

CrossWays

The Newsletter of
The Congregational Church of Brookfield
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June - July - August 2019



Save the Date! Children's Sunday Sunday, June 9th at 10:30am

Please join our children as they share their viewpoints, beliefs, and ideas in this special Church School lead worship service at 10:30am on Sunday, June 9th. Our children have been working hard writing the prayers, choosing music, and preparing choir anthems. They have been working on a video and will be leading the congregation in some of the awesome prayer experiences they have had throughout this program year. We hope you will take the time to celebrate all they have learned along with them on that Sunday.

If you will be busy later that morning or prefer a usual worship service, you are invited to join us for our chapel style worship at 8:30am, which will be moving that Sunday to the Outdoor Chapel.

We will not have our regular Church Picnic on June 9th, as we will picnic at the end of the summer on the first Sunday of our new program year, but the Fellowship Committee has some plans for a special hospitality time at 11:30am on June 9th.

We look forward to seeing you as we worship, celebrate, and share in hospitality together!

Church Council Meeting Notes — May 14, 2019

Moderator's Report: Annual meeting went well. Church approved LRPC request for \$8,000 from Building & Grounds to hire architect to develop early plans for Fellowship Hall project.

Personnel committee is starting process for annual clergy reviews which will be completed by early June.

Church Treasurer: Reviewed process for completing and signing check request forms.

Pledge income is \$2,000 behind budget for the first month of the new fiscal year (April). Expenses are over budget by \$5,307 due to UCC now billing monthly for pastor's benefits rather than quarterly.

Church in Society Committee: Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) budget was trimmed to \$9,000 from \$11,000 in the final budget for this fiscal year. If cash flow allows by end of the year, we will try to restore the payment back to \$11,000.

Deacons: Met with confirmands prior to Confirmation Sunday. Reminder that the church will have a float and marchers in the Memorial Day parade. Ben Wallin is adding handrails to outdoor chapel for his Eagle Scout and confirmation projects.

Nominating Committee: Still looking for new Church Clerk as well as other openings on several other committees. There are currently two fair chairs, Carolyn Lindroth and Kara Messenheimer. Council is looking to add another, if possible.

Worship Committee: Swell box motor and 2 stops on the organ will be repaired. Revoicing of stops (about \$400) will be paid from Music Designated Fund. Major mechanical repairs (like \$2,000 motor) will come from Church House budget. Discussion is ongoing concerning Lenten dinner and how it should be paid for. Has not previously been in any committee's budget so will review this for next year. Pew cushions should now arrive mid-June. Outdoor worship begins at 8:30 June 9.

Church House Committee: Gas stove in upstairs kitchen was replaced with an electric stove. IT now falls under responsibility of Church House therefore IT operating budget will be moved to Church House from office expense.

Fellowship Committee: Supplies for coffee hour are being switched to wooden stirs and paper cups (replacing styrofoam) in an effort to be more "green."

CE Committee: Children's service scheduled for June 9th at 10:30am service. June 8th is Dumpster Day. SYF mission trip planning is underway.

Stewardship Committee: Thank you notes were sent to all givers/non-pledgers this year. 2 additional pledges have been received since Annual Meeting. Several who didn't pledge this year continue to give at last year's pledge level. If income comes in above budget, hope would be to restore CIS budget.

Welcome Committee: T-shirt sale is going well. Pictures for directory are ongoing. Anyone not having their picture taken at church can submit their own picture for the directory.

Pastors' Reports – Bryn extended condolences to John Pondiccio whose mother passed away and Millicent Morrison whose sister passed away. Recent CPR class was full and staff is certified. Brookfield Safety Officer did a walk through the church and created a list of suggestions to be reviewed with Church Safety Committee. Reminder that Fairfield East Association has a grant program that churches can apply for if there is a dream project not funded. Jen provided a letter from 2019 confirmands to church leadership with suggestions for ways to get more young people involved in our church.

Old Business: Valley Presbyterian Church currently is still in a search for an Interim Pastor, so the need to use the cottage is currently unknown. Jennifer will be in touch with them for an update. Jen Wurst checking with IRIS about new rules affecting our ability to use the cottage for refugee resettlement.

New Business: Moderator and Vice-Moderator will be attending Fairfield East spring meeting along with pastors from our church. Motion was made to move IT designated funds into Church House designated fund account (Steve/Luke). Passed unanimously. Bryn reported on a new pay scale for substitute musicians approved by Music and Worship Committees.

Outdoor worship for the 8:30am service begins Sunday, June 9th

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 2nd

Join us Sunday, June 2nd 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. We are hoping to celebrate some of our

college grads too!

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 celebrate 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

The regularly scheduled coffee hours end on June 9th and will resume after Labor Day. We are looking for volunteers to host a summer coffee hour after the 10:30AM service.

If you are interested please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall and notify Jeannine in the office. If you need help or guidance contact Monica Pondiccio or Elayne Schwartz.

Notes from the Choir Room

During the month of May, our Chancel Choir, Alleluia Choir and Cherub Choir all sang programs for the residents at Brookfield Common. A great time

was had by all as we shared the message of God's love and care through our music.

On June 30, our bell choir will ring with several hundred other ringers in a concert at the University of Hartford. The concert is a culmination of a wonderful 3 days of ringing and attending workshops. The two conductors are two of our favorite bell composers and we are very excited to attend this Bell Festival. Since it is so close, we encourage you to come and enjoy the concert. It is at 3:00 - 4:30 at the University of Hartford. More information will be available in bulletins later in June.

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of our choir year and are organizing for next year's music program. We love to welcome new members. September is a great time to start, so mark your calendars.

- Our Chancel Choir welcomes adults and high school students. We sing a wide variety of styles of music.
- Our Cherub Choir is for children in grades K 2. They learn how to use their singing voices, matching pitches and following a melody line. They learn some of the rudiments of music, such as rhythm and counting, following the pitches of a melody, and keeping a steady beat.
- Our Alleluia Choir is for children in grades 3-8. They both sing and ring bells. In singing they are learning the basics for part singing. They continue to learn about rhythm through their singing and ringing. They read music from a score and learn how to follow that score.
- The Jubilate Ringers are an advanced group of handbell ringers. If you are interested in learning to ring handbells, please let me know.

Our schedule for next year:

Wednesday: 4:00 - 4:45 - Cherub Choir

4:45 - 6:00 - Alleluia Choir (4:45 - 5:30, singing; 5:30 - 6:00, ringing)

7:00 - 8:00 - Jubilate Ringers

Thursday: 7:00 - 8:30 - Chancel Choir

Toni Sullivan
Director of Music

CCB Dumpster Day - June 8th 2019

Have things to get rid of but not enough to rent a dumpster? **Do some Spring Cleaning and support our 2019 CCB Mission Trip!**

- On Saturday June 8th dumpsters will be in the back parking lot of our church.
- Stop by between 9AM 2PM and dump your things for a Mission Trip Donation (no hazardous materials please)!
- There will be an energetic group from our SYF to unload your junk.
- \$40 minimum donation per car
- This event is **open to the public** so tell your friends and neighbors!
- Home pickup will be available for a limited number of people with a \$100 minimum donation. Please schedule at least one week prior to June 8th by contacting Rodger Wutzl.

<u>Note:</u> The Thrift Shop will also be open on Dumpster Day for a special day of Thrift Shopping to support our SYF Mission Trip.



SYF Uncommon Stock...

As our Senior Youth Fellowship Mission Team prepares to travel to Washington, DC to work with Reach Beyond Mission 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 sold in person

on June 2nd & June 9th (after both worship services) 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. Thank you in advance for your support!

A Request From Stewardship

If you use pledge envelopes, please be aware that this year's envelopes have a dark green border.

There is room for accounting errors if you use an envelope from prior years, and we certainly don't want that!

If you forgot to bring your envelope one week, please feel free to use a pew envelope, indicating your name and giving number. If you didn't receive envelopes, and would like some, please contact Jeannine in the office at 203-775-1259 or office@uccb.org.

It always helps your faithful Sunday counters if you put your pledge number on your check. If you don't remember what your number is, please don't hesitate to ask.

Getting to Know our New Members

On Sunday, May 12th, we were pleased to welcome these 2 new members into covenant with our congregation. We hope you can get to know Shawn and Tammy as the newest members of our church family.

Shawn and Tammy Sylvester live in Brookfield. Tammy is a stay-at-home mom and subs in the schools. Shawn works for The Hartford. Their faith background is Methodist. Shawn and Tammy's hobbies are their kids, Brayden (11th grade) and Aston (8th grade). They spend many days traveling to sporting events. They also enjoy heading to Lime Rock to watch car racing. They first began attending CCB because we were local and they loved the New England feel and the great people here. The Sylvesters have decided to join CCB because of the great families here, the sense of community they feel here and the great music.



Youth Fellowship

Our Junior and Senior Youth Fellowship have had a busy year full of service projects, rich conversation, teambuilding and fun. As we head into the summer each group will have two final meetings on June 2nd and June 9th. This summer our Junior Youth Fellowship will be participating in a mini-mission trip overnight serving with our sister UCC church in Bridgeport from June 27th-28th. Our SYF Mission Team will be traveling to Washington D.C. from July 14th-20th. We invite your prayers for our youth mission teams as they go beyond our walls to serve out in the world.

Note: If you have a 6th-12th grader and are not currently receiving JYF (6th-8th grades) or SYF (9th-12th grades) weekly email updates, please let Pastor Jen know. You can email her at Jennifer@uccb.org.



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

Join us as we welcome Chelsea Roman, who will talk about local non-poisonous snakes.

Our menu:

Iced Tea, Picnic Sandwiches, Black Bean Salad, German Potato Salad, Ice Cream Sundae

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.

From Stewardship

Your giving makes a world of difference! During our past Stewardship campaign we heard Brookfield Director of Senior and Social Services, Ellen Melville, tell how a significant donation one year from our Yankee Fair proceeds inspired their organization to create a Tool Box Program. BSSS didn't just want to funnel the money to the work at hand but to honor the gift by instituting new programs that would have farther-reaching impacts in the lives of those they serve and in our community. Essentially, they were obtaining the tools to move forward creating new projects that they were previously not equipped for. It goes back to the old saying, *Give someone a fish and you feed them for a day; teach them how to fish and you feed them for a lifetime.*

Similarly, your financial support of CCB through your faithful pledge-giving not only meets the daily needs of our church's operation but also supports the ministries of Worship, Education, Pastoral Care and Outreach that touch the lives of so many and propel living out lives in Christ's service. You are building the toolbox at CCB!

Thank you for keeping your pledge-giving current during these summer months. If you are not in attendance, you may mail in your pledge donations. You may also find it convenient to set up automatic pledge payments through your bank, or through PushPay on the CCB website (www.uccb.org) and CCB phone app (Church of Brookfield).

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." ~ First Peter 4:10

"God Created Color" Summer 2019

Quoted from the Bible in Genesis I, it said, "In the beginning when God created the universe... everything was engulfed in total darkness...Then God commanded, 'Let there be light'-and light appeared. Then he separated the light from the darkness, and he named the light 'Day' and the darkness 'Night'. Evening passed and morning came, that was the first day."

Not only is this the very first verse in the Bible, it is the first reference to color in the Bible. God created many other colors, from the blue in the sky and waters to the green of the plants and trees. The seven colors in the rainbow can be found in the seven days God created Earth. They are God's spectrum of color.

This summer our church school children will be studying various Bible stories that will help them get to know God better. Colors will be assigned to express the very nature of God. For example, the color blue will represent that *God Forgives*, and the color orange will represent that *God Protects*. After we travel through a rainbow of biblical colors our children will complete 3 different rainbow-inspired crafts. Children will be melting pony beads to create a sun catcher of God. They will spray paint paver stones to create a Hop Scotch spot for the children's playground. Lastly, the older children will be learning how to crochet in an effort to "crochet-bomb" some of the trees on the CCB property as a beautiful art installation dedicated to God's beautiful world of color.

Colors are part of our lives, and each color represents all that we see and feel in our hearts about God. Please join us this summer and fill your heart getting to know God and celebrating the beauty of all the colors God made!

Summer Church School starts June 16th. We will have a one-room schoolhouse setup for both the 8:30 and 10:30 services. Summer Church School is available to children ages 3 up to 8^{th} grade.

Church School is looking for volunteers willing to help knit or crochet-bomb our trees. If interested or if you have any questions, please email me at Barbara@uccb.org.

REMINDER: CHILDREN'S SERVICE- JUNE 9TH AT THE 10:30 SERVICE

Get to Know Our Confirmands:

Rebecca is 15 and a freshman at Brookfield High School. She lives with her mom Jill, dad Jay, and older siblings Marc and Catie. Rebecca's Confirmation Project was to organize and carry out the Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast for the Church School children. Her favorite things to do are to run, travel and hike. Rebecca spent part of her birthday at her final Confirmation class...what a trooper! She is a good listener when people have problems, and she likes to help people. Rebecca likes CCB because it is very welcoming and a good place to be.

Evan is 14 and a freshman at Newtown High School. He lives with his parents Laura and David. Evan's Confirmation Project was to play the Easter music for the Newbury Congregational Church. His favorite things to do are to play music (mainly piano & trumpet) and to play soccer and hockey. Evan is a member of this year's SYF Mission Team headed to Washington D.C. this summer, and he likes CCB because it is open to anyone who wishes to come.

Jamie is 15 and a freshman at Brookfield High School. The members of her family are her mom Dana, dad John, and older siblings Samantha, Jack & Cooper. Her Confirmation Project is to sing to elderly people who are struggling with Alzheimer's disease. Jamie's favorite things to do are to sing, play music, and act. Jamie is a very compassionate person who cares deeply for her family and friends. She likes CCB because we allow the opportunity for a judgment free zone, and she feels very accepted here.

Geslin is 14 and a freshman at Danbury High School. The members of her family who attend CCB are her mom Tania, stepdad Manny, and little brother Aidan. Geslin's Confirmation Project was to raise money and needed items for the Danbury Animal Welfare Society (DAWS). Her favorite things to do are to read and play on her phone. Geslin is a member of this year's SYF Mission Team and has grown up (for the most part) here at CCB.

Lleyton is 15 and a freshman at Brookfield High School. The members of his family are his dad Luke, his mom Lisa (Clark), and his sister Logan. Lleyton worked on the Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast for our Church School children with Rebecca Coneybear as his Confirmation Project and was crowned the winner of the pancake eating contest. His favorite things to do are to play drums and bass guitar and to play Lacrosse. Lleyton likes to help people when needed and to make people laugh. He likes CCB because it is very welcoming to anyone no matter what.

Jack is 15 and a freshman at Brookfield High School. Jack's immediate family members are his mom Susan, his dad Patrick, and his big sister Karli. Jack cleaned all of the tables in Fellowship Hall as his Confirmation Project, and they look great! His favorite things to do are to play soccer and spend time with his friends. Jack will be a member of this year's SYF Mission Team traveling to Washington D.C. Jack likes to make people laugh, and he likes CCB because it is very welcoming and accepting of everyone.

Ben is 14 and a freshman at Brookfield High School. His immediate family members are his mom Deirdra and his dad Chris. Ben's Confirmation Project is also his Eagle Scout Project, which is to build a handrailing from the Memorial Garden to the Outdoor Chapel, to create new boxes/benches to hold the seat cushions in the Outdoor Chapel, and to do some beautification and planting there as well. Ben hopes to complete his project by August. Ben is very involved in Boy Scouts, is a member of this year's SYF Mission Team, and his favorite thing to do is to hang out with friends. Ben likes CCB because it is a good community.

Strengthen The Church

One of our 5 For 5 offerings to the wider UCC ministries, the Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

We will accept offerings during the entire month of June. Look for envelopes either in the bulletin or in the pew racks. Our Church In Society Committee thanks you in advance for your commitment to expanding the word of Christ.

Dining For Women is a learning opportunity. So....... MEN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ANYTIME!!

For a change of pace, our next meeting will be on June 3rd at the CH Booth Library in Newtown. from 6:30-9:00pm. That is because several local DFW chapters are presenting the film series: Women, War & Peace II. We will probably only watch one or two of the four parts followed by some discussion.

Light refreshments will be served so no need to provide anything in our usual potluck style. We will continue to support June's featured grantee, Kakenya's Dream (Kenya). Here's what DFW has to say about it:

We love this project's focus on empowering young Maasai girls who are at risk for Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting and early marriage to stay in school, learn about sexual and reproductive health, child rights, and life skills through girl-centered programming.

You can always go online to check this program out more fully. If you are interested in attending or need more information please contact Olivia Quinsland or speak to her after church.

Fellowship Of Concern

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Kim Abreu

Lillian Covill

Liz DeLambert

Revs. Joe Glaze & Jenny Montgomery

Donna King

Greg & Jan Labas,

Marion Miller

Millicent Morrison

The Ruschmeyers

Dave Ryan

Margitta Savo

Lavinia Schmaling



To the members of the "Prayer Shawl Ministry",

How special is it to know that your beautiful prayer shawl was blessed on the very day of my husband Stuart's passing, December 11, 2018. It makes this thoughtful gesture towards the Meehan/Bush family even more meaningful.

We have the same ministry at the Briarcliff Congregational Church in New York, and I know how uplifting it can be to receive one of these unique, handmade creations.

On behalf of my 2 daughters, Robin Meehan (Brookfield, CT) and Kaitlyn Conlon (Thornwood, NY), and their respective families, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincere gratitude for your prayers and good wishes, Lowen K. Bush

CrossWays Deadline

There is no CrossWays in July or August. 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 Administrator at 203-775-1259 if you have any questions.



Brookfield Ecumenical Vacation Bible School July 8th-12th at St. Joseph's Church

<u>Brookfield Ecumenical Vacation Bible School registration forms are available</u> outside the church office for both campers & CIT/TA helpers. <u>The BVBS leaders are also looking for adults</u> who are interested in helping to organize and implement this year's program and offer feedback and leadership in the coming years. If you have questions or are interested in helping you can email Janet, Kelly & Margaret at <u>brookfieldvbs@gmail.com</u>.

Thank you from the Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop extends enormous gratitude for all the donations, shopping, and support you have shared with us the past several years!

We believe spring will actually happen this year, and because of that we have cleared winter from our shelves and clothes racks, and prayerfully ask for your spring and summer donations at this time.

To drop off your gently used clothing you may visit the parsonage on our shop days: the first and third Saturday of every month from 9 am till noon.

You may drop them at the church in the area by the church mailboxes.

Thank you for your support of our church mission!



This time of year is always a bit bittersweet. We get to celebrate A LOT. We recently celebrated with our Confirmands as they claimed their faith for themselves and chose to join the church through the Rite of Confirmation. We were able to recognize the hard work that they and their mentors did throughout the 8 months of their Confirmation journey and stood up for and with them as they owned the centuries' old covenant of our church.

This month we will celebrate with our high school and college graduates on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 2nd, as we hear from them about what the church means in their lives and what their plans are as they embark on bright futures. We will also celebrate with our Church School children as they lead us in worship on Children's Sunday, June 9th, and share many of the things that they have learned during their "Year of Prayer." We will recognize the awesome volunteers that make our Church School and youth programs a success on that day as well – celebrating the many gifts that they share with our children, youth, and church family.

We have also celebrated some lives in the recent months and lifted up in memory the lives of those who have meant the world to us on our Book of Remembrance Sunday at the end of May. As we lifted these lives up we laughed and cried and celebrated the many lessons that these dear ones taught through their words and their living.

With so much talk about celebration, recognizing accomplishments and gifts, and sharing happy memories and lessons learned, why is it that this time of year would also be bittersweet? It is because, "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end," as the band Semisonic once crooned in their hit song "Closing Time." However, long before Semisonic released their song in 1998, another author (sometimes presumed to be King Solomon in his old age) shared the wisdom that "to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven," wisdom later crooned by The Byrds but first shared in the Bible in the book of Ecclesiastes. In Ecclesiastes chapter 3 we are reminded of the order of things – that there is a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted, a time for love and a time for hate, a time for war and a time to pluck up what is planted, a time to speak, a time to be born and a time to die, a time to mourn and a time to dance... Even when celebration moments happen, we realize that things are changing – and how we deal with that change is what matters most perhaps.

One of the great gifts in the life of the church is that we live in the midst of many generations. We celebrate with a family that spans the ages of newborn to late 90s. People get to watch children grow up. (After all this confirmation class were babies when I first arrived at CCB!) We get to celebrate accomplishments and share wisdom all along the way. We get to make difficult decisions together and share in table fellowship, in concerns and joys, in blessing. So when the changes come, we realize that we have each other – a system and family of care and support – partially of our own choosing and definitely of God's choosing – to accompany us.

So as the season changes in the life of our church – from regular program year to summer schedules and outdoor worship and campfires, let us recognize the blessing in it all, especially in the fact that we can claim one another as companions on the journey – offering care and support to one another, guided and blessed by God

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!

2019-2020 Deacons

| A-BO | Ruth Allen |
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| BR-CO | Martha Parvis |
| CR-DY | Sharon Santi |
| E-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-SI | Marie Immohr |
| SL-TY | Carol Ryan |
| UN-Z | John Pondiccio |

Youth Deacons:

Catie Coneybear Stephen Wutzl

Committee Chairs and Church Council Reps

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

Moderator: Sue Waschak Vice Moderator: Jack Brown Clerk: TBD

Treasurer: Greg Dorrell
Assistant Treasurer: Kristi McPadden
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Pastoral Relations Committee: Wendy Elsen, Dave Goral, Gordon Markiewicz,

Larry Ruschmeyer, Olivia Quinsland.

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Jennifer Whipple, Monica McInerney, Eileen Koch, Mark Lyon

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Summer Campfires are back



<u>Please join us Wednesdays,</u> July 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

from 6:00 to 7:30pm

Please join us at the Campfire Circle
We will enjoy a picnic dinner together, a simple program or game, sing campfire songs and roast s'mores.

All ages welcome and encouraged!

Bring meat or veggies to grill and a dish to share. S'mores and lemonade provided

BYOBS (Bring your own bug spray!)

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

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