



# *Cross Ways*

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

**April 2019**

## ***Annual Meeting - Sunday, April 28, 2019***

Our church's Annual Meeting will be held April 28th 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 church year, when our vision priority will be "**Share,**" and we get to hear an update about all the great work that has been done with your support throughout the year. So please plan to attend our church's Annual Meeting, you'll be glad you did!

Note: Childcare and a program for children will be provided during the meeting after brunch.

## **Council Notes: March 12, 2019**

**Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) Demonstration:** On behalf of the Safety Committee, Tina Crepeau explained how the AED used. This was a demonstration. An official CPR training will be held on April 27th.

**Moderator's Report:** The new furnace arrived sooner than expected and was installed on March 8th. The cost came to just over \$14K. The buckling floor boards near the organ are not related to the furnace issue. A thorough inspection of the floor will be done.

**Personnel Committee Update:** Non-clergy performance evaluations are complete.

**Vice Moderator's Report:** FY 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget Update: 99 pledges totaling \$260K have come in. This represents 75% of target pledge budget, which is on track for this point in the campaign.

**Treasurer's Report:** Net Income is ahead of plan by \$4,080. Expenses are \$3,090 less than plan. Audrey & Greg will work to sort out a December P & L discrepancy in the Endowment Distribution before the budget hearing.

**Investment Treasurer's Report-Fourth Quarter 2018:** The market value of Endowment Funds decreased by \$93.6K. CTF Mission Fund income distribution of \$582 was reported for designated Mission Fund. As approved by the congregation on 9/16/2018, \$4,250 was disbursed from the Buildings & Grounds Fund for Cottage painting. As approved by the congregation on 12/2/2018, \$6,850 was disbursed from the Buildings & Grounds Fund for Parsonage painting. As approved by the Church in Society Committee, \$2,500 was disbursed from the Kent Mission Fund for the 2018 Senior Youth Fellowship mission trip. An unrestricted gift of \$39.1K was received from the estate of Pat Roehling. The gift was disbursed according to the church's formula for unrestricted gifts.

**Worship Committee:** Easter Sunrise Service will start at 5:45 am at Happy Landings on April 21. Members of the 5 pm Monday book discussion group have been reading *Braving the Wilderness*, which is our Lenten theme.

**Deacons:** The Deacons have been working with their branches to update the membership rolls. As a result, five people have been moved from active to reserve membership.

**Christian Education Committee:** The theme of our All-Church retreat, May 3-5, is Mindfulness. CE thanks Morrison's Gang for helping Barbara move the Church School Coordinator's desk to the "Tent Tales" Children's Library in the church school wing.

**Stewardship Committee:** Emails will be sent to people who have not pledged yet as a "gentle reminder," followed by a pleasant phone call if needed. Thank you notes will be sent to all who have pledged.

**Nominating Committee:** The Opportunity Fair did not generate much interest. There are still many openings to fill including Church Clerk.

**Church House Committee:** Bartlett Tree Experts will be taking down trees along the driveway and next to the dumpster. New carpeting has been installed in the cottage.

**Church in Society Committee:** The committee allocated the remainder of their funds to Peter Brady's Handy Dandy Handyman service, Simply Smiles, and the SYF mission trip.

**Fellowship Committee:** The committee will host two Lenten Lunches at Serendippers. The Worship Committee will assist Fellowship in hosting an intergenerational Lenten Dinner on Sunday, March 24 from 5-6:30 pm. The Welcome Committee and Deacons will host a Lenten Dinner on Sunday, April 7 from 5-6:30 pm.

**Welcome Committee:** Volunteer photographers from the Welcome Committee will be on hand on Easter Sunday to take family photos in the sanctuary or outside. The photos will possibly be used for a new church directory.

**Pastors' Reports:** Bryn thanked everyone for her two week study leave. She is practicing her new skills with two spiritual directees. Bryn mentioned that pastors do not often receive notification from Danbury Hospital when a church member is hospitalized. Please let the church know if you or someone you know has been admitted and would like a call/visit. The current Stephen Ministry training class includes Tosha Gordon and Ruth Reda plus two from the Newtown United Methodist Church. Jennifer conducted a funeral service for our longtime member, Gene Farrell, at Brookfield Funeral Home on March 8th.

**Old Business:** Kathy W. has been in touch with Artech. The pew cushions are to be delivered before Easter.

**New Business:** CCB was asked to participate in the Brookfield Memorial Day parade. The Yankee Fair will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup>. A call has been put out for Fair Chairs. CG&E requests totaling \$4,985 were approved for the following purposes: CPR training, scholarships for Silver Lake summer conferences, the Women's Retreat, the Bell Festival, and SYF and Kerri Colombo mission trips. Council approved a call to a Congregational Meeting to approve spending \$14,101.82 from the Building & Grounds Fund to install a new furnace. The budget for FY2019-2020 will be discussed at this meeting as well. Council also approved a call to the Annual Meeting on April 28 following the single 10:00 am worship service.

**April Serendippers/Lenten Lunch Gathering  
Tuesday, April 9th at 11:45am  
Pastors Bryn and Jen will offer a brief interactive program based  
on our Lenten Theme of “Braving the Wilderness.”**

Our menu:  
A Variety of Crustless Quiches  
Salad  
Coconut 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!

**\*NOTE: If school is delayed or cancelled, there will be no Serendippers.**

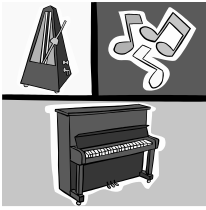
*Serendippers is open to everyone! Sponsored by our church Fellowship Committee, the Serendippers hospitality team provides a lunch and monthly program for daytime-available members and their friends. Please let the church office know by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month if you will have a need for childcare.*

***A note from our SERRV team...***

Our **SERRV** Table continues to grow in outreach throughout the world! Our congregation ardently supports SERRV and many other organizations that provide fair trade products from global partners. Every product tells a story of talented, small-scale farmers or artisans working to break the cycle of poverty. Each purchase serves others in support of positive change and hope, building stronger communities worldwide. **We hope you can join us on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> for our special Easter sale after both worship services!**

*SERRV is a Fair Trade nonprofit organization that works to eradicate poverty worldwide by providing opportunity for (primarily Third World) artisans and farmers to sell their wares – especially as a mission project of churches like ours in the First World.*





## Notes from the Choir Room

People often say this about the Cherub Choir, "They are so cute when they sing." Much goes on behind the scenes so that those cute kids are ready to sing in church. This month there was much discussion about prayer and feelings. The anthem they sang assured them that God was always there in their lives. That song had parts written in a major key and parts written in a minor key. So we moved to major (happy) music and to minor (sad) music, **and now they know the difference and they can use the terms "major" and "minor" to describe music.** As they begin learning their Palm Sunday anthem, they are picking out cards that show the melodies of various phrases in the music. I sing the phrase. They pick out the card and are able to tell me whether the melody notes went up, down or stayed the same. They can read rhythms and reproduce them on instruments. Our Cherubs are becoming accomplished little musicians as they learn about God while singing their praises. And oh yes, and I think they really are cute, too.

Toni Sullivan  
Director of Music



### *We hope you will join us for our Easter Celebration! Sunday, April 21st*

**Easter sunrise at 5:45am** – at Happy Landings Open Space (55 Whisconier Rd., Brookfield) Join your friends from around town in this outdoor worship led by the Brookfield Ecumenical Clergy. A lone bagpiper plays in the dawn, and Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia brings the message, "*Braving the wilderness: New Life*" Special offering supports Brookfield Social Services Emergency Fund.

**Note: Parking is limited.** Carpool if you can, but parking is available at Happy Landings, along Route 25, or at Valley Presbyterian on West Whisconier Road.

#### **Worship in the Meetinghouse at 8:30am and 10:30am**

Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia preaches "*Braving the Wilderness: New Life*" on the Easter story from John 20:1-18. Communion will be served at 8:30am service only. Joyous celebration with adult and children's choirs at 10:30am service. Church school and nursery care are available at both services. A time of hospitality and Easter Egg Hunt for children will take place after the 10:30 service.

## ***Braving the Wilderness: Lent 2019 at CCB***

Join us throughout the remainder of the season of Lent for opportunities to learn and worship together. We invite you to join us for our Sunday morning worship services at 8:30 and 10:30am in the Meetinghouse as we light our Lenten candles and focus on symbols to help us center our hearts, minds and spirits throughout this season of reflection. We also invite you to come out to one of our Lenten dinners or lunches as we explore the elements of wind, fire, earth, and water and what they hold for our spiritual nourishment. Finally, we will journey through Holy Week together and our traditional services of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Walk, before joining our spirits and voices for the celebration on Easter morning. *We hope you will join us for some of these opportunities and invite others you know to join us as well.*

### **Lenten Worship, Dinners & Lunches:**

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent** – Braving the Wilderness: Growth

**Interactive Intergenerational Lenten Dinner:** Earth – 5-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Serendippers Lunch: Water** – 11:45am-1:30pm

### **Holy Week Worship:**

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday** – Braving the Wilderness: Humility

Palm Parade at the 10:30am Worship Service

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Worship** – 7:30pm

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Stations of the Cross Walk** – 10:00am

### **Easter Worship – Braving the Wilderness: New Life – Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>:**

**5:45am** – Sunrise Worship Service at Happy Landings

**8:30am** – Easter Worship in the Meetinghouse with Church School & Nursery Care

**10:30am** – Easter Worship in the Meetinghouse with Church School & Nursery Care

Easter Egg Hunt & Hospitality time at the Campfire Circle at 11:30am

## **Say "Cheese!" or "Bunny!"**

The Welcome Committee will be taking Family Photos on Easter Sunday! Weather permitting members of the Welcome Committee will be outside by the "rock" ready to take pictures. Please come to church a little early so you can get your picture taken around lovely Easter flowers. Family photos may be used, with your permission, in an upcoming church directory. We would also be willing to take your picture using your camera, so everyone in your family can be in the picture! If the weather isn't so great, then we will find an alternate inside location. Be on the lookout for more details.



## MUSINGS FROM STEWARDSHIP

This year's pledge campaign was an exciting and involved presentation.

Building on the 2017-2018 **Living The Vision** theme, where we studied Stewardship and what it meant to us as individuals and as a congregation, this year we chose to explore the impact our pledge dollars have not only in our own congregation, but also in our community and throughout the world.

In this year's **Making A World of Difference** campaign, it was a great joy to share that as a congregation and member of the United Church of Christ, we do indeed make a big difference! We heard the stories to prove it.

We heard *home-grown* stories... what the young people of our congregation learned from their education and experience here at CCB and the marvelous things they are doing out in the world.

We heard *local* stories. Ellen Melville from Brookfield Social Services visited us with moving stories of how CCB has made a difference in the way BSS serves its clients, resulting in numerous stories of success.

Our own Kerri Colombo told us a story of *national* impact through her mission work on the Lakota Sioux Reservation in South Dakota through Simply Smiles — an impact made possible in part by our pledge dollars.

And the *international* difference CCB makes is amazing! A large global map showed that with connections through the UCC, our generosity helps provide food, clothing, shelter, compassion, education, justice and so much more for countless people throughout the world.

CCB Matters! CCB Makes A Difference! We do so with our time, talents and yes... our treasure.

Clearly, our pledge dollars *do* make a difference. For without our buildings and campus and all the various expenses that go with them, how could we even make a difference here at home? It is in paying for all the routine expenses, that allows the church to impact our own lives as well as our neighbors both near and far. As of March 15th, we have received 116 pledges, 82% of the total number of pledges last year. Along with donors who do not pledge, the congregation has raised \$317,566 or 83% of our target of \$380,583.

So if you haven't sent in your pledge yet, please do. It's never too late!

Remember, pledging is a flexible donation, not an inflexible invoice. You can change your pledge amount if your circumstances change. Just know that pledging significantly helps the church budget and plan, just like you do at home.

## **Congregational Meeting—Sunday, April 7th:**

In accordance with Article V, section A, of the By-Laws of The Congregational Church of Brookfield, a Congregational Meeting is hereby duly called to be held on Sunday, April 7, 2019 immediately following the 10:30 service of worship for the following purposes:

1. To conduct a budget hearing to discuss the budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting, as required pursuant to Article VII, section A of the By-Laws of The Congregational Church of Brookfield.
2. To ratify the transfer of \$14,101.82 from the Buildings & Grounds Endowment Fund to the general operating account to cover the cost associated with the replacement of the furnace.

Mark Lyon, Moderator  
Kathy Wandelmaier, Church Clerk

## **Call to the Annual Meeting**

In accordance with Article V, section B, of the By-Laws of The Congregational Church of Brookfield, the Annual Meeting is hereby duly called to be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019, immediately following the single 10:00 a.m. service of worship for the purposes as set forth therein.

Mark Lyon, Moderator  
Kathy Wandelmaier, Church Clerk

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**All-Church Inter-generational Retreat**  
Friday, May 3rd through Sunday, May 5th  
at Silver Lake Retreat Center in Sharon, CT.

*Do you like nature? Could you use a break from cooking? Do you want to get to know people on a deeper level? Do you like to let loose and have a big belly laugh?*

**You are welcome here! Come to the All-Church Intergenerational Retreat**  
May 3-5 at Silver Lake Retreat Center in Sharon, CT.  
All ages and stages of life are welcome and encouraged to join us.  
Come for the whole weekend, or just for Saturday.

**This interactive weekend is a blend of spiritually based small group programming with plenty of free time to enjoy nature, games, music or other optional programs. A popular campfire with songs and games on Saturday night is a favorite, and we wrap up on Sunday morning with a simple and poignant outdoor worship service. All meals are included, so no cooking required for the whole weekend!**

Cost, whole weekend retreat:

Includes 4 meals (3 Saturday + Sunday breakfast) & overnight accommodations.

\$100 per person, age 11 or older; \$70 per person, age 2-10.

Cost, Saturday-only option:

Includes 2 meals (lunch & dinner)

\$30 per person, all ages.

See or email Amy D'Alessandro or Kerri Colombo for more info or to sign up

Scholarships are available; please see Pastors Bryn or Jen to discuss privately.



## NEWS FROM CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to the CCB Families who donated time and supplies. Your generosity enabled our children to embody the spirit of Christ, live out their faith, and help the church fulfill its wider mission. THANK YOU FOR YOUR NEVER ENDING SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Lent 2019 kicked off with a Shrove Pancake Celebration thanks to Confirmands Rebecca Coneybear and Lleyton Powell! The day was filled with Lent information, games, and of course PANCAKES! LOTS OF PANCAKES! Church School even hosted the first SHROVE PANCAKE EATING CONTEST. Congratulations to our winner, Lleyton!

Through all the fun, classroom learning did take place. Each classroom created a 7 candle Lenten wreath, containing 6 purple candles and one 1 white Easter candle. Each Sunday a candle has been lit and a Lent symbol has been placed next to it. The lighting of each candle is associated with a short sentence, symbol, and one sentence prayer based on the Bible story for the day. See below:

1. *We light the first candle to remind us that Jesus is wise. (Luke 4 & SAND)*
2. *We light the second candle to remind us that Jesus is brave. (Mark 11:15-18 & ROCK)*
3. *We light the third candle to remind us that Jesus gives us a fresh start whenever we need one. (John 9) (Luke 15 & HUMAN FIGURE)*
4. *We light the fourth candle to remind us that Jesus gives us important jobs to do to make the world better. (John 4 & CANDLE)*
5. *We light the fifth candle to remind us that Jesus is in charge of life. (John 11:1-45, & BEAN/SEED)*
6. *We light the sixth candle to remind us that Jesus is a surprising King. (Matthew 21 & PALM BRANCH)*
7. *We light the seventh candle to remind us that Jesus is alive. (Easter)*

Church School will wrap up Lent 2019 with Pastor Bryn leading a Palm Sunday lesson that explores prayer through whole body movement, while the Easter lesson will utilize prayer stations to help tell and allow our children to experience the Easter Story.

Barbara Crandell  
Church School Coordinator



## EASTER FLOWERS

The Flower committee is collecting donations for the flowers to decorate the sanctuary, and once again beautify our Meetinghouse as we celebrate the Joy of Easter!

Make checks payable to “The Congregational Church of Brookfield” and designate that the donation is for Easter Flowers—then fill out this form and return it with your remittance to the church office **by Monday, April 15th.**

You can call either Kathy Wandelmaier or Tina Crepeau if you have any questions.

Please note: any donations that exceed our cost for seasonal decorations remain in our designated flower fund until needed. Thank you!

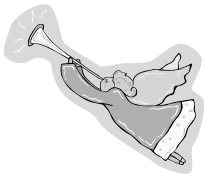
Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Given for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Circle one:**      In Honor of                      In Memory of

## ANGELS FOR ANTHEMS



One of the highlights of the Easter services is the sound of all our voices united with our choirs proclaiming, “*Christ is Risen!*” The Music Committee welcomes your contribution to help cover the cost of special music, instrument maintenance, and repair needs that exceed our budget.

Make your check payable to “Congregational Church of Brookfield” and designate that the donation is for Easter Music—then fill out this form and return it with your remittance to the church office **by Monday, April 15th.**

Please note: any donations that exceed our cost for seasonal music will remain in our designated Music Fund until needed. Thank you!

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Given for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Circle one:**      In Honor of                      In Memory of



## ***Youth Fellowship in April:***

Our youth fellowship groups have been working hard on service projects, teambuilding, and having faith-filled conversations about issues in life and the world around us. They have also had a chance to have some fun as they did an Around the Town

Scavenger Hunt and held the first ever JYF & SYF Bake Off. Our

SYF folks were reminded about how special note and letter writing can be and launched one of their largest annual SYF Mission Trip fundraisers – their letter writing campaign to family, friends, and local businesses – as well. As we look ahead to April our youth fellowship groups will again join in learning, serving, faith-building and FUN.

### ***Junior Youth Fellowship*** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades):

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Interactive Lenten Dinner: Earth** – 5-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt Preparation** – 11:45am in the Youth Room

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – No Meeting (Happy Easter!)**

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – More info TBA**

### ***Senior Youth Fellowship*** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades):

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> & April 28<sup>th</sup> – More info TBA**

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt Preparation** – 11:45am in the Youth Room

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – No Meeting (Happy Easter)**



### ***Confirmation Class in April:***

Our confirmands and their mentors are in the home stretch of this Confirmation journey – one that has gone by quickly! We invite your continued prayers for them as they complete assignments and projects, as they continue to learn and share in class, and as they look ahead to making decisions about confirming their faith and membership in the church.

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Class: What If I Don't Believe That** – 12-2pm (Parsonage)

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Healthy Choices Retreat** – begins at 5pm Saturday

### ***Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention*** **Monday, April 22nd 7-8:30pm, in Brooks Hall**

Stephen Ministers invite you to attend a meaningful & educational program, led by Michelle Peters of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

This outstanding 90-minute AFSP presentation covers the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what we can do to fight suicide. Attendees will learn the risk and warning signs of suicide, and how together, we can help prevent it. Please come, and invite your friends and neighbors from the wider community.

## Fellowship Of Concern



### **CONTINUING CONCERNS:**

Kim Abreu,  
Lillian Covill,  
Liz DeLambert,  
Revs. Joe Glaze & Jenny Montgomery,  
Vivian Henley,  
Donna King,  
Greg & Jan Labas,  
Marion Miller,  
Millicent Morrison,  
The Ruschmeyers,  
Dave Ryan,  
Margitta Savo,  
Lavinia Schmaling,

### **WTH SYMPATHY:**

- The family of Gene Farrell on his death March 2nd.
- Nancy and Jim Sugden on the death of Nancy's brother, David, on March 5th.
- Ed Sison, Tom Young and family on the death of Ed's father, Teofilo, on March 6th.
- The family and church families grieving the death of our former pastor, The Rev. Edward A. "Ted" Walker, on March 11th. A graveside service of interment has been scheduled for our CCB Memorial Garden at 1:00pm on Monday, May 6th.
- Pastor Jen and family on the death of her grandmother, Jean DeBisschop on March 18th.

### **IN CELEBRATION:**

- The marriage of Ed Sison and Tom Young on March 16th.

### **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](mailto:office@uccb.org) or leave them in the CrossWays mailbox outside of the church office. Please e-mail or call Jeannine McCullough, Office Administrator at 203-775-1259 if you have any questions.

I want to begin by saying thank you. Thank you to all of you who have been in worship, small group studies, youth fellowship meetings, committee meetings, and side conversations who have been keeping my family—especially my parents and my Grandma DeBisschop—in your prayers. It is because of the process of her dying and the knowledge that so many others in our congregation have lost dear ones however expectedly or unexpectedly that I have done a lot of thinking about death over these last few months. Now before you think that I am about to get all morbid on you, remember that as we enter this month we not only walk the long road to the cross, we also have the surprise of the empty tomb and the new life that comes from it as we arrive at Easter.

So I have been thinking about my experiences of the deaths of loved ones and those throughout my ministry, and I realized that sometimes the new life that comes from them is just as surprising as the diagnosis or the unexpected phone call or the tears that crop up out of nowhere months or even years later. Let me explain.

After my uncle died unexpectedly about 4 years ago, my cousin called me and asked me to officiate her wedding. She said that the next time we all got together was not going to be for a sad occasion, so she and her longtime fiancé (who we were convinced would just stay engaged forever) invited us all to her parents' farm, and their new life began surrounded by family and friends. In a recent funeral I officiated a family reunion at the one room schoolhouse where the deceased dear one and his siblings were educated was called as the closing remarks of the day—an opportunity to breathe new life into the connections of family as they were invited to take a walk together down history lane. Another funeral family got to talking about how the death of a dear one paved a path to an unexpected relationship of care and support and encouragement. And yet another after an unexpected death shared a story of renewed faith and interest in spirituality and even church.

As those closest to him walked the path with Jesus in those last days of his life—totally not understanding a word he was saying about dying and rising again—they were bearing witness to something powerful and prayerful, something dire and directed, something painful and beautiful all at the same time. As he ate his last meal he instituted something new—something we now celebrate as Communion. As he breathed his last breath he offered forgiveness and a new lease on life to those who condemned him. As he was buried and then raised from the tomb he made way for some of the least expected—the women there—to become leaders and truth tellers and miracle sharers.

As we wade further and deeper into this Lent and make our way toward Easter I invite us all to keep our eyes and minds and ears open to the signs of new life around us—springing forth from the ground, springing up out of difficulty and challenge—calling us to keep on moving forward in faith and hope. I await what my grandmother's recent death will show us by way of new life, because I now am a firm believer that it is coming and perhaps when we least expect it.

## **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 2019-2020**

A-Bo	Leslie Sands (Stephen Ministry)
BR-CO	Martha Parvis
CR-DO	Jan Labas
DR-GI	Jeanine Hanewicz
GL-I	Pete Lane
J-LI	Sue Boughton
LO-MA	Alex DeLucia
Mc-O	Mary Gallagher DeLucia
P-RI	Ed Insull
RO-SC	Marie Immohr
SE-TE	Greg Labas
TH-Z	John Pondiccio

### **Youth Deacons:**

Chris Wutzl  
Catie Coneybear

## Committee Chairmen and Church Council Reps

Moderator: Mark Lyon  
Vice Moderator: Sue Waschak  
Clerk: Kathy Wandelmaier  
Treasurer: Greg Dorrell  
Assistant Treasurer: Kristi McPadden  
Investment Treasurer: Audrey Himebaugh



### Committee Chairs

Christian Ed Amy D'Alessandro  
Church House Ken Arifian  
Church-in-Society Lyn Lyon  
Deacons Marie Immohr  
Fellowship Kelly Kelly  
Nominating Tom Young  
Stewardship Susan Dodd  
Welcome Sharon Santi  
Worship Kim Downey

### Church Council Representatives

Christian Ed Wendy Elsen  
Church House Steve Waschak  
Church-in-Society Luke Duval  
Deacons Leslie Sands  
Fellowship Elayne Schwartz  
Nominating Carolyn Lindroth  
Stewardship Tom Brown  
Welcome Linae Wutzl  
Worship Eileen Koch  
Historian Bob Brown

**Church Safety Committee:** Rodger Wutzl (chair), Tina Crepeau, Walter Ostrom,  
Bryn Smallwood-Garcia, Kathy Taylor, Linae Wutzl

**Long-Range Planning Committee:** Maurice Downey (chair), Barbara Crandell, Michael Matson,  
Deseré Edwards, Sian Hunter, Larry Ruschmeyer, Rick Hardin

**Pastoral Relations Committee:** Carol Eagan (chair), Gordon Markiewicz, Bob Lambert,  
Larry Ruschmeyer, Linae Wutzl

**Personnel Committee:** Mark Lyon (chair), Sue Waschak, Bryn Smallwood-Garcia,  
Olivia Quinsland, Bill Robertson, Monica McInerney

Senior Pastor	Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia		bryn@uccb.org
Associate Pastor	Rev. Jennifer Whipple		jennifer@uccb.org
Organist/Choir	Toni Sullivan		toni@uccb.org
Church School	Barbara Crandell		barbara@uccb.org
Church Office	Jeannine McCullough	203-775-1259	office@uccb.org
Nursery Care	Debbie Marquardt	203-775-1259	



## Annual Meeting & Brunch Sunday, April 28th

Please join us on Sunday, April 28th 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 Sharon Santi.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring to the Annual Meeting on April 28th:

Fruit \_\_\_\_\_

Bagels or Muffins \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast Casserole \_\_\_\_\_

(Recipes are available in the church office)

### CrossWays – the newsletter of

The Congregational Church of Brookfield  
160 Whisconier Road, Brookfield, CT 06804  
(203)-775-1259 Fax (203)-775-3466  
Email: [office@uccb.org](mailto:office@uccb.org)



### Sunday Worship at 8:30am and 10:30am

The Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia, Senior Pastor  
The Rev. Jennifer Whipple, Associate Pastor