

Brookville Multifaith Campus NEWS



Room for All
An Open and Affirming
Campus to the
LGBTQIA+ community.

March
2026

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

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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. Each group maintains its own religious identity but fosters an open environment for learning, celebrating and honoring each distinct religion.

God gives us the desires of our hearts

Have you ever wanted something so badly that you prayed and prayed, but it just didn't happen the way you expected? Maybe it was a job you thought was perfect for you, a relationship you hoped would happen, or a dream that seemed just within reach—only to slip away. In those moments, it's easy to wonder: Where is God? Why isn't God answering the way I want?

Psalm 37 gives us a powerful reminder of how we are to approach life's desires and uncertainties. It says: *"Delight yourself in the Lord, and God will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God, and God will act."* (verses 4,5)

At first glance, this passage might seem like a promise that if we love God, God will give us whatever we ask for. But that's not quite what it means. Instead, it teaches us how to align our hearts with God's heart—how to find true fulfillment in God rather than in the temporary things of this world. There are three things this passage calls us to do: Delight, Commit, and Trust.

"Delight yourself in the Lord." Think about the last time you felt genuine delight—maybe watching a sunset, hearing your favorite song, or spending time with someone you love. Delight isn't just about happiness; it's about finding deep joy, deep satisfaction. The psalmist is telling us that our greatest joy should come from God. Not just what God can give us or do for us, but in who God is.

The next part of the passage says to *"Commit your way to the Lord."* Now, the word commit here is interesting. In the original Hebrew, it literally means to roll something onto the Lord—as if you were taking the weight of your plans, your worries, your dreams, and rolling them off your shoulders and onto God's.

But let's be real—we don't like to let go. We like to be in control. But what if, instead of holding onto everything so tightly, we learned to roll it onto God? To say, "Lord, here's my life. Here's my

future. Here's what I want—but I commit myself and my plans to you."

That kind of commitment doesn't mean we stop making plans or working hard. It means that as we move forward, we do so with open hands, willing to let God lead—even when it's not the direction we expected.

And that brings us to the final part: *"Trust in God, and God will act."* Trusting God is easy when everything is going smoothly. But what about when things fall apart? When the doors don't open? When the waiting feels endless?

I don't know about you, but I've had seasons where I felt like God was silent. I prayed, I waited, and... nothing. And in those moments, doubt creeps in: Did I do something wrong? Is God even listening? But here's the truth: Just because we don't see anything happening doesn't mean God isn't working. God is always at work, even behind the scenes.

Psalm 37:4-5 is not about manipulating God into giving us what we want. It's about learning to desire what God desires, surrendering our plans to God, and trusting that God is working for our good.

So, I leave you with these three questions to reflect on:

- Am I truly delighting in the Lord, or am I seeking fulfillment in other things?
- Have I committed my plans to God, or am I still trying to control everything?
- Do I trust that God will act, even when I don't see it yet?

~ Rev. Vicky

Please join us at Brookville Church every **Sunday at 10 AM** for our Worship Celebration. Come in person or on Zoom For a zoom link, email brookvillechurch@gmail.com

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEMORIAL GATHERING
IN HONOR OF DR. SULTAN HAMEED, A
CHERISHED MENTOR, COLLEAGUE, AND FRIEND
TO SO MANY.

WE WILL GATHER TO REMEMBER HIS LIFE,
GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT, AND THE LASTING
IMPACT HE HAD ON OUR LIVES.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH
1:00-4:00 PM EST

Brookville Multifaith Campus
2 Brookville Road Glen Head, NY
11545

There will be a virtual option to join.
Please RSVP to receive a meeting link

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[Click here to RSVP](#)

Jesus (Peace Be Upon Him): Renewal in the Seasons of Lent, Easter, and Ramadan



Dr. Syed Asad

As spring unfolds in Brookville, it brings with it sacred seasons of reflection for many in our community. Christians journey through **Lent**, preparing their hearts for **Easter**, while Muslims around the world observe **Ramadan**, a month of fasting,

prayer, charity, and spiritual renewal. Though our theological understandings differ, these seasons share a remarkable spiritual harmony: self-discipline, repentance, compassion, and hope in God's mercy.

At the center of the Christian Easter story stands **Jesus Christ** (peace be upon him). For Muslims, Jesus—known as 'Īsā ibn Maryam—is also deeply loved and revered as one of the greatest messengers of God. His mother, **Mary**, is honored in the **Qur'an** as a model of faith and devotion. The Qur'an speaks of Jesus' miraculous birth, his wisdom, his healing ministry, and his unwavering call to worship the One God.

For Muslims, honoring Jesus does not mean worshiping him, but respecting him as a prophet who called humanity back to moral responsibility and spiritual sincerity. In this respect, Muslims find in his life and teachings a powerful example of courage, humility, and compassion.

The Meaning of Sacred Seasons

Lent invites Christians into forty days of prayer, fasting, and self-examination. It is a time to step back from distraction, repent for shortcomings, and prepare spiritually for Easter's celebration of hope and renewal. Similarly, Ramadan is a month-long spiritual retreat for Muslims. From dawn to sunset, Muslims fast not only from food and drink, but also from harmful speech, anger, gossip, and selfish behavior. The fast is intended to cultivate self-restraint, empathy for the hungry, and deeper awareness of God.

In both traditions, fasting is not an end in itself. It is a means of transformation. When the body is disciplined, the heart becomes more attentive. When routine comforts are reduced, gratitude

increases. When distractions are set aside, prayer deepens.

Both Lent and Ramadan ask the same essential question: Who are we becoming? Are we growing in patience, mercy, and integrity? Are we mindful of the suffering of others? Are we drawing closer to God?

Easter and the Promise of Renewal

Easter is a celebration of hope—of light emerging after darkness and life overcoming despair. While Muslims understand the events of Jesus' final days differently, we deeply respect the spiritual meaning that Easter holds for our Christian neighbors. The message that suffering does not have the final word, and that God's purpose ultimately prevails, resonates across faith traditions.

In Islam, despair is discouraged. The Qur'an repeatedly reminds believers never to lose hope in God's mercy. Hardship is followed by ease. Winter gives way to spring. Hearts that feel distant can be restored. The natural world itself becomes a sign of spiritual truth: barren trees blossom again, and what seems lifeless is revived.

Springtime, Easter, and Ramadan converge beautifully in this shared symbolism of renewal. They remind us that transformation is always possible—personally and collectively.

The Core of Jesus' Message

Jesus' teachings consistently emphasized inner sincerity over outward display. He challenged empty religiosity and reminded people that righteousness is not about appearances, but about the condition of the heart. He uplifted the poor, defended the marginalized, and called for forgiveness even in the face of injustice.

Muslims recognize these same themes in Islamic teaching. Faith must be lived. Prayer must shape character. Charity must reflect genuine compassion. The Prophet of Islam, Muhammad (peace be upon him), similarly taught that the strongest person is not the one who overpowers

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others, but the one who controls anger. He emphasized mercy, fairness in trade, kindness to neighbors, and care for the vulnerable.

Across our traditions, we find a shared moral vocabulary: humility, generosity, patience, justice, and trust in God.

Jesus warned against hypocrisy and reminded people not to be consumed by material ambition. Ramadan echoes this call by temporarily detaching Muslims from daily indulgence and reminding them that spiritual nourishment matters more than physical satisfaction. Lent likewise encourages Christians to let go of habits that distract from deeper faithfulness.

In each tradition, the goal is not deprivation, but clarity—clarity about what truly matters.

Shared Values in a Multifaith Community

Brookville Multifaith Campus thrives on faith diversity. When Lent and Ramadan coincide, both communities rise early for prayer, reflect, give to charity, and seek forgiveness, highlighting common values. These shared practices foster dialogue and community, even amidst doctrinal differences. Celebrating sacred seasons through meals, greetings, and learning about each other strengthens bonds. Lent, Easter, and Ramadan urge us all to renew our hearts, forgive, give, and hope. As spring arrives, may these traditions inspire kindness, empathy, justice, and hope in everyone.

*~Asem Mohiuddin, M.D., F.R.C.R., F.A.C.R.
(Scottsdale, AZ)*

~Syed N Asad, MD FACP

PURIM AND PREPARATION FOR PASSOVER

On Friday, March 6th, we will be celebrating a hybrid Shabbat service at 7PM. We will include the Purim story in a special way since the practices of Purim have traditionally been used as preparation for Passover. The joy of the Purim story will unite us as a community in the month of Adar, a name associated with power and strength. There is a Talmudic adage that says, "When Adar enters, joy increases." Singing and storytelling with joy while incorporating symbols of surprise have been practiced and enjoyed at the New Synagogue of Long Island.

We'll sing our homemade parody of "Purim Bamba" and narrate the story of Esther's heroic actions with enthusiasm and laughter. We'll share in the symbolism of transformation and surprise by enjoying hamantaschen, the three-cornered pastry that mimics the three-cornered hat of the hated Haman.

It's a tradition to begin study for Passover the day after Purim because both feasts deal with the theme of redemption. Purim highlights the human role in salvation as facilitated by the heroic deeds of Mordecai and Esther. Passover celebrates divine intervention in the telling of the liberation story of the Jewish people from slavery to freedom.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall on March 15th from 11:00-12:30 for a Passover celebration that is used as a hands-on learning experience for the families of the IFC Religious Education Program. Passover takes place in the Hebrew month of Nisan, a name associated with "spring" and "blossoming." We plan to engage in the rituals of Passover by singing songs of freedom, telling the story of Moses' leadership of the people to the Promised Land, and celebrating the importance of surprise by searching for the afikomen, the piece of broken matzah hidden and creating a sense of anticipation in the children determined to find it.

All of the Purim and Passover celebrations are open to all people on the Brookville Multifaith Campus. We would love to see you there to share in the joy.

~ Rabbi Irene Failenbogen

SYNAGOGUE OF THE MONTH SHABBAT SERVICE 5786

The New Synagogue of Long Island
The Synagogue for Spiritual Judaism
Rabbi Irene Failenbogen

Friday, March 6th at 7:00 PM

[Zoom Shabbat Service](#)
[Shabbat Service Booklet](#)

We have no membership dues or fees. All are welcome.

Please support The New Synagogue of Long Island as generously as you can. Your contributions are the lifeblood of The New Synagogue. Please help us keep alive our inspiring teachings of Spiritual Judaism.

To make an online donation, please [click here](#)
To print the form and mail it to us, please [click here](#)

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In February, Johanna Vaccaro, Sienna Mainhart, William Kelleher, Jack Kelleher and Maddy Cirker helped celebrate Shabbat at the New Synagogue of Long Island



Snow Can't Slow Our Spirit! Interfaith Community of Long Island Springs Forward

Winter weather may have had other plans, but the Interfaith Community of Long Island kept its warm spirit shining bright. A few snowy days meant rescheduling some classes, but safety always comes first for our families.

Thanks to the incredible reliability and flexibility of our steering committee and educators, classes were successfully rearranged—not once, but twice! Their commitment ensured that learning continued smoothly and our students stayed right on track.

Now, with spring around the corner, our students are eagerly preparing for the upcoming holy seasons of Lent, Passover, and Easter. In the weeks ahead, classes will focus on the meaningful themes and lessons at the heart of these sacred observances.

We are also excited to continue some of our most beloved traditions. The kid-friendly Seder and our joyful Easter service and egg hunt will once again bring smiles, learning, and community connection to our spring calendar.

And it's not just the kids who have something to look forward to! Our adult members are planning a special social outing—just for us—offering a wonderful opportunity to connect and build friendships beyond our regular class time.

Snow or shine, our community continues to grow stronger together. 🧡

~ *Christine Mankes*



**Classes will
be held at
11:00 AM on
Sundays:**

March 15
April 19
May 17
June 7
(picnic)

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 ifcoflongisland@gmail.com

New members are always welcome!

Registration for membership and classes is still open. Please send us an email at ifcoflongisland@gmail.com

or message us on our Instagram or Facebook pages.

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SUNDAY

April 5, 10 AM

Come celebrate at

Brookville Church

Children's Easter Egg
Hunt Following the
Easter Worship
Celebration

Eid

The Muslim Renewal Community will hold its virtual Eid prayer on Friday, March 20th at 10:30am EST. This is one of two Eid celebrations in the Islamic tradition and it marks the end of the month of Ramadan.

You can click here (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8829320778>) on March 20th to participate in the prayer. Everyone is welcome!

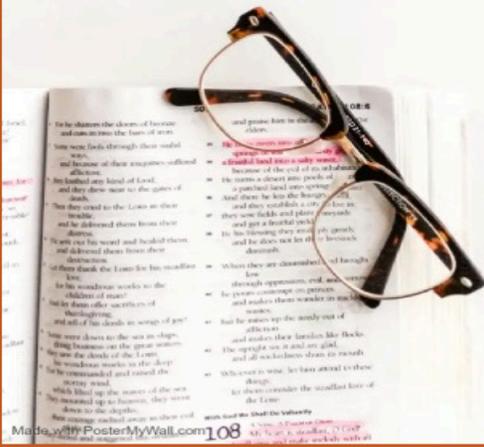
Online BIBLE STUDY

Beginning
2-11-2026

Brookville Multifaith Campus, and beyond...

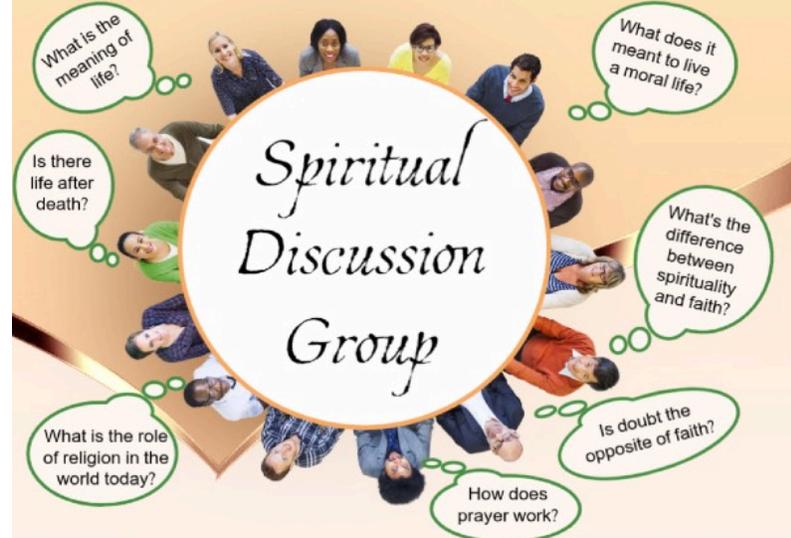
To receive the Zoom link, email
brookvillechurch@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 7-8 PM



Learn more about the book of Acts

Brookville Multifaith Campus invites you to come together to talk about some of the bigger questions in life in a comfortable, judgement-free setting, with people from various backgrounds.



Spiritual Discussion Group

March 5 - April 30

Thursdays, 1-2 PM, in person
2 Brookville Rd. Glen Head, NY 11545

For more info email: brookvillemfc@gmail.com



Muslim Reform Movement Organization

Virtual Quran Study every other Sunday,

2:30 - 4:30 PM

All are welcome!

For Zoom link, please email
muslimreform@hotmail.com

Save the date:

Sunday, April 26,
11:30 AM

Death Cafe'

"A safe space to talk about death and dying without judgement."
All are welcome!

To receive more information email
brookvillechurch@gmail.com

Interfaith Community of Long Island
Classes will be held at
11:00 AM on Sundays:

March 15
April 19
May 17
June 7

To register for membership and classes, email:
ifcoflongisland@gmail.com

BRAG BOX

Congratulations to William Kelleher who recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout!

William shared: "On 2/18/26 I was officially given the rank of Eagle Scout. This completes my Scouting journey with the highest distinction that can be awarded in Scouting. I am the 96th Eagle Scout in Troop 482, 8 Eagles behind James. I would like to thank everyone who helped donate to my project. This wouldn't have been possible without you."

Thank you,
William Kelleher
Eagle Scout
Former Senior Patrol
Leader of Troop 482



Name: William Kelleher
Eagle Scout: February 18th, 2026
Eagle Project: Clean, refurbish and plant new plants at the remembrance waterfall in Centennial Gardens.

EVENTS ON THE BOULEVARD PRESENTS

Love Around the World Songs
A FREE EVENT
Free parking available in our lot
Light refreshments will be served
with Irene Failenbogen

In our newly renovated Hospitality room!

Rescheduled for March 10, 4:00 PM
114-03 Queens Blvd, Forest Hills, NY 11375

Schwartz Brothers-Jefferson Memorial Chapels • Sinai Chapels • Parkside Memorial Chapels • Forest Park Funeral Home
RSVP: Jennifer.Martin@DignityMemorial.com or 718-263-7600



Love Songs in English, French, Hebrew, Italian, Ladino, Spanish, & Yiddish.

These firms are owned by a subsidiary of Service Corp. International, 1929 Allen Pkwy, Houston, TX 77019 (713-522-5141).

We do

Carol and Gerry

invite you to celebrate our wedding

Sunday, March 22, 2026 -12:00p.m.
Brookville Church

2 Brookville Road, Glen Head, N.Y. 11545

dessert reception to follow
Fellowship Hall

CLICK HERE to RSVP
before March 15

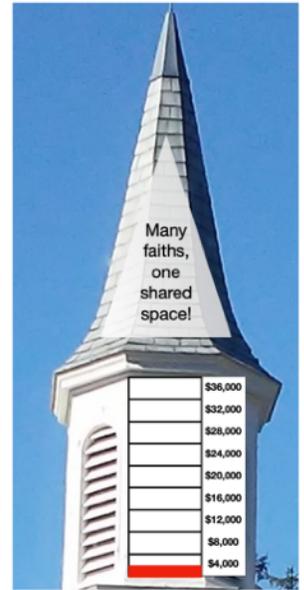
Brookville Multifaith Campus Financial Appeal

Our campus is a rare and beautiful space - one sanctuary, shared grounds and many faith traditions gathering with respect. The spiritual energy and moral commitment that brought it into being is priceless, but unfortunately, it doesn't come free. Maintaining our space requires ongoing attention.

And so we've set a goal for this year's campaign at \$36,000 and plan to keep everyone informed and updated as the year progresses. We're suggesting a monthly contribution of at least \$36, less than the cost of a daily cup of coffee, or a one time annual contribution of \$400. Every contribution, large or small, will help sustain the physical place that makes our multifaith life possible.

Donations for the Brookville Multifaith Campus Financial Appeal can be made via:

- Venmo @ Brookville-Church (7478)
- [Givebutter](#)
- Personal check made out to "Brookville Church" and sent to:
Brookville Church
2 Brookville Road
Glen Head, NY 11545



Raised so far:
\$2,900.00

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

Living and Learning

God Winks, Intuition, and the Divine Mystery



God winks ... I like this phrase. It seems to capture the unique quality of special moments in our lives when we intuitively sense the hand of God with us. Surely each of us has free will, and the choices we

make have consequences for ourselves and others. Yet joyfully and surprisingly these special moments may happen, and they provide an opportunity for us to let go and experience a deeper connection with the Divine. Irish folklore speaks of a thin veil between us and the "other side." I know that to many people this might all sound like magical thinking, but for me intuition is such an important aspect of our humanity, which I choose not to ignore.

Over the course of my life, I've had many such moments. I yearn for these connections and am thankful when they occur. Certainly, since my husband Rich passed away, I've felt amazing synchronicities, which I believe is his spirit with me still. These are especially moving, and I record each time something occurs, so I won't forget. These moments are a great comfort to me.

I attended Catholic education for 16 years, and so forged within me is a spiritual perspective, which remains deep in my soul. As one matures in life, many of the more simplistic concepts a child is taught naturally are questioned. I questioned many things that I was taught but always remained a seeker, spiritually focused, and believing in a God of Love.

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Living and Learning

God Winks, Intuition, and the Divine Mystery, continued...

Gratefully I've experienced powerful moments of God's presence, surprising experiences, some of which took my breath away. Especially during my early adulthood when Rich and I had pulled away from traditional religious practice, certain things that occurred struck me as more than just a "God wink" and felt like moments of deep spiritual connection. Here's one that I'm happy to share.

Our daughter Jeanne developed a severe case of asthma when she was almost 3 years old. I knew nothing about asthma, and the attack that she experienced was so sudden and violent that she almost died. Rich and I quickly learned everything possible to protect her in the future. Still, we were unprepared for an incident that happened after that first asthmatic attack.

When a college friend invited us to her Albany wedding, we left Stephen and Jeanne with my parents. After we attended the wedding and were at another friend's home, my mother called in the middle of the night. She was frantic because Jeanne's breathing was extremely labored. My mom was bringing her to the hospital, and I told her we would leave immediately.

Rich and I quickly packed our things, got into our car, and proceeded to drive home via the Taconic Parkway. The Taconic is a beautiful parkway, but in those days at night it was not lit. Our car was the only one on the road. Suddenly the headlights

of our car shined on objects in front of us, which appeared to be too large white ovals in the right lane. Rich pulled into the left lane and as we got closer, we saw there were two beautiful white horses galloping, seeming to be racing, nose to nose down the Taconic. The horses remained in the right lane while Rich passed them on the left. It was so cold that we could see the breath coming from their nostrils. The moment took our breath away! How they got there, where they came from, are unknowns. But their presence resonated with our spirits as we were also racing down the parkway to be with Jeanne.



We believed that God somehow allowed that moment, and we felt Jeanne was going to be okay. When we arrived at my parents' house, thankfully she was there and sound asleep. It was such a powerful experience, which we recorded years later when Jeanne invited us to participate in a Story

Corps interview in a Manhattan sound booth. We wanted to document together what we had both experienced.

Our God is a God of loving surprise and nearer to us than we can ever imagine. Let us all tune in, be alert, and open our hearts to the divine mystery surrounding us!

*~ Dolores Tibbets,
Brookville Church Elder*