

# **CrossWays**

The Newsletter of
The Congregational Church of Brookfield
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October 2017



"Welcome"
Congregational Church of Brookfield's
Yankee Fair and Barn Sale
Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017
9:00am—3:00pm

Barn Opens at 8:00am

## Church Council Summary for September 12, 2017

**LRPC:** Project leaders should turn in their project binders.

**Moderator's Report:** Fair funds will be divided as follows: \$1,000 to CCB Refugee Resettlement Ministry, 50% of the remaining funds to Silver Lake Conference Center for scholarships and 50% to IRIS. The motion was approved by email vote in August. Committee budgets are due in November, please submit to Mark Lyon. Jeannine McCullough's new title is Office Administrator. The deacons will update the Visiting Angels list. Visiting Angels assist with visitations, meals, and other assistance as needed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Overall income is \$14K ahead of plan. Expenses are \$2358 below plan. Tom B. will work on a quarterly year to year pledge income comparison.

Christian Growth & Enrichment Spending Request: Jennifer made a motion requesting CG&E funds to cover General Association fees (\$155) and registration fee (\$40) for workshop "Weird Church" that Jennifer and Toni S will attend on Oct. 25. Total spending request is \$195. Kristi M. seconded. The motion passed.

#### **Committee Reports**

Welcome: Visitor's gatherings will be held on Sept. 24 at 9:30 and Oct. 15 at 11:30.

**Fellowship:** The committee is in favor of the immigration education opportunity re: the UCC Immigrant Welcoming Church Resolution. They will host coffee hour on Sept. 24 when the church will celebrate its 260<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Deacons:** On Nov. 12 Tosha Gordon will be commissioned as a Stephen Ministry Leader. She will give the sermon that day. Jane Moran met with the Deacons after her Fairfield East Association meeting. The Deacons voted to continue to support Jane as a Member in Discernment through our church.

**Church House:** The lift has a leaking hydraulic cylinder. The repair bill will be significant. The cost was \$700 to diagnose the problem. It will take a couple of weeks for the parts to arrive. (Update: The lift has been fixed.)

**Worship:** The committee revised their budget in order to save money, and thanks all of the people who donated their musical gifts over the summer while Toni was away.

**Church in Society:** The Habitat for Humanity ReStore contacted the CCB Thrift Shop with a request for a promotional exchange. Jennifer made a motion to approve allowing CIS to put a link to the ReStore on the CCB web page in exchange for a link to the Thrift Shop on the ReStore web page. Kristi M. seconded. The motion passed. September's Thrift Shop proceeds of \$635 will go to the Red Cross for hurricane relief efforts.

**Christian Education:** On October 8 the Sunday School kids will be presented with a plaque recognizing the \$5,000 they raised for a Heifer Project Ark. The first confirmation class meeting will be held this month.

**Nominating:** Tom Y has created a Committee Field Guide to help committees recruit members and will be running this information in Sunday bulletins.

**Pastor's Report:** Bryn sends her thanks for her time off. There was good news from church members who were in Florida during the hurricanes. All were ok. Jennifer led the internment for Pauline Bankes and a funeral for Marie (Gertrude) Bartley.

## Yankee "Welcome" Fair and Barn Sale – Sat. Oct. 14, 2017 Volunteers are needed before, during and after the fair!

Please volunteer your time at the fair.

Join with us in the spirit of fellowship.

Please indicate below where you'd like to help. We can't do it without you!

Name:	Phone:		
Address:			
E-mail address:			
I can help with the following:			
Set-up (4PM Wed/Thurs	s/Fri) Barn donation help	o on Saturday mornings	
Bake for the Coffee Sho		Clean-up	
		Barn Sale Set-up	
Bake pies for the White steeple Inn * Help anywhere			
I'll work at a booth: Autumn HarvestCheeseCoffee ShopGarden ShopSilent AuctionUsed ToysWhite Steeple Inn	Bake Shop Family Fun Zone Collectibles Parking Quilts Treasurers Second Hand Rose	Fudge Grill SERRV Used Books	
*Please label your baked good peanut butter, artificial sweet	ds, and also a general listing of i eners, etc.)	ingredients (i.e. nuts,	
Fair Chairs: Carolyn Lindroth / Volunteer coordinators: Carol	-		
office or mail to:	and drop it in the collection plate	e, deliver to the church	

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## **WOMEN'S 2018 ANNUAL MISSION TRIP**

Friday, January 12 – Sunday, January 14
Once again our mission trip will be to
Providence Rescue Mission (a homeless shelter)
staying at Irons Homestead (a UCC Camp and Retreat Center).
Both PRM and Irons Homestead look forward to our return.

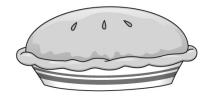
We depart at 6:00 PM on Friday and return mid-afternoon on Sunday. If you are interested in attending, please email Monica McInerney.

We fundraise for this trip by selling Apple and Pumpkin pies the weekend before Thanksgiving. We welcome your help in making these pies.

(You don't have to be a participant on the Mission Trip to enjoy this time of pie making and fellowship.)

## FUNDRAISING: APPLE and PUMPKIN PIE MAKING

PIE MAKING: Saturday, November 18 9:15 AM – 12:30 PM Fellowship Hall PIE SELLING/PICKUP: Sunday, November 19 after 8:30 and 10:30 Services





## "Welcome" Yankee Fair and Barn Sale Saturday October 14, 2017

The theme of the 2017 Yankee Fair and Barn Sale is "**Welcome**". We will be sharing 50% of the proceeds with Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS, our Refugee Resettlement Ministry Partner), our own Refugee Resettlement Ministry, and the Silver Lake Scholarship Program. 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 barn is accepting donations from 9am to 12 noon on Saturday mornings through September 30th, with special requests possible being accepted Oct 9th. Second Hand Rose is also accepting donations. After that, our talented volunteers will 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.

Silent Auction is creating gift baskets! If you have any items to include in a basket, or wrapping supplies, you can drop them off at the barn on Saturdays or 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 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.)

We, your fair chairs, feel excited and blessed to have the chance to welcome our community and beyond to this year's Yankee Fair and Barn Sale. Here, we have the opportunity to share our many gifts and talents, and most of all offer an extravagant "**Welcome**" to our church home.

Faithfully, Your "Welcome" Fair Chairs, Carolyn Lindroth and Sally Markiewicz



## **October Serendippers**

## Tuesday, October 10th at 11:45am Please join us as Kerri Colombo helps us get organized!

Our menu: Apple Cider Carolyn's Famous Casserole Garden Salad Garlic Bread Apple Kuchen

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month if you will have a need for childcare.

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 29, 2017

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 entire 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, October 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call the church office at 203-775-1259.

Note: Deadline for October 29th Book of Remembrance is, Sunday, October 22nd.

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

This fall I am going to spotlight our children's choir program and tell you a bit about what our children are learning when they sing in choir.

This month will feature the Cherub Choir, which is for children in grades K - 2. Children at this age level are working on musical concepts, such as phrases, rhythms, words and melodic lines. They learn about basic note values and can clap various rhythms. We work on the concepts of high and low pitches, and they begin to recognize pitches on the musical staff and determine whether notes go up or down in the music. They learn how to sing with solfege syllables (do, mi, sol). The children begin to accompany themselves on the barred instruments, which are called Orff instruments.

The spirituality of our children grows as we talk about the meaning of the words of anthems. They find out how the church year works and how their anthems and songs fit into the church year. We pray at the end of each practice and connect with God and each other.

But most of all, we have FUN!

Toni Sullivan

## Save the Date - The Great Pumpkin Challenge & Campfire Event!

Please join us Sunday, **October 29**th **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 small ones to decorate and bring home. After dinner and carving we will head over to our campfire area to warm ourselves, sing some songs and enjoy roasted marshmallows and apple cider. Please bring \$5 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.

## Youth Fellowship in October



We are excited to get our youth fellowship groups started this month, and what a busy month it will be! Our Junior Youth Fellowship group is for youth in grades 6-8 and meets on Sunday nights from 5-6:30pm, and our Senior Youth Fellowship is for youth

in grades 9-12 and meets on Sunday nights from 7-8:30pm (unless special times are otherwise indicated). Our meetings begin in the Youth Room and travel from there. We hope to see our youth for this great time of faith-building, fun, service, and fellowship!

## Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF):

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Getting to Know You Night

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – Yankee Fair Project

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – Yankee Fair (JYF folks are encouraged to sign up to help!) Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting due to the Fair

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Group Building Night

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Great Pumpkin Challenge (5-7pm)

## Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Getting to Know You Night

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – Yankee Fair Project

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – Yankee Fair (SYF folks are encouraged to sign up to help!)

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting due to the Fair

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – "There's No I in Team" Night

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Great Pumpkin Challenge\*\*

\*\*We will more than likely have two SYF shifts for this event...more info to come.

## **Confirmation Class:**

#### Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - Confirmands will meet with Mentors - 7-9pm

\*\*Joining together in Fellowship Hall our confirmands, mentors, and teaching team will talk about the Confirmation Process and what is in store for the year, get to know one another a bit, and get the ball rolling on these great relationships! (Reminder to confirmands: Your Opening Faith Statements will be due at this meeting.)

Note: We have 8 wonderful confirmands this year who have already met in September. We are looking forward to a great year and ask that you keep our confirmands and their mentors in your prayers for a successful journey of learning, growth, and discernment ahead.

## Stewardship 201: Why We Give

Welcome back to the classroom. During this lesson we will explore *Why We Give*. Every Sunday at worship service we hear from a different member of the congregation during our Call to Share with their heartfelt response to "Why I love my church" and "Why I give to my church" as we receive the morning offering. In their words we hear gratitude for grace received, and we share in the longing for peace and sense of home for all of God's creation. Every person's individual motivation for giving may be different as our church nourishes and touches each of our lives in various ways, but we may also find these common underlying themes:

- Approval of Leadership—Without the pastoral leadership and care ministries team, and the committee leadership throughout, the church would accomplish nothing. By accomplishing as much as we do, the congregation as a whole approves, even if there are parts with which some individuals may not agree.
- Belief in Church Mission—The programs and ministries that are congregationally approved seek to fulfill our Mission Statement: As followers of Jesus Christ and a people gathered by the Holy Spirit, we covenant together with God and with each other to receive and share the Good News as we seek to live God's word in our church and in the world.
- Fiscal Responsibility—The transparency, thought and detail that go into our church's fiscal life are commendable. It is part of the reason why our church is fiscally sound, while other churches are foundering. We may not all agree with every decision made on how we spend our money, but it is upon the overall picture and the level of trust built that one should base their giving, so that we as a church can remain fiscally sound and not only continue but expand our programs and outreach.

Consider what motivates you to give generously to the works and ministries of Christ's church, and particularly what rewarding benefits you see at the Congregational Church of Brookfield. To God be the glory!

Classes will continue, but relax, still no quizzes!
Your Stewardship Committee

## ATTENTION,

Lovers of antiques, collectibles, vintage, Americana, primitives, reproductions:

The Collectibles/Antiques Booth this year is "blending" with the General Store. Our always popular General Store will not be included in this year's Fair, so many of the wonderful items you would see in that Booth can now be seen/purchased at the Cottage this year. To that end, be sure to visit us for all your favorites – and remember to consider Collectibles for donations of similar items.

We would love to have your help with sorting, staging and pricing if you have any time prior to the Fair.

Additionally, help on the DAY of the Fair is much appreciated as well! I will add you to the email list to let you know the time(s) we will be there each week.

Questions???? Call or email Jeanine Hanewicz



## **THANK YOU!**

Dear Church family,

Thank you for helping us earn our Heifer Ark! Your generosity on "Welconme Back" Sunday got us to our goal of \$5000 to buy the ark. This is in addition to last Spring's Read to Feed campaign and other projects.

This means that we will buy two of every animal offered by Heifer International, which will then go to worthy families or communities to help them have healthy and sustainable lives.

Please celebrate with us on October 8, when we will present our church's amazing gift to a representative from the Heifer International organization.

Love, The Church School Children

## **Fellowship Of Concern**

#### **CONTINUING CONCERNS:**

Sandy Boughton,

Lillian Covill,

Evelyn Gerowe,

Anne Hardin,

Vivian Henley,

Ruthie Maxim.

Al & Marion Miller.

Millicent Morrison,

Pat Roehling,

Dave Ryan,

Lavinia Schmaling,

Rod Schmaling,

Shirley Stoppel,



• Congratulations to the Fraticelli family on the birth of Austin Matthew Fraticelli on September 20, 2017. Blessings to Austin, his parents Heather & Nick, and his big brother, Chase.

#### WTH SYMPATHY:

• The family of Marie Bartley who died on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Condolences can be sent to her family via her daughter Peggy Cocke.

## **CrossWays Deadline**

The deadline for the November issue of CrossWays is October 15th. You can e-mail articles to Jeannine McCullough at <a href="mailto:office@uccb.org">office@uccb.org</a> or leave them in the CrossWays mailbox outside of the church office. Please e-mail or call Jeannine McCullough, Office Manager at 203-775-1259 if you have any questions.



## **United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries**

In response to Hurricane Harvey and Irma; UCC Disaster Ministries has made a call for help! Their emergency supplies are depleting. We can answer their plea by assembling Clean-up Buckets to be distributed to the victims in Texas and Florida. Please consider filling a bucket by October 31st, and I will drop them off at the Bridgeport UCC church for collection.

Thank you, Karen Underhill , Church-in-Society Committee

#### BUCKET CONTENTS AS SPECIFIED BY CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs non surgical latex gloves
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new – all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.



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 fall we have blessed backpacks and Bibles, learned about life for our homeless brothers and sisters in Boston as our youth led SYF Mission Trip Sunday, celebrated 260 years of blessed and abundant ministry at the Congregational Church of Brookfield...and that is only in worship on Sundays. Outside of worship we have welcomed our Serendippers crowd back, begun new adult studies, continued the long tradition of Men's and Women's fellowship, gathered choirs back together, sent money from a successful September Thrift Shop to hurricane relief efforts, begun new service projects, and walked alongside one of our own, Eli Jordan, as he completed his Eagle Scout project to benefit our church. And how can we forget the success of our Church School children, who, with the care and support of our congregation and so many others, reached the amazing goal of raising over \$5000 to purchase a Heifer Gift Ark?

As we move into October we will celebrate World Communion Sunday with some great music and different cultural elements in worship, remember our Baptisms as we baptize a little one into the life of our congregation, celebrate the purchase of that Gift Ark and other Heifer Project gifts, welcome people to our church grounds for the Yankee Fair, begin a new Parenting Support Series, and celebrate the saints that have gone before us on Book of Remembrance Sunday, which will also mark the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation – which made all of this possible as we join together in worship and fellowship together in our own unique way.

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.

## **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 2017-2018**

A-BO	Leslie Sands (Stephen Ministry)
BR-CL	Doug Fisher
CO-DON	Jan Labas
DOR-F	Sherrie Ruschmeyer
G-HOR	Pete Lane
HOW-LEN	TBD (but we promise we won't leave you uncared for!)
LES-MA	Sue Boughton
Mc-O	Alex DeLucia
P-RO	Mary Gallagher DeLucia
RU-SI	Marie Immohr
SL-T	Ed Insull
U-Z	Greg Labas

## **Youth Deacons:**

Chris Wutzl Catie Coneybear

## **Committee Chairmen and Church Council Reps**

Moderator: Robin Murphy Vice Moderator: Mark Lyon

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 Sherrie Ruschmeyer

Fellowship Kelly Kelly Nominating Sharon Santi Stewardship Susan Dodd Welcome Tom Young Worship Patty Moran

## **Church Council Representatives**

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

## **Long-Range Planning Committee**

Michael Matson (chair), Roman D'Alessandro, Maurice Downey, Deseré Edwards,

Sian Hunter, Larry Ruschmeyer

### **Pastoral Relations Committee**

Carol Eagan (chair), Gordon Markiewicz, Bob Lambert, Larry Ruschmeyer, Linae Wutzl

#### **Personnel Committee**

Robin Murphy (chair), Bryn Smallwood-Garcia, Olivia Quinsland, Bill Robertson

Karen Underhill, Rick Hardin

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# SERRV preview Sale! Sunday October 1st following both the 8:30am & 10:30am services

We have many new SERRV items this year along with products from our new African craft group Shanga, lots of purses from Sak Saum, soups and mixes from the Women's Bean Project and our own Equal Exchange UCC coffee line.

You have the unique opportunity to shop before the Yankee Fair! Hope you will stop by after church and see our new finds!!

SERRV is a nonprofit, fair trade organization dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans, farmers, and their families out of poverty.

In our world today, handcraft production is the second largest form of employment behind agriculture. Through SERRV's nonprofit mission and deep commitment to fair trade principles, we create opportunities, strengthen communities and empower women around the world.

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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