her mom, Eleanor, her grandma, Ellie, and her younger sister, Katelyn. They have a dog named Lilly and three cats names Cleo, Cali, and Carrott. Ariel's favorite things to do are gymnastics, play softball and basketball, go swimming and bike riding. Her confirmation project was to help with the reorganization of the Children's Library in the CE wing.

**Katelyn Elizabeth Luis** is 15 and a freshman at BHS. She lives with her mom and dad, Lori & Ernie, has two sisters, Kristyn & Sarah, and a brother, Tony. They have a Labrador retriever named Riley. Katelyn's favorite things to do are play softball and field hockey. Her confirmation project is to put together a pew card for newcomers about some of the basics of our worship service at CCB. A favorite quote of Katie's: "Let it be. Let it be." (The Beatles)

**John Gordon Markiewicz** is 14 and a freshman at BHS. He lives with his mom and dad, Sally & Gordon, and has an older sister, Demetra. They have a dog named Lily. John's favorite things to do are to play baseball, ping pong, and the guitar. His confirmation project has been to help with various projects around the church, including computer rewiring. A favorite quote of John's: "Du, Du hast, Du hast meich."

## **Meet Our Confirmands (cont'd)**

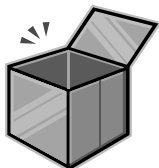
**Kathryn Jeanette Marron** is 15 and a freshman at BHS. She lives with her mom and dad, Kay & Michael, and her two younger sisters, Carolyn & Colleen. They have a dog named Billie. Her grandparents, Tom & Donna Eaker, are also members of CCB. Kathryn's favorite things to do are to hang out with her friends and family, play volleyball, basketball, and lacrosse. Her confirmation project was a "Swing Into Spring Dance" at Brookfield Commons. A favorite quote of Kathryn's: "The flower that blooms in adversity is the most rare and beautiful of all." (Mulan)

**Jane Elizabeth Moran** is 14 and a freshman at Newtown High School. She lives with her mother and father, Patty and Bryan, and her younger sister, Ellen. They have a dog, two cats, and a recently deceased rabbit named Honey Bunny. Jane's favorite things to do are read and write. Her confirmation project was a book collection for the Darien Book Aid project. A favorite quote of Jane's: "It is the mark of a well educated mind to be able to entertain thought without accepting it." (Aristotle)

**Cassi Marr Ronan** is 15 and a freshman at BHS. She lives with her parents, Kevin and Susan, and has an older sister, Holly, a twin brother, Sam, and a little brother, Ben. They have a dog named Daisy. Cassi's favorite thing to do is horseback ride. Her confirmation project was to organize the Blessing of the Animals service here at CCB. Wisdom from Cassi: "Don't do things you will regret. Don't dwell on the past, because you can't erase it. Live life to its fullest."

**Samuel Thomas Ronan** is 15 and a freshman at BHS. He lives with his parents, Susan and Kevin, and has two sisters, Holly & Cassi, and a younger brother, Ben. Sam's favorite things to do are swim, row, and play with anything that has an engine to make it go faster. His confirmation project was to help with the recycling program here at CCB. Wisdom from Sam: "Live every day as if it were the last. Don't let other people hold you back from what you want to do."

**Kathryn Scribner** is 14 and a freshman at BHS. She lives with her mom and dad, Pamela and David, and her two younger sisters, Victoria and Elizabeth. They have a Yellow Lab named Winnie. Kathryn's favorite things to do are draw and dance. Her confirmation project is to paint



### ***Come and Worship "Outside the Box" ....*** **Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> - 5:30-6:30pm, CCB Meetinghouse**

You are invited to join the youth of CCB, led by the Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia and Pete Lane – along with a group of Methodist youth from Long Island, led by Deacon Glenn Adone – in a fun and creative service of praise and prayer at **5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> in our Meetinghouse**. All are welcome to join us – especially children – as we gather to share in joyful worship and fellowship, sharing our God-given talents for the lively arts of storytelling, improvisation, dance, drama, music, and the visual arts. Come join us for some clowning, some Bible study skits, and great songs. Any questions? Please call Pete Lane.

## ***Come, join our Vision Task Force “Summer Conversations”...***

Our Church Council has “deputized” the Vision Task Force to do research and planning on your behalf – in order to “call out,” collect and reflect back to you your own input about how “God is still speaking” to you through our congregation and its ministries. We hope you will attend one of our “Summer Conversations” and contribute your honest and prayerful beliefs about the purpose of the Congregational Church of Brookfield. We invite you to think beyond your own personal tastes and preferences, and work together to discern Christ’s vision for our church and broader community. Then we hope you will participate later in the congregational meeting when we vote to revise or accept the vision statement the Church Council will propose at the close of the process.

***We invite you to pick up information packets with more detail on the tables at the doors of the Meetinghouse, Brooks Hall, and the Church Office.***

***Sign up sheets will be posted in Fellowship Hall for the following sessions:***

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION/HOSTS</b>	<b>FACILITATORS</b>	<b>DEACON</b>
Sat. June 21	3-5 PM	Quinsland	Bryn, Audrey & Maurice	Martha Parvis
Thur. June 26 (Childcare)	10 AM -12 PM	Queenan	Bryn & Kathy	Linae Wutzl
Tues. July 8 (Childcare)	10 AM -12 PM	Brooks Hall/Vodra	Bryn & Lisa	Bob Brown
Fri. July 11	7-9 PM	Hanewicz	Monica & Tom	
Sun. July 13	3-5 PM	Wandelmaier/ Murphy	Audrey & Kathy	Kylie Himebaugh
Sun. July 20	3-5 PM	Robertson	Lisa & Maurice	Sue Boughton
Tues. July 29	7-9 PM	Labas	Monica & Tom	Leslie Sands
Sun. Aug. 3 (Childcare)	3-5 PM	Lyon	Maurice & Mark	
Sat. Aug. 9 (Childcare)	7-9 PM	Matson	Monica & Tom	Kyle Matson
Sat. Aug. 16 (Childcare)	10 AM -12 PM	Riddle?	Bryn (& Jen?)	

If you are unable to sign up in person, your Deacon will call to help you schedule a session, or you can call our Summer Conversations registrar, Lisa Brown.

### ***Vision Task Force:***

***Audrey Himebaugh (chair), Tom Eaker (moderator),  
Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia and Rev. Jennifer Whipple (pastors), and  
Lisa Brown, Maurice Downey, Monica McInerney, and Kathy Wandelmaier.***

## BOOK DISCUSSION



The Christian Ed. Committee is planning a Book Discussion on **Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the church library** to share "*The Five People You Meet In Heaven*" and the supplement "*Wisdom From the Five People You Meet In Heaven*".

We will then meet the following week – **Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm** - to watch the movie and have some yummy snacks! (Anyone is welcome at movie night whether you've had a chance to read the book or not.)

Here's a brief synopsis: *"Using the Wisdom Traditions of the Bible as their backdrop, Gilvin and Godsey bring us into a discussion of what, as Albom suggests in his novel, might truly be important in life. Wisdom Literature, says Gilvin and Godsey, expresses the way individuals experience life."*

Please sign up and return this form to Lori Peck, the church office, or place in the CE mailbox if you're interested in participating. Anyone (men & women) are welcome to read, discuss, and watch along with us!

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, I would like to be a part of the book discussion group on June 26<sup>th</sup> on "*The Five People You Meet In Heaven*"

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, I would like to be a part of the movie night on July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address and/or Phone Number:  
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## **Refugee Resettlement Update**

Prayers are answered and dreams do come true....on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nafie had a job interview at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury for a position in Central Sterile Processing - basically sterilizing the equipment used in operating rooms.....he was offered the job and his first day was on May 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a full time position with full medical benefits starting one months after the first day of employment. The HR representative also said that after one year of employment, she would like to enroll Nafie in a physician assistant program - the hospital would pay for this and he would also continue to work.

While Nafie is grateful for the opportunity to work at Stew Leonards, he is loving his new job and feels good about being in a hospital environment again.

On the same day he was offered the job, Nafie also picked up his car. As the saying goes, the good Lord works in mysterious ways.

Nafie continues to take computer lessons from Jack Scully, a Brookfield resident that has agreed to donate his time to teach Nafie about the basics of Microsoft Office and Word. ESL classes have ended for the summer, however Suhair continues with literacy volunteers every Wednesday.

Needless to say, Nafie, Suhair and Mutaz are doing very well. They are completely self-sufficient. We will be looking for housing late July/early August with plans to move out of the cottage early September.

Of course, the success of this ministry would not have been possible without the dedication and support of the Refugee Resettlement Committee members, the Abtans determination and patience, and also prayers. We know that many of you have continued to keep this ministry in your prayers - we thank you for that!

*Jennifer Wurst*

### **Please join us at Serendippers Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> - 11:30am in Fellowship Hall**

(The last Serendippers before we go on summer hiatus.)

Lunch will be lemonade, fruit salad, tomato & cheese casserole, fresh rolls, and a surprise Ice Box Dessert! We will welcome author Jane Luongo, a children's book author, illustrator, and former teacher. Jane will give a mini drawing lesson and talk about drawing. Serendippers is open to all. If you would like to be added to our call list or have any questions, please contact the church office or Jeanine Hanewicz.

## **FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN**

### **CONTINUING CONCERNS**

Don Baker and Edith Yake, 251 Farmingville Road, Ridgefield CT 06877

Donna Geck, 28 Topfield Road, Danbury 06811

Barbara Harris, 18 Merwin Brook Road, Brookfield CT 06804

### **NEW BABY**

In case you haven't yet heard, Pastor Jen and husband, Ryan, welcomed Brayden Matthew into their life at 3:22pm on Saturday, May 24, 2008. Brayden weighed 7 lb, 12 oz and measured 21 inches. He is doing all of the things a newborn does, with gusto! For a glimpse of two-day old Brayden & mom, check our website homepage at [www.uccb.org](http://www.uccb.org).

### **BAPTISMS**

- On May 11, 2008, Ryan Thomas Hislop, son of Thomas and Kristina (Eide) Hislop. Born November 27, 2007.

### **WEDDINGS**

Congratulations to Jeff Del Vecchio & Lynda Clark on their wedding May 31, 2008 in a small family ceremony on Madison Beach, officiated by the Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Our sympathy is extended to Ruth Malkin and family on the death of her mother Martha Tooker on May 24, 2008.

*Our prayers are with them and with all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.*

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

There will be a **BUCCANEERS Summer Picnic** at Lou and Jeanine's house on **Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>** (raindate: July 13) beginning at **1:00pm**. An EVITE will be sent as the date gets closer. If you are not already on the email list for BUCCANEERS events and would like to be added - please email or call Jeanine Hanewicz. If you don't have email access, and want to be included, just call. The cost is \$8.00 per person, more details to follow. *The pool is open, and this event is open to ALL family members.*



## **Recycling underway at CCB**



Earlier this spring the Church School students made fantastic signs and decorated cardboard recycling boxes in an effort to start recycling here at CCB. There are cardboard recycling boxes at both entrances to the Meetinghouse, and there are two new recycling bins in the back parking lot next to our big dumpster. One bin is marked "office paper only" and the other is for #1 and #2 plastic and metal.

Please help us keep God's earth clean and healthy, and recycle all of your bulletins, plastic jugs, containers, cans, etc. **Thanks!**

## **The "Sacred Conversation" Continues**

In partial response to our denomination's invitation to begin sacred conversations on race, King Street United Church of Christ has invited Dr. Michael Fowlin to offer his 75-minute program entitled *"You don't know me until you know me"* at their church (201 South King St. in Danbury, CT) at 7:00pm on Friday, June 13th.

Dr. Fowlin, a clinical psychologist and an actor, slips in and out of nine characters to deal with issues of race, discrimination, violence prevention, personal identity, suicide, gender equity, homophobia, and emotional pain felt by special education children. The event is for adults and youth 7th grade and up, but nursery care is provided. If you can attend, you are encouraged to make a reservation, as space is limited. Please call or e-mail Rev. Cindy Maddox.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting**

Please join us for an "In Between" meeting on June 15 for anyone interested in joining a **"Prayer Shawl"** ministry here at CCB. Already a few of our people have prayerfully crocheted or knitted shawls for people they know who are suffering from cancer, other illness, or life trauma. If you would like to learn more, or if you have yarn to donate, please join us in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 to 9:45am on Sunday, June 15. We will be sharing patterns and ideas, as well as making decisions about how to best "place" shawls with people in need. If you have questions, please call Joanna Sanderson or Anita Volpe.



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## **Thursday Morning Prayer Group**

All are welcome to join us in prayer each Thursday morning from 8:45 to 9:15am in the Church Library throughout the summer (except for July 17, the week of Vacation Bible School).

We spend time sharing prayer concerns and joys, meditating in silence, and reading the lectionary scripture of the day. If you have a special prayer request, call Bryn or email her at [bryn@uccb.org](mailto:bryn@uccb.org). Please let us know if your request is also for listing in the Sunday bulletin, otherwise your prayer will be kept confidential within the pastoral staff (Pastors Bryn & Jennifer and Harry Gerowe) and the Thursday prayer group. Also please let us know how many weeks to continue your prayer.

While at a preaching workshop last winter, I was intrigued by a sermon series one pastor tried: she asked the congregation to suggest interesting titles, and then she preached from those ideas! I offered this year's Confirmation Class the chance to try to challenge me to come up with sermons that would fit their random titles AND the summer lectionary, and what follows is that creative confluence of ideas. Hope you enjoy this as much as I expect I will.

*Thanks, Confirmands!*

- June 1**    ***"Waffles"*** (Confirmand: Jon Gianazza) Matthew 7:24-27
- June 8**    ***"Forgiveness"*** (Confirmand: Jane Moran) Matthew 9:1-13
- June 15**   ***"Flat Tires"*** (Confirmand: John Markiewicz) Matthew 9:35 – 10:20
- June 22**   ***"Swimming or Lacrosse?"*** (Confirmand: Geoffrey Bradley)  
Psalm 69:1-4a, 12-18, 33-34
- June 29**   ***"Growing Up"*** (Confirmand: Katie Luis) Matthew 10:34-42
- July 6**    ***"Horses!"*** (Confirmand: Cassi Ronan) Zechariah 9:9-17
- July 13**   ***"Ballet Class"*** (Confirmand: Kathryn Scribner) Romans 8:1-11

*While I take some summer vacation and study leave in California, July 15-August 2, you will enjoy two guest preachers – **Rev. Susan Olson** (Yale Divinity School Preaching Teacher) **on July 20** and **Pastor Emeritus "Des" Desmond** **on July 27**.*

*Weekday coverage for pastoral emergencies will be provided by Rev. Ann Beams of Brookfield's Valley Presbyterian for the first two weeks, and by Rev. Cindy Maddox of Danbury's King Street UCC for the last week. The church office will provide emergency contact numbers, which also will be left on the church answering machine.*

- August 3**   ***"God"*** (Confirmand: Sam Ronan) Psalm 145
- August 10** ***"Left Turns Only"*** (Confirmand: Chris Fragomeli) Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28
- August 17** ***"Journeys of Friendship"*** (Confirmand: Kathryn Marron) Isaiah 56:1-8
- August 24** ***Pastor Jen returns to our pulpit !***
- August 31** ***"Dogs"*** (Confirmand: Ariel Knauer) Matthew 16:21-28

***Blessings, Bryn***

## **Committee Chairmen and Council Reps**

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This is the last CrossWays until September. The deadline for the September issue is **August 1st**. Articles can be emailed to [Vjax000@aol.com](mailto:Vjax000@aol.com) or put in the CrossWays mailbox outside the church office. If you have any questions please email or call me. *Enjoy the summer! Val Jackson*



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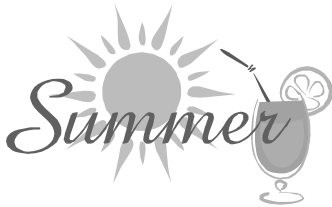
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