

Brookville Multifaith Campus



*A Pathway to Mutual
Understanding*

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Vision Statement

Through learning opportunities, essential partnerships, and occasional shared worship, our campus welcomes all who want to learn, question and grow, while making a positive and lasting impact in the community and world.

Mission

To build a multifaith community of people from different faiths who connect to one another by embracing similarities while celebrating differences.

Find a Place to Belong

We invite you to discover a spiritual community made up of different religious groups. Together we promote cross cultural understanding, peace building, and a strong commitment to service. Each group maintains its own religious identity but fosters an open environment for learning, celebrating and honoring each distinct religion.

Some thoughts from campus leaders



Rev. Vicky Eastland

Only at Brookville Church!

The other day I was talking to my mom on the phone. I told her that after the Muslim Friday afternoon prayers, we had to set up the fellowship hall for the Farsi language school for the next day. After I said that sentence, I stopped and heard it back in my head. The next thing out of my mouth was, “What Christian pastor says a sentence like that to their mom?” O hey, our Muslim group is holding prayers on Friday afternoon and the Persian language and culture school is having their classes the next day.

The answer to my question is NO ONE! I don’t know any another Christian pastor who would be talking about a Muslim group and an Iranian group both using their church’s hall on the two days leading up to Sunday worship. Sometimes I have to stop and remind myself that what we are doing at Brookville Church is UNLIKE what any other Christian church is doing. Rubbing shoulders with other faith groups is a normal every day experience for us. Brookville Church is unique in its radical inclusion, hosting congregations of other religions. But it has been the norm for us for so long that it seems strange to think of it being any other way.

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Rabbi Stuart Paris, HaKohen

Shabbat

When most people think of holidays, they think of annual celebrations, but in Judaism there is one holiday that occurs every week - the Sabbath. Known in Hebrew as Shabbat and in Yiddish as Shabbos, this holiday is central to Jewish Life. As the great Jewish writer, Adad Ha-Am has observed: “Even more than the Jews have kept the Shabbat, the Shabbat has kept the Jews.” The Sabbath has been a unifying force for Jews the world over.

There are so many “things” we associate with Shabbat. Rituals like candle lighting, Kiddush and Havdalah. Prayers, naps, big meals with family and friends. So what’s at the heart of the Jewish day of rest? What’s it really all about?

The Torah tells us that G-d created the world in six days, and on the seventh He rested – which means “Shabbat,” in Hebrew. Later on, after G-d took the Israelites out of Egypt and gave them the Torah at Mt. Sinai, He commanded them to keep Shabbat – to desist from all labor every seventh day, just as He did. But this command is not some meaningless call for mimicry. It’s a way of recognizing where the world came from, and it gives us time away from the daily grind to focus on becoming a little closer to G-d.

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Penelope Kalvert

We had an exciting April here at IFC

We had an exciting April here at IFC! For this month, in particular, we had many children helping to lead two of our annual services. At the beginning of the Palm Sunday service, Weston and Colton Kalvert, Daniel and Rosie Mankes, Phoenix and Maddison Berkin-Albers, and I came into the pews with palms and handed them out to the Brookville Church and IFC members. Then the children read a short sermon that connected Palm Sunday to the current world and explained the story of how the holiday came to be.



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Radical inclusion is an intentional decision. A church doesn't just fall into an inclusive spirit. It takes intentionality and bold steps of reaching across barriers to draw others in. Brookville Church made the first step by opening its doors to other religious groups, but unless the other faith communities that call our campus home were not also practicing radical inclusion, it wouldn't work. The fact that all our groups welcome anyone of any or no faith to participate in their congregations is what makes it possible for us to thrive.

If you don't know by now, our story was so unique that Pierre Pirard, a Belgian filmmaker, flew to Long Island to include us in his documentary. A film that tells the stories of people who are reaching across religious divides to embrace the other. And because of this, our story is going global. This month the documentary will be shown in nearly 52 countries, having been dubbed

in Arabic, Turkish and Farsi as well as French and English.

This month we get to finally premiere the film on **SUNDAY MAY 15 at 2 PM at CW Post LIU**. Please come and invite your friends. Reserve your free tickets here before seats run out. [alofusfilmpremiere.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

You can watch a trailer of the film here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_KfMhOYRJ5U

Brookville Church's amazing Administrative Assistant, Linda Hees coined a new phrase that will now become our campus' tagline:

One house, many faiths, endless opportunities for growth!

~ Rev. Vicky



View this movie clip at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBOa_3OoCnQ

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All of the little details of Shabbat all connect back to this central idea: acknowledging that G-d is the Creator of all. We know Shabbat is the day of rest. But what does that mean? Why is rest such a big deal? When G-d first rested, He had completed His task of creating the heavens and the earth. In other words, G-d wasn't taking a break – there was nothing left to do. Everything was complete, and there was simply no need for further effort or thought – now the point was to simply enjoy the fruits of all the hard work.

Similarly, when we talk about Shabbat being a day of rest, this doesn't just mean, "take a break for a day." Resting is a perspective. It's not just refraining from work; it's believing there's no work to be done. It's allowing oneself to enter into a mindset of completeness. When you enter into this mindset, our goals and ambitions take a backseat, and life becomes just about enjoying what's around us.

Why is the Sabbath still important, thousands of years later? What does it mean to refrain from 'work' in a modern world? How can we rest in a hurried world?

We need to re-assess our ideas about work and rest. G-d's rest had very little in common with the idea of vacation. It was not something that merely happened after G-d created the world; it was not that G-d took some time off for a breather. The Creator's rest was a deliberate act. It was a kind of rest that was, somehow, an end in and of itself. Rest always provides a complement to work. G-d stopped not because the work was over. The work of improvement is never over. But He pulled back and left that work in our hands. It is now up to us



to become earthly creators, to "guard the world and to work it"; to leave to the next generation a world better than the world we were given.

On Shabbat, we escape the need to keep on tinkering. Sit back, let go, and appreciate all that is around you. Shabbat is an island of tranquility in the turmoil of work, anxiety, struggle and distress that characterizes our daily lives for the other six days of the week. Shabbat is the soul of the week; our weekly taste of this future world. On Shabbat we see the world as a reflection of G-d, a manifestation of His imaginative thoughts. G-d is the artist, the universe is His gallery, and on Shabbat this gallery is open to the public.

Enter and Enjoy! Shabbat Shalom!

~ *Rabbi Stuart A. Paris, HaKohen*

For information on virtual Shabbat email
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Film Premiere

ALL OF US

**Sunday
May 15, 2 PM**

**Gold Coast Cinema in the
Hillwood Commons at LIU Post**
720 Northern Boulevard,
Greenvale, NY, 11548

This film tells the stories of people from across the globe who dare to take steps toward the “other” despite many obstacles.

The film spotlights Brookville Multifaith Campus and its leaders and will be followed by a live Q & A session.

This event is FREE
but reservations are required

Reserve tickets at

www.allofusfilmpremiere.eventbrite.com

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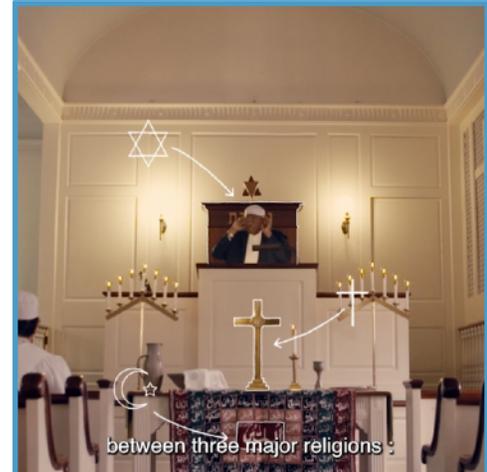
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After this, the week flew by and on the following Sunday, people were in the church again for Easter! The service was beautiful and it included the many flowers IFC members bought that were in honor or memory of loved ones! Not only were there members of the IFC community and the Brookville Church, but there were new faces in the pews as well! During the service, Weston and Colton Kalvert, Samuel and Jasper Weinberger, as well as their father Roy, and I joined the Brookville Church choir for the service. When the service was completed, all of the IFC children were brought outside to find Easter eggs! The older kids helped the younger ones find tons of eggs, while the parents were inside enjoying a bit of food before everyone left to celebrate!

The next month will be an exciting one! As the religion classes for the year are completed, the Identity & Transition class members, Danny Mankes, William Kelleher, and I will participate in our commencement on May 22. We hope to see many of you there!

~ Penelope Kalvert



Palm Sunday and Easter Pictures



Thank you to Beckman's Florist in East Northport for the donation of palms for our Palm Sunday Celebration!



Bible Study

**Expand Your Faith,
Experience
God's Fire**

Zoom, every other **Tuesday** from **6:30-7:30 p.m.**
 30 minute video followed by 30 minute discussion
 facilitated by Branch Worsham. To receive link, email
brookvillechurch@gmail.com
All faiths are welcome!

Easter Flower Dedications

<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Loving Memory Of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Honor Of:</u>
Sarah Decker	Mary Decker and David Krenitsky	Brit & Birt Birkelund	The Kalvert family
The Denison Family	Jessie Marie Nelson and Jean Denison	The Denison Family	Their Parents
Gayle & David Kalvert	Their Grandparents	The Eastland family	Rigo Melara & Thank God for Brookville Church and Multifaith Campus
The Kelleher Family	John and Phyllis Kelleher	Tom & Donna Field	Glory to God in the Highest
Shari Johanson	Dena Gawley	Gayle & David Kalvert	Their Parents (Sharon, Michael, Brit and Birt), Their children (Penelope, Weston and Colton)
The Mankes Family	Dawn Laske, Vikki Valerie, Natasha Hollman	Shari Johanson	Brookville Multifaith Campus and the IFC
Henry Surig	Jessie Surig	Branch & Nancy Worsham	To the Glory of God

BRAG BOX

Congratulations to **James Kelleher** for passing his Eagle Board of Review. This means James is officially an **Eagle Scout** now!

In order to achieve this highest rank, a scout must progress through 6 lower ranks, earn at least 21 merit badges, serve the troop in a position of responsibility, and plan, develop & lead a service project (James led the Peace Garden improvements). Less than 10% of scouts accomplish this.



Way to go James!!



Congratulations to Emilia Cortale!



Our new Pride flag has a new location on the flag pole, below the American flag.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

Join the in person meeting every **Saturday at 9 PM.** For more info call Carol B. at (516) 428-0479.



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JUNE
26
2:00 PM

OY FATHER

Brookville Multifaith Campus,
2 Brookville Rd, Glen Head, NY 11545



Come and see this musical
love story between a Catholic
Priest and a Jewish Cantor!

*Music by Cantor Irene Failenbogen
Script by Rev. Bill McBride.*

This great family event runs about 90 minutes,
with one intermission. (child care available)

Tickets are **\$25** each and are available at the door
or online at irenetunes.com/oy-father

The Next Chapter



Branch Worsham

The Next Chapter could become *The Last Chapter!*

What I now understand about an announcement sent to me this week is that it is an annual event that I recalled happening last year. One of the nearest local Funeral Homes has invited me to a presentation about pre-arranging my funeral or cremation. It's their business to search for customers and this one comes with a free lunch or dinner. What is interesting is that I know that there are four other funeral places within about a mile that may be doing the same thing. Saying '*it comes with the territory*' is apropos as there are 10,000 retirement homes in this community which correlates to about 20,000 residents, and we are in one of four nearby retirement communities. Since moving here and being over eighty years old the thought of writing about death, specifically mine, has often crossed my mind. There are not many writer's columns anywhere that are personally written about such a common matter, so why not mine?

Our neighbors are candid about being here in Tom's River until they won't be here anymore. Some are waiting for God, some don't seem to care, but there is no light at the end of the tunnel for any of our earthly bodies. Taking care of my soul is comfortably on my mind every day. I thank God for the family who made this possible, my grandmother who got her twelve children into the Methodist Church where her first daughter, my mother, was taught how to live right. My dad, a widowed farmer's single son, learned that life style just ahead of my brother and I. Marrying Nancy was possible because we were put together by God's influence, as many things, every day, are. As we lived together it became clear we loved God and wanted Him to be in our lives and the lives of our children. Now we have grandchildren and our hearts have room for them too. We know God will take care of us.

West Point provides military internment for graduates and spouses, so the cemetery at the Academy will be that place for us. The rules there are that nothing can be started until one of us dies, then, as fast as people can function, the funeral is taken care of, whether at Brookville or West Point or both. To assure that our

family is involved our daughter, Marie, will be the contact with the cemetery manager, who we met two years ago. The real time funeral part of *The Last Chapter* is relatively simple, as funerals happen frequently up there, with military honors for both of us (slightly abbreviated for Nancy). We will only need New Jersey assistance to properly get our bodies to West Point. The actual cemetery location will be determined by what sites are available at that time as the cemetery is close to filling up even though it has 10,000+/- plots and someday will be replaced by a new location at West Point; there are many places that are now just forested hills. In the US there are some other colleges and universities that have cemeteries on their grounds, but West Point is a bit different as it is a military base with a military institution and a military cemetery.

The place was a location for burials before the Revolutionary War. It was formalized in 1817. In 1838 the Academy opened a beautiful Cadet Chapel among the school buildings and cadet barracks. In 1910 it was moved, stone by stone, into the cemetery area when a much larger chapel was built. Now the Old Cadet Chapel serves as a holy place for funeral services before graveside services.

Many graduates do select internment at any military cemetery in the country for various personal reasons. West Point is our preference as it is a historic location and esteemed place. I feel that Nancy and I honor our families, earlier, current and future, by being there. There are some practical reasons for selecting West Point; our whole family including aunts, uncles, cousins and children live in this east coast area within a tankful of gas. As much as I have written about Minnesota and the Midwest I have seldom been back there and only once to the cemetery. Anyone surviving us or coming into the family in a new generation will be able to visit the hallowed resting place we have chosen.

The Last Chapter! This isn't a draft copy and I hope it will be a long way off.

We thank God for His blessings to us and our family

~Branch Worsham

Study, Pray and Worship at Brookville Multifaith Campus...

Muslim Reform Movement Organization

muslimreform@hotmail.com

In person and online Prayers,
Fridays 1 PM
Khutba at 1:10, English
Prayer at 1:30

Online Quran Study
Sundays, 2:30 - 4 PM

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In person and online Worship
Sundays, 10 AM

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Online Shabbat Services
The first Friday of each month, 7:00 PM

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In person classes for children
certain Sundays, 11 AM

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