

Cross Ways

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

June - July - August 2016



CCB 2016 Summer Picnic!

Sunday, June 12th after the 10:30am service

Please join us for good fun, food and fellowship!

Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

Beverages, hot dogs, and veggie burgers
with all the "fixin's" will be provided.

There will also be games and activities available for
children and fun conversation starters for all ages.

All are welcome! We hope you can join us.

Church Council Meeting Notes of May 10, 2016

New Church Council Member Welcome: Dave welcomed new Council members Martha Parvis (Worship) and Kristi McPadden (Assistant Treasurer).

Long Range Planning Committee Report: Mike Matson announced a delay in the septic repair, as the Town Sanitarian declared the existing leaching fields to be in failure. The LRPC will present "Septic System Plan B" at the next Council meeting on June 14. A congregational meeting, targeted for July, will likely be needed to vote on additional spending. The LRPC is also working on a procedure for managing the budgets of the projects that were approved at the April 10 Congregational meeting.

Proposal for On-Line Giving: Tom Brown moved that Council authorize Stewardship to sign up for PushPay, a cell phone app to allow users to donate to the church using smart phones. The app will replace Vanco, the current on-line giving platform. Sally Markiewicz said the software provider guarantees a 5% (about \$18,000) increase in total giving in the first year of use. PushPay integrates with the existing donation tracking and accounting software, and will also connect users to church announcements, sermons, an events calendar and other information. Council approved the proposal unanimously.

Christian Growth and Enrichment Request: Council approved a request to spend up to \$1,420 from the Christian Growth & Enrichment Fund to cover up to 8 people to attend the May 25 Fairfield East Association Spring Dinner & Meeting, 3 camper scholarships for Silver Lake conferences this summer, and up to 7 people to attend the June 10 & 11 Annual Meeting of the CT Conference (of UCC churches). The CTUCC asked for a "season of discernment" as a merger has been proposed with Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Council approved Bob Brown to attend the CTUCC meeting as a substitute for Robin Murphy.

Moderator's Report: After a 2-month leave of absence, Sue Ronan resigned April 28 as Coordinator of Membership Care and Involvement. Her ministry with us will be celebrated on Caring Ministries Sunday, May 15. Personnel voted to revise the job description as to be an "Acting" COMCI through the end of 2016. Some have expressed interest in the job already, and an interview process will begin soon.

Vice Moderator's Report: Robin announced that Jim and Carol Eagan, Pete and Kristi McPadden, and Mike and Robin Murphy will serve as Yankee Fair Co-Chairmen this year.

Approval of Minutes: Council approved the minutes of the April Council meeting with one spelling correction. Minutes of the Annual Meeting will be reviewed at the June Council Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Income was under budget (\$5,600) due to no facility donation from the Chinese Alliance Church. Greg will contact the DCAC's head deacon. Cash reserve will cover the shortage.

Committee Reports:

Church House: paid \$1,600 for a new water heater.

Christian Education: The theme for the summer Church School curriculum is "Bible Super Heroes."

Deacons: Met with 10 Confirmands in advance of Confirmation Sunday, May 22 and approved 5 adult new members joining on May 8. Three new Stephen Ministers were to be commissioned and six current Stephen Ministers re-commissioned May 15.

Stewardship: Preparing a series on "how to make life easier for the Stewardship Committee," to be shared in bulletins and CrossWays. Members contacted 14 households with outstanding pledges.

Worship: CCB will celebrate Toni Sullivan's 15th anniversary with the church on Nov. 13. Three more ushers are needed. Announcements are still running too long. Speakers are reminded to introduce themselves, keep announcements short, and limit printed announcement to 4 per event and spoken announcements to 1 per event. Summer Outdoor Chapel at 8:30am starts on June 5. The choir needs more men.

Historian: Received two requests for genealogical information. Bob B. has access to town history records and other outside sources of information in addition to records in the church vault.

Pastors' Reports: Bryn spoke at the memorial service for David Mariano, Dianne Mariano's son and Marie Immohr's nephew on May 6 at the Brookfield Assembly of God. There have been many funerals and memorials lately. Three church families are moving out of state at the end of this school year. Jennifer thanked Wendy Elsen for serving as co-teacher of Confirmation Class this year and covering the start-up of Confirmation in Fall 2016 while she is on sabbatical. June 12 will be Children's Sunday.



Outdoor worship for the **8:30am service**
begins **Sunday, June 5th**

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 5th

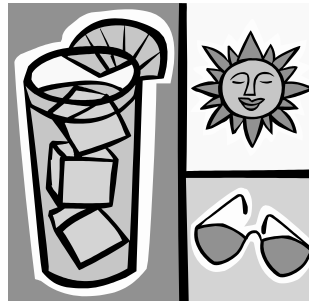
Join us Sunday, June 5th, at both services, as we hear from a few of our graduating high school seniors about their connection with the church, as well as celebrate their upcoming achievement and learn more about their post-graduation plans.

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. 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 Kelly Kelly or the church office 203-775-1259.



Summer Campfires are back

Please join us on
July 6, 13, 20 & 27
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

We have explored many reasons for joining a choir in the articles this year. I have talked about service to the church through singing and playing, but I think the thing that keeps choir folks coming back is the joy that comes from being part of a group of wonderful people, doing something that you really enjoy doing.

Choir folks get to know each other well, as they often participate in the group for many years. They become a support during tough times and people to share joys with during the good times. Being part of a choir is good for the soul. With all that in mind, I hope you will consider joining one of our choirs next year.

We hope to start a third bell choir in the fall, for kids with some experience ringing bells and adults who know how to read music but haven't yet rung bells. If you are interested in being part of this group, please let me know so we can put definite plans into place.

The schedule for next year is:

Wednesday afternoons:

4:00 – 4:30 – Joyful Noise Choir (4 year olds and kindergartners)

4:30 – 5:00 – Cherub Choir (grades 1-3)

5:00 – 6:00 – Alleluia Choir (grades 4 – 8) (5:00 – 5:30 singing and 5:30 – 6:00 Bells)

Other beginner bell ringers may join the Alleluia Choir at 5:30 for the handbell portion.

Wednesday Evenings:

6:45 – 7:30 – Praise Ringers (Intermediate Handbells)

7:30 – 8:30 – Jubilate Ringers (Advanced Ringers)

Thursday Evenings:

7:30 – 8:30 – Chancel Choir (High school students and Adults)

All are welcome, whatever your previous experience in choirs

~ Toni Sullivan, Director of Music

June Serendippers Gathering
Tuesday, June 14th at 11:45am

Please join us as we welcome Miranda Dold of the Goldstone Caregivers Center,
Danbury Hospital and Lynn Crager, Director of Spiritual Care, Danbury Hospital

Our menu:
Punch
Tortellini Salad
Potato Rolls
Texas Sheet Cake

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

Serendippers is open to everyone! Sponsored by our church Fellowship Committee, the Serendippers hospitality team provides a lunch and monthly program for daytime-available members and their friends. Please let the church office know by the 2nd Sunday each month if you will have a need for childcare. Note: Serendippers does not meet in July or August.

Blessings to those who were Commissioned into Stephen Ministry

"Come, follow me", Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men". At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:19-20)



On Sunday, May 15th, we celebrated the commissioning of 3 newly trained Stephen Ministers who have heard the call of the Lord and left their nets to follow him. They have the spiritual gifts to be Stephen Ministers and have dedicated themselves to the Stephen Ministry program of lay caring ministry following 50 hours of training. They are ready to begin their one-to-one Christian Caring Ministry among us here at CCB. We thank God for all of our Stephen Ministers and pray that God will bless their ministries. Please show your support and appreciation for the following dedicated people through your prayers and your support of our program:

2016 Newly Commissioned Stephen Ministers:

Jeanine Hanewicz Memoli, Holly Hackney and Jeanie Bergman

Stephen Ministers Re-Commissioned on May 15th:

Stephen Leaders:

Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia, Marion Miller (Emeritus), Leslie Sands, and Gordon Markiewicz

Stephen Ministers:

Carol Howe, Sharon Santi, Jan Labas and Doug Fisher

How to Receive Stephen Ministry Care: If you would like to receive the one-to-one care of a Stephen Minister who will meet with you regularly once a week to listen, pray for and with you, and help to bring God's hope and healing to you as you are struggling through some of life's challenging times, ***please contact one of our Pastors or Stephen Leaders by calling the church office (203) 775-1259.***



Caring Tip from Stephen Ministries St. Louis

I recently saw the movie *Still Alice*. This Academy Award-winning film tells of Alice, a 50-something college professor who is diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's. In a short, poignant scene toward the middle of the film, Alice's daughter Lydia asks about her experience with Alzheimer's. *"What's it like? What does it actually feel like?"*

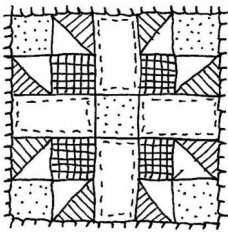
Alice tells her daughter, "Well, it's not always the same. I have good days and bad days, and on my good days I can, you know, almost pass for a normal person. But on my bad days, I feel like I can't find myself....I can see the words hanging in front of me and I can't reach them and I don't know who I am. And I don't know what I'm going to lose next." After a moment, Lydia replies with just two words, "Sounds horrible." Alice smiles a little and says, "Thanks for asking."

The words "sounds horrible" might not sound caring, but actually they convey tremendous empathy and compassion. All too often, when someone shares painful feelings, we're so anxious to help the person feel better that we downplay that pain. Lydia could have done that, saying something like:

- "Try to focus on the good days, not the bad."
- "There could be a medical breakthrough at any time."
- "You need to stay positive!"

Instead, Lydia validates and shares in her mother's feelings – which was just what Alice needed right then. So the next time someone shares about a painful situation, something like "sounds horrible" might be just the right thing to say.

In Christ, Joel Bretscher (Stephen Ministry Director of Communication, St. Louis)



Calling all quilters, cross stitchers and needleworkers of all kinds

The Quilt Booth at the Yankee Fair and Barn Sale sells quilts and other handmade works of art from small Christmas tree ornaments up to baby quilts and large wall hangings. With an entire room to fill, we invite you to consider making something or lots of somethings for the booth as you relax at home or sit at the beach this summer. Do you love Christmas, Halloween, the colors of fall, spring flowers, something with a patriotic theme, St. Patrick's Day, Valentine's Day or baby quilts? We would love to sell your creations at the fair. Please talk to Nancy Vodra if you have questions. Thank you!

MIRIAM'S KITCHEN

Miriam's Kitchen has informed us that they are suspending 'in kind' donations. That means that they are no longer accepting donations of toiletries. Please keep those items that you've been collecting (or will collect in your summer travels) until we find out if this is temporary or permanent. If it turns out to be permanent we will find a new place for them. So stay tuned for more info!

Super Hero Summer

at the Congregational Church of Brookfield

**ACT OUT BATTLES
FROM THE BIBLE**

**CREATE YOUR OWN
SUPERHERO IDENTITY
WITH A COSTUME
AND COMIC STRIP**

**HELP TURN THE CHURCH
PLAYGROUND INTO
A SUPERHERO HIDEAWAY**



**All Summer Long
at the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday Services**

Kick off: June 19 | Wrap-up Party: August 28

For kids entering Preschool through 8th grade

Learn more at uccb.org or on Facebook at Congregational Church of Brookfield



Join the Fight Against Human Trafficking

Dining For Women will meet **June 6th at 6:00 PM** at Olivia Quinsland's home. At this month's program, we will learn about ***The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women and Girls in Latin America and the Caribbean***, and have the chance to

donate to their good work. CATW-LAC works at the local, regional, national and international levels to generate public awareness and promote women's human rights, including the right to live free of violence and sexual exploitation.

As always, we begin with a potluck (bring whatever is easiest for you) and then learn more about the program's work. The idea is to donate whatever you would have spent on dinner had you gone out that night. Please let Olivia Quinsland know if you plan to attend. All are welcome, because Dining for Women is about helping women — it is not supported only by women!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS, KNITTERS, AND CREATIVE PEOPLE! IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT THE YANKEE FAIR!!

The craft room ladies are starting now to gather ideas and start on projects that will attract people to our craft room at the Yankee Fair and generate funds for the bottom line...and we need your help and talent. We welcome knitted items (or if you prefer, crocheting), handmade household items, Christmas ornaments, embroidered items, or original paintings.



Let your creative juices flow! Work at home in your free time or call one of us to see if we need your help on an ongoing project...we meet Monday nights, each week at a different home, for pot luck and crafting. Give one of us a call if you'd like to join us and we'll let you know the time and place of the next meeting.

Sue Slater, Marianne Gaffey, Pam Scribner, Sally Markiewicz,
Lyn Lyon, Karen Underhill, Monica McInerney, Joni Park



SYF Uncommon Stock On Sale Now...

As our Senior Youth Fellowship Mission Team prepares to travel to Johnson City, TN to work with Appalachia Service Project 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 5th or by e-mail to jennifer@uccb.org (send a message with the number of shares you would like and an inquiry for payment information) from now through June 30th. 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**.

There's an app for that...



The new fiscal year is bringing a new adventure... in giving! Have you ever come to church without cash or a checkbook and missed an opportunity to participate in a worthy cause? We have an app for that!

In May, Church Council voted to partner with eChurchGiving and PushPay to offer you more opportunities to share. Send a prayer request, find activities on the church calendar, set up a monthly giving schedule, or give a one-time payment to the youth mission trip. Text in a donation or download the CCB app to your smart device. To try our new

PushPay giving app text UCCB to 77977.

FAQ's:

Is PushPay secure? Yes, it uses the same systems as online banking.

How much does this cost? The church will pay about three times more than for our current service. However, will see a 5% (\$18,000+) increase in giving or we get our money back.

Do I have to set up long-term automatic withdrawals? No, but you can if you prefer.

Must I link to my bank account? No. You can use a credit card or debit card instead.

How will the church keep track of my donations? The PushPay software integrates with our current software, so your donations will be up-to-date.

If you have any specific questions, please talk to Sally Markiewicz or Dave Goral.

We are excited about opening another window of opportunity for growth at the Congregational Church of Brookfield!

Deacon Spotlight: Alex DeLucia

Deacon Branch: Last names **MC-O**

I am partnered with my wonderful wife, Mary Gallagher-DeLucia. We have a 37-year-old daughter Shelby with husband Mark, sons Dylan (16), Kieran (14) and daughter Maegan (2). We also have our son Matt, (34), with wife Michele and their son Austin (also 2).

I am blessed (and like most blessings it's mixed) with the privilege of working with my son Matt in *A Yankee Peddler & Loan*, at the first licensed pawn shop to operate in Norwalk for nearly half a century.

I started attending CCB in 1990 and became a member a couple of years later. This is a return stint on the Board of Deacons. I also have been on the Worship Committee, and I have taught Sunday school for Middle School children. Additionally, I have been a Confirmation mentor a few times. I regularly have been a part of the Yankee Fair, usually involved with the auction (live and silent) or parking detail. I always have loved the comradery of CCB.

I said "yes" to serving as a Deacon because I believe we all are cosmically connected; thus prayer is powerful. I appreciate being kept abreast of church life as a deacon.

Fellowship Of Concern



CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Lillian Covill
Pete Cushnie
Evelyn Gerowe,
Anne Hardin
Vivian Henley
Ruthie Maxim
Millicent Morrison
Pat Roehling
Lavinia Schmaling
Rod Schmaling
Shirley Stoppel

WITH THANKS:

Dear Friends,

What a family we have here at CCB! My mother and I never would have been able to navigate our journey the past 3 months without all your cards, calls, visits, and prayers. They certainly lifted us up and helped to make it possible to bring my mother back to the home she loves.

We thank you all!
Vivian Henley and Sara Cline



Congregational Church of Brookfield's Yankee Fair and Barn Sale Oct. 15th, 2016

Save this date and please support our "*Share Fair*" with you sharing of time, talents and donations. Volunteers needed. Sign-up sheets and details to follow. Thank you!
Your Fair Chairs: The Eagans, McPadden's and Murphy's

Deacon Spotlight: Mary Gallagher DeLucia

Deacon Branch: Last names **P-RO**

I grew up in Danbury with my parents & 2 brothers. My "everyday life" is blessed...sharing it with my wonderful husband, Alex, also a member of the Deacon team. Our children, Shelby and Matthew, are grown and married to our "other children" Mark and Michelle. They have blessed us with 4 incredible grandchildren..Dylan, Kieran, Maegan and Austin, ranging in ages from 16-2 (ask me ANYTIME to see pictures of them!!)

I have owned and operated Shelby Matthews Interiors for the past 33 years. I have been so blessed in my professional life; many clients have become close friends. For nearly 19 years I was also the Director of the Community Service Program at the Superior Court in Danbury, dispensing Community Service hours through the Office of Adult Probation and the Prosecutor's Office.

My volunteer commitments have been so varied. I have served on 2 Boards of Directors: The Women's Center of Greater Danbury and ARC (the Association of Religious Communities) in Danbury as well as at Dorothy Day Hospitality House (both in the kitchen and at the overflow overnight shelter). For 10 years I was a chairperson for the Mayor's Ball in Danbury, raising money for local not-for-profits. I have been a Chairperson and Committee member for the Danbury Hospital Gala, WCSU (to fund scholarships), Ives Center (promoting the performing Arts), Danbury Historical Society, and Scott Fanton Museum, to support programs for the area youth. However my fondest recollections are all the activities when Shelby and Matt were younger and in school with sports and dance.

My faith journey started as a Roman Catholic, I laughingly say. You can't have a name like Mary Gallagher-DeLucia and not be Catholic once in your life!! However I had many questions and concerns. When I sought conversation with a parish priest searching for answers, he lovingly dismissed me with a "pat on the head" and told me to "have Faith." Certainly with more affection than the old W.C. Fields "get away from me kid, you're bothering me" but with the same results. So the SEARCH began for another Church.

I joined our Church nearly 34 years ago. My faith is a blessed extension of my life. I have been honored to serve in many roles: Church School teacher, past and present on the Usher Team, Deacon, Lay Reader, Tri- Chaired the White Steeple Inn for our Yankee Fair, served on 2 Search Committees, Confirmation Mentor 4 times, Church-in-Society, Church House. I especially love the participation of all, whether it's baking a tray of brownies for the Yankee Fair, or serving as our Moderator, all efforts are celebrated, cherished and appreciated.

My life, like a Clint Eastwood movie, has witnessed "the good, the bad and the ugly." Wearing many hats, whether as a family member or church member, I've seen it all: divorce, disease, addiction, economic challenges, bigotry, abandonment, and psychiatric issues. I want my "Church Family" members to know I am here for them, no matter what!

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 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.

Summer is coming! Yay!

I know that many of you enjoy “taking the summer off” from church life, as you travel with family , or perhaps just relax in your own home and garden. Jennifer and I are grateful for our paid vacation time as well. At the end of June, I will spend some days off with family in California, as we move our daughter out of the dorms at Santa Cruz for the summer– and in North Carolina, where we will enjoy our usual week on the shore at Holden Beach.

That said, I also love summers at church — and this summer has so many good things happening I was inspired to write with this handy “Top 10 List” of summer highlights:

1. We remember our loved ones, and those who died serving our country, as we lift up names in our ***Book of Remembrance on May 28***. Then we get to picnic on the church lawn and wave at the town ***Memorial Day parade*** marching by!
2. Our ***Refugee Resettlement Ministry*** (working with Valley Presbyterian) prepares to receive our next family – a healthy and very well-vetted Syrian family with 3 children, a 4-year-old son and two daughters (ages 2 and 1) born in Jordan. The mother and father (a taxi driver) are fully literate in Arabic but speak no English.
3. ***Outdoor Summer Chapel begins June 5 at 8:30am***, as our early service moves outside and we get to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating seniors.
4. ***On June 10-11, the Church Thrift Shop opens*** once again at the Parsonage, as they “recycle” our clothing , while earning money for their mission goals.
5. On ***June 12, our Church School leads worship*** planned by our children and their teachers, and then we move outside for an ***All-Church Summer Picnic***.
6. Our ***Long-Range Planning Committee launches work projects***, as we begin church improvements voted at our congregational meeting in April – such as new carpet and audio-video equipment for the Meetinghouse, barn repairs, Parsonage accessibility projects and office technology upgrades, etc.
7. My ***Pastor's Porch will get spruced up*** for summer again with hanging plants and patio furniture and plan visits with many of you to just chat and catch up on life.
8. ***Campfire Vespers return on Wednesdays in July***, as the week of July 10th kids go to ***Vacation Bible School*** and youth begin their ***Tennessee Mission Trip*** for ASP.
9. After 10 years in ministry with us, ***Pastor Jen takes a 3-month sabbatical – July 24 to Oct. 24*** – to refresh herself with study and family time – and we get another visit from ***Pastoral Intern Jane Moran***, who is studying at Harvard Divinity School.
10. A former youth minister of mine pays us a visit. The Rev. Tony Villareal, on sabbatical from his church in Pennsylvania, hopes to learn more from our Historian Bob Brown about the Ruggles family. We hope to learn as well from Tony's ***re-search on the first Congregational mission voyage to Hawaii***, where he was born.

As these lazy days of summer begin, I hope you will stop by the “Pastor's Porch” soon for a nice tall glass of Southern iced tea!

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 2016-2017

A-BO	Leslie Sands (Stephen Ministry)
BR-CL	Doug Fisher
CO-DON	Jan Labas
DOR-F	Sherrie Ruschmeyer
G-HOR	Pete Lane
HOW-LEN	Mark Lyon
LES-MA	Sue Boughton
Mc-O	Alex DeLucia
P-RO	Mary Gallagher DeLucia
RU-SI	Marie Immohr
SL-T	Dan McKee
U-Z	Greg Labas

Youth Deacons:

Jillian DeLucia
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: Dave Goral
Vice Moderator: Robin Murphy
Clerk: Kathy Wandelmaier
Treasurer: Greg Dorrell
Assistant Treasurer: Kristi McPadden
Investment Treasurer: Audrey Himebaugh



Committee Chairs

Christian Ed Melanie Shapiro
Church House Ken Arifian
Church-In-Society Becky Bishop
Deacons Sherrie Ruschmeyer
Fellowship Kelly Kelly
Nominating TBD
Stewardship Sally Markiewicz
Welcome Tom Young
Worship Patty Moran

Church Council Representatives

Christian Ed Wendy Elsen
Church House Steve Waschak
Church In Society TBD
Deacons Leslie Sands
Fellowship Sara Cline
Nominating TBD
Stewardship Tom Brown
Welcome Jean Dorrell
Worship Martha Parvis
Historian Bob Brown

Long-Range Planning Committee

Michael Matson (chair), Roman D'Alessandro, Maurice Downey, Deseré Edwards,
Cindy Field, Sian Hunter, Larry Ruschmeyer

Pastoral Relations Committee

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

Personnel Committee

Dave Goral (chair), Robin Murphy, Bryn Smallwood-Garcia, Olivia Quinsland, Bill Robertson
Karen Underhill, Rick Hardin

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	

CIS Annual Thrift Shop: June 10th and 11th

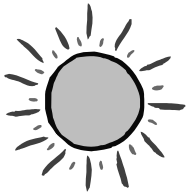


The CIS-sponsored Thrift Shop will be held this year on Saturday June 11 from 9am to 3pm with a special preview sale on Friday, June 10 from 6 to 8pm, with refreshments and raffles for church friends and family. We are looking for clothes for children, teens, women and men. Donations can be dropped off in the hallway outside the Church Office on Sundays or any weekday between 9am and 3pm OR at the Parsonage on Saturdays, May 28 and June 4 between 9am and 12noon. Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Please contact Karen Underhill.

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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