

Brookville

Multifaith Campus News

One house, many faiths, endless opportunities for growth!

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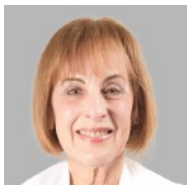


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Our Mission is to build a
multifaith community of
people from different faiths
who connect to one
another by embracing
similarities while celebrating
differences.



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An Open and
Affirming Campus to
the LGBTQIA+
community.

RfA
Room for All

Celebrating The Spirit of New Year Togetherness



In last month's newsletter, we mentioned that September would be a time to build bridges of beginnings because

the worship at the Brookville church began after a Summer break, the Jewish New Year began, and the IFC Religious Education program was beginning. Each year, these beginnings provide opportunities to gather as a family of faith and renovate the structures that form and transform us.

We would like to thank everyone involved in the initial services of the year because the spirit of cooperation and preparation set a beautiful standard of participation we would like to celebrate the entire year. We would like to highlight the ways families took leadership roles in readings, songs, and dramatic presentations. We knew that we could count on the community to come through with a joyful and hopeful presence in whatever task we delegated. The creativity and energy with which people came before each gathering was truly appreciated.

High Holy Days, also called The Days of Awe, provided numerous moments of wonder and renewal. Resetting the soul was a goal of the worship experiences. The shofar blowers awakened our minds and bodies to alert our souls to something new in the air which might break us away from habits that keep us from moving forward. The willingness of congregants to welcome one another with graceful respect and

steady delight made the sacred space of the New Synagogue of Long Island a very meaningful place to be this month.

Worship at the Brookville Church began again on Sundays in September with our community ready to serve and complete the mission of a faith community that is one year closer to celebrating 300 years of worship on Long Island. The elders and deacons of the church have been stepping up to facilitate the building of bridges between all faith communities on the Brookville Multifaith Campus. Wonderful spiritual growth continues to be developed in worship services and bonds of fellowship deepened after services in the Fellowship Hall.

Many members of the IFC of Long Island have participated in services in both the New Synagogue of Long Island and The Brookville Church in an attempt to fulfill the IFC mission of respecting and taking delight in one another's faith traditions. Also, this year begins the 40th anniversary year of the Interfaith Community, which has served as a national model for dual faith education designed to pass on the best of both faith heritages.

We begin this new year with a rejuvenated belief in the power and practices of the Brookville Multifaith Campus to build bridges of blessing.

~Rabbi Irene Tailenbogen

~Reverend Bill McBride

Join us at Brookville Church
10 AM Sundays

For a Zoom link, email
brookvillechurch@gmail.com



Please join Rabbi Irene and
the New Synagogue of Long Island for

Shabbat Service

Friday, October 9, 7:00 PM

THE LIVING EXPERIMENT: *EXPLORING FAITH IN A MULTIFAITH WORLD*

Welcome to The Living Experiment Podcast as we launch on **October 15th** and invite listeners into our living story. We are going out with three episodes which you can find on our campus website or any place you listen to your favorite podcasts.

We will introduce an audio of what The Living Experiment is about, followed by an episode titled "The Beginning of the Experiment" where Rev. Vicky Eastland shares what she discovered after arriving at the Brookville Church in 2012 as its new pastor, and finally, an extraordinary conversation with Dr. Faroque Kahn and Sohail Nabi, who inspired and hosted the multifaith concert on our campus back in August.



Upcoming episodes include:

- **An Interfaith Love Story** – Meet a woman Rabbi who met the love of her life...a Catholic Priest.
- **How did I get here?** – The story of a fascinating woman, who became an Interfaith Minister purely by chance.
- **From Seminary to Engineering and AI** – An Engineering Professor shares his story of leaving Seminary with deep ties to his spiritual connections.
- **Can three Abrahamic faith traditions learn to live together not simply in tolerance but in friendship, understanding, and cooperation?** – From a Muslim Perspective.

And much more...

Please be kind as we are learning but take our message of **PEACE** quite seriously.

Special Thanks to Dr. Syed Asad, Yousuf Siddiqui, Linda Hees, Nancy Kelleher, William Kelleher, Jack Kelleher, and Dolores Tibbets.

Mission Statement: The Living Experiment is a global conversation rooted in a thriving multifaith community where Christians, Jews, and Muslims worship side by side in mutual respect and dignity. Through open dialogue and shared experiences, we promote understanding, build bridges across faith traditions, and explore how diverse communities can live and grow together in a changing world.

Peace, Shalom, Salam

♥ *Lorrie*

Muslim Renewal Community

Virtual Quran Study

10:30 AM - 12 PM every other Sunday

Friday Prayers 1-2 PM on Zoom every Friday

In Person, Brookville Fellowship Hall:

October 2 - Left alone, time wears us down; only belief, goodness, and a community bound by truth and patience can turn its passing into gain.

October 23 - What we are given is meant to flow through us in worship and generosity, and whoever stands against that flow is the one left with nothing.

November 13

December 4

For Zoom links, email:

muslimrenewalcommunity@outlook.com

All are welcome!

IFC classes

11 AM- 12 PM

Brookville Fellowship Hall



- October 5, 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

If you would like to be added to our email distribution list, please email ifcoflongisland@gmail.com or message us on our Instagram www.facebook.com/ifcli/ or Facebook pages @interfaithcommunityli

Death Cafe

Brookville Conference Room

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 Acts 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

Donate online for Cove
Animal Rescue - mark your
gift "Cove Animal Rescue"

Givebutter



Or



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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.

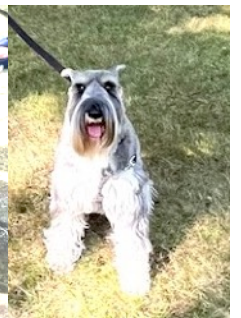
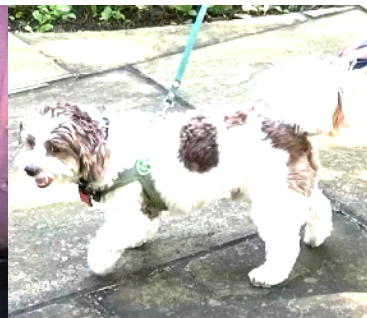
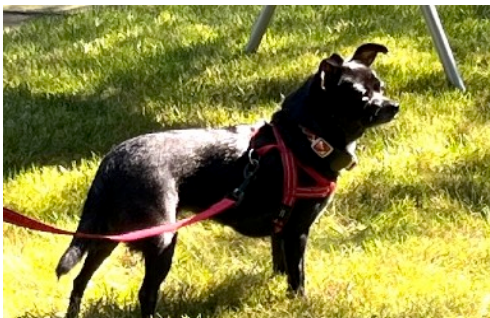


All pets should be on a
leash or in a carrier.

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**



More Grounds for Appreciation

Thank you to Carlos and friends for continued care for our property. Their efforts may be the reason that there was not any significant damage to the property during the recent nor'easter storm. Way to be pro-active!



BRAG BOX



Congratulations to Shari Johanson who was nominated for an Emmy for her work on the documentary *Billy Joel: And So It Goes*

Events at Reformed Church of Locust Valley:

- Wednesday, Oct. 7 & 21, 3 PM - Bible Study "The Unexpected Jesus: Meeting Christ in a holy Conversation with Matthew's Gospel"
- Saturdays in October, 9 AM - 1 PM - Thrift Store Holiday Boutique
- Sunday, Nov. 1, 4 PM - Space for Grace: a place to pause and breathe with scripture, short reflection, prayer and silence.

ALL ARE WELCOME
115 Ryefeild Rd.,
Locust Valley, 1560



First new roof on the church in 101 years!

Brookville Reformed Church was built in 1925 with a slate roof expected to last 100 years, and we got a bonus year out of it. Not wishing to take any chances, the church leaders decided to replace the roof before any problems arise, so on September 24-25 the great crew from Arlo Roofing did the job.



First they protected the building with tarps, then they removed all of the original shingles.



Next, they installed new plywood, flashings, shingles and gutters.



They finished the job ahead of schedule, just before a nor'easter that blew through the area that weekend.

This new roof will keep everyone who uses this space dry for many years to come!

Living and Learning

Out of the Mouths of Babes



Some years back during Sunday worship, Rev. Vicky welcomed any of us who wished to come forward to share moments when we might have felt the presence of God most deeply. How I loved listening

to people speak of those times when the veil seemed to part allowing one to marvel and wonder at the mystery that surrounds us!

Early in my adulthood I struggled to latch onto a meaningful spirituality that was not just wishful thinking or something that had been programmed into my young mind during parochial education. As I described previously, Rich and I had stopped going to church and did not have our children baptized. Yet I had a deep-seated yearning to connect with the Divine and believed in my heart that there was something other than the physical world in which we lived. What I deeply valued was the need to be compassionate and to work for social justice. I volunteered for charitable opportunities, and while doing so surprisingly I began to feel the very presence of the Divine I yearned for.

One early and very powerful experience occurred when I volunteered to help an 8 year old boy, who was disabled. Anthony was born with cerebral palsy, and his mom had advertised for people to provide him with daily patterning exercises. The theory was that by simulating crawling movements, the child's brain might be reprogrammed. So another volunteer and I stood on either side of the boy and alternated rotation of his arms and legs. The family had a cadre of volunteers to perform these daily movements with him. My son Steve was a baby at the time, and I brought his playpen so he could safely be with me. My little boy, a one year old developing normally, moved freely while Anthony could not control his limbs.

God's miracle, designed especially for me and Anthony, happened a short time later. Having seen a newspaper appeal for people to spend a day at a large Suffolk County Park with hundreds of disabled individuals of all ages, I volunteered. On a beautiful day, I remember scores of volunteers standing together as an armada of buses began to drive in. There were many large school buses and many smaller vans for people in wheelchairs. I began to chat with a woman beside me and thinking that people in wheelchairs might require more help, I said to her that I was going to wait for the vans. She agreed to do the same, and we waited on line for the next van to pull up so we could be matched with our "friend for the day." The driver opened the back door of the van and pulled out the wheelchair of the next person.

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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!

Living and Learning

Out of the Mouths of Babes, continued

I immediately saw it was Anthony! He recognized me immediately, and flailing his arms he asked: "How did you know I was going to be here?" I said to him that it was a coincidence, but I now wish I had said to Anthony how God must have wanted us to be together. In my heart I felt that I was looking at the face of God. The woman beside me was astounded that I knew this boy, and we both felt the presence of the Divine.

This was one of the most moving spiritual experiences of my life. It undergirded everything that I was doing up till that point. The veil opened, and the God of Love appeared to me in the face of a child.

Another equally beautiful experience happened a couple years later when my son was about 3 years old.

It was so profoundly moving in a different way. I can still see Steve sitting on a little step in the back room of our house. I occasionally would speak to him about God, but suddenly I said to myself: "He's going to grow up and find out that Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny aren't real. Will he one day think that God is also a figment of our imagination?" So I said to him, "Stevie, we don't really know what God looks like because no one has actually seen God." He then simply replied, and I believe from a deep well of wisdom miraculously granted to someone so new to life: "I know what God looks like." I responded: "You know what God looks

like, what does God look like?" He said, not in a silly or childish way, but as a matter of fact: "He looks like you," and he continued to play with his toy. I couldn't believe what I heard. Quickly my mind jumped back to the Baltimore Catechism that I had to memorize as a child. We heard over and again that we are made in

God's image and likeness! I felt that God was directly communicating to me again, this time through my child's precious mind and voice.

The longer I live the more I recognize and honor the Divine spark that resides in each of us. It's like a glorious diamond there for us to cultivate and relish. But for any number of reasons many fail to acknowledge the spiritual riches bestowed on us at birth.

And so the Divine Light dims and must be rediscovered over time. I remember years ago reading about a saintly Catholic sister who on her deathbed expressed this profound truth to one of the other sisters. She looked deeply into the eyes of the

younger sister and said: "The God in me sees the God in you."

May we strive to discover the Divinity within our own souls and affirm the mystery of God's Love infused within all of creation.

Let it be so!

~Dolores Tibbets

Brookville Church Elder

