

# *Cross Ways*

The Newsletter of  
The Congregational Church of Brookfield  
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**June - July - August 2015**



## **CCB 2015 Summer Picnic!**

*Sunday, June 14th after the 10:30am service*

Please join us for good fun, food and fellowship!

Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

Beverages, hotdogs, and veggie burgers  
with all the "fixins" will be provided.

There will also be games and activities for children and  
some fun conversation starters for people of all ages.

We hope you can join us.

## **Church Council Meeting of May 12, 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.*

**Donations:** Pastor Whipple made a motion to accept a donation of a small, upright piano from the Wandelmaier family and an anonymous cash donation for purchasing a new piano for the Meeting-house. Gordon M. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Moderator's Report:** Dave G. asked Council members to review the role of a Council Representative.

**Planning Task Force:** Five people (Michael Matson, Maurice Downey, Cindy Field, Deseré Edwards, & Larry Ruschmeyer) have agreed to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee, and two more are considering it.

**Yale Divinity School (YDS) Intern:** Jennifer moved to accept Carolyn Rolleston as our intern for the 2015-16 school year. Jeanine H seconded. The motion was amended to cover any possible overage on the \$1,000 budgeted for her mileage expenses. The motion passed unanimously. Nancy Vodra will lead the Teaching Parish Committee, which will support Carolyn and her YDS mentor, Pastor Bryn.

**Approval of Minutes:** A correction to the Pastors' Report in the April 2015 Council meeting minutes will read "Bryn will be attending General Synod as a representative of the Fairfield East Association" (not CCB). Larry R. moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Bob B. seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no corrections to the minutes of the 2014-15 Annual Meeting. The vote for approval of these minutes will be taken at the 2015-16 Annual Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cash flow was positive in April. P&L and Balance Sheet are both in good order.

### **Committee Reports**

**Fellowship:** Forty-two people attended Serendippers May 12. Linda Siciliano spoke about SERRV, and some \$300 worth of goods were sold. BHS Special Chorus was to perform at CCB May 18.

**Worship:** Endorsed the choice of Carolyn Rolleston as our new YDS intern. Outdoor worship at 8:30 starts on June 7. Campfires will be held on the 5 Wednesdays in July, and are sponsored now by CE.

**Nominating:** The committee still has to fill two openings on the Christian Education Committee.

**Deacons:** The Deacons met May 6 with Confirmands, who will join the church May 31. A new Stephen Ministry training class will be offered in September, in partnership with St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

**Christian Education:** Youth Sunday and the All-Church Picnic are coming up on June 14.

**Stewardship:** Annual statements were sent out, and a timetable for 2015-16 events is being set up.

**Church in Society:** The Thrift Shop will be open on Friday evening, June 5, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. The first donation Saturday went very well. CIS's theme for this year is still under discussion.

**Church House:** Ken Arifian will continue as chairman of Church House. Al Lindroth will take John Mangold's place as the CH representative on Facilities Use Committee. Steve Waschak will serve as Treasurer, and Walt Ostrom will serve as Scribe. The parking lot was recently re-stripped.

**Pastor's Report:** Five new members were to be welcomed to the congregation on May 17 — a day set aside as Welcome Committee's "Name Tag Sunday" and a celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Open & Affirming statement. A Baccalaureate service will be held on June 7. The Healthy Choices retreat was held at the Parsonage, and Jennifer said "thank you" for the opportunity to use that space. Church House did a safety walk-through of the Barn in preparation for the SYF tag sale, and nothing unsafe was discovered. The Men's Mission golf outing raised enough money to pay outstanding South Dakota men's mission trip bills.

**Church Office:** *Summer office hours start June 22. CCB will be open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and closed on Monday and Friday.*

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



**Outdoor worship** for the **8:30am service**  
begins **Sunday, June 7th**

in the Outdoor Chapel, which is on the west end of the church property, just beyond the Memorial Garden.

*Outdoor 8:30am worship continues through Labor Day weekend.  
In case of inclement weather, summer outdoor worship moves inside to Fellowship Hall.*



**Baccalaureate Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

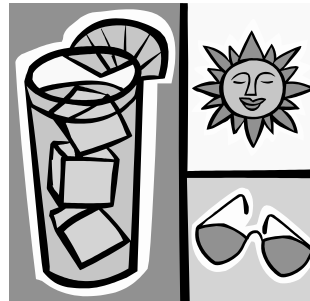
Join us Sunday, June 7th, at both services, as we hear from a few of our graduating high school seniors about their connection with the church, as well as celebrate their upcoming achievement and learn more about their plans for the fall.

Letters have been sent out to our high school folks, but we are never quite sure whether we have missed someone. So if you know of a high school grad who has not gotten an invitation to this special service, or you have a college grad who is on their way to new things, please let the office know so we can include them that day.

We also would love to have any updated address information (i.e. college addresses once you have them, post-college addresses, etc.) for our records, so please e-mail those to [office@uccb.org](mailto:office@uccb.org). Thanks!

**Summer Coffee Hour**

All of our wonderful coffee hour volunteers take a rest during the summer months. Would **YOU** consider hosting a coffee hour this summer? It can be very simple and even held in the courtyard if you wish. A cup of lemonade or iced tea would be fine or coffee in Fellowship Hall. If you want to also provide a sweet treat, perfect, but not necessary. There will be a sign-up in Fellowship Hall if you are interested. Any questions please contact Eleanor Loesch or the church office 203-775-1259.



# Summer Campfires are back

Please join us on  
July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
from 6:00 to 7:30pm



This year our campfire evenings will begin with a **potluck barbeque** at Fellowship Hall. Bring your own meat or veggies to grill and a side dish to share. From there we will head over to our campfire circle for some fellowship, worship and fun! We will take some time to explore our faith and get to know one another. Then it's time for **singing and joke telling**. Bring your musical instrument, your favorite campfire songs, your sense of humor or all three! And feel free to invite your friends or neighbors to join us. **S'mores and lemonade** will be supplied.

BYOBS (Bring your own bug spray)



## **Notes from the Choir Room**

Look for some changes in the music program next year. We are reconfiguring our children's choir program with new ages and times.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays for the following choirs:

**4:00 - 4:30pm - Joyful Noise Choir** - (Preschool Children ages 4 and 5, and Kindergarten)

**4:30 - 5:00pm - Cherub Choir** - (Children in grades 1-3)

**5:00 - 6:00pm - Alleluia Choir/Joy Ringers** (Children in grades 4 - 8)

Children in this choir will sing for ½ hour and play bells for ½ hour. The ringing portion is also open to beginning adults who don't read music.)

Our Cherub and Alleluia Choirs sing in church about once every 6 weeks. Our newest choir for preschool and kindergarten will sing for special occasions. The goal of this choir is to learn about singing through games, vocal explorations and movement.

Our evening bell choirs will rehearse on Wednesdays at the same times as this year:

**6:45 - 7:30pm - Glory Ringers** (intermediate choir, directed by Karen Garren)

**7:30 - 8:30pm - Jubilate Ringers** (advanced choir, directed by Toni Sullivan)

Our Adult Choir now has several high school singers, so we are changing the name to the "**Chancel Choir.**" All singers, high school age and older, regardless of experience, are welcome to join this choir. **Chancel Choir** rehearses Thursdays at 7:30 - 9:00pm.

I hope you will consider joining us next year!

~ Toni Sullivan, Director of Music

**June Serendippers Gathering  
Tuesday, June 9th at 11:45am**

We welcome our own Bob Brown with his fun facts about Brookfield.  
You are bound to learn something new!

Our menu:  
Punch  
Oriental Cole Slaw Salad with Chicken  
Croissants  
Strawberry Shortcake

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

**Stephen Ministry Training Class – *Small Seeds, Mighty Trees***

Paul wrote, “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.” ~ 1 Cor.3:6

**Is it time to add more water to the seeds of faith that have been planted in you?**

Stephen Ministry, our church’s one-on-one confidential caring ministry, has been in operation in our church for 18 years. Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those who are making that long journey through the valley of life’s difficult times. They offer listening and spiritual comfort –bringing God’s healing through faith and compassion.

Since our church became a Stephen Ministry congregation in the 1990s, this thriving program has been a blessing to individual care receivers, to the lay caregivers themselves, to the congregation, and to your pastors and deacons – who cannot, on their own, reach out to every soul in need of support.

We can become involved in this ministry in many ways. Some of us may recognize a call to caring ministry and apply to be a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. Others may accept the care of a Stephen Minister. Others offer regular prayers for our Stephen Ministers and their Care Receivers.

**A new 50-hour training class to become a Stephen Minister will be starting in September.**

Classes will take place on Monday evenings and a few Saturday mornings (half day). They will run September through January with time off during the holidays. If you are hearing God’s call and would like be considered for this ministry please speak to a Pastor or one of our Stephen Leaders for further information and an application.

**Remember, God has plans for you to grow!**

**Pastors: Bryn Smallwood Garcia and Jennifer Whipple  
Stephen Leaders: Leslie Sands and Gordon Markiewicz**

## **Lives of the Saints**

Welcome Committee works to help our entire congregation show openness and friendliness both to visitors and each other in Christ's name. However, even our current congregation's membership doesn't do it all alone. We do it with the people who inspired us. They were and are the mentors who are forever in our hearts.

Welcome is beginning a new occasional feature in CrossWays for the stories of our own Saints who are no longer on this earth. These narratives will be similar to the bulletin biographies of Greeters. We invite you to nominate friends and family members and tell their stories. Below are the prompts that will yield the raw material for the bios.

Please e-mail Tom Young at WilsonCT203@aol.com for more discussion and to get an electronic copy of the prompts.

- A. Full name of Saint. (Nicknames.)*
- B. Date and place of birth.*
- C. Family / faith / educational background.*
- D. Profession.*
- E. How did he/she come to the area?*
- F. How did he/she come to CCB?*
- G. What did he/she love about / enjoy at CCB?*
- H. What CCB projects / committees / initiatives was he/she involved in? (Examples: Men's Fellowship, Bible studies, prayer groups, prayer shawl ministry, usual booth or service provided at Yankee fair, mission trips, choir, bells).*
- I. Hobbies or passions.*
- J. Favorite story/stories about the Saint.*
- K. Anything else of interest.*
- L. These are only guiding questions; by all means, add any ideas we have left out.*

“Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.”

## Summer Greeting (... happened so fast!)

By the time this CrossWays hits the stands, the Greeter Program will be close to its one year anniversary.

The Welcome Committee thanks these individuals and families for their service to the congregation through May 31: Ruth Allen, Beth Ballard, Greg Banks and Alex Baranov, the D'Alessandros, the Downeys, Sarah Dykes, Jim and Carol Eagan, Tom Grogan and Steve Lilienthal, Jeanine Hanewicz, the Honeyfords, Carol Howe, the Kellys, Pete Lane, Al and Carolyn Lindroth, the Lyon family, Laurie Madeux, Judith Pennington and family, Bill and Bev Robertson, Dave and Carol Ryan, Leslie Sands, Bill and Pat Schulze, Barb and Mike Sikorski, Les and Sue Slater, the Smolniks, Keith Stewart, Melissa Timmerman, Nancy and Larry Vodra, Sue and Steve Waschak, and Tom Young.

Just having your biography in that week's bulletin has proved to be both interesting and a great conversation-starter for fellow members. Plus it has been a comfort to our homebound parishioners; they especially enjoyed "reading up" on you.

If YOU are considering greeting...

Once you have responded to Tom Young's handy-dandy list of questions, he writes up a bio that is kept on file in the church office. It is printed in the bulletin of the Sunday you have volunteered to greet. Weather and other situations\* permitting, fifteen minutes prior to the worship, Greeters station themselves to say hello to people who enter at the front of the church (a prime entrance for first time visitors.) \*\*

After worship concludes, they occasionally stand with the pastor at that exit. If possible, Greeters also attend coffee hour that day.

\* Congregants with other duties can have their "Greeter Day" scheduled around choir, church school, ushering, etc.

\*\* All members and consistent church-goers have the opportunity to be Greeters. If someone is unable to stand at the entrance for any reason, we can work around that. Of greater importance is the way our connectedness with one another grows as we learn more from each greeter's mini-biography.

Thank you,  
The Welcome Committee

# Greeter Biography

Because members of a congregational church enter into *covenant* to engage in ministry together, we believe getting to know one another is vitally important – both to our spiritual health as individuals and to our efficient functioning as an organization of disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please help Welcome Committee increase the connection between all our members by answering contacting Tom Young at [wilsonct203@aol.com](mailto:wilsonct203@aol.com). He will email you the questions below and use that information – as well other info you choose to provide – to write a short biography. There are usually a series of three back-and-forth e-mails before the deed is done. Your bio will appear in the bulletin on the Sunday you agreed to schedule yourselves as greeters.

*A. Who are your family members? Whether they are here to greet with you or not or even “all grown up”, it would be great to read about them. (Please include children’s ages.)*

*B. Where do you live and work?*

*C. What is your family, faith, or educational background?*

*D. How did you come to the area?*

*E. What brought you to CCB?*

*F. What do you love about / enjoy at CCB?*

*G. What CCB projects / committees / initiatives have you been involved in?  
(Examples: Women’s Fellowship, Bible studies, prayer groups, prayer shawl ministry, usual booth or service provided at Yankee fair, mission trips, choir, bells).*

*H. What are some of your hobbies or passions?*

## **CCB Mission Statement:**

*As followers of Jesus Christ, and as a people gathered by the Holy Spirit,  
**we covenant together with God and each other**  
to receive and share the Good News  
as we seek to live God’s Word in our church and in the world.*





### ***Toiletries for Miriam's Kitchen (MK)***

We know a lot of you will travel over the summer and will stay in posh (or in our case) not so posh hotels/motels. Please think of MK when you do and collect any unused soaps, shampoos, lotions etc. that your accommodations offer. I say 'unused' because if they have been opened MK can't use them. And please keep the conditioners. That's the one thing that they don't use at all. Most of the guests keep their hair pretty short because they're living on the streets so conditioner isn't of much use to them. Shampoo/conditioner all-in-one combos are fine. This is an ongoing collection, year round. When we have enough to ship down, Leslie Sands takes it to them when she visits her daughter who is going to school just down the street from MK. It's really nice to have the face-to-face connection. THANK YOU, LESLIE! If you have any questions about this ministry you can contact me, Olivia Quinsland.



### ***SYF Uncommon Stock On Sale Now...***

As our Senior Youth Fellowship Mission Team prepares to travel to Long Beach, New York to work with a variety of organizations in July we want to offer all of our church family members and friends the opportunity to become stockholders in our trip. **Shares of "Uncommon Stock" are \$10 each** and will be available for sale in person on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> or by e-mail to [jennifer@uccb.org](mailto:jennifer@uccb.org) (send a message with the number of shares you would like and an inquiry for payment information) from now through June 29<sup>th</sup>. As a stockholder you will receive a **"shout out" from the road**, an invitation to our special **Stockholders' Breakfast** in September, and the **knowledge that you have helped to support God's work**. Thank you in advance for your support!

Also be on the lookout for our **CHANGE FOR CHANGE** opportunity! If you don't want to buy a share, but you do like chocolate, this is the chance for you to support the trip. We will have small containers of M&Ms available. You take them, eat them, and return the containers full of your spare change....and know that this sweet opportunity will help our mission team make its way to New York!

### ***A note from Your Stewardship Committee***

You helped us *"lift the basket"* to reveal the light of Christ's love in our community, and helped us *"keep the light on"* for the works of the church by uniting your light with your pledges. Continue to let your light burn bright through the coming months— keeping current with your pledge giving is easy when you take advantage of CCB's online pledge payment service! Just a few clicks to set it and forget it! Go online to [www.uccb.org](http://www.uccb.org), click on the Stewardship tab, and follow the simple prompts!

## Fellowship Of Concern



### **CONTINUING CONCERNS:**

Pete Cushnie  
Judith Fisher  
Evelyn Gerowe  
Anne Hardin  
Ruthie Maxim  
Pat Roehling  
Shirley Stoppel

### **WITH THANKS:**

Dear church family,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful flowers, cards, emails and prayers in recognition of the passing of my mom, Nancy Davies.

She loved attending our Yankee Fair, spring Thrift Shop and occasional service – especially when our sons were participating in it!

We will miss her very much. Your support and kindness will help carry us through these difficult days.

Sue, Les, Chris, Alex and Susie, and Drew Slater

Dear Bryn & Jen,

I just wanted to pass along a note about how amazing the CCB prayer shawl ministry is.

The prayer shawl ministry was able to provide my good friend Liz Anandel with a shawl several years ago when she was at Yale in ICU. Over the years, as Liz faced more and more medical challenges, she kept the prayer shawl near.

Liz passed away on Thursday, May 14th. She had been doing better for the past few months, so it was a shock. However, there is comfort in knowing that she is no longer in any pain. I went to see Liz's mom on Thursday afternoon, and she told me that she was going to put the prayer shawl in the casket, but really needed to keep it for herself to feel like Liz was near her.

At Liz's funeral, her mom clutched that prayer shawl, and I know that it provided her with comfort during all of this sadness. She will keep it by her side for as long as she needs as she endures this journey of grief.

Whenever I saw the prayer shawl, I was reminded how lucky I am to belong to such a loving congregation.

If you could keep Liz's family in your prayers, I would appreciate it.

Thank you for all you do to lead this wonderful church.  
Ashley Zennis

## What is SERRV you may ask?



SERRV is a nonprofit, fair trade organization representing 70 groups of artisans' and farmers' handcrafted items from 36 countries around the world.

The Congregational Church of Brookfield has a long history sponsoring SERRV. It began in the 1970s by Nancy Desmond with the backing of Fred and Edith Weighart in Brooks Hall on a hymnal bookshelf! Today our church sponsors SERRV as an outreach mission, and it has been expanded to include items from Beads For Life from Uganda, Sak Saum from Cambodia, Aid through Trade from Nepal and Simply Smiles Coffee from Mexico.

SERRV (an acronym for Sales Exchange for Refugee Rehabilitation and Vocation) was originally founded 65 years ago in Germany by the Church of Brethren. SERRV was an original founder of the World Fair Trade Organization and Fair Trade Federation!!

It has evolved into a large organization with an on-line store and mail out catalogs and also is sold under the auspices of Catholic Charities and the United Methodist Church. To celebrate their 65th year, SERRV has a new logo with a motto of "creating connections." Its' goal continues to be: eradicate poverty, pay fair wages for high-end hand crafts and offer training for product development and education to their participating cooperatives.

We at CCB strongly support SERRV with our after church sales and our yearly community outreach through the Yankee Fair booth and Alternative Gift Fair. SERRV also donates gift baskets for our CCB fundraising events. In the past five years alone, CCB has raised over \$48,000.00 for this outreach mission. Congratulations!

Each purchase has the unique ability to give twice: to the recipient and also to the artisans, farmers and their families. We encourage you to further explore SERRV online at [serrv.org](http://serrv.org) where you can look at their catalogs, read about the artisans, coop groups and educational missions.

We thank you all for your amazing support!! See you again in the fall!!!

Karen Underhill, Linda Siciliano and Marie Immohr

### **CrossWays Deadline**

This is the last issue of Crossways until September. The deadline for the September issue of CrossWays is August 15th. You can e-mail articles to Jeannine McCullough at [office@uccb.org](mailto: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.

***Got Cleveland?*** I'm going on my very first trip to Cleveland at the end of June, and I'm thrilled. And it's not because Cleveland is the home of the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. It's because I get to go to a 6-day long church meeting with about 3,000 friends in faith — fellow members of the United Church of Christ (UCC) from all across the United States!

Cleveland is the site of the national headquarters of our church's denomination, the UCC, and where our 30th Biannual General Synod will be held. I am a delegate from the Fairfield East Association of the Connecticut Conference of the UCC, so I'm loading up the family van and heading west on Thursday, June 25th, to begin that afternoon a meeting that is likely to adjourn near midnight on Tuesday, June 30th.

Every year or two since the United Church of Christ was formed, in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 25, 1957, delegates from the various local associations and (now 38) regional conferences of our churches have convened for this national meeting — for worship, study, and discernment on the positions we want our elected leaders to take on various issues and the directions we want them to steer our national denomination in the two years to come.

My first General Synod was the 8th one, in 1971, when my father, the lay moderator of the Southern Conference (which covers North Carolina and tidewater Virginia), packed me into the back of our old Chevy station wagon to drive us to Grand Rapids, Michigan. And as a newly confirmed youth of the UCC, in such a era of social change and progressive optimism, it was truly life-changing. I couldn't wait to get to my next one!

Our Northern California Conference of the UCC hosted the 20th General Synod in 1995 in Oakland, when I was pregnant with my daughter Lela. My son Jacob (then 2) worked with me in the kid's program — which I was leading as one of the host church volunteers.

In 2005, I had the honor of getting to dust off my old press credentials to work with my father for *United Church News* in covering the 25th General Synod in Atlanta. That was a particularly thrilling meeting as we became the first Christian denomination to endorse gay marriage, as we voted to urge local churches to advocate for “equal marriage rights for all.”

It all came full circle in 2007, as I arrived here in Brookfield in time to attend the 26th General Synod in Hartford with my teenage children — and take part in the celebration of our 50th anniversary as a national denomination. We got to hear then-Senator Barak Obama speak of his conversion to Christianity late in life as a member of Trinity UCC in Chicago, but we also heard Lynn Redgrave (who died in 2010) talk of her long struggle with cancer and how our UCC pastor in Kent reached out to her in the hospital and brought her, for the first time, to a life of faith. Bill Moyers, who grew up Baptist, spoke of his love of his new UCC church — which he discovered near his home on Long Island.

Finally, in June 2013, I went to General Synod 29 in Long Beach, CA — for the first time as a voting delegate. One of the great benefits was getting to know so many wise and gifted members of our Connecticut delegation, but also to reconnect with so many of my former seminary interns — now serving UCC churches across the country.

If you have questions, or want to learn more about this year's 30th General Synod in Cleveland, I invite you to attend an ***“in between” in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am on Sunday, June 14th.*** I'm delighted that my father will be here with us that day to share his stories too.

## **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 2015-2016**

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	Sue Boughton
Mc-MU	Alex DeLucia
N-RI	Mary Gallagher DeLucia
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**

**Moderator:** Dave Goral  
**Vice Moderator:** Robin Murphy  
**Clerk:** Kathy Wandelmaier  
**Treasurer:** Sung Goral  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Greg Dorrell  
**Investment Treasurer:** Audrey Himebaugh



**Committee Chairs**

Christian Ed Melanie Shapiro  
Church House Ken Arifian  
Church-In-Society Marianne Gaffey  
Deacons Sherrie Ruschmeyer  
Fellowship Kelly Kelly  
Nominating Kim Downey  
Personnel Dave Goral  
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 Leslie Sands  
Fellowship Sara Cline  
Nominating Kim Downey  
Stewardship Tom Brown  
Welcome Jean Dorrell  
Worship Bob Brown  
Historian Gordon Markiewicz

**Pastoral Relations Committee**

Robin Murphy (chair), Gordon Markiewicz, Bob Lambert, Larry Ruschmeyer, Carol Eagan

**Personnel Committee**

Dave Goral , Robin Murphy, Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia, Michael Matson,  
Olivia Quinsland, Karen Underhill, Rick Hardin

**Long Range Planning Committee**

Michael Matson, Deseré Edwards, Maurice Downey, Cindy Field, Larry Ruschmeyer,  
Sian Hunter

Senior Pastor	Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia	bryn@uccb.org
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Church School	Barbara Crandell	barbara@uccb.org
Church Office	Jeannine McCullough	203-775-1259 office@uccb.org
Nursery Care	Debbie Marquardt	

**Join us on June 6th for two great ways to support missions!**

**5th Annual Thrift Shop**

**9am—3pm at the Parsonage**

(with a special preview June 5th from 6-8pm)

**and**

**SYF Spring Barn Sale**

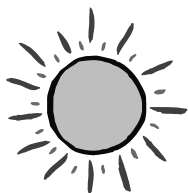
**9am—3pm at the Barn**

**Help us Help others!**

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

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**Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

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

# SUMMER SUNDAY SPIRIT CAMP

Join us and learn about  
the Fruits of the Spirit

All summer long at the 8:30 and  
10:30 Sunday services

Kick-off: June 21  
Wrap up Party: September 6

For kids entering  
preschool to 8<sup>th</sup> grade

BUILD A  
SUMMER  
JOURNAL

PLAY  
GAMES

BRING  
FRIENDS

MAKE  
STUFF

“GROW” AN  
APPLE TREE  
WITH US

## *The Road to Character*

### **A Summer Adult Study & Conversation Opportunity**

Beginning June 8th the Monday AM Women’s Study group will begin a conversation about David Brooks’ new book *The Road to Character*. This study will meet throughout the summer and on **Mondays from 9:30-11am in the Church Library**.

If you are interested in this conversation but the Monday AM Women’s Study is not for you, then please speak with or email Pastor Jen ([jennifer@ucb.org](mailto:jennifer@ucb.org)). If we have enough people interested we will find a time to have another section of this study meet.

### **Summer Series for Worship & Church School: “The Fruits of the Spirit”**

Join us for worship this summer as we learn more about the fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. We will explore what the Spirit is, how we are tempted to stray from using our gifts, and about the “fruits” themselves: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Taking the lead from our children’s “**Summer Sunday Spirit Camp**” we will learn together and hope to realize ways that we can bear this fruit out into the world in word and deed.

*Note: We begin outdoor worship on Sunday, June 7th in our outdoor chapel beyond the Memorial Garden.*