



Cross Ways

The Newsletter of
The Congregational Church of Brookfield
160 Whisconier Road,
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October 2019

"Age of Aquarius" Remembering our first Fair in 1969!

Yankee Fair & Barn Sale

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**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19, 2019
8:00AM - 3:00PM**



**Congregational
Church of
Brookfield**
160 Whisconier Road,
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Barn Items - Grill - Fudge
Baked Goods - Cheese
White Steeple Inn - Crafts
Silent Auction - Family Fun
Toys - Music - Thrift Shop
Books - Vanilla Swirl the
Clown, & much, much more!

*Proceeds will benefit:
Brookfield Cares, Interserve,
Building Homes for Heroes*

***Please remember to bring your own RE-USABLE Bags.
We are a plastic bag free fair. And, Cash and Checks only!**

Church Council Summary for September 10, 2019

Vice-Moderator's Report: Fellowship Hall architecture meeting on September 16th at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Concept drawings will be reviewed.

Clerk's Report: Sue W. welcomed Kristi M. as Church Clerk.

Treasurer's Report: Financial Reports for August 2019 and Fiscal Year-to-Date – Greg D. reported that net income is positive. Organ swell box work will begin soon.

Historian: Bob B. needs to look into how much of the paperwork in the vault has been digitized. Once digitized, it can possibly be disposed of. The Yankee Fair is looking for historical data to display in Brooks Hall.

CIS Committee: Suicide Prevention Walk is 10/20, church sponsoring through CIS; Valley Presbyterian Interim Pastor Deb Packard moved in to the cottage; October Thrift Shop proceeds will be donated to the same organizations as the Yankee Fair; Neighbors in Need will be collected in October.

Stewardship Committee: Working on the 1757 legacy giving brochure, and trying to coordinate process and designations with the Book of Remembrance; would like to coordinate a passport program with other committees, encouraging parishioners to visit other committees.

Welcome Committee: Welcome is working on collecting everyone's photo for the directory; Send newsworthy stories and pictures to uccbsocialmedia@gmail.com.

Church House Committee: The contract was signed for the lift repairs; the kitchen roof will be replaced; the new phones are set up and working.

Fellowship Committee: Fellowship is looking for volunteers for coffee hour; the move to "going green" is being initiated, styrofoam cups will be offered to AA.

CE Committee: Sunday School kickoff and picnic were well attended; this year's Church School theme is 'Building Faith Brick by Brick', using Lego's; CE is looking to recruit people to correspond with children as pen pals (more details to come); Great Pumpkin Challenge 5-6:30 pm 10/27. Melanie and Meredith are looking for people to take over the Live Nativity.

Deacons: Stephen Minister classes start on 9/16 in Ridgefield. No one from CCB is attending, but Bryn will be teaching 2 classes.

Yankee Fair: Collections at the barn ongoing; Push Pay will not be accepted at the fair this year; Brookfield Day this year (same day as fair) – Town holding event at Town Hall with food trucks, vendors and crafts from 11am to 3pm. Town organizer suggested that the Town make a donation to the benefactors of the Yankee Fair due to potential conflict of events.

Pastor's Goals: Bryn: Bring more lessons from Spiritual Direction program into church life. Engage in new prayer practices to better support worship & teaching. Nurture leaders with prayerful, behind-the-scenes support. Connect self & others with good resources, reducing outside commitments.

Jen: Improve volunteer recruitment & retention for CE programs. Identify needs in community where church may help step into the gap. Create and connect church family with hands-on service opportunities.

Pastors' Reports: Fairfield East fall meeting will be 10/30 in Ridgefield at Ridgebury Church. Knitbombling on the trees around campus has created lots of discussion around town – the explanation is on the trees and website for anyone who wants more information.

Old Business: Fellowship Hall Task Force – approval of additional members: Laurie Matson, Sue Ronan, Kelly Kelly and Jack Brown passed unanimously. Final feedback on Safety Committee questions was received from Fellowship & Stewardship Committees.



October Serendippers

Tuesday, October 8th at 11:45am

***Please join us as we welcome Lou Memoli
with a piano and harmonica musical presentation!***

Our menu:

Golden Apple Punch, Baked Pork Chops, Simple Au Gratin Potatoes,
Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Fresh Nutty Apple 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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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

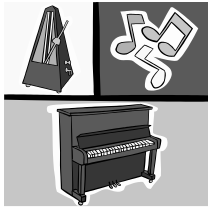
On Memorial Day weekend and "All Saints" Sundays, these gifts are recognized and dedicated in worship, and those persons are remembered in prayer. The Book of Remembrance appeals to a great many people as a most beautiful and appropriate way to pay tribute to those whom we have loved. Expenditures from the Book of Remembrance Fund are approved by a vote of the congregation for the enhancement of our worship and ministry.

We will read the names of those remembered in the Book of Remembrance at both 8:30am and 10:30am worship services on Sunday, November 3rd. For more information please call the church office at 203-775-1259.

Note: Deadline for November 3rd Book of Remembrance is Sunday, October 27th.

If you wish to donate funds in memory of friends and loved ones, checks can be made payable to "Book of Remembrance" with the name of your loved one in the memo line. Donations can be mailed to:

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



NOTES FROM THE CHOIR ROOM

We will have our wandering band of bell ringers back at the Yankee Fair this year. Several composers have made arrangements of music for 12 bells. That means 6 ringers each have 2 bells and we are set to travel around the fair to entertain our visitors that day.

We will also begin rehearsals for Lessons and Carols on October 24th. All interested singers are welcome to join the choir to sing in our Lessons and Carols service on December 15. Beginning October 24th, we will use the first half hour of our rehearsal to learn Lessons and Carols music. You are welcome to join us for that rehearsal time.

Children's choirs have begun! We have such fun singing, moving, playing games, playing boomwhackers and Orff instruments. If you would like to watch one of our rehearsals, please talk to me (Toni) and we will arrange a time. Cherubs rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 4:45. Alleluia Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 4:45 - 6:00 (with the last half hour dedicated to playing handbells).

Toni Sullivan
Director of Music

Save the Date – The Great Pumpkin Challenge Event!

Please join us Sunday, October 27th at 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall, for a simple supper and pumpkin carving to benefit the Great Pumpkin Challenge. We will have pumpkins to carve for donation to the Great Pumpkin Challenge, as well as crafts to make and bring home. Please bring \$10 per family (if you are able) to donate to the Challenge, which helps raise funds for kids to attend the Hole In the Wall Gang Camp – a summer camp experience for kids with disabilities or serious illness. This is an all church event and you are welcome to come for all or part of the evening. Our Junior and Senior Youth Fellowship groups will also be joining in the fun.



1969
“Age of Aquarius”
Yankee Fair and Barn Sale
Saturday October 19, 2019

Break out your tie-dyed shirt and bell bottom jeans, the Yankee Fair is just around the corner. This year we will be sharing 50% of the proceeds with Brookfield Cares, Building Homes for Heroes and Interserve. The remaining funds will support programs and projects here at CCB through our Christian Growth and Enrichment and Buildings and Grounds Funds.

What's going on in the next 2 weeks....

The time for donations has now passed. Our talented volunteers are working hard to transform the barn for the big event. If you have time the week leading up to the fair, please consider stopping by to lend a hand.

It's not too late to volunteer to work at the fair. We are still in need of more volunteers in many of our booths. Please see one of the fair chairs or volunteer coordinators, Sally Markiewicz or Walt Fisher.

Silent Auction is creating gift baskets! If you have any items to include in a basket, or wrapping supplies, you can drop them off in the church office.

The Quilters, Crafters and Garden Booth are finishing up projects. If you are a home crafter and would like to contribute items, please contact one of us, and we will get your creations to the proper place.

Also, we would love **lots of baked goods for the Bake Shop and Coffee Shop**. We are again requesting this year that each donation be labeled for what the item is and a general list of the ingredients (i.e. Nuts, artificial sweeteners, peanuts, dairy product, etc.). Please let our volunteer coordinators know if you will be baking for the fair.

We, your fair chairs, are excited to be celebrating the anniversary of the first Yankee Fair in 1969 that not only provides funds for great causes but provides fun and fellowship for our local community and beyond.

Faithfully,
Carolyn Lindroth and Kara Mesenheimer
2019 Yankee Fair Chairs





Youth Fellowship in October

Our Junior & Senior Youth Fellowship groups had an opportunity to kick off their year with some “get to know you” games, some planning and looking ahead to service projects, conversation topics, mission trips, and FUN for the year. Junior Youth Fellowship is for youth in 6th-8th grades, and Senior Youth fellowship is for youth in 9th-12th grades. If you are or have a young person who would like to be added to our JYF or SYF email list please do let Pastor Jen know at Jennifer@uccb.org.

Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF):

Sunday, October 6th – Hearts of Hope Creation – Time TBA

Sunday, October 13th – Fair Project (basket moving) & Ga Ga – 5-6:30pm

Saturday, October 19th – Yankee Fair (selling popcorn, cotton candy, and Hearts of Hope)

Sunday, October 20th – AFSP Suicide Prevention Walk** – 1pm

Sunday, October 27th – Great Pumpkin Challenge – 5-6:30pm (see article for details)

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

Sunday, October 6th – Hearts of Hope Creation – Time TBA

Sunday, October 13th – Fair Project (furniture moving) & Ga Ga – 7-8:30pm

Saturday, October 19th – Yankee Fair (selling popcorn, cotton candy, and Hearts of Hope)

Sunday, October 20th – AFSP Suicide Prevention Walk** – 1pm

Sunday, October 27th – Great Pumpkin Challenge – 5-6:30pm (see article for details)

****To register for our “CCB Youth & Family” Suicide Prevention Walk team** you can go to afsp.org/Brookfield and search for our team name. All money from the Hearts of Hope sold at the Yankee Fair & Church will also go to benefit our team and suicide prevention efforts.

Confirmation Class

Our Confirmands are off to a great start on their Confirmation journey. Please hold them and their mentors in your prayers as they embark on this faith adventure.

Sunday, October 6th – Confirmand & Mentor Meeting – 5-7pm

Wednesday, October 23rd – Confirmand Meeting: Jesus – 7-9pm

Out of the Darkness: Brookfield Walks to Fight Suicide

Walkers step off from Town Hall at 1:00pm Sunday, October 20, 2019

Join our youth groups and others from our church as we join forces with our community and with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to bring the topic of depression and suicide “out of the darkness.” Registration begins at 12noon with a special kick-off presentation at 1:00pm that invites us to remember those who have died, or those whose lives have been changed forever by suicide.

To get more information, or to sign up to join our team, just go to the website: afsp.org/Brookfield and search for “CCB Youth and Family”.

Neighbors In Need

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

We will be collecting for NIN throughout the month of October. You can find envelopes either in the bulletin or in the pew racks. Be sure to put NIN in the memo line on a check or designate it on Pushpay.



Help us get the word out about CCB! If you are on a committee that has events coming up, or events that have occurred, that you would like to share on Facebook, please email them to Beth Wutzl at uccbsocialmedia@gmail.com.



Thrift Shop Update:

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

As we reflect on summer in our rearview mirrors, we look ahead to fall and winter. As you prepare your own closets for the cooler weather, please consider donating your gently used sweaters, jackets, pants and outdoor gear to the Thrift Shop.

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

Or

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

Thank you for your support of our church mission!

Increase your “Self Awareness” with Fellowship this fall!

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a series of lectures on “Self -Awareness” during the upcoming months. The presentations will be held on the following Sundays after both the 8:30am and 10:30am services.

Sunday, October 27th

Letting Go: Decluttering & Simplifying by Kerri Colombo

Clearing out Clutter? What can you do with it all? Join us for a Discussion of Disposition Options: Bring your Ideas and Resources to Share. Professional Organizer Kerri Colombo from Cornerstone Organizing will facilitate the discussion in Creation Station October 27 following both church services.

Sunday, November 3rd

An Introduction to Guided Meditation by Tosha Gordon

Sunday, January 26th

"Jump Start" to making Healthy Choices and Nutrition by Becky Bishop

We are very fortunate to have members of our own church provide these lectures to us!

New Church Directory Is in the Works – Photo Bomb Us Soon!

Welcome Committee invites you to submit a photo for our new on-line and print photo directory, which we will be assembling this fall. If you prefer us to take your photo, you can come to our photo booth in the Church Courtyard at the Yankee Fair on Oct. 19. Otherwise, please email your photo to John Smallwood-Garcia.

Note: Photos will be reproduced in black and white, and in a small format, so the most effective photos will be horizontal (landscape) and be shot close enough to see faces.

“Get Out of the Boat”
**Stewardship Committee Invites You on an Inner Journey,
Passports Included!**

The Stewardship Committee is excited to share with you our fall program "Get Out of the Boat". During recent campaigns our congregation has learned about metanoia (transformation) and the multiple ways our church's giving impacts those in our local and wider community. We see first-hand how our contributions of time, talent and treasure impact the lives of so many. **Yet, when we share our resources of time, talent and treasure; we are also changed.** Life is a delicate balancing act. Many of us struggle to balance our time, our money and our challenges. We invite you on this inner journey in the hope that we will discover how the sharing of our time, talent and treasure changes everything, including ourselves.

This congregation is a valuable resource. Our knowledge and passions vary. However, working together to make CCB and our communities stronger is a common goal we share as a part of our faith. A ***Stewardship Passport*** is your ticket for this inner journey that encourages exploration and faith-building right here at CCB. This passport is a resource of information about volunteer meetings and activities in our church. Have you always wanted to attend a Council meeting? Perhaps a Dining for Women event is more of interest. What exactly does the Worship Committee do? Maybe you feel the need to attend a prayer group or bible study. Well, now is your opportunity to explore and share **without commitment**. You are invited to any and all of these opportunities and events. Simply pick up a passport, fill out your name, and look inside for lots of information about what goes on here at CCB. Passports will be available from the ushers on September 29. Additional passports are available at both entrances to the meetinghouse, from the church office, or the table outside the church office.

The passports include contact information for each opportunity so please feel comfortable reaching out to the contact person for updated information and so they are aware of your intentions. Please feel free to explore as many opportunities or events as you would like, you can even attend the same one more than once! Just remember to bring your passport with you and have it initialed by the group leader or chairperson—this way your passport will be “stamped” as you travel right here at CCB. This program will run through December 15. *As a bonus all participants in the Stewardship Passport Program will be invited to a Stewardship dinner early in January!*

By exploring different opportunities here at CCB, we can better define the directions we need to pursue for our church, our community and ourselves. **When we share our resources, be it time, gifts or financial; we are changed.** Thank you for prayerfully considering joining in this faith-building inner journey.

Patty Moran,
Stewardship Committee

News From Church School



THANK YOU to all the knitters and crocheters that donated their time to **"knitbomb" our trees!** Church School hopes that the art installation entitled *GOD CREATED COLOR* makes you smile and think about God's beautiful colorful world. ENJOY & BLESSINGS CCB!



"I Belong" is one building block of faith development. **"I belong to God"** and **"I belong in CCB Church"** will be the focus of the month of October in Church School. Faith Stories will be shared by the SYF Mission Team, songs about belonging will be sung lead by Mariann Schirizzo, and Bible stories about belonging, specifically the story of Ruth, will be read and interpreted through **LEGO blocks**. **DON'T MISS OUT!**



The Secret Pen Pal Project will kick off in October. Church school children will be paired with an adult member of the church and given **"secret code names"**. Two letters a month will be exchanged via the CCB Postmaster (aka. Gillian Beswick.) Each month will contain a **"monthly theme"** prepared sheet and one **"free"** letter exchange. **VOLUNTEER TO BE A SECRET PEN PAL!** (Speak with Barbara or Gillian if you are interested in volunteering.)



The Great Pumpkin Challenge is scheduled for Sunday, October 27 at 5pm. Dinner will be served and pumpkins will be provided. \$10 per family donation is asked. Proceeds benefit The Hole In The Wall Gang. **COME CARVE!**



Math for Mammals Math-a-thon to fundraise for a Heifer Gift Ark is wrapping up. **STAY TUNED FOR RESULTS!**

Barbara Crandell,
Church School Coordinator



Children and Adults Coming Together in Friendship

"I belong". This simple statement is the heart of CCB. "I Belong to God" and "I belong at CCB". This is the inspiring foundation for The Secret Pen Pal Project. Church School is looking for adult volunteers (that is anyone NOT currently enrolled in church school), willing to become a Secret Pen Pal to a church school child. The Secret Pen Pal Project will start in October and end in December with a Special Secret Pen Pal reveal party. (Date still to be determined). The aim of this project is to encourage, nurture and foster relationships between generations.

We are all learning where God wants us to go on our life's journey, but the trip is always more exciting if we can travel it together.

YES, I WOULD LOVE TO VOLUNTEER TO BECOME A SECRET PEN PAL. PLEASE USE THE INFORMATION BELOW TO BEST CONTACT ME WITH MORE DETAILS.

Name: _____

Email/Phone: _____



Fellowship Of Concern



CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Lillian Covill,
Donna King,
Greg & Jan Labas,
Marion Miller,
Millicent Morrison,
The Ruschmeyers,
Margitta Savo,
Lavinia Schmaling,

SYMPATHIES:

- Mike and Robin Murphy and family on the passing of Mike's sister Nancy.
- Ashley Zennis and family on the passing of her stepfather.
- Mary Gallagher DeLucia & Alex DeLucia and family on the passing of Mary's brother John.

BAPTISM:

- Mason John Volpe, son of Gregory and Kayla Volpe, on September 1st.

CrossWays Deadline

The deadline for the November issue of CrossWays is October 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.

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.), or 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	Ruth Allen
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

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! ~Psalm 105:1-6

Wow! It has been a busy fall already, and we are only heading in to October. So far this new program year we have blessed backpacks & baptized a little one into our church family, welcomed people back to church on Welcome Back Sunday with great anthems from our children's & Chancel choirs and an All Church Picnic, learned about life for our unhoused and food insecure brothers and sisters in Washington DC as our youth led SYF Mission Trip Sunday, and learned that 2 + 2 = goat as we kicked off our Math for Mammals Math-a-thon to raise money for a second Heifer Ark...and that is only in worship on Sundays. Outside of worship we have welcomed our Serendippers crowd back, gathered together in our adult studies, continued the long tradition of Men's and Women's fellowship, gathered choirs back together, sent money from successful summer Thrift Shops to our Refugee Resttlement Ministry partner (IRIS), learned about Edu-Girls in India with Dining for Women, made quite a splash with our knit-bombed tree art installation titled "God Created Color", learned about organizing from Kerri Colombo, heard Gordon (Markiewicz) Ruin Everything about the Reformation, and had a chance to see what possibilities our potential Fellowship Hall renovation and accessibility project may hold.

As we move into October we will celebrate World Communion Sunday, welcome people to our church grounds for the Yankee Fair, participate in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Brookfield Suicide Prevention Walk, welcome a UCC Missionary from Colombia to our church to share the good work that our support helps him to carry out in Jesus' name in the wider world, and carve pumpkins for the great cause of the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp on our Great Pumpkin Challenge Night.

Now we know that this does not happen just because we have awesome people who set goals, look to grow in faith and fellowship together, and strive to serve with the gifts they have been given. (Although our church family is made up of such awesome folks!) It first comes from the source – the root of all we have and all we are. With God and God's wisdom and guidance we are able to do all of these things. We are able to join our gifts and goals, our faith and sense of family, and to do some great work and service together in God's name. So that is really what this is all about. In these confusing and uncertain times, we are called to work together and do all that we do in response to God and God's great gifts to us of time, talent, treasures and of grace...seeking God's guidance for discernment along the way. We do all that we do to praise God and to offer thanks for the community of care and support we find when we gather together as a family of faith.

May we continue to sense God at work in and around and through us. May we continue to respond to God through our words, our work, and our worship. May all that we do show our connection and call to our world that is in need of agents for positive change and peace. May all that we do offer praise and thanks to our God.

Committee Chairmen and Church Council Reps

Moderator: Sue Waschak
Vice Moderator: Jack Brown
Treasurer: Greg Dorrell
Clerk (Asst. Treasurer): Kristi McPadden
Investment Treasurer: Audrey Himebaugh

Committee Chairs

Christian Ed Amy D'Alessandro
Church House John Mangold
Church-in-Society Lyn Lyon
Deacons Marie Immohr
Fellowship Monica Pondiccio
Nominating Tom Young
Stewardship Susan Dodd
Welcome Robin Murphy
Worship Kim Downey

Church Council Representatives

Christian Ed Wendy Elsen
Church House Steve Waschak
Church-in-Society Luke Duval
Deacons John Pondiccio
Fellowship Michele Ostrom
Nominating Carolyn Lindroth
Stewardship Tom Brown
Welcome Beth Telesco
Worship Kathy Wandelmaier
Historian Bob Brown

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

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

Pastoral Relations Committee: Wendy Elsen, Dave Goral, Gordon Markiewicz,
Larry Ruschmeyer, Olivia Quinsland.

Personnel Committee: Sue Waschak (chair), Jack Brown, Bryn Smallwood-Garcia,
Jennifer Whipple, Bob Emrich, Monica McInerney, Eileen Koch, Mark Lyon



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Our Decorated Trees....

At the Congregational Church of Brookfield, we spent summer 2019 in both adult worship and church school learning Bible stories that taught us about various gifts of God (love, power, forgiveness, protection, guidance, etc.). We connected each of those gifts to a color of the rainbow (plus black, white, brown, and transparent) and each week added a color to our first “knit bombed” tree — at our Outdoor Chapel — and to our wreath inside the Meetinghouse. While we were learning, some of our members were knitting and crocheting to prepare us to share our summer theme, **“God Created Color,”** with our community this fall. Our children also learned to knit and crochet, and their handicrafts are on the smaller trees in our church courtyard. Our hope with this project was that we would not only spruce up our church campus with some cheerful bright colors, but also that our warmly wrapped trees might remind all of us that God is always surrounding us with warmth and love. Our prayer is that God may continue to offer us all a wide variety of spiritual gifts to help us to be more faithful disciples out in the world. Our trees will remain decorated until after the Yankee Fair. For more information about this project you can visit our website at www.uccb.org.

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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