

Brookville

Multifaith Campus News

September 2026

One house, many faiths, endless opportunities for growth!

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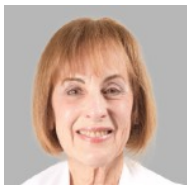


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Our Mission is to build a
multifaith community of
people from different faiths
who connect to one
another by embracing
similarities while celebrating
differences.

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An Open and
Affirming Campus to
the LGBTQIA+
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Building Bridges of Blessing In Brookville



One of the unique features on this very unique Brookville Multifaith Campus is the fact that most of the participants in events on the campus are not from

the immediate area. But somehow we have found our way to this campus and feel at home here. What draws us again and again to gather for meaningful moments of faith? To adapt a famous quote of Nicole Kidman, in a commercial inviting viewers to movies, we come to this place for blessing. Week after week, month after month and year after year we have been building bridges of blessing in Brookville with words of encouragement, empathy and healing. As we begin the Jewish New Year, the IFC school year, and a return to worship for the Brookville Church, we think it's important to preview the year 2026-27 in a way that resets our souls and renovates the structures in which we behold our blessings.

We'll start the year in September with the blessing of beginnings. Although we agree with the writer Chaim Potok that "all beginnings are hard", life will be less hard and harsh because we will bridge past, present and future as well as heaven and earth in a spirit of new year togetherness.

October will be a month celebrating the blessing of family with our traditional blessing of family pets and a fund-raiser in which we share the blessing of family talents.

The month of Thanksgiving will focus us on both the abundant blessings God has given us along with the call to give to others in need.

When the days darken in December, we'll tell stories and sing songs that help us bless the lights in the world.

In January, our community uses the Martin Luther King weekend to learn about the importance of service and how it blesses both those who are being served as well as the ones who are serving.

The month of love, February, finds us reflecting on the power of love, and for those celebrating Lent, the importance of a change of heart that begets the blessing of repentance.



When March rolls around, we'll gather to celebrate "Palm Sunday in the Purim Spirit" as we did a few years ago and proclaim the victory of life over death.

April will continue building bridges, with our annual Passover meal and appreciation of the blessing of freedom.

Events in both May and June guide us to celebrate the blessing of spiritual teaching since both Pentecost in May and Shavuot in June call us to share rituals that unite in the Spirit and spread wisdom into our teaching.

Many other events on this campus will enable us to build bridges of blessings in Brookville. We must not only build bridges but also cross bridges to expand our understanding

of each one's faith on this campus.

As we prepare to take our steps into this new year, we might remind ourselves of the words of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov in the song "Kol ha'olam kulo" : The whole world is a very narrow bridge, and the main thing is not to be afraid at all.

~Rabbi Irene Failenbogen

~Reverend Bill McBride

Bringing Religious Faiths Together Through the Gift of Sacred Music

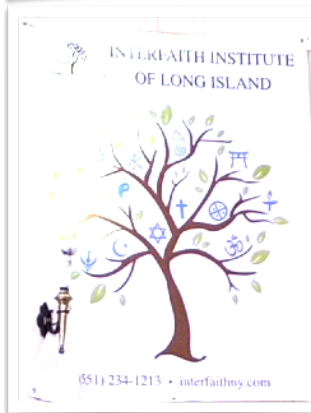
On Sunday August 23 a capacity crowd filled the Brookville sanctuary for a uniquely special concert. The event was sponsored by the Interfaith Institute of Long Island and provided "a music exchange across faiths." Interfaith Institute Co-Founder Dr. Farouque Khan, Brookville Church Vice President Lorrie Latzen, Rabbi Irene Failenbogen, and Rev. Bill McBride welcomed all, and Sohail Nabi highlighted the vision of the Interfaith Institute in putting together this inspiring opportunity for people of different faiths to perform sacred music.

Celebrating the Divine Mystery together through music lifted our hearts and spirits in song. One of the amazing performers looked out on the diversity of faces of all attending and poignantly said that he felt that he was in paradise!

Learning about and enjoying the musical talents and insights conveyed through music by Sufi, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Sikh performers was a snapshot in time for all present to remember, cherish, and emulate.

Following the performance Dr. Unni Moopan, IFI President, thanked the performers for such a remarkable concert and invited all to enjoy refreshments and conversation together next door in Brookville Fellowship Hall. It was an amazing day which we will long remember!

~ Dolores Tibbets





A New Year at IFC-LI

A new year is beginning at the Interfaith Community of Long Island, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome our returning families and those joining us for the first time! We have a wonderful year ahead filled with opportunities to learn, celebrate, connect, and—most importantly—enjoy being together as a community.

At the heart of our year will once again be our unique Interfaith Religious Education classes. Approximately twice each month, our children will come together to learn with both a Christian and a Jewish instructor. Through lessons, conversations, activities, and shared experiences, students will explore the beliefs, traditions, holidays, and values of both faiths while developing a greater understanding of their own interfaith identities.

But learning at the Interfaith Community extends far beyond the classroom! Throughout the year, religious education classes will be interspersed with community gatherings connected to important holidays, traditions, and celebrations. These special events give our families the opportunity to experience our faith traditions together while creating memories and strengthening the friendships that make our community so special.

And there is plenty planned for the grown-ups, too! Our adult nights out will provide opportunities for parents to relax, socialize, and connect with one another outside of our family gatherings.

As the year continues, we'll look forward to favorite traditions, including our annual picnic—a chance for families of all ages to gather for food, fun, and fellowship. We will also proudly celebrate our graduating eighth graders at our Identity and Transition Commencement, recognizing this meaningful milestone as they reflect on their interfaith identities and prepare for the next chapter in their lives.

Whether we are learning together, celebrating a holiday, sharing a meal, enjoying a night out, or simply catching up with friends, each gathering is another opportunity to strengthen the connections at the heart of the Interfaith Community of Long Island.

We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, meaningful traditions, new experiences, and plenty of reasons to celebrate. To our returning families, welcome back! And to those who may be joining us for the first time, welcome to our community!

We can't wait to begin another wonderful year together!

~ *Christine Mankes*

How can I stay informed?

EMAIL

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Please send us an email at ifcoflongisland@gmail.com or message us on our Instagram <https://www.facebook.com/ifcli/> or Facebook pages. [@interfaithcommunityli](https://www.facebook.com/interfaithcommunityli)

**Open
House**

**Sunday
September 27
11 AM
All are
welcome!**

Learn, Pray, and Worship on Brookville Campus

*** OPEN TO ALL!***

Muslim Renewal Community

is pleased to announce the return of

In-person Friday Prayers

at 1:00 PM

Come in-person: September 11
October 2
October 23
November 13
December 4

Join ANY Friday on line.



Brookville Multifaith Campus
Fellowship Hall

Muslim Renewal Community

Virtual Quran Study

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
every other Sunday,
All are welcome!

For Zoom link, please
email
muslimrenewalcommunity@outlook.com



IFC classes

11 AM- 12 PM

Brookville Fellowship Hall

- September 27 Open House
- October 18
- November 15
- December 6
- December 20 Christmas Play and Party
- January 17
- January 31
- February 21
- March 21 Palm Sunday
- April 18 Passover Lesson
- May 16
- May 23 Commencement
- June 6 Picnic

Death Cafe

Brookville Conference Room

Sunday, Sept. 27, 11:15 AM
Sunday, Oct. 25, 11:15 AM



Share your
thoughts
about death
and dying
without
judgement.

Bible Study

Zoom - for link, email
brookvillechurch@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 7 PM
beginning September 16



Journey
through
the Book
of Act
with us.

Spirituality Discussion Group

Brookville Conference Room

First Sunday of the month,
starting Oct. 4, 11:30 AM



Join an open
discussion about
all things spiritual.

You can find out lots of information about upcoming meetings, services and special events for all of our faith groups, at brookvillemultifaithcampus.org/calendar

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Long Island invites you to*

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High Holy Days

on the Brookville Multifaith Campus

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Friday, Sept. 11, 7 PM	Rosh Hashanah evening service
Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 AM	Rosh Hashanah morning service
Sunday, Sept. 20, 7 PM	Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) evening service
Monday, Sept. 21, 10 AM	Yom Kippur morning service
Monday, Sept. 21, 12 PM	Yom Kippur Ylzkor Service
Monday, Sept. 21, 5 PM	Yom Kippur evening service

If you have any questions, please contact
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Donate online for Cove Animal Rescue - mark your gift "Cove Animal Rescue"

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(Scan from your Venmo app)



All well-behaved, vaccinated pets, and their people, are invited to join us on

**Sunday October 18,
10 AM for**

Blessing of the Pets

We will collect donations for
Cove Animal Rescue

- They can use:
- laundry soap,
 - cleaning supplies
 - kitchen trash bags,
 - paper towels
 - healthy dog & cat treats
 - AND cash donations.

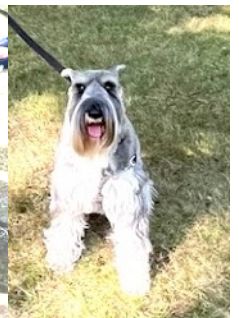
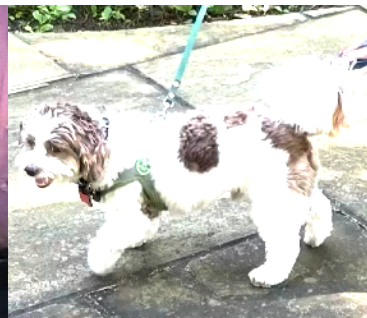
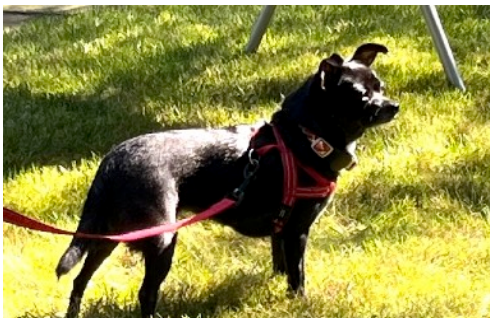


All pets should be on a leash or in a carrier.

Bring a photo of your pet if they can't come in person



Brookville Church, 2 Brookville Rd. Glen Head, NY 11545



Come and enjoy an evening of music and fellowship.

ALL Are invited!

Brookville Multifaith Campus

COFFEE HOUSE

CONCERT/FUNDRAISER

Saturday, Oct. 24, 7 PM

Food!
Music!
Raffles!



**"Come and hear some people that you know
and some that you will meet!"**

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www.brookvillemultifaithcampus.org

Save the Date!

Brookville Multifaith Campus

cordially invites you to our annual

Multifaith Thanksgiving Celebration

and dessert reception immediately after

**Sunday,
Nov. 22
2 PM**



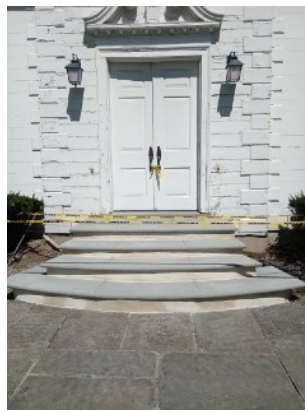
Grounds for Appreciation

Thank you to Carlos Ayala (and some friends) who did so much trimming and clean up around the property that they completely filled a 15 yard dumpster!



Steps have been taken...

Thank you also to Iadevaia Landscape & Contracting for repair work done on the front steps to the sanctuary. The steps, railing and surrounding bushes were damaged when a driver lost control and drove up on the lawn, last January.



More work is still to be done to replace the railings and landscaping - check the progress next month!

BRAG BOX

So incredibly proud of Mateo! Over the past two months, he has worked so hard in karate, showing dedication, determination, and perseverance. All of that hard work paid off as he earned his yellow belt, along with five Character Medals for demonstrating those same positive qualities not only in karate, but at home as well!

He also had the chance to show off everything he's been learning and broke a board for the very first time! Seeing his excitement and confidence in that moment was so special. And to make the day even more memorable, Mateo also earned an MVP Trophy!

Watching his confidence, discipline, strength, and character continue to grow makes us incredibly proud. Keep working hard and reaching for your goals, Mateo, this is only the beginning!



Living and Learning

Some things I've learned about communication, relationships, and honoring our differences.



When Deacon Hank kindly suggested I write a column for the Brookville newsletter, I asked myself what topics might be interesting to share. Our search for a spiritually-oriented and inclusive religious community was

what drew my husband and me to the Brookville Multifaith Campus. And so it's felt natural to explore some deeper questions involving religion and spirituality. But it's also been wonderful to share some personal stories about my life as well.

Each of us, I believe, has a deep yearning to be known and to connect with others. And when relationships are strong, an easy reciprocity tends to flow between speaker and listener. But how many of us just love to talk! That's certainly true of me. However, being a social worker, I had to develop good listening skills. I realized how important it is to ask people questions about themselves to understand their experiences, feelings, and needs. However, like so many people, my husband primarily loved to talk about things that mattered to him and his life. Ever the one to suggest (or annoy?) I would say to him: "Rich, when you're with people, remember to ask them some questions." I loved his response. He said: "Well, I could ask them what else they would like to know about me."

If only people just wanted to know about us, but unfortunately or fortunately that's not the way it goes!

We're all individuals, different from one another but with important gifts to share. I think of Apostle Paul's scriptural image in First Corinthians 12,

where he speaks of people collectively as one body but with each person playing a vital part, fulfilling distinct and necessary functions. We are not called to make each other in our own image, but to see and value the uniqueness, skills, and personalities of those who cross our path. When I met my husband while we were both in college, I thought that my questioning mind and my interest in philosophy and theology needed to be matched with someone similarly inclined. How wrong I was. Rich was my anchor. He consistently encouraged and valued me, helped me to thrive in numerous ways throughout our life together.



A good marriage is a treasure. It is "the pearl of great price." Yet relationships are always a work in progress, and commitment to marriage these days isn't always possible. In the United States, 40% of first-time marriages are said to end in divorce. This is not a judgment, but speaks to the difficulty many couples have dealing with a myriad of

challenges often present in long term, monogamous relationships.

Years ago I read an inspirational quote that said "God's choice for me is my good fortune." These words resonated deeply in my soul having met and spent my life with a man deeply committed to me and his family. Rich had lost his father when he was 12, and his mother died when he was in his 20s. He was not going to lose his wife, and he did everything he could to support our marriage and family despite the struggles we experienced along the way.

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When you're with someone for the majority of your life, you can't help but be influenced and affected by that person. Yet I don't believe one should marry expecting to change one's spouse-to-be. We are who we are. Still there are certain qualities, such as flexibility, tolerance, and the ability to compromise, which bode well for a relationship. In Paul Stookey's beautiful "Wedding Song" he refers to a scriptural text and sings "the two shall be as one." To me this signifies that marriage calls us to the deepest of commitments. That call includes striving to understand the other's needs, accommodating when possible, having the willingness to forgive, and of course loving deeply. Rich, my dearest supporter, was more accommodating than I was. How I loved his decency, kindness, humor, loyalty, and deeply held values and beliefs. We learned from each other and surprised each other many times as we grew into our long-term relationship of 58 years.

His death over two years ago has left an aching in my soul, but I feel his presence still. I used to show him videos of near-death experiences, which have fascinated me for some time. He wasn't as interested in the topic but would watch them since it was important to me. Now I envision him in those incredible and amazingly beautiful places vividly recounted by so many credible near-death experiencers! Life is bittersweet, but I believe the more we keep gratitude in our attitude, the better it will be. Recognizing blessings, despite the challenges we may face, is an essential pathway to experiencing joy.

My prayer and wish is that we collectively honor each other's unique gifts and learn to love the amazing and beautiful human tapestry created by our God for all of us living on this great blue planet that we call home.

Let it be so!

~Dolores Tibbets

Brookville Church Elder

**Join us at Brookville Church
10 AM Sundays
beginning
September 13**

For a Zoom link, email
brookvillechurch@gmail.com



Pray On!

Prayer requests will be directed to the "Prayer Team" through the church Administrative Assistant, Linda Hees.

If you have a need that you would like the team to pray for, please email brookvillemfc@gmail.com.

Additional Prayer Advocates are always welcome!