



CrossWays

The Newsletter of
The Congregational Church of Brookfield
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LIVING THE VISION

Look for the Stewardship Campaign Brochure to be mailed in early February with your new pledge card. If you don't receive one, please pick one up at church. YOU are invited to participate in God's Work of transforming yourself, Christ's church, and the world this year by becoming a new pledge donor, committing to a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual gift for the first time or renewing or increasing your pledge, as you are financially able, making a larger, bolder pledge or tithe than ever before.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge amount and return your pledge card on or before Sunday, February 25th.

Church Council Notes: January 9, 2018

Moderator's Report: Push Pay: They charge a flat fee plus a percentage for every transaction. The percentage depends on the method of payment, credit cards-3%, debit card-2%, direct debit from bank account-1%. Sally M will join the Nominating Committee immediately and will continue to serve for a full term. Sally and Carolyn are willing to serve again as Yankee Fair chairs, along with others who wish to chair.

Vice Moderator's Report: The preliminary budget for FY 2018-2019 was approved at the Congregational meeting on Jan. 7.

Council Minutes Review: Luke moved to approve the minutes of the December Council meeting with amendments. Tom B. seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: There is a false surplus. Several pledgers paid all of their 2018 pledge in December. Expenses continue to be \$2,200 over plan.

Worship Committee: Worship asked if it would be possible to move the Instant Pageant back to Sunday evening. CE will discuss and bring their feedback to Council next month. It was suggested that if anyone had been thinking about skipping the 10:30 service because of a special service (no sermon), he or she would come to the 8:30 am service. The theme for Lent will be "Come walk with me".

Fellowship Committee: A Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will be held on February 11.

Deacons: The Stephen Ministers are working on a devotional booklet for Lent.

Christian Education Committee: SYF will host a Valentine's dance to benefit their summer mission trip.

Stewardship Committee: The pledge campaign starts on Jan. 21.

Nominating Committee: Tom Y. will step down as Nominating's Council representative and will serve as chairman instead.

Church House Committee: Heating malfunctions that occurred during the recent single digit weather have been resolved. Plumbing work will be done in the spring in order to update old piping configurations.

Church in Society Committee: CIS is collecting books for grades K-6, not K-12. The book drive runs from January through the end of March.

Welcome Committee: STARS (bingo game) clarification – participants can claim a star for activities they are already involved in.

Congregational Meeting Request: Kristi M. made a motion to call a Congregational Meeting on January 28 in order to consider the following motion: To spend up to \$830 from the Book of Remembrance Fund to cover half of the cost of new covers for the tables used by the bell choir. Eileen K. seconded. The motion passed.

Church Growth and Enrichment Fund Spending Request: Bryn moved to spend \$251.75 from the CG&E Fund to cover the cost of sending the Music Director to the Area One Handbell Association Winter Director's Workshop. Jennifer seconded. The motion passed.

Pastors' Reports:Refugee Resettlement update: Because POTUS has lowered the number of refugees to be allowed to enter the US, IRIS thinks they will not need as many sponsor churches for new families this year. Going forward IRIS will be conducting background checks on all volunteers. Volunteers will be required to be mandatory reporters. Bryn will work with an ad-hoc safety committee. In order to plan an all-church fire drill and lock down. The Pledge Drive mailing will go out February 5 instead of at the beginning of the drive. The mailing is going out later so that people will have a chance to see the Stewardship committee's presentation before they send in their pledge cards.



All are invited to our
February Serendippers Gathering
Tuesday, February 13th at 11:45am
Join us as we celebrate 25 years of Serendippers!

Our menu:
Sparkling Cider
Turkey Tetrazzini Casserole
Green Salad
Cranberry Sauce
Rolls
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.***

Stretch * Trust * And * Really * Shine!

The Welcome Committee hopes you have been enjoying the STARS game: experiencing new aspects of our church and being active in our church - either way you deserve a star! As promised, there will be prizes, but we don't want to give all of our secrets away. We can say that everyone who hands in a card with at least 5 stars on it will be "bursting" with excitement.

Cards will be collected between Sunday, February 11th to Sunday, February 18th in a box in Brooks Hall. Winners of the 3 Grand Prizes will be selected at random from all participants and will be announced on Sunday, February 25th.

Feeding Hungry Hearts 2018

Your help is needed! Please support Feeding Hungry Hearts 2018, the annual food drive for the Brookfield Food Pantry, sponsored by Church in Society (CIS).

The months following the holidays are some of the more difficult ones for our town food pantry. Donations typically are down at this time of year, so keeping up with the needs of local families that rely on the pantry can be a challenge.

There are two ways you can help!

Add a few items to your weekly shopping list. – We will have bags available in Brooks Hall that include a list of requested items. Please take a bag, pick up a few extra items from the list and return it to the area by the church leader mailboxes, which are under the stairs that lead up to Brooks Hall. A representative from CIS will deliver the bags to the Food Pantry throughout the month.

Make a monetary donation. – We will have a box set up in Brooks Hall for monetary donations. The Brookfield Food Pantry can purchase items through programs such as the CT Food Bank, Emergency Food Assistance and from grocery stores offering bulk food at greatly reduced prices to food pantries.

Many thanks for your continued generosity!
The Church-in-Society Committee

If you have any questions, please contact Linda DeLucia.



Save the Date for our...
ALL CHURCH TALENT SHOW –
The evening of Saturday, March 10th at 6:00pm.



More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$120 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Sunday, February 4th members of our Youth Fellowship groups will stand at our church doors with soup pots to collect your donations after worship. Every dollar donated goes to support the Brookfield Food Pantry and Loaves & Fishes in New Milford, our 2018 Souper Bowl of Caring Charities of Choice. Our JYF folks are looking forward to lending their time with a special project for the seniors who use the Brookfield Food Pantry, and our SYF youth will participate in Souper Bowl of Caring by making the hot lunch and bagged lunches for the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen in New Milford that day as well.

Thank you in advance for your support and Enjoy the Game! (If you would like to write a check for your donation please make it payable to “CCB” with “Souper Bowl” in the memo line or PushPay with a note about “Souper Bowl”.)

CCB Thrift Shop Open February 3rd and 17th



We are open from 9am to 12 noon on the **first and THIRD Saturday** of every month! You read it right. We are now open TWICE a month!

Leave your donations by the church mailboxes, under the Brooks Hall stairs at church. We sort the Wednesday before the Thrift Shop date and the day of the sale if you would like to help.

Contact Sue Slater to get on the volunteer list.

Please follow CCB on Facebook and share our page.

Living Nativity Thanks

On Sunday, December 10, 2017, by the light of a star, approximately 400 visitors from our church family and the community traveled the snowy path behind CCB. They journeyed through shepherds' fields, along the Wisemens' desert trail to the inn at Bethlehem. Three hundred and fifty luminaries, gentle music, the bleating of goats and the braying of donkeys transformed our church campus. The journey was completed with refreshments, SERRV shopping and warm fellowship. It was a beautiful night that brought our attention to the true meaning of Christmas, filling our hearts with peace and gratitude for the gift of the birth of Jesus.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make the Living Nativity such a tremendous success.

Thank you for each and every way that you brought this gift to our community. We are grateful for your help with words of support and encouragement, donations, set up and clean up, spreading the word and inviting the community, decorating, sewing costumes, preparing luminaries, serving refreshments, welcoming visitors, acting in scenes and guiding groups of visitors, managing parking and shoveling ice, caroling, providing a beautiful SERRV display....well, the list goes on and on! We truly appreciate our volunteers' joy and willingness and great sense of humor! Thank you for putting up with us when we didn't exactly know what we were doing or how we were going to get it done. We loved getting to know you all better and the fellowship that we shared.

An extra-special thank you goes to Mr. Douglas Fisher who went above and beyond in so many ways to make the Living Nativity a reality. Without Doug, none of it would have been possible.

And to Kathy Wandelmaier who chaired our costume committee. Kathy put in many hours of work and her creativity and vision resulted in a beautifully outfitted cast.

We are delighted to have heard from both church members and visitors as they shared meaningful and touching accounts of the Living Nativity as a joyful highlight of the season. We feel blessed to have been a part of this ministry and hope you do too.

Thank you, dear Church Family!
The Living Nativity Crew





“Shrove Sunday” Pancake Supper
February 11th 5:30—7 pm
Fellowship Hall

Come join the Fellowship and Christian Education Committees as we kick-off the Lenten Season! We'll start with pancakes, sausages, and fruit. Then we'll enjoy some trivia games and activities **for all ages**. This promises to be a fun and informative event, so please come join us as we learn about and prepare for Lent together.

Please bring a canned food or other item, if you are able, to support our Church In Society Committee's "Feeding Hungry Hearts" drive for the Brookfield Food Pantry.

We hope to see all of you there. Bring a friend!

Please RSVP to the church office (office@uccb.org or 203-775-1259) by Friday, February 9th at 12 noon.

Parent Support Series Family Dinner, Conversation & Program for Youth
Sunday, February 25th 5-7pm Fellowship Hall

Join us for a family dinner (5-5:30pm) and then an opportunity to learn about and discuss some of the parenting/caregiving topics that are important to the life of those who live with and love children and youth.

Parent/Caregiver Topic discussion (5:30-7pm): Managing Behaviors & Discipline**

Presenting a United Front among spouses/parents/caregivers

Setting boundaries

Discipline

Managing Conflict, frustration & anger- both of parents and of children

Consequences

**Information about this topic will be shared by Michael Cocciola. Michael is a Clinical Psychologist and Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) who works as a BCBA and educational consultant with schools throughout the state providing Behavior Services for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Emotional Disturbances, and other diagnoses that interfere with learning. He is also an adjunct lecturer and education advocate.

Children & Youth Program (5:30-7pm):

Do you ever have one of those days where you just don't know what to do with yourself? When you are angry or upset and need to figure out how to calm down? When you are having a tough time with your parents and family members? Then this is the event for you! We will spend some time in activities and talking about how we handle the tough stuff, how we calm down when we are upset or stressed out, and how we better listen and respond to our parents and others in our lives.

(This will be facilitated by Pastor Jen, our own CCB youth advisors, and other trusted CCB adults.)

Please RSVP to the church office, (203) 775-1259, by February 21st.

Fellowship Of Concern



CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Sandy Boughton,
Lillian Covill,
Vivian Henley,
Ruthie Maxim,
Millicent Morrison,
Pat Roehling,
Dave Ryan,
Lavinia Schmaling,
Rod Schmaling,
Shirley Stoppel,

WITH SYMPATHY:

- The family of Anne Hardin, who died on January 14th.
- Marion Miller on the recent death of her brother.

WITH THANKS:

To the Prayer Shawl Ministry,

A very special thank you to all knitters and crocheters for your comforting prayer shawls. Lately our family has needed healing prayers and again we received another shawl. It is a wonderful gift.

We are so blessed to be members of such a supportive congregation.

Love and prayers,
The Malkin family

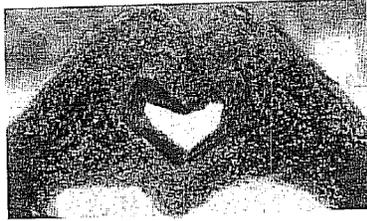
To Our CCB Family,

Thank you for your cards, emails, prayers and outreach of care and support after the death of Ryan's grandfather. It meant a good deal to us to know we were held up by this great church family.

With gratitude and love,
Jennifer, Ryan, Brayden & Chloe Whipple

CrossWays Deadline

The deadline for the March 2018 issue of CrossWays is **February 15th**. You can e-mail articles to Jeannine McCullough at office@uccb.org or leave them in the CrossWays mailbox outside of the church office. Please e-mail or call Jeannine McCullough, Office Manager at 203-775-1259 if you have any questions.



Calling all Music/Dancing Lovers!!!!

CCB Youth SYF Mission Team

will be hosting our

1st Annual Valentine's Day Dance

On February 10, 2018, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm

At the Arion Singing Society,

411 Danbury Rd.

New Milford, CT

Featuring "Dan's Garage Band" and "SYF youth DJ's"
Tickets available by phone order and after all 10:30 church
services starting next week. If you cannot find us at
church.....please call or text Kathy Taylor 203-770-8810
or Jen Whipple at CCB to reserve your tickets soon.

All proceeds will go towards our SYF Mission trip to South Dakota this summer. Please
consider joining us for this night of Fun and Fellowship with Live music, a raffle, and
silent auction.

Appetizers and Refreshments will be served.

\$25 / person



Youth Fellowship in February

Our Junior (JYF) and Senior (SYF) Youth Fellowship groups offer our young people an opportunity to gather together for faith-filled learning, service, discussions, and FUN! JYF is for youth in 6th-8th grades, and SYF is for youth in 9th-12th grades. This month our youth fellowship groups will meet as follows:

Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF):

Sunday, February 4th = Souper Bowl of Caring – 10:30am-12:00pm

Join us as we collect donations after both services for the Brookfield Food Pantry and Loaves & Fishes

Sunday, February 11th = Shrove Sunday Pancake Supper – 5:30-7pm

Bring your family and come learn about Lent while eating pancakes and playing games. It's a win win!

Sunday, February 18th = No Meeting (due to President's Day long weekend)

Sunday, February 25th = Parent Series Dinner & Program for Youth – 5-7pm

Do you ever have one of those days where you just don't know what to do with yourself? When you are angry or upset and need to figure out how to calm down? When you are having a tough time with your parents and family members? Then this is the event for you! Join us for dinner with our families, and then we will separate off for some activities and to talk about how we handle the tough stuff, how we calm down when we are upset or stressed out, and how we better listen and respond to our parents and others in our lives.

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

Sunday, February 4th = Souper Bowl of Caring – 10:30am-12:00pm

Join us as we collect donations after both services for the Brookfield Food Pantry and Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen in New Milford. We will also be creating the hot meal and bagged lunches for the folks who will eat at Loaves & Fishes on SuperBowl Sunday.

Saturday February 10th = Sweetheart Dance (See separate article for more details.)

All mission team members are on duty at this FUNdraiser night for people who love music and dancing. Our mission team folks will help with set up and clean up and run activities during the evening.

Sunday, February 11th = Shrove Sunday Pancake Dinner – 5:30-7pm

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Sunday, February 18th = No Meeting (due to President's Day long weekend)

Sunday, February 25th = Just for FUN Night (more details to come!)

Confirmation Class in February:

Monday, February 12th – 7-9pm in the Youth Room: Mission & Stewardship

Sunday, February 25th — 12-2pm: Possible Make Up Class on Christian & UCC History

Save the Date: Trip to the Mosque in Danbury on Sunday, March 4th at 2pm

**12th ANNUAL WOMENS RETREAT
AT SILVER LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER**

223 Low Road, Sharon, CT 06069

April 6-8, 2018

Enjoy a few hours with friends, or soon to be friends, in the beautiful Retreat Center! We leave on Friday at 6 pm, and return in time for 10:30 service on Sunday!

The RC holds a minimum of 20 sleepers and a maximum of 28. There are many advantages to staying in the RC - the bedrooms hold fewer people, are quiet as they are removed from the gathering room, and of course, it's renovated! It's also a relaxing spot to do as you wish: gather with friends, walk in the woods, have a massage or reflexology, create a craft, take in the labyrinth, enjoy fantastic meals created for us!

If you are interested in joining this year, please call or email Sue Slater

About Silver Lake:

Silver Lake Conference Center is 38 miles from Brookfield in Sharon, CT. SLCC is a place that our congregation has supported through mission dollars and participation in retreats and summer conferences for many, many years.

Inter-generational Church Family Retreat

All are welcome! May 4-6 at Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon, CT

Join us for relaxing and reflective weekend of activities, music, nature and fun. \$135 per adult; \$105 per kid for the whole weekend - a great deal for a weekend away! Sign up on the church office bulletin board, or see Kerri Colombo or Amy D'Alessandro to learn more.

It's been such a joy this year to see our committees coordinating so well to support our church vision – **Make Jesus Your Mentor: Pray Share *Welcome***. I put the “welcome” in italics, as it appears when we put it on the back of our Sunday bulletins, because *Welcome* is our vision priority for the year. For 9 years now, we have cycled through those 3 Christian priorities year by year, in order to better focus our ministries and work together toward a common goal. And I can see it helping us.

As I listen to our visitors and regulars alike, it seems we really are a more welcoming church – as Jesus calls us to be. “I was a stranger and you welcomed me,” Jesus says in his parable of the sheep and goats, in Matthew 25. It's an encouraging affirmation to hear from our great mentor and teacher Jesus, isn't it? Being an outsider can feel uncomfortable, but we are a church that works hard to share God's love with everyone, to leave no one out in the cold.

Some of you eagerly volunteer to welcome strangers in Refugee Resettlement Ministry but have said it is intimidating to speak to someone in church you don't know. And yet – congratulations – you do it! Because we are aware that whether someone is a first-time visitor, a regular Christmas and Easter worshipper, or a long-time member who has been absent for a while – it's always nice to be greeted with a smile... and a self-introduction, when we can't quite match a face with a name!

We've all been there, right? It's awkward to ask for a name when we know we are supposed to know someone. But in truth, it's better to ask than to ignore. It's better to open our mouths and to be thought a fool than to remain quiet and be thought a snob... or worse.

[And give credit to our Welcome Committee for making this wintry Epiphany season of the church](#) year so much fun – as their “church bingo” challenge gives us a chance to ***Stretch * Trust* And * Really * Shine***. One of the ways we can get to know other people better is to stretch a little bit beyond our usual church “territory” or move outside our comfort zones, to try something new.

I have seen regular 10:30 worshippers visit the 8:30 service, and 8:30 folks have visited at 10:30. We have had newcomers at various committee meetings, and at Thrift Shop, Prayer Shawls and other fellowship-service gatherings. Some have visited homebound members or attended coffee hour for the first time. And our Spiritual Gifts class has a few new members – which is fitting, I think, as growth often comes when we find and develop gifts that might have otherwise remained hidden.

The blessings that come from extending God's “extravagant welcome” include getting to know someone new, or connecting on a deeper level with someone. That prepares us well, I think, for our next church season, – Lent – which begins this year on Valentine's Day. From our **Shrove Sunday pancake dinner on February 11th** to our **7:30am Ash Wednesday service, on February 14th** this year, we will have opportunities to begin to explore this year's Lenten theme – ***Come Walk with Me***.

This worship theme takes its imagery from the very active ministry of Jesus, who called disciples to quite literally walk with him from Galilee into the wilderness, through Samaria, and on to Jerusalem – and Holy Week's Last Supper, cross, tomb, and resurrection. But it also will touch on Hebrew Scriptures, the only holy texts that Jesus and his followers would have known, that call God's people into covenant, and into loving community with one another.

As we continue through this ***“Live the Vision”*** Stewardship season, which ends with our **Pledge Dedication on February 25th**, I hope we also can give our money with joy – because we know our faithful pledging supports the vision of Jesus to connect all people to the Good News of God's holy love and wide-armed welcome. And from where I sit, it seems that our communities, our nation, and our world are more in need of this beautiful sign of God's Grace than ever.



Notes from the Choir Room

This month, I would like to tell you about our Alleluia Choir, which is for children in grades 3-8. Children in this choir begin reading from a musical score. We review note values learned in Cherub Choir and work on more complicated rhythmic patterns. We start to experience two part singing, which begins with partner songs, rounds and descants. We learn music from different musical periods and different cultures. Some of the children also ring chimes and/or bells as part of the Glory Ringers or Chime Ringers (which both meet right after Alleluia Choir rehearsal).

We learn about God and our faith as we discuss the meaning of the words in our anthems. We occasionally design children's sermons and participate in worship through leading prayers and responses. Our older children help the younger, less experienced singers. We pray together at the end of our rehearsals, connecting the children with God and with each other. It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to work together, share their time and talents, and to be an important part of our worship.

Toni Sullivan, Director of Music

2017 Solar System Performance



The Church House Committee is pleased to report on the performance of the Solar Powered Generation system installed on the Education Wing's roof. 2017 was the third full calendar year of operation (Jan – Dec).

The 2017 vs 2016 results were:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Church Usage	71,755 kwh	68,680 kwh
Solar	36,255 kwh	35,960kwh
Eversource	35,520 kwh	32,720 Kwh
Usage (%)	increase 4.48%	
Solar/Eversource (%)	50.5% / 49.5%	
Solar/Eversource (\$)	\$4,710 / \$7,205	
On average we paid a combined 16.6 cents per kwh .		

Ken Arifian
Church House Committee Chair

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 Tom Young
Stewardship Susan Dodd
Welcome Tom Young
Worship Patty Moran

Church Council Representatives

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

Long-Range Planning Committee

Michael Matson (chair), Roman D'Alessandro, Barbara Crandell, 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), Mark Lyon, Bryn Smallwood-Garcia, Olivia Quinsland, Bill Robertson
Karen Underhill, Rick Hardin

Senior Pastor	Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia		bryn@uccb.org
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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	

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-BRA	Leslie Sands (Stephen Ministry)
BRE-CR	Doug Fisher
D'A-EI	Jan Labas
EL-GU	Sherrie Ruschmeyer
HA-KE	Pete Lane
KI-MAL	Sue Boughton
MAN-MOR	Alex DeLucia
MU-RI	Mary Gallagher DeLucia
RO-SIC	Marie Immohr
SID-TU	Ed Insull
TY-Z	Greg Labas

Youth Deacons:

Chris Wutzl
Catie Coneybear

SERRV Valentine's Sale

Would you like an opportunity to help those in need and find a gift for your favorite Valentine at the same time? A SERRV sale can fill that role!!! Shop with us **Sunday, February 11th, at 9:30am and 11:30am** for the latest in heart filled gifts, Divine chocolates, Shanga hand blown glass items, "For Freedom" Sak Saum purses, SERRV gifts and scarves, Women's Bean Project cookie, soup, dips and chili mixes, and Equal Exchange Coffee and Tea.

Hope to see you at the SERRV booth!

Linda, Karen and Marie

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.

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

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