

# Brookville Multifaith Campus



*One house, many faiths, endless opportunities for growth!*

## NEWS

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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.

## Thoughts from campus leaders

### Our Prayer Chain is Unique

*Rev. Vicky L. Eastland*

Over the years I have written several times in our newsletters about prayer as well as our prayer chain. This time I want to share a letter that was written by Branch Worsham to the current members of our multifaith prayer chain. I asked for his permission to share it with you, so here are some excerpts.

TO: The members of the Prayer Chain,

Dear friends,

The idea for this letter has been sitting in my heart for half a year waiting to be written; now is its time. I am the last active member of the original Prayer Chain which was started in the 1980's. The intentional dedication of the original members was encouraging and had an effect upon the earnestness of our participation with prayers.

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### The High Holy Days

*Rabbi Stuart Paris, HaKohen*

If the year is a train, the High Holidays (aka High Holy Days) are its engine. A delicate blend of joy and solemnity, feasting and fasting, prayer and inspiration make up the spiritually charged head of the Jewish year. The High Holiday season begins during the month of Elul, when the shofar is sounded every weekday morning, a call to return to G-d in advance of the sacred days that lay ahead.

The two-day holiday of Rosh Hashanah is the head of the Jewish year, 5783, the time when G-d reinvests Himself in creation as we crown Him king of the universe through prayer, shofar blasts, and celebration. Rosh Hashanah begins on the 1st day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei (this year corresponding to before sundown on Sunday, September 25, and ends after nightfall on Tuesday, September 27.)

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### WELCOME BACK!



*Christine Mankes*

We are very excited to begin our 17th year of programming at the Interfaith Community of Long Island (IFCLI). Your leadership committee has been working all summer preparing for our best year ever: including class schedules, events, holiday get-togethers and service projects.

We are looking forward to reconnecting with old friends, as well as making new ones! We encourage our members to spread the word about our organization and to welcome new families at our Open House and first day of religious education classes on **Sunday, September 18th at 11:00 a.m.** following the Brookville Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

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### Jalaluddin Rumi (1207-1273) A poet whose words speak to everyone

*Dr. Syed Asad and Dr. Sultan Abdulhameed*

A few years ago, when Chris Martin, the vocalist in the rock group Coldplay, was going through a divorce and feeling down, a friend gave him a book to lift his spirits. It was a collection of poetry by Jalaluddin Rumi, the thirteenth-century poet, translated by Coleman Barks.

"It kind of changed my life," Martin said later, in an interview. A Coldplay album features Coleman Barks reciting this verse of Rumi:

*This being human is a guest house / Every morning a new arrival / A joy, a depression, a meanness, / some momentary awareness comes / as an unexpected visitor.*

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## Our Prayer Chain is Unique...continued from page 2

People left the Prayer Chain group only when they left the church. Nobody signed up for life, but they stayed on just as our current members are doing now.

A Prayer Chain is a group of people, who share prayer requests and commit to pray for needs as they arise. It's called a "prayer chain" because the individual members are "linked" by prayer.

Our member list is especially unique because our Prayer Chain spans the three Abrahamic faiths and even though the traditional definition is "a group of people usually associated with a church" ours goes above and beyond that with other faith traditions, which I believe makes our prayer chain even more powerful.

We can be proud to be in our collective association, but our twenty plus members is not for general distribution. Consider ourselves like Santa's helpers, who are known to exist, but unknown to the public.

The qualifications are open to anyone who is willing to share some of their time with God in prayer and supplication for the people needing healing support. There are no rules or time limits for prayer and my sense is that we all have set our standards high - not wanting to slight anyone who comes on the list. Do you imagine your prayer reaching God each day? I do.

The current Prayer List that is distributed seems to me to be a marvelous feature of our group. The list of prayer supplicants sometimes seems to be static, not changing and then arrives a PRAISE REPORT, NEW REQUEST or UPDATES. Those emails give news of changes which could be like a pat on the back or an addition of a new serious need for prayerful attention to some named person.

When a person of faith visits another who is sick, he or she should say: *"I pray to God, our Lord, who controls what is in heaven and on the earth, that God will heal what ails you"*. Instruction in the Hadith - the recorded words of Prophet Mohammad

*"Pray for each other so that they may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."* James 5:16 New Testament

Tefillah (Heb. תפילה ; te-feel-ah) is the Hebrew word for prayer.

There is no doubt in my mind that prayer works - but when a singular prayer becomes plural, many prayers, I often have a real sense of the unity and strength of our numbers. I never doubt you others, I know your efforts are the best you can give and we all grow in faith while spending time with God.

We have learned through time that it is God who makes the changes, but the person and family in each case need a

measure of immediate hope that they can feel. Each morning during my quiet time I start with reading your names, uplifting you to be faithful to the people we pray for. I am proud to be a member associated with all of you.

Doing God's work linked together,

Faithfully,  
**Branch Worsham**

*If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please reach out to Rev. Vicky at [vickyleastland@gmail.com](mailto:vickyleastland@gmail.com) and she will make sure your request is sent to our Prayer Chain members who are at the ready to pray for your needs.*

## The High Holy Days ...continued from page 2

A week later, the High Holidays reach their crescendo with Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement). Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year, is observed on the 10th day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei (this year corresponding to before sundown on Tuesday, October 4, and ends after nightfall on Wednesday, October 5.)

Rosh Hashanah, the anniversary of the creation of humanity, invites us to live and feel the human condition.

**Life is short, but this life is all we have** - We should use it well. Life is not something we may take for granted. If we do, we will fail to celebrate it.

**Life may be hard, but it can still be sweet** - We are not mere accidents of matter, generated by a universe that came into being for no reason and will one day, for no reason, cease to be. We are here because a loving G-d brought the universe, and life, and us, into existence. Life is sweet when touched by the divine.

**Our life is the single greatest work of art we will ever make** - On Rosh Hashanah we step back from our life, like an artist stepping back from his canvas, seeing what needs changing for the painting to be complete. G-d longs for us to create and thereby become G-d's partner in the work of renewal.

**We are what we are because of those who came before us** - Our lives are not disconnected particles. We are each a letter in G-d's Book of Life. But single letters, though they are the vehicles of meaning, have no meaning when they stand alone. To have meaning, they must be joined to other letters to make words, sentences, paragraphs, a story.

Every Rosh HaShanah we enter that event of pre-creation once again, that time before all time began. We do not exist in the past at all since there is no past on this day. We are expected on this day to conceive of a plan to engage in a vision of the future, to have ambition and desire, to take an active part in G-d's supreme kingdom in the coming year as G-d's partner. We can remove ourselves from our past limitations and reach for the stars. We are new beings involved in a new

and ambitious plan for reaching our ultimate destiny. We have "chosen life" and have, in fact, signed ourselves into the "Book" for the coming year.

On Rosh HaShanah we say,  
**"Shanah Tovah" - Happy New Year**

On Yom Kippur we say,  
**"G'mar Chatimah Tovah" - May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year**

*~ Rabbi Stuart A. Paris, HaKohen*

Please join us for virtual Shabbat services on Friday, September 9th at 7:00pm.  
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### High Holidays

- Erev Rosh HaShanah - Sunday, September 25th at 7:00 pm
- Rosh Hashanah - Monday, September 26th at 10:00 am
- Kol Nidre - Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 pm
- Yom Kippur - Wednesday, October 5th at 10:00 am

For information, email [newsynagogue.li@gmail.com](mailto:newsynagogue.li@gmail.com)

## Jalaluddin Rumi (1207-1273)

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Rumi has been described as the best-selling poet in the United States. Collections of his poems are sold in most bookstores. His verses are valued for their sharp spiritual insight and shared widely in literary circles, recited at weddings and are visible in many places (see the picture from a clinic on Long Island). He is usually referred to as a mystic or a Sufi. However, it is not widely known that his inspiration came from immersion in the Quran and the sayings of Prophet Muhammad.

Rumi's major work is the Masnavi, an epic poem consisting of fifty thousand lines. It is mostly in Farsi (Persian), but frequently contains Arabic quotations from the Quran with moral lessons. Rumi described the Masnavi as an "explanation of the Quran."

Rumi was born in the city of Balkh which is now in Afghanistan. His father was a noted religious scholar. When the Mongols invaded Central Asia between 1215 and 1220, Rumi's father moved west with his family and settled in Konya, Turkey. Rumi continued his religious education in Syria and later returned to Konya as a seminary teacher. It was there that he met an elder mystic, Shams-i-Tabrizi, who became his mentor. Shams had a lasting influence on Rumi's religious practice and his poetry. Shams pushed Rumi to question his beliefs, debating passages of the Quran with him and emphasizing devotion as finding oneness with God. Consequently, Rumi's verses often challenged conventional interpretations of the Quran and Hadiths.

He taught oneness of all people by writing:  
*Out beyond faith and infidelity, there is an open field / I will meet you there.*

He is saying that he has his religious beliefs but this does not prevent him from relating to all people.

Rumi built a large ecumenical following in Konya and its surroundings, including Muslims, Christians, and Jews. However, Rumi has been shunned by mainstream



A frame at the entrance of Port Washington Dialysis Center in Long Island with Rumi's quote:  
*"Let the beauty we love be what we do."*

Muslim traditionalists who insist on the literal reading of the Quran. Rumi considered music and dance as paths to knowing God.

In the twentieth century, several prominent writers such as R. A. Nicholson, A. J. Arberry and Annemarie Schimmel introduced Rumi to the English-speaking world. But it is Coleman Barks who has vastly expanded Rumi's readership. Barks, an American poet, does not read Farsi, instead, he has rendered earlier translations into English verse.

Rumi often extrapolated from the Quran so that they would fit the lyrical rhyme and meter of Farsi verse. It is important to recognize that he was a reformer in a Muslim context, expressing Quran's teachings in words that appealed to a wide audience of his time, and to later generations. It is worth noting that Muslim culture had room for such freedom eight hundred years ago.

Below are ten of Rumi's verses we specially like.

*The quieter you become the more you are able to hear.*

*Yesterday I was clever, I wanted to change the World./ Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.*

*Lovely days don't come to you./ You should walk to them.*

*If you are irritated by every rub, how will you ever get polished?*

*Every moment I shape my destiny with a chisel. I am a carpenter of my own soul.*

*Death has nothing to do with going away/The sun sets, the moon sets/ But they are not gone.*

*When tenderness touches the hurt inside/pain itself will crack the block/and let the soul emerge.*

*I want to sing like the birds sing/Not worrying about who hears/or what they think.*

*We are all the same/looking to find our way back/back to the One/back to the Only One.*

*Maybe you are searching among the branches for what appears in the roots.*

*~Dr. Syed Asad and Dr. Sultan Abdulhameed*

## WELCOME BACK! ...continued from page 2

New families are welcome to have their children try out our religious education classes. All of our classes are taught by two instructors: one of the Christian faith and one of the Jewish faith. The children meet for one hour in classrooms set up in Fellowship Hall. Classes are available to children in grades pre-k through high school. Please visit <https://www.interfaithli.org/religious-education> for more detailed information about our classes for each grade level. While the kids are in classes, the adults not only have the opportunity to socialize, but also address various issues that confront our interfaith families. Each family in our organization contributes to our success. Opportunities to contribute include arranging holiday celebrations, social gatherings for adults,

get-togethers for kids and serving on various committees. I am proud to have been a member of the IFCLI for over 12 years and am excited at the prospect of what this new year has in store for all of us!

Registration for membership and classes is still open. We hope to see you all on September 18th. Please let us know if you are attending by sending a message on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ifcli/> or by using the contact form at our website <http://www.interfaithli.org/home>

## How can I stay informed?

### EMAIL

Please check your email for updates. If you would like to be added to our email distribution list, please email [allison@interfaithli.org](mailto:allison@interfaithli.org).

### SOCIAL MEDIA

IFCLI website: <https://www.interfaithli.org/home>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ifcli>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/interfaithcommunityli/>

**Our Open House and first day of classes will be Sunday, September 18th at 11:00 a.m.**

Please check our website for a full calendar of exciting events that have been planned for your family this year!

### The IFCLI Committee Chairpeople

Steering Committee Chair <i>Allison</i>	Finance Chair <i>Jim</i>	Education Chair <i>Nancy</i>
		
Membership Chair <i>Gayle</i>	Co-op Chair <i>Derek</i>	Communication Chair <i>Christine</i>
		

### Upcoming Events

9/18 Open House & First Class 11:00 a.m.

Register to attend at:  
<https://forms.gle/huEMVn483waoLzyF6>

9/25 Erev Rosh HaShanah, 7 p.m.  
9/26 Rosh Hashanah 10 a.m.

10/4 Kol Nidre, 7:00 p.m.  
10/5 Yom Kippur, 10:00 a.m.



**Join us!**

# **IFC of Long Island Open House**

**September 18, 2022 | 11:00am**

Meet our faith leaders, religious education instructors, and families just like you!

Register to attend here:

<https://forms.gle/huEMVn483waoLzyF6>

*In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful*



*The Interfaith Institute of Long Island*

# Annual Interfaith Institute Award

Saturday, September 3  
2:30 - 4:30 PM

At Brookville Multifaith Campus  
2 Brookville Road  
Glen Head, NY 11545

Speaker and Awardee:

## PIERRE PIRARD

In recognition of his work to bring peace to  
the world by sharing stories of peace-makers  
in his documentary film "All of Us"

For additional info, contact  
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Walk-ins Welcome

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[www.brookvillemultifaithcampus.org](http://www.brookvillemultifaithcampus.org)



# TOGETHER WE MADE IT HAPPEN!

We are happy to announce that the new roof over our shared fellowship hall has been completed just in time for fall programming! We are thankful for our multifaith campus family who gave to make this possible, as well as outside donors who support our mission. We did this together and we couldn't be more grateful.

We are so thankful that the roofers donated hours of labor costs, but we still went over our budget by \$2,500 in extra material costs. If you would like to help us make up the difference you can donate through our original Raise the Roof campaign.

[\*\*Donate Here\*\*](#)

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO OUR MULTIFAITH CAMPUS!



The old shingles were removed, exposing the attic. Many of the rafters needed to be repaired or completely replaced.



Next plywood and shingles were added to all of the back section and half of the front section. The crew from JSM Roofing and Siding worked hard in the middle of a heat wave!



The entire roof was capped with a ridge vent. The Fellowship Hall will stay dry, so that we can continue to support the many groups that use the space, for years to come! Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

## Other facility improvements...



Shout out to Tom Field who spent the summer painting the side of our sanctuary building. It looks fantastic Tom. Great job!!



Thanks to Rigo & Esperanza Melara we have ten new 6' folding tables. Anyone who has moved the big tables will be thrilled to hear that these weigh only 25 pounds each!



Someone who believes in "garden therapy" (see Aug. newsletter) planted knockout roses around the peace pole.

## *Carol's Corner*

I'm excited to be writing an article for our newsletter, after 2 plus years of silence. I am starting a full schedule of activities for our youth and hoping for many participants.

On October 1, (4-6pm), we will begin rehearsing for our Christmas play called "**In A Galilee Far, Far Away**". This is such a fun musical that takes place in SPACE!! More info to come in the next weeks.

On **October 22 (4-6pm)**, we will have our **Kids 4 Kids Coffeehouse** Concert. Come see our talented kids perform and raise money to send kids to camp in 2023.

All information will be available soon. Can't wait to get started!

Blessings,

*Carol*

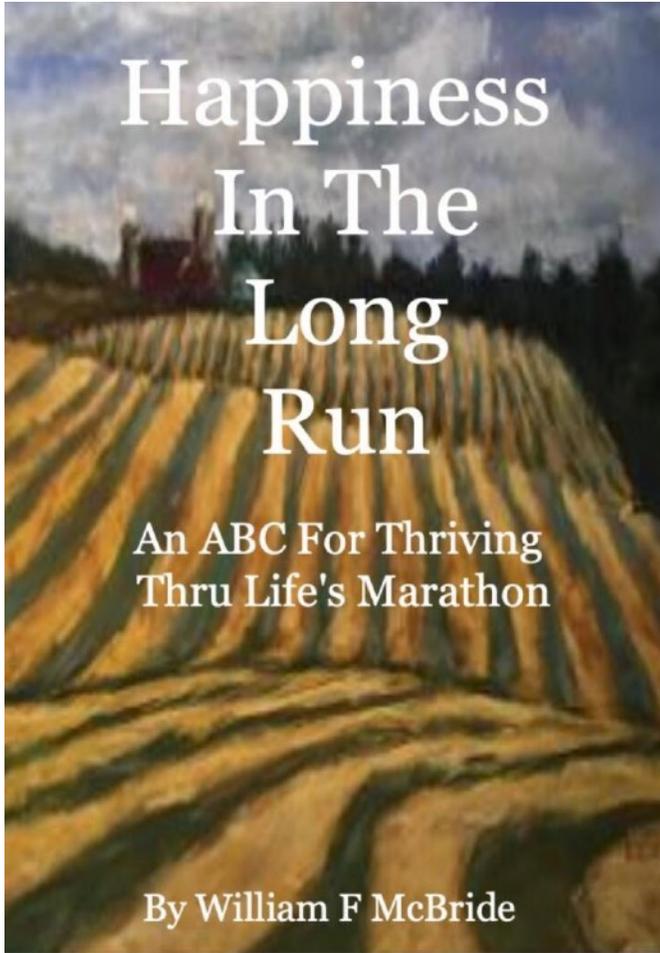
We welcomed **Mila Simone Escobedo Ansanelli** into the family of God through the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 7, 2022 at Brookville Church. Our church family took vows to support Diego and Hope as they raise their daughter to know and love God. Here are some excerpts from a letter Hope wrote to her daughter on the day of her baptism.

*"My beautiful darling girl, Mila. Today marks your passage into the spiritual world. It took many thoughtful conversations between your dad and me because a baptism is a significant commitment and decision. It touches upon deeply held values of your father and I. To let you discover your own passions and beliefs and also imbue our own beliefs. I believe in serendipity and grace...which pulls us towards our deepest nature, our oneness with everything, with God. You are never alone, my girl, because you are one with everything."*

A special thank you goes to Cantor Irene Failenbogen who translated the Baptismal liturgy in Spanish for Diego's side of the family who are from Peru.



Mila with godparents, Nina Foden and Sean Ansanelli, who are also Mila's aunt & uncle.



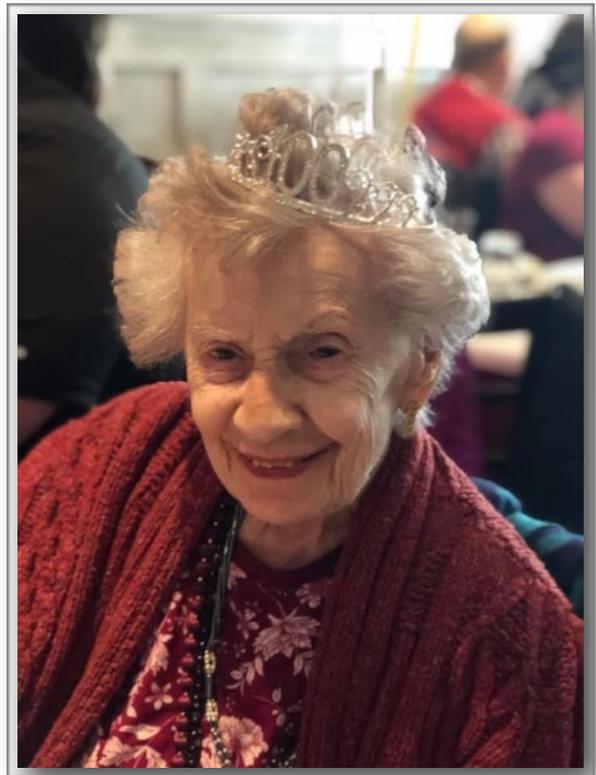
Congratulations to Rev. Bill McBride who will be featured in a Meet-the-Author event at The Dolphin Bookshop in Port Washington on **Saturday, September 10, from 2 - 4 PM.**

He is the author of *Happiness In The Long Run: An ABC For Thriving Thru Life's Marathon*

You can get a Kindle copy [HERE](#)

There will be a Celebration of the life of  
*Helen Thompson*  
**Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 10:30 AM**  
 at Brookville Church

Helen lived to see 103 years of life. Her family invites those who knew Helen to join them in this Memorial Celebration.



Picture taken at Helen's 100th Birthday party

On Sunday August 28 Brookville Church joined the Reformed Church of Locust Valley at Bailey Arboretum for a contemplative prayer walk.



*Brookville Church members are invited to worship at the Reformed Church of Locust Valley (115 Reyfield Rd.) Sunday, September 4, at 10 AM*

# BRAG BOX

Congratulations to Gabe Cirker who will be spending his senior year of high school at the IMG Academy in Florida, a world renowned sports, performance and educational institution. What an amazing opportunity.

Best of luck, Gabe!



Congratulations to Subrina and Stuart Brown in the birth of their son, Lucas Dominic Brown on July 25, 2022. He is welcomed by big sisters Emma and Mia.



# Women's Communion Breakfast

Nassau Suffolk Classis- Reformed Church in America



Saturday October 1, 2022  
10 AM

Parkway Community Church  
95 Steward Avenue, Hicksville

RSVP by Sept 15:  
[revdfield@gmail.com](mailto:revdfield@gmail.com)

*All women and girls 12 years old and up are invited*

More info to come as we get closer.

If you would like to volunteer to provide breakfast, please let Rev. Ellen Balk or Rev. Donna Field know.

## The Brookville Church Annual Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, Oct. 9, 10 AM  
on the front lawn  
(weather permitting)



Details will be in the next newsletter, but if you want to receive a direct invitation, send us an email at [brookvillechurch@gmail.com](mailto:brookvillechurch@gmail.com) and say "Send me info on the Blessing of the Pets"



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### FARSI SCHOOL REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION & 1ST DAY OF CLASSES

LONG ISLAND: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10 9:30AM

WESTCHESTER: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16 5:00PM

BROOKLYN: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17 9:30AM

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SAVE THE DATE

### Help for Ukraine through the Red Cross

From their website: "As conflict in Ukraine continues to rage, the Red Cross is committed to providing lifesaving aid to those in need — both in the country and in neighboring areas. Of the more than 12 million people who have been displaced by this conflict, an estimated 8 million are still inside the country and in need of urgent life-saving assistance. The Red Cross has reached 1 in 10 people impacted by this crisis and is committed to assisting the most vulnerable." [Read more...](#)

**DONATE** at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

## The Next Chapter



Branch Worsham

I miss the Long Island Newsday paper that had been part of everyday for the fifty plus years we lived on Long island. It isn't available to New Jersey, which I lament; our choices are scant unless the NY Times is desired, which I don't care for. The Asbury Park Press (APP) has been printing since 1897, but it would be gone with so

many other papers except for the Gannet Company taking it over. Even with the assets of USA Today the APP is a sad replacement for Newsday, so be happy and enjoy your access to proper papers delivered there on Long Island.

For me, one of the best parts is the comics. I can remember, as a boy of six or seven, reading the Minneapolis Star comics on the floor of our living room. For the rest of my life, right up to today, the comics were the certain part of the daily paper I would read with expectations of humor, continuity and familiarity. Saturday's APP now brings Sunday's four pages of comics (in color) - being delivered a day early to lighten the task for the Sunday morning workers. It is a strong temptation to not wait until Sunday to read those favorite pages, but they will lie on the desk until tomorrow.

During any day I often encounter little reminders that connect me to something that happened before, like the comics showing up today. I know it is human nature to have those little memory events; during any month I will have them and say to myself, "This would be a good one for the Newsletter." But then forget to do it. Today I have my wits about me and will mention such a moment. As often happens one thing leads to another and the story embellishes itself, like this next one...

I was scrolling through YouTube for some music to listen to and heard the National Anthem. I had just finished reading a book about the War of 1812 and especially the British attacking in the Chesapeake Bay, all the way up to Baltimore Harbor they went; so the story of Francis Scott Key being there and inspiring the song was retold on a page. I heard the story in grade school many years ago, and it has not been forgotten. Every time we go to Washington, DC or points further south, we pass a sign for the Key Bridge in Baltimore and that's all the reminder I need. As I listened through the whole song I was reminded again that my son, B.J., sings the National Anthem to start the motorcycle races he participates in at the NASCAR Motor Speedway in New Hampshire each summer. I asked him to fill in the details of his experiences there. He wrote the following:

I started in the late '90's, when it was performed one weekend after apparently a years-long gap. When it wasn't performed at the next event, I was told "The singer isn't here this weekend." I had been singing in the Brookville Church choir for years on Sundays so I volunteered. The Nascar Track is a huge place with the track and stands and garages for us racers. There are about 500 to 1,000 racers and supporters and fans there. I have now done it for over 20 years, often twice a weekend, (Sat. and Sun.) so it has become "my thing" there. I encourage others to sing it by offering to do duets with them. The Race Day starts with the announcer saying, THIS IS THE FIRST CALL. The first group of racers get ready to go to the starting line. After about five minutes the announcer calls SECOND CALL.

Immediately another person, the Color Announcer, situated at the top of the stands in the main announcing booth says, "NOW FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM SUNG BY BJ WORSHAM. TAKE OFF YOUR HATS AND FACE TOWARDS THE FLAG." That's when I sing followed by the first announcer who calls the FINAL CALL and the racing begins. Signing the anthem is an honor that I do not take lightly or for granted.

I used to watch BJ do cross country races in high school. I have seen BJ race many times in many places, but only once did I hear him sing the National Anthem. Today I am reminded of the only other time I really remember hearing him sing a song; Father's Day at the church he dedicated a special song to all fathers but he stood in the center aisle near me and touched my heart that day and every day since.

For nearly thirty years, during football season, I have signed off my writing from September until the end of the year with BEAT NAVY at the end. It has been the yell and all of the signage at the school - BEAT NAVY. I considered writing GO ARMY because it is appropriate and we really are happy simply winning the game without beating anyone up. The respect held between the military academies is profound, but winning the game is on a separate level. The desire for winning that game carries over to all of the other games, the spirit of the cadets is spread over all of their games with the desire to win each game being pumped up with the BEAT NAVY cheer. It is a frequent closing to a letter, an email, a conversation and even when a commendation for some well done chore is given, the ending can be BEAT NAVY. So the endings will continue to be:

BEAT NAVY!

*Branch Worsham and BJ Worsham*

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

## Muslim Reform Movement Organization

[muslimreform@hotmail.com](mailto:muslimreform@hotmail.com)

Online Prayers,  
(in person will resume in October)  
Fridays 1 PM  
*Khutba* at 1:10, English  
*Prayer* at 1:30

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Online Quran Study  
Sundays, 2:30 - 4 PM

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## Brookville Church

[brookvillechurch@gmail.com](mailto:brookvillechurch@gmail.com)

Hybrid Worship Celebrations  
Sundays, 10 AM

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Online Bible Study  
resuming in September

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## New Synagogue of L.I.

[newsynagogue.li@gmail.com](mailto:newsynagogue.li@gmail.com)

Shabbat Services  
One Friday a month, 7:00 PM

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## Interfaith Community of L.I.

[allison@interfaithli.org](mailto:allison@interfaithli.org)

In person classes for children  
resume September 18

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