

Cross Ways

The Newsletter of
The Congregational Church of Brookfield
160 Whisconier Road,
Brookfield, CT 06804
(203) 775-1259

April 2015

We hope you will join us for our Easter Celebration!

Sunday, April 5th

Easter sunrise at 5:45am – Happy Landings Open Space - 55 Whisconier Rd., Brookfield, CT. Rev. Jennifer Whipple preaches, and outdoor worship is led by the Brookfield Ecumenical Clergy group.

Note: Parking is extremely limited. Please park at Valley Presbyterian Church, 21 West Whisconier Rd, and carpool to Happy Landings.

Communion Worship in the Meetinghouse at 8:30am and 10:30am

“Is Heaven For Real?”

Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia preaches the Easter story from Mary Magdalene’s meeting with Jesus in the garden in John 20, and Paul’s reflections on resurrection in First Corinthians 15. Is this just another good “ghost story” or is the afterlife proclaimed by the church a real thing – “the Gospel truth”? Communion and special bell music at 8:30 service. Joyous celebration with choirs at 10:30 service. Church school and nursery care at both services.



Meeting of Church Council: March 10, 2015

In an effort to keep the congregation better informed as to the actions taken or being considered by the Church Council, we include a summary of significant actions in the monthly Crossways.

Vice Moderator's Report

The Planning Task Force has identified projects that came together from the information gathered during the listening sessions. Council approved the creation of four teams that will research the cost and feasibility of the following projects: 1) a community garden, 2) purchasing pew cushions, carpeting and public address system upgrades in the Sanctuary and Brooks Hall, 3) roof repairs for the barn, and 4) modifying the Parsonage so it could house a permanent Thrift Shop. The Planning Task Force has continued discussion about the make-up of the proposed Long Range Planning Committee. (See the article in this edition of CrossWays for more details.)

Christian Growth & Enrichment Request

Council approved spending up to \$700 from the Christian Growth & Enrichment Fund to assist Megan Montgomery with the cost of a mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

Treasurer's Report

P&L: Pledge income is more than \$20K behind year-to-date budget. Spending is around \$12K under budget as well, so net income is still projected to be approximately \$8,000 in the red for the fiscal year. Bad weather and low winter worship attendance has contributed to the problem. Larry R. moved that we freeze until the end of the fiscal year (March 31) CH and CIS non-contract spending, with the exception of CIS per capita dues. The motion passed with one opposed and two abstentions.

Investment Treasurer's Report

Market value of Endowment Funds increased approximately \$125,000 in the 4th quarter. General Endowment income distribution of \$3,030 from the CTUCC Consolidated Trust Fund was transferred to the operating budget.

Committee Reports

Worship: Easter Sunrise Service will be at Happy Landings Open Space at 5:45 am on Sunday, April 5. Worshippers will carpool from the Valley Presbyterian parking lot beginning at 5:30am.

Church House: Tree work is being done at a discount because it is the off season. A dead tree by the labyrinth is being taken down, and trees by the Parsonage and Barn will be trimmed.

Church in Society (CIS): on May 3 at 5:30pm CIS will host "When Kids Push Your Buttons." The "Giving from the Heart" campaign gave 72 bags of goods to Brookfield Social Services (BSS).

The spring Thrift Shop will start accepting donations on May 9. Upcoming confirmation projects include Easter baskets for kids in need, Paws & Claws (pet food), both to be distributed by BSS.

Stewardship: Pledge Campaign numbers – The overall campaign is estimated to be within 86% of target, as \$336,900 has been pledged to date (against a pledge budget goal of \$366,000). Remaining pledgers are getting reminders. Seven new households have pledged.

Welcome: The congregation welcomed five new members at the 10:30 service on March 15: Mark and Meredith Adams, Alex Baranov, Merritt Schneider and Brittany Sequeira.

Nominating: Openings are as follows: 2 for Deacons, 1 for Stewardship, 3 for CE, 2 for Fellowship. Rick Hardin has agreed to serve on the Personnel Committee.

Budget Hearing

The budget hearing will be held on the Sunday following Easter, April 12th, after the 10:30 service.

You are always welcome to attend and observe the Council Meetings. To be added to the agenda of the monthly meeting, please contact Nancy Vodra, Moderator or Dave Goral, Vice Moderator.

FINAL REPORT

2014 Yankee Fair

<u>Booth</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Total</u>
Autumn Harvest	1,026.00	595.50	430.50
Bake Shop	1,215.10		1,215.10
Barn	6,773.64	26.05	6,747.59
Cheese Booth	1,303.76	560.00	743.76
Coffee Shop	892.10		892.10
Collectibles	2,566.75		2,566.75
Crafts	1,605.00		1,605.00
Fudge Shop	492.00	238.00	254.00
Games	90.50		90.50
Garden Shop	1,061.00		1,061.00
General Store	601.80		601.80
Grill	2,064.75	636.43	1,428.32
Jewelry	717.26		717.26
Quilts	2,530.00		2,530.00
Second Hand Rose	2,012.49		2,012.49
SERRV	5,551.25	5,551.25	0.00
Silent Auction	3,492.00	51.00	3,441.00
Used Books	1,048.10		1,048.10
Used Toys	506.48		506.48
White Steeple Inn	1,184.50	534.93	649.57
subtotal	36,734.48	8,193.16	28,541.32
M G & A	4,283.12	-8,177.31	-3,894.19
total as of 1-31-15	41,017.16	16,370.47	24,647.13

(as of 1/31/15)

Report by Dan Leniart - Fair Treasurer (2/4/15)



**April Serendippers Gathering
Tuesday, April 14th at 11:45am**

**Author Nan Rossiter will be on hand to share her story
and speak about her recent writing projects.**

Our menu:
Spring Punch
Nancy's Chicken with Artichokes
Rice Pilaf
Salad and Rolls
Pound cake with strawberries

Please contact Eleanor Loesch for additional information
OR you can contact the Church Office 203-775-1259
Hope to see you all there!

Book of Remembrance

The cherished memory of a loved one can be honored and the good of the church can be enhanced through our **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**. This memorial book is displayed in Brooks Hall, recording the names of those in whose memory gifts are made to the church together with the names of those making the gifts.
(The amount does not appear).

On Memorial Day weekend and "All Saints" Sunday (in May & November) a remembrance service is held during worship, where these gifts are recognized and dedicated, and those persons are remembered in prayer. The Book of Remembrance appeals to a great many people as a most beautiful and appropriate way to pay tribute to those whom we have loved. Memorials for the church are secured from these funds and are deeply appreciated.

We will read the names of those remembered in the Book of Remembrance at both 8:30 and 10:30 worship services on Sunday, May 24th. For more information about the Book of Remembrance, please call the church office at 203-775-1259.

If you wish to donate funds in memory of friends and loved ones, checks can be made payable to "Book of Remembrance":

Book of Remembrance Treasurer
The Congregational Church of Brookfield
160 Whisconier Road, Brookfield, CT 06804



STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENT

by Gordon Markiewicz

The other day I saw a facebook meme on my page from one of our pastors. (She shall remain nameless, but her initials are Jen Whipple.) The picture showed two teddy bears facing away from the reader, and one had an arm around the other. Very cute, indeed, but the caption caught my eye. "Sometimes we need someone to simply be there...Not to fix anything or do anything in particular, but just to let us feel we are supported and cared about."

This is what we, as Stephen Ministers, are trained to do. There will come a time, in the aftermath of a catastrophic event, when the casseroles will stop coming, the pastor will have other folks to visit, and your friends will feel awkward about asking you questions. There might be times when you simply feel overwhelmed by life's events, and it feels like you're all alone.

You know what? Stephen Ministers will be there for you. We may not be able to take away the pain, as only God can do that, but we'll simply be there...to let you feel you are supported and cared about. To provide the extra strength you need to deal with things.

We are blessed to have a number of caring folks at BCC, trained to help you over the rough spots, large or small. See the pastors, or any of the Stephen Ministers here for more information.

News From Church School: What? Why? And How? Of Lent

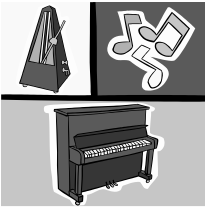
The focus of church School for the month of March has been to help the children create a stronger relationship with God through the study and exploration of Prayer. Lessons have included asking children to reflect on the following questions: "Why should I pray?" "How do I pray?" "How do I listen for God?" "Why should I pray if God doesn't answer all my prayers?" and "Why should I say the Lord's Prayer if I feel like I am just going through the motions?" During their Lenten journey children have read scripture related to Jesus' temptation, the Beatitudes, and Scriptures of Holy Week into the ascension of Jesus. Children will be concluding their Lenten study with a scripture-based Easter egg hunt with Mrs. Berner.

Lastly, Church School would like to thank the congregation who participated and donated to the Plant Sale. Church School raised over \$200 for the Heifer Project. ***Thank you so much for your generosity!***

Coming Soon:

- Recycled Seed Paper Earth Day Plant Sale (proceeds to Heifer Project)
- Kids helping Kids (Easter Baskets for Brookfield Social Services)
- April Lesson Plans (Study of Jesus' parables for Pre K -2 and Questions of Faith for grades 3-8)





Notes from the Choir Room

Have you ever wondered how a worship service is planned so that all the parts flow together smoothly? It takes two things; careful planning and commitment on the part of the worship leaders to weave all the individual parts into a whole that relays a selected message.

In order to do that, the pastors and I meet before each season to carefully plan out what we will each do. Our use of the Common Lec-

tionary helps us work to develop themes for each service in advance. Lectionary texts are scriptures that rotate through most of the Bible over a 3-year cycle. The pastors write sermons and prayers based on these texts chosen during our advance planning sessions. I use those same texts when picking out music for that day. Hymns are chosen by the ministers to match the message of their sermons. So the next time you notice that the words the choir sings seem to match the message that the minister preaches, or the words in the prayer of approach, and the words of the hymns, you will know why.

Music for the month of April:

April 5 (Easter) Introit - "Hear the News This Easter Morn" (Raney)

Adult, Youth and Alleluia Choir, plus organ, piano, bells

Anthem - "He Is Not Here!" (Nagy) Adult and Youth Choirs

Benediction Response - "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel)

Special music at the 8:30 service provided by members of the bell choir

April 12 - Adult Choir - "Alleluia" (James)

Cherub Choir - "Hallelu, Hallelujah!"

April 19 - Adult Choir - "O Lord Most Holy" (Franck/Runkel)

Alleluia Choir - "Follow Me" (Schwoebel)

April 26 - Adult Choir - "The 23rd Psalm" (Thompson)

Youth Choir - "Pie Jesu" (Lightfoot)

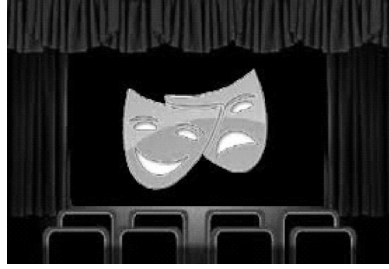
Toni Sullivan
Director of Music

Annual Meeting - April 26, 2015

Our church's Annual Meeting will be held April 26th immediately following the **SINGLE 10:00am** service of worship and a delicious brunch.

Just the words "annual meeting" might make your eyes glaze over, but it truly is an exciting opportunity to see our vision statement, "***Make Jesus Your Mentor - Pray, Share, Welcome***" at work in all we do. It is no accident that "pray, share and welcome" are action verbs. Our annual report shares what we have been doing this past year and looks forward to the coming year which is filled with hope and promise. We elect members to serve on committees. We make decisions about how we spend our financial resources. We chart the course for the coming year. So please plan to attend our church's Annual Meeting.

A Night of Fellowship and Theater



“Godspell” at TBTA, May 16th

Join the Fellowship Committee for a fun night on **Saturday, May 16th**!

Meet at the Brookfield Theatre for the Arts lobby (184 Whisconier Road Brookfield, CT) at **7pm** for a little fun game to see who wins a free ticket! Then we can get seats as a group when the auditorium opens at 7:30pm.

This event is open to all ages (show is about 2 hours and 15 minutes with intermission).

To reserve a spot please fill out the attached ticket order form *with payment*. Only 21 spots available.

Deadline for registration is Sunday, May 3rd. If you have questions contact:

Church office 203-775-1259 or office@uccb.org

Godspell Ticket Reservation Form

Name _____

phone _____ email _____

Number of tickets (\$18 per ticket for all ages) _____

Total Amount included _____

Please pay by cash or a check made out to “CCB” with “Fellowship/Godspell” in the memo line.

Please put the registration form in an envelope and put it in the collection plate or drop off in church office or in the Fellowship mailbox.

Cleaning out your closets???



Think of Church In Society
Donate your gently used clothing to our

5th Annual Thrift Shop
Saturday, June 6th, 9 am to 3 pm
In the Parsonage

NEW THIS YEAR – SPECIAL PREVIEW FRIDAY JUNE 5TH
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Help us Help others

Bring your donations to the Parsonage Saturday mornings
from 9am – noon beginning May 9th or
Donations may be left near the committee mailboxes outside the office

We are looking for men's, women's, children's clothing, all seasons

We will collect items until Saturday May 30th

Proceeds to benefit Senior Youth Mission Trip Summer 2015 and
Brookfield Social Services



Go golfing ... and help a kid get to camp!

Fore! Take a swing for the young people of our Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ and join the Board of Directors of Silver Lake Conference Center at the 9th Annual **Silver Lake Golf Tournament** at the **Wallingford Country Club on Monday, June 8, 2015**. You can play golf, become a sponsor, come to the luncheon and awards at 2pm, or do all three. Cheer on your favorite church foursome, support Silver Lake, and try out the fun beginning at **10am with a Shotgun Start**.

The Silver Lake Golf Tournament is an awesome way to support the vital ministry of SLCC, which each summer welcomes more than 1,000 young people from UCC churches across the Connecticut Conference for a week of life-changing, spirit-filled, friend-making, inclusive outdoor-centered Christian community. Many Christian Educators have told us they find one week of church camp can have a more profound impact than a year of Sunday school on their youth's faith development.

This year we offer online registration, making it easier than ever for you to register your foursome. Go online to www.silverlakeect.org and click on Events. Invite your friends to join you on a foursome! If you have any questions, please call us at (860)364-5526. Thanks for your support.

Tim Hughes, Executive Director, SLCC

Note: Camperships are available from both the CCB Pastor's Fund and our UCC Fairfield East Association for young people attending Silver Lake this summer. **Deadline for FEA scholarship applications is April 15th.** Forms (available at the church office) should be returned via email to: knestro@sbcglobal.net with the subject line reading "SLCC Scholarship Application." If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jen or Pastor Bryn at office@uccb.org or 203-775-1259 or Kirsten Nestro directly via email or phone (203) 556-0321.

Thank you, faithful stewards!

We'll leave the **light** on
for you



You heard our message this year -- and your continued generosity is the reason we can keep the light on for you, shining so brightly into our community and beyond...

Did you know that this year's campaign inspired

- *50 of you to increase your pledge (a record number)*
- *7 new pledges*
- *79% pledge cards returned by the end of our pledge campaign (a much higher percentage than in previous years),*

which means fewer of you will be getting follow up phone calls or emails - something you and our Stewardship Committee can be happy about!

As we approach our April 26 Annual Meeting 2015, know that your generous pledges and continued giving will enable us to reach our budget goal for 2015-16.

*Your Stewardship Committee,
Sally Markiewicz, Desere Edwards, Alan Peck, Tom Grogan,
Richard Nyers, Tom Brown, Pete Lane and Sissy McKee*

Council Approval for a Long Range Planning Committee

At the March 10, 2015 Church Council meeting, a proposal was put forward and approved to people a Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) to implement the action plan proposed by the Planning Task Force to be voted on at the Annual meeting on April 26th.

Time Frame:

- Staff the Long Range Planning Committee during April 2015
- LRPC begins work with support of the Planning Task Force during May 2015.

LRPC Tasks:

- Oversight of the implementation of the action plan (i.e. working with appropriate committees/ task forces to bring projects to completion), including reporting regularly to Council and working with Council and congregation to reorder or alter projects when/where necessary.
- Review of recommended future projects and ministries beyond the initial action plan, prioritization of those projects, and implementation
- Providing a feasible plan for funding future projects and ministries
- Periodic review of our mission and vision statements so as to stay in line with our congregation's passions for ministry and the ways in which we continue to hear God's call to us as a part of the Body of Christ.

Personnel:

The Long Range Planning Committee shall consist of a minimum of five members including the member of Church Council who represents the work of the Long Range Planning Committee on Church Council. All members will be appointed by Church Council, ***and we are seeking nominations from the congregation as to who might best serve on this committee.*** The membership should include someone who has knowledge of financial matters; someone familiar with facilities, maintenance and construction; someone engaged in the current spiritual and educational needs of the Church; someone who has had experience with carrying out a capital campaign or other fundraising strategies; someone with project management or strategic planning experience. These categories should not be limiting, and the hope is that there would be a good diversity of people on the committee – including a diversity of age, gifts and skills, and more.

If you would be interested in serving on this committee or you know of someone in our congregation who you think would be perfect for the committee please email planning@uccb.org with your nominations. These nominations will be seriously considered by the Church Council at the April 14th meeting.

Planning Task Force: *Les Slater (chair), Nancy Vodra (Moderator), Dave Goral (Vice-Moderator), Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia and Rev. Jennifer Whipple (Pastors), Jeanine Hanewicz, Sian Hunter, Larry Ruschmeyer, and Dan Smolnik*

Enjoy the Helper's High

Did you know that when you help others, you usually get more than you give? The psychological term "helper's high" actually has a biochemical basis. When you give of yourself to help others, feel-good hormones, like dopamine, surge in your brain making you feel better. Helping others is a simple way to support your mental and emotional well-being.

Church in Society (CIS) has compiled some volunteer opportunities and resources so you can help others and enjoy the benefits of the "helper's high":

Green Chimneys, Brewster NY — Equine program volunteer, mentor or tutor children

Shopping companion/visitor for the blind, Ridgefield

Jericho Partnership, Rose Street, Danbury — Front desk volunteer

Americares, West Street, Danbury — Interpreters or nurses

Red Cross, Park Lawn Dr, Bethel — multiple opportunities, for example: Donor ambassador at blood drives, data entry, preparedness instructor, social media

Regional Hospice of Western CT, Hospice Family Support, Milestone Road, Danbury — Bereavement volunteer, food services, lobby greeter

Habitat for Humanity, Sugar Hollow Road, Danbury — swing a hammer, work on their golf fundraiser, wrap Christmas gifts all year long, be their photographer, receptionist at store on Austin Street

Dorothy Day Hospitality, Spring Street, Danbury — Kitchen volunteer, make sandwiches, Shelter from the Cold – 6 to 8:30 pm serve a snack and quick clean up, shelter volunteer 10 pm to 5:30 am, monthly general clean up (203-482-6359), Morning Glory Breakfast Program 6:30 to 9 am (203-349-2428)

These opportunities come from www.voluntermatch.org To find more information or more opportunities, please visit this website.

Happy volunteering!!



Fellowship Of Concern

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Sandy Boughton,
Judith Fisher,
Evelyn Gerowe,
Anne Hardin,
Vivian Henley,
Ruthie Maxim,
Pat Roehling,
Shirley Stoppel,
Betsy Wurtmann,

IN MEMORIAM: Our sympathy is extended to:

- Beth Breuninger and family on the death of her father, Walter William Bertschinger, February 25th.
- Curtis Beck on the death of his father, Henry, on March 13th.
- Frank and Dianne Mariano on the death of his mother, Mary. Her life was celebrated at the Assembly of God, Tuesday, March 17th.

BAPTISM:

- On March 22nd, Faith Summer Baity, daughter Allison Brown. (Faith is the granddaughter of Tom Brown and Daryle Brown.)

CrossWays Deadline

The deadline for the May issue of CrossWays is April 15th. You can e-mail articles to Jeannine McCullough at office@uccb.org or leave them in the CrossWays mailbox outside of the church office. Please e-mail or call Jeannine McCullough, Office Manager at 203-775-1259 if you have any questions.

Easter is coming! The Christian celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus is one of those holidays that gets some small notice in our secular world — but so much less so than Christmas. For most of our children, I suspect it is more of a “candy holiday” than a religious one. It was for me as a child. Gotta love those marshmallow Peeps!

At our traditional family Easter dinner, with no siblings and only one cousin nearby who is 18 years older than me, I was by far the youngest in attendance. At these events, it seemed we would have to sit around the table for hours and hours. You could imagine how I couldn't wait to be excused for dessert (my Easter basket) and go outside to run around, climb trees and, otherwise burn off my sugar high.

I can't remember one thing I ever learned in Church School about Easter. The Christmas Pageant was always memorable, of course. (I got to be the Angel of the Lord, I learned years later, because I had the loudest voice and could project all the way to the back of Fellowship Hall — give it up for 5-year-old future preachers, right?) But there was no Easter pageant. Just the Easter basket and the resentment that we had to go to church instead of binge on candy as we did on Christmas morning.

I think for mainline Protestant churches like ours, we have struggled to tell the Good News of Easter to the next generation of Christians. We know we don't want to scare them with stories of three men crucified in agony on a hill so littered with bones they called it Golgotha, the place of the skull. We don't want to preach to them the blood-drenched suffering of Jesus that saves us from our sins and the threat of hell. But without the first Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and the deep sadness of the death of Jesus on Good Friday, it must be hard for our children to understand how we went from Palm Sunday the week before — singing with joy and marching in parade with palms all around the Meetinghouse — to the even greater joy of Easter. We're celebrating what now?

An empty tomb? A zombie apocalypse? New Easter clothes and fresh candy?

I am so impressed with the work Pastor Jennifer and our Church School Coordinators (formerly Heather Berner and now Barbara Crandell) have done to bring meaning to our children as they join us in celebration of Holy Week. But I'd encourage all of us to consider going deeper into the Passion story this year by attending our dramatic candlelit service of **Tenebrae (shadows) on Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm** or join us in our church parking lot at **10am on Good Friday to do our “Cross Walk”** through the center of town with fellow members of our Brookfield churches. Those services provide powerful “embodied learning” worship for all of us, but perhaps especially our young people.

On April 5, we will have again our glorious Easter worship at 8:30 and 10:30 — with a scavenger hunt for kids which retells the Easter story while having some fun along the way. Or, if you and your family are early risers, we invite you to join us for our annual **Brookfield Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at our new location at Happy Landings Open Space at 5:45am** (please join a carpool at 5:30am from Valley Presbyterian if you can, as parking is VERY limited). Come celebrate a joyous Easter with your friends at church this year — and enjoy those delicious Easter Peeps!

Board of Deacons

Your Deacon Branch provides a way for you to have a specific member of the Board with whom to relate. If you have requests or concerns that you'd like to share with a lay person, your Deacon is available. Naturally, if you're more comfortable calling one of the other deacons, or one of your pastors, please feel free to do so. Such requests or concerns might include:

- a need for prayer
- a request for help (transport to a doctor's appointment, church function, etc.)
- a sorrow (illness, accident, death)
- a joy (a birth, graduation, upcoming wedding, etc.)
- something that particularly pleases you, or would better meet your needs in the worship service

Remember, if you don't know your Deacon, ask someone to introduce you. He or she will look forward to meeting you – in church or out!

Deacon Branches 2014-2015

A-BRI	Leslie Sands (Stephen Ministry)
BRO-C	Barbara Anderson
D-EA	Jan Labas
EC-F	Sherrie Ruschmeyer
G-H	Carol Howe
I-LE	Mark Lyon
LI-MA	Robin Murphy
Mc-MU	Mike Anastas (council rep)
N-RI	Margitta Savo (memorial garden rep)
RO-SC	Marie Immohr
SH-T	Dan McKee
U-Z	Gordon Markiewicz

Youth Deacons:

Jillian DeLucia
Shannon Downey
Zach Mangold

Committee Chairmen and Church Council Reps

Please call these elected representatives with any questions or comments regarding any matter of interest or concern to you:

Moderator: Nancy Vodra
Vice Moderator: Dave Goral
Clerk: Kathy Wandelmaier
Treasurer: Sung Goral
Investment Treasurer: Greg Labas



Committee Chairs

Christian Ed Melanie Shapiro
Church House Ken Arifian
Church-In-Society Sue Slater
Deacons Sherrie Ruschmeyer
Fellowship Eleanor Loesch
Nominating Kim Downey
Personnel Nancy Vodra
Stewardship Sally Markiewicz
Welcome Carol Eagan
Worship Patty Moran

Church Council Representatives

Christian Ed Dave Honeyford
Church House Larry Ruschmeyer
Church In Society Jeanine Hanewicz
Deacons Mike Anastas
Fellowship Sara Cline
Nominating Kim Downey
Stewardship Desere Edwards
Welcome Jean Dorrell
Worship Bob Brown
Historian Gordon Markiewicz

Pastoral Relations Committee

Robin Murphy (chair), Leslie Sands, Bob Lambert, Larry Ruschmeyer

Personnel Committee

Nancy Vodra (chair), Dave Goral, Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia, Barbara Anderson, Michael Matson, Olivia Quinsland, Karen Underhill

Senior Pastor	Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia	bryn@uccb.org
Associate Pastor	Rev. Jennifer Whipple	jennifer@uccb.org
Organist/Choir	Toni Sullivan	sullivantt@gmail.com
Membership Care	Sue Ronan	sue@uccb.org
Church School	Barbara Crandell	barbara@uccb.org
Church Office	Jeannine McCullough	203-775-1259 office@uccb.org



Annual Meeting & Brunch Sunday, April 26th

Please join us on Sunday, April 26th at our Annual Meeting and Brunch in celebration of all our members who have served and will be serving on our church committees.

The Nominating and Fellowship Committees will host a brunch in Fellowship Hall after the **SINGLE 10:00 service**, immediately followed by the Annual Meeting.

If you are willing to bring fruit, muffins, bagels or a breakfast casserole, please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate, return it to the church office, or contact Kathy Wandelmaier.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

I will bring to the Annual Meeting on April 26th

Fruit _____

Bagels or Muffins _____

Breakfast Casserole _____

(Recipes are available in the church office or from Kathy)

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The Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Jennifer Whipple, Associate Pastor
The Rev. M. S. Desmond, Pastor Emeritus