

Brookville Multifaith Campus



*A Pathway to Mutual
Understanding*

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.

Some thoughts from campus leaders



Rev. Vicky
Eastland

Seasons of the Church

Most people have at least one calendar in their home where they keep track of appointments and special events, such as birthdays and anniversaries. Ours is hanging on a door in our kitchen. This is called a solar calendar because it keeps track of the earth's yearly trip around the sun.

Did you know that the Christian church has a special calendar too? We call it a liturgical calendar that relates to our worship services. Brookville Church calls them worship celebrations because each Sunday is a mini celebration of Jesus' resurrection. The liturgical calendar celebrates the cycle of events in the life of the Church which center on the life of Jesus Christ. The Church has a beautiful, yet mysterious rhythm to its seasons that renews us as we participate fully in them. Just as the calendar year follows the sun, so too the Church year follows the Son, the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Each season in the liturgical calendar has a corresponding color with the changing of the Church seasons.

The Bible starts out with God creating order out of chaos. *"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."* (Genesis 1:2) God communicates with us in ways we truly need. Time as it is so deeply felt by creation needs order to give it meaning, so the Church calendar brings meaning to our faith.

The First Sunday in Advent is the "New Year" for the Church. Advent is the season where we get ready for Jesus' birth. This year the first Sunday in Advent is November 28, 2021. The liturgical color for Advent is **Purple** because purple is considered the color of royalty and Christians believe that Jesus is our King. Advent is the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

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Rabbi
Stuart Paris,
HaKohen

Sukkot – An Important Message for Our Time

Sukkot, a Hebrew word meaning "booths" or "huts," refers to the Jewish festival of giving thanks for the fall harvest. It also commemorates the 40 years of Jewish wandering in the desert after the giving of the Torah atop Mt. Sinai. Sukkot is celebrated five days after

Yom Kippur on the 15th day of the month of Tishrei (this year corresponding to September 21st). Of all the holidays on the Jewish calendar, the one the Torah singled out most strongly for worldwide significance is Sukkot.

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Christine
Mankes

Opening Day at the Interfaith Community of Long Island

There was amazing positive energy and love at our Open House! On September 19th, it was so exciting to have the opportunity to meet new families. It was wonderful to see our returning families as well.

At the Open House, our kids participated in their religious education classes, taught by both a Christian and Jewish instructor. New families were introduced to the leaders of the IFC and Cantor Irene filled the grounds of our Multifaith Campus with beautiful music and singing.

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Seasons of the Church

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The next season in the Church is the Christmas season. This is different from what stores call the Christmas season, which is Advent to us. The Christmas season comes just after Christmas. It is the time we celebrate the incarnation of Jesus coming down from heaven to take on human flesh. (See John 1:14) Unlike the solar calendar on all our smart phones and hanging on our walls, the Christian calendar considers both Christmas and Easter as seasons, not just individual days.

Twelve days after Christmas, but still during the Christmas season is Epiphany. This is when we believe the Wise Men came to visit Jesus. The Christmas season is very short. It ends just after Epiphany with Jesus' Baptism. So for the two Sundays of the Christmas season our liturgical color is **White**. It is white to symbolize purity. As Christians we believe that Jesus was pure and without sin.

The next season of the Church calendar is called Ordinary Time. It is not "ordinary" in our usual definition of the word. Remember how I said that God brought order out of chaos? The basis of calling this season in the church ordinary, actually refers back to that defining quality of God as the Divine Orderer of creation. This is the time in the Church year where we focus on our growth as Christians. Ordinary Time is not "ho-hum" time, instead it is a time to reflect on how God brings God's divine presence into the chaos of our lives. The color for this season is **Green**. Green is the color of growth. It is what springs forth after a long winter. It makes sense that the time in the Church year where we focus on growing in our relationship with God is green.

After Ordinary Time comes the season of Lent. Lent lasts 40 days not counting Sundays. Forty days corresponds with many events in the Bible.

- *God made it rain on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights.*
- *Jesus enters the wilderness just after he was Baptized for 40 days. Jesus fasted and prayed, but he was also tempted by the devil during this time.*

The season of Lent's liturgical color is **Purple**. Purple is also seen as a color of repentance. Lent is a time when we are to focus on what we need to give up that might be getting in the way of our love for God. Lent is the season leading up to the most important event in the Christian calendar: EASTER!

Easter is when we celebrate Jesus coming back to life after dying on the cross. Jesus breaks the power of sin and death by resurrecting from the dead. The color for the Easter season is **White**. This season lasts 40 days because this is the number of days Jesus is on earth after his resurrection. See how the number 40 is important to Christians?

During these 40 days, Jesus finds his disciples and proves to them that he is alive. Then Jesus tells his disciples that he must go to heaven but that he will send someone who will be with them always, someone to take his place which is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit of God is able to be in more than one place at a time. Jesus was not able to do that because he was human. So the Holy Spirit can be with everyone on the planet all at the same time. In fact, the Holy Spirit lives inside each of us.

There is a special day in the Church year where we celebrate the Holy Spirit's power because it is the day that the Holy Spirit showed up. This day is called Pentecost. The liturgical color for Pentecost is **Red**. When the Holy Spirit came, the Spirit took on the shape of dancing fire! It is the only Sunday where the liturgical color is red.

After Pentecost we go back to Ordinary Time in the Church year again where we focus on our growth as Christians. This period lasts until the first Sunday in Advent when we start the whole Church year over again.

As we go round and round the liturgical calendar each year, may it draw us deeper and deeper into the mystery of the coming of Jesus Christ as a man and his offering of that life back to God. Let's recognize God's ordering power over the chaos of our lives and allow ourselves to be continually recreated as we offer our lives up to God.

~ Rev. Vicky

Bible Study: Would you like to be part of our on-line Bible Study? Come as you are - wherever you are, to a screen near by and join others who wish to learn together. Bi-weekly Tuesday evenings (6:30-7:30 p.m.) starting on Oct. 19th
Email vickleastland@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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Sukkot is marked by several distinct traditions. One tradition, which takes the commandment to dwell in booths literally, is to erect a *sukkah*, a small, temporary booth or hut. For thousands of years Jews have observed the Torah commandment to leave the comfort and security of their homes and eat in this specially constructed outdoor hut. In this year of coronavirus, this mitzvah no longer seems strange. There is so much in this world that we take for granted as if it were ours by automatic right or well-deserved reward. We complain about the things we lack and hardly ever take the time to thank G-d for the priceless favors and blessings bestowed upon us. The holiday of *Sukkot* is the time to acknowledge the source of “the harvest” of our lives, the divine gifts that make our lives possible and pleasurable. Renew your strength and courage. Inspire yourself. Ignite the spark that lies within your soul.

Sukkot asks us to temporarily go outside, look around at G-d’s creations, “dine out doors” with your family, in a *sukkah* from which you can gaze up, see heaven above and be reminded of G-d as well as your blessings. This has been a challenging time for all of us. Life is not always easy, but by remembering that there is something more, something that goes beyond our limited vision of the world, we can begin to get a glimpse of how G-d sees the bigger picture. Living with this awareness of G-d enables us to thrive, not just survive. Let us take some time to reflect on this past year and discover all the hidden treasures you may have forgotten.

Sukkot, coming right after *Rosh*

HaShanah and *Yom Kippur*, might just be the one Jewish holiday that has the most to teach the entire world about the real meaning of happiness. These days, we need unity more than ever. Stop judging. Start loving. Call someone you know who is alone. Reach out to a friend. Give a good word, a smile. G-d grants us peace when there is peace amongst us. Seize the moment. Unity brings peace. Peace brings strength.

May the words recited at the end of reading each book of the Torah inspire you: *Chazak, chazak, v’nitchazeik*. “Be strong, be strong, and we will strengthen each other.”

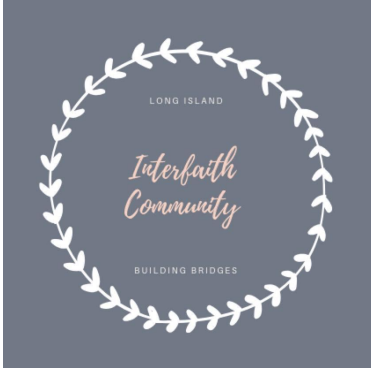
Rabbi Stuart A. Paris, HaKohen



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New members are always welcome and registration for membership and classes is still open. Please send us a message on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ifcli/> or by emailing the steering committee chair, Allison at allison@interfaithli.org



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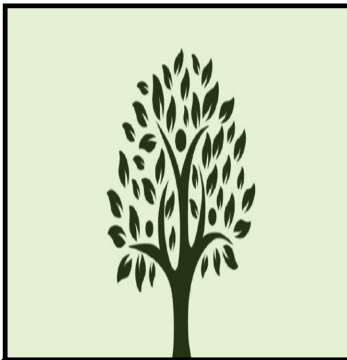
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~Christine Mankes





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After the Vows: Stories of Interfaith Couples

**Sunday, October 3, 2021
2-3:30 PM**

Hear from interfaith couples about the joys and challenges of navigating life and parenting as a two-faith household.

Co-sponsored by the Interfaith Institute of L.I. and the Brookville Multifaith Campus.



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Panelists:

Benjamin Rifkin (Jewish)
and Lisa Fell (Christian)
Married 31 years, two adult
children



Moderator:

Rev. Vicky Eastland
Pastor of Brookville Church
Founder of Brookville
Multifaith Campus
Executive Board of
Interfaith Institute



Panelists:

Kim Paymaster (Hindu)
and David Wade (Christian)
Married 8 years, one child



Panelists:

Rorri Geller-Mohamed (Jewish) and Arif Mohammad (Muslim)
Married 7 years, two children

Email faroquekhan@outlook.com to register and receive the Zoom link

www.brookvillemultifaithcampus.org



Multifaith Yoga Experience

Saturday, October 23,

3:00 - 4:30 PM

Yoga will be on front lawn
(inside, socially distanced if raining)

Brookville Multifaith Campus

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- Led by Cantor Irene Failenbogen
- No previous practice of Yoga is needed.
- Bring your own yoga mat.
- Adapted poses for chair yoga will be offered.

Yoga will include a combination of breathing techniques, poses and chants from different traditions to promote peace within and with others. This experience of body, mind and spirit awareness will lead participants to paths of wholeness for oneself and our communities of faith.

Register TODAY to reserve your spot

by emailing: brookvillemfc@gmail.com

A minimum \$20 donation is required at time of event.
(Money goes to support the Multifaith Campus)

Eagle Scout Fundraiser

**James Kelleher - Raising funds to
enhance our Peace Pole Garden**



These items will come in a refillable plastic container, all for \$15.

First Aid Kits for sale!

Proceeds from kits go to help James Kelleher's Eagle Scout project to add to the peace garden at Brookville Church.

Kits are \$15 each!

Kits are perfect for cars, homes, luggage, etc.

Contains all basic first aid supplies.

Limited supply first come first serve.

Call (516) 352-1825 to place order.

Thank you!

Volunteer Skills Database

Are you available to help out the Brookville Multifaith Campus in some way?

We will compile a list of people who would like to contribute knowledge, skills or talents as needed. By creating a database now, we will know who to contact when a need arises. This will be an ongoing project.

What professional, vocational or hobby-based skills do you have that you could share? Do you have specialized training that others may not? What are your currently underutilized talents? What trove of knowledge are you keeping to yourself?

Please email brookvillemfc@gmail.com (put Skills Database in the subject) with your name, contact info and what special talent you are willing to give toward our shared mission.

Take the Survey of the month:

On a scale of 1-10
rate your level of
zoom-fatigue.

**[CLICK HERE TO
ANSWER](#)**

Virtual meet ups with a rotation of one of our fabulous Clergy to discuss spirituality, current events, life, religion....anything!

All High School and College age individuals and their friends who are interested please email Amy Schombs: Amysteven23@gmail.com

Announcing....
Alumni Summits
for High School and College-age individuals

Muslim Reform Movement Organization

Quran Study by Zoom

Every Sunday 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. **All are welcome!**



Reformed Jumua prayer in person and online
at the Brookville Multifaith Campus - 2 Brookville Rd. Glen Head

Every Friday: The *Khutba* is at **1:10 PM** in English
The prayer (*salat*) begins at **1:30 PM**.

In the prayer, the Arabic recitation is followed by its English translation.



Hosted by: **Dr. Sultan Abdulhameed**, author of "*The Quran & the Life of Excellence*"

To request the Zoom link for study or prayer, please email muslimreform@hotmail.com

Rorri Geller-Mohamed, former member of the Brookville Multifaith Campus announces that she has redesigned her [Changemakers](#) program and will officially be opening up registration soon. The Changemakers Circle helps white women allies navigate self-doubt, strained relationships, worry about friends and family of color, and other emotional challenges that come up when aligning their anti-racism values with their actions in their personal and professional lives. It's an emotional support space with coaching, mentoring, learning opportunities, and community.

Rorri and her husband Arif have stayed connected to our campus over the years as Rorri's work is aligned with the values of our campus and they will be participating in our upcoming virtual event: After the Vows: Stories of Interfaith Couples on Oct. 3rd.

Rorri Geller-Mohamed, LCSW (she/her/hers), Therapist & Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coach.
[Changemakers Leadership Circle](#)

Racially Responsible Podcast: [Listen on Apple Podcasts](#) [Listen on Google Podcast](#)
347-460-4308 [U Power Change](#)

Brookville Multifaith Campus LOGO Contest 2.0

Thank you to the four people who submitted logo designs for our campus logo contest. Your designs were inspirational. The Board of Directors made a decision to change the theme for our campus logo to reflect the purpose we exist, which is to be

A PATHWAY FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

We are re-launching our logo contest with a few parameters:

- The design should not include any religious symbols
- It should reflect the idea of a pathway
- The design needs to be submitted in PNG format with a clear background

The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2021

Monetary Prizes will be awarded for the top three submissions

Email submissions to brookvillemfc@gmail.com

Prayer Group:

If you would like to join others from our campus in praying for the specific prayer requests that come in, please reach out to Rev. Vicky at: vickyleastland@gmail.com Each from our individual homes, pray at different times throughout the day for the same needs.



Watch your inbox for
a chance to

Buy a T-Shirt,
Sweatshirt
or Tote Bag.

And support the
Brookville Multifaith
Campus

Scenes from our in person Blessing of the Pets, Sunday, Oct 26



ALL SAINTS DAY

November 7, 2021

At Brookville Church, All Saints Sunday has come to be the day in which we read the Necrology, a listing of the people in our faith community who have died in the last year, acknowledging the impact their lives have made on those who are still alive and have had the privilege of knowing the deceased. It is a day we remember and light a candle in their honor.

If you would like a candle lit for a loved one who has passed away in this past year, please email brookvillechurch@gmail.com to let us know the name of the deceased and how they are related to you.

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The Next Chapter



Branch Worsham

Spending time in a doctor's waiting room is lost time, however it is becoming more frequent since Nancy and I moved to New Jersey. Last week we had a pleasant experience as her Primary Care Physician had just completely redecorated the waiting room and the hall going to the patient care rooms. Better yet the theme of the change was nautical which pleases us both.

"The cabin of a small yacht is truly a wonderful thing; not only will it shelter you from a tempest, but from the other troubles in life; it is a safe retreat." — *L. Francis Herreshoff designer of the American Catboat and son of Nathanael Herreshoff designer of several undefeated America's Cup yachts in early 1900's*

"The only way to get a good crew is to marry one." —*Eric Hiscock*

Nancy was my first and longest crew member and sailing partner.

Life is Short
break the rules
LOVE TRULY
FORGIVE QUICKLY
Kiss Slowly
LAUGH
uncontrollably
and never Regret
ANYTHING
That Makes You
SMILE
Mark Twain

This was on the entry wall

It held my attention so much that I read it twice

And I was amazed when I read the author was Mark Twain

There are Roadside Quips that I used to build my reputation as a writer of the REFLECTIONS column in previous newsletters -- the Burma Shave signs.

On Curves Ahead - Remember, Sonny - That Rabbit's Foot - Didn't Save - The Bunny Burma-Shave

Six (sometimes five) wooden boards with white lettering on red background were spaced about 100 feet apart along heavier traveled roads. Eventually, there were 7,000 sets of signs, spreading into every state except those with terrain concerns - Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Massachusetts.

Getting the material ready for this I encountered the two signs below that I had never seen in all of the time writing REFLECTIONS.

She Couldn't Peel the Orange - Having Just Trimmed Her Nails - So He Put The Fruit Around His Chin - Knowing Sharp Stubble Never Fails Burma-Shave

HEY I JUST MET YOU - AND THIS IS CRAZY - BUT HERE'S MY NUMBER - SO CALL ME MAYBE? BURMA-SHAVE

When we drive into town many churches show wit and wisdom on the sign on the lawn. Like the Burma-Shave signs the church signs are from coast to coast.

Tweet Others As You Would Like to be Tweeted	Sin Burn is Prevented By Son Screen	DON'T MAKE ME COME DOWN THERE -GOD
WANTED: SINGERS INCHOIR WITHIN	NEED A LIFEGUARD? OURS WALKS ON WATER	CHURCH SHOPPING? WE'RE OPEN SUNDAYS
The fact that there's a Highway to Hell and only a Stairway to Heaven says a lot about anticipated Traffic Numbers	Honk if you Love Jesus Text While Driving if You Want to Meet Him	I'M ALSO MAKING A LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE -GOD

At the end of each submission I tried to tie it all in so here's a bundle knotted together for you.

SEE YOU LATER, .ALLIGATOR - AFTER WHILE, CROCODILE - GOTTA RUN, SKELETON - SEE YOU SOON, BABOON - ADIOS, HIPPOS - OUT THE DOOR, DINO SAUER - GOT TO TRUCK, BAY DUCK - ADIOS, COCKATOO - CHOP CHOP, LOLLIPOP - BETTER SWISH, JELLY FISH - BE SWEET, PARAKEET - BYE BYE, BUTTERFLY - GOTTA SCAT KITTY CAT - BLOW A KISS, GOLD FISH - TOODLE-LOO, KANGAROO

~ Branch Worsham

BEAT NAVY!

October 2021						
Click here to view the calendar on line.					1 Friday Prayer 1-1:50 PM	2 Eagle Scout planting project 10 AM Ferdowsi School 10 AM Saturday Night Live AA meeting 9 PM
3 Worship Celebration 10 AM Online Quran Study 2:30 - 4:30 PM After the Vows - Stories of Interfaith Couples 2 PM	4	5	6	7	8 Friday Prayer 1-1:50 PM Sam Weinberger Bar Mitzvah 7 PM	9 Eagle Scout planting project 10 AM Ferdowsi School 10 AM Saturday Night Live AA meeting 9 PM
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31 <i>Halloween</i> Worship Celebration 10 AM Online Quran Study 2:30 - 4:30 PM	Key: *Brookville Church *Brookville Multifaith Campus *General Events *Interfaith Community *Iranian American Society *Muslim Reform Movement Organization *New Synagogue of Long Island					

Did you hear...

Beginning **October 24, 2021**, any local calls made in the following area codes must dial the area code + phone number, or the call will not go through:

New Jersey: 856, 908

New York: 516, 845, 914

In addition to changing the way you dial local calls, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed with a 7-digit number must be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers.

For more information, please visit optimumbusiness.com/10digitdialing.

Are you ready?

Emergencies come in many forms. Are you prepared? [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) suggests:

Make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find.

1. How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
2. What is my shelter plan?
3. What is my evacuation route?
4. What is my family/household communication plan?
5. Do I need to update my emergency preparedness kit?
6. Check with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and update my emergency plans due to Coronavirus.