

# Connections

November/December 2021

Building a community where all are enriched through Christian Love, Service, and Spiritual Renewal.

## Pastor's Message

*"They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season" Psalm 1:3*

Our stewardship theme for this year "Rooted in Love," is a perfect connection to our Sabbatical Theme for the Lilly Foundation Clergy Renewal Grant: "Behind and underneath all this there is a holy God-planted God-tended root. If the primary root of the tree is holy, there's bound to be some holy fruit," Romans 11:16.

The roots of the Garden City Community Church run deep in the 90 plus years people gathered for worship and prayer. That is something I have witnessed and experienced first-hand. Since I have returned from Sabbatical, I have talked with seven families as they grieve the loss of a family member and in each case, there was a deep connection to our church. Some went back years; others are still on-going. Same was true for the three baptisms and three weddings in September. When there is a sacred time, people return home to our church for comfort, solace, and community. And we are there to welcome them and share their joys and sorrows.

The fruits of our labor have produced holy fruit and the seeds are spread wider than we can imagine. That is why we exist: to continue the thread of God's Love and let people know *that No matter who they are or where they are on life's journey, they are welcome here – home.*

As you read this newsletter you will see all the work being done to the building to make it safe and welcoming by a pool of volunteers, programs and giving opportunities that have been ongoing in some creative form or another, and worship that brings God's message of hope each week. We are trying new things with much success like the Lectio Divina Series on Wednesday nights. Forums will resume in November and December on Wednesday using a different format. Plans are being made to the end of the year and the fruit of it all is evident.

Remember this church was founded by a group of faithful people and it has grown and flourished because of you. Rooted in the congregational structure, we are truly the church. We are all charged to reconnect and find a way to use our gifts for God's Glory. Let's continue to spread our fruit.

We all know that the corona virus is still around, and we will proceed with caution and optimism. We will not stop growing and spreading our love.

Blessings,

*Lynn*

Senior Pastor

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## Worship Schedule

### Sundays

10:30 AM

Livestream & In-person

### Tuesdays

Intercessory  
Prayer Service

9:30 AM In-person

### Wednesdays

8 :00 PM

via Zoom (Nov & Dec)  
until further notice

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Since the By-Law Revision, there has been a little confusion the role of the Program Committee. The Program Committee is to promote the Church's purpose statement of *Building a community where all are enriched through Christian Love, Service and Spiritual Renewal*

The three areas of the Program Committee include Education Team, Service Team and Connections Team. The Ministry Committee is responsible for the Worship life of our church. If you are interested in being part of these teams, please let us know.

Education Team – – Christine Hanson [sundayschoogcl@aol.com](mailto:sundayschoogcl@aol.com)

This team focuses on our need to continually grow and strengthen our spirituality by providing Christian education and rejuvenation for all ages.

Service Team – Paula Tusiani-Eng [ptusianieng@aol.com](mailto:ptusianieng@aol.com)

This team demonstrates our commitment to service by helping (time, goods and/or monetary donation) those in need in our congregation, local area and greater world.

Connections Team - Cindy Campbell [cindala86@gmail.com](mailto:cindala86@gmail.com)

This team hopes to engage active, lapsed and prospective members of the GCCC community through activities that build comradery and cultivate our open and affirming nature.



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## CALL TO A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York, and the by-laws of the Garden City Community Church, notice is hereby given for a Congregational Meeting to be held in person and via zoom at Noon on Sunday, November 14, 2021 for the sole purpose to vote on the Candidate the Search Committee is unanimously presenting for the called position of Associate Pastor: Ms. Margie Price. The congregation having approved the electronic voting system at the meeting held September 26, 2021, active members of the Church will use the electronic voting system of ElectionBuddy to conduct the vote.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season. Psalm 1: 3a



## Rooted in **bve**

October 21, 2021

Dear Garden City Community Church,

Our Stewardship theme, "Rooted in Love", draws inspiration from Psalm 1, "They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season." This theme, and the psalm that inspired it, feels so right for this year, and for this church.

Despite all that we have endured over the past eighteen months, we remain rooted in things we love about Garden City Community Church:

- Worship services (back in person!)
- The many programs that support our community and neighbors
- Our friendships and fellowship
- Our church spirit and faith

And for me, Psalm 1 speaks to our stewardship journey.

Picture a crisp, clear stream flowing steadily, purposefully through the middle of a beautiful orchard. The roots of every tree stretch to the stream. Some trees are full, their ripe fruit abundantly hanging from every branch. Other trees are still growing their fruit, just as beautiful, but less plentiful. Every member of Garden City Community Church is one of those trees who have been nourished by the stream of GCCCC faith, love, and strength. Some can give plentifully, some only a bit, but every contribution is needed, appreciated, and recognized.

We are a congregation of generous people, who have invested much time, energy and work, but commitments of financial gifts are also critical to our future. Stewardship is an invitation to acknowledge the nourishment we have received from our church by making a financial commitment to GCCC. We need everyone to make a commitment. Why? Because while much good work has happened, we must all continue to ensure our beautiful church is taken care of for future generations, our staff is well-supported, our children and youth ministries are strengthened, and our missions and outreach programs increase.

Prayerfully consider, sharing the fruits of your work and faith with the Garden City Community Church during the stewardship campaign. To make pledging easy, we are offering an online form (go to <https://www.gardencitycommunitychurch.org/> and click on the "Give/Pledge" button), or you can use the pledge card included in this mailing. Why wait? Pledge today! If not, then please make your pledge by November 21<sup>st</sup> when the campaign ends so that we can properly budget for next year.

With continued gratitude,

*Kirsten Bahlke*

Kirsten Bahlke

Stewardship Chair

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## Rooted in **bve**

October 2, 2021

Dear fellow congregants –

Our stewardship campaign this year will include a separate line item for building improvements. Two building projects are proceeding currently – one is the renovation of the chapel and the other is fresh air supply and air purification, making our building compliant as required under New York State building code. Teams of congregants have been looking into the needs of the building, and at times have consulted with professionals in various trades. The Finance & Administration Committee (F & A) and Council of Trustees (COT) have identified the following future building projects:

**1 – Fresh air supply and air purification.** We are currently in Phase I of this project. COT and F & A previously approved the amount of \$199,000 for the sanctuary, Gardner Hall, Nursery school (ground floor), Sunday School Wing (basement), and the church office. The expenses of Phase I were paid for by proceeds from our long-term investments. Since then, we've added the air supply improvement to the chapel with the cost of \$25,000. The cost to improve the air supply in Gardner Hall increased when the current units were not capable of repair. We also incurred the cost of a retractable ladder in the sanctuary's balcony. When F & A and COT approved Phase I, we saved for a future date to improve the air quality in the other rooms, which are not compliant with state building code. That date is upon us and the rooms needing improved air quality are the Youth Room, Community Room, World Church Room, Choir Room and offices, and parlor. The cost of Phase II would be approximately \$134,200 - \$150,000. In order to protect our long-term investments, F & A and COT ask for the congregation to contribute towards the much needed project.

**2 – Security system.** Our building's locks and alarm system are antiquated. We have an urgent need for a modernized electronic system that allows for portions of the building to be locked, while others are in use, cameras by entrances with buzzer system to allow the staff to let visitors into the building more efficiently, and key cards that would replace keys. The initial proposal that we received from an alarm company estimated that the cost would be \$25,000 plus monthly maintenance fees; however, we are going to be looking more in-depth at the use of our rooms (who uses which rooms and when, the flow of ingress and egress in our building). We are also considering outside consultants for safety training workshops.

**3 – Conversion from oil heat to gas.** Our building uses oil heat, which is more costly than gas heat. F&A and COT approved a cost-saving measure, which is to convert oil to gas heat. We need to spend money now to save money later (we will recover the initial investment in approximately three years). The cost of the conversion is approximately \$35,000.

**4 – Chapel overage costs.** In 2019, we ran a campaign called "90 in 19" and raised funds during our anniversary year for the chapel renovation. Our fundraising efforts amounted to raising approximately \$98,452. We anticipate that the chapel will cost approximately \$20,000 more than we have fundraised.

On behalf of F & A and COT, I hope that you find it within your heart to donate generously this year. You will see on the stewardship campaign materials a separate line to donate to these building improvement projects.

In peace,

*Robin Boyle Laisure and Kirsten Bahlke*

Robin Boyle Laisure, Chair of Council of Trustees  
Kirsten Bahlke, Chair of Stewardship Campaign

## **INN BIN REQUEST**

Please hold off on dropping clothes off at the church until further notice as the INN is not accepting clothing donations in the usual capacity at this time.

### **A Message from our Council of Trustees Chair, Robin Boyle Laisure**

We will be using an electronic voting platform for upcoming church votes. At our September 26<sup>th</sup> church-wide meeting, we tested ElectionBuddy as a voting platform, and it worked efficiently and securely. We asked the congregation whether to use this system, and the voting response was overwhelmingly in favor. The system allows the voter to choose how they wish to vote - by email, SMS (text), or by hardcopy (you will need to be at church to scan the hardcopy notice).

If you have not yet confirmed your active membership status within the past six months, then you will not be able to vote in the next election. Only those with active membership status who have provided current contact information will be able to vote. The vote on the Associate Pastor is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>. Any questions about your membership status, or to provide current information, please contact the Church office.

Our stewardship campaign is kicking off this month, which traditionally asks congregants to pledge for the upcoming year. We are asking for additional contributions to cover expenses for much-needed building projects. A letter will be going to your mailing addresses from Kirsten Bahlke and me explaining the details of these building projects. Please give generously.

In peace,

Robin Boyle Laisure  
Chair, Council of Trustees

## **Rooted in Love**

**They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.**

**Psalm 1: 3a**



**GCCC Annual Stewardship Campaign  
Stewardship Sunday November 21, 2021  
Pledge online anytime**

**<https://www.gardencitycommunitychurch.org/give>**

## ON-LINE GIVING UPDATE

Garden City Community Church has recently partnered with Breeze Church Management Systems to support our *On-line Giving Initiative*. If you would like to set up “Recurring Contributions” or make a “Onetime Contribution” to support our many Ministries, please click on the link below. Our new online giving platform allows us to align our congregational giving with our member data base, resulting in greater efficiency and clarity for Church Members.

<https://gcc.breezechms.com/login/create>

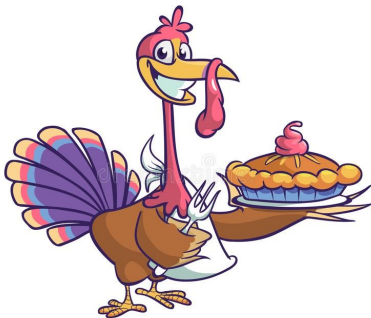
Giving can also be accessed through GCCC website via the “GIVE” button

<https://gardencitycommunitychurch.org>

We appreciate your support in our efforts. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Liz or Kim in the office (516)746-1700.

### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Worship service will be at 8:00 PM in the church  
and via livestream



**November 24th at 8:00 PM**

### TOWN HALL MEETINGS

In March 2021, the Associate Pastor Search Committee unanimously recommended Ms. Marjorie Price to be called as the Associate Pastor of the Garden City Community Church.

On Wed. Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 12pm, the Committee will host two town hall meetings to discuss the steps in our Search and Call process and to re-introduce our candidate.

Please join the Search Committee either in the Parlor (preferred) or by Zoom to learn about our prayerful deliberations and our unanimous decision to recommend Ms. Price for this Call.

**Wednesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>—8:00 PM or Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM**

### TUESDAY PRAYER SERVICE CONTINUES

The Prayer Service welcomes anyone who wishes to join us.

We are currently meeting in the Parlor Tuesday morning at 9:30 am. Please email the church office, George Bashian or Rev. Lynn Sullivan

if you have a prayer request. All requests are kept confidential.

**2022 Mission Trip**  
**Colorado Springs, CO**

Planning is underway for the 2022 Mission Trip which will be serving in Colorado Springs, CO during the week of July 10-16th! These trips are always incredibly impactful and rewarding! The registration deadline was October 25th; but if you missed the deadline and are interested, you may contact Tracey Lawson at [traceymlawson@gmail.com](mailto:traceymlawson@gmail.com) or 516-984-4470, to see if it is still possible to register.



**FRIENDS AND FAMILY FUN NIGHTS**

October's Friends and Family Fun night will be held on Friday, 10/29/2021 from 6:30-8:00 PM. We will be hosting an intergenerational Halloween party. Everyone is encouraged to dress up in the costume of their choice. There will be games, crafts and other activities. Come join us in the World Church Room as we celebrate an evening of fun and laughter.



**CALLING ALL GCCC FOODIES**

GCCC foodies, we need your baked and cooked goods for this year's Americana Fair! We know you have had 2 years to perfect your recipes and now you can put all that practice to great use and at the same time benefit our wonderful church. Please make batches of your favorite pies, cakes, cookies, soups, chilis, etc. and drop them off to the Gardiner Hall kitchen by Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Pies, soups, chili, etc. should be placed in the freezer and clearly mark for the Fair. All baked items must be wrapped in plastic wrap or Ziploc baggies; liquid foods should be in sealed plastic containers. Please include ingredient lists with your contributions. If need be, containers are available from the Gourmet Shop so please let us know – in advance - how many you will need and we can drop them off at your home. Please contact Christine O'Neill for containers or if you have questions about the Gourmet Shop. Christine can be contacted via cell phone: 516-946-7342. Thank you!



## Assemble Thanksgiving Fixin' Bags for INN Guests

The Mary Brennan INN has asked for volunteers to donate holiday side dishes fixin' bags for their guests. **Please assemble the following items in a durable, reusable grocery bag with handles. Every bag must have the same items inside, based on the list below.** Sizes of items (Boxes and cans) may vary. **Please no glass items.**

- Either 1 box of Macaroni & Cheese **OR** 1 box of Boxed Mashed Potatoes **(please choose one or the other)**
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 can of fruit
- 1 can of soup
- 2 cans of vegetables
- 1 can of gravy
- 1 can of yams
- 1 box of stuffing

Once your bag is complete, please drop it off at the church by Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. **Please don't drop it off on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> as that is the day of the fair and it will be too busy to keep track of the food.**

If you need a reusable grocery bag with handles – you can get one off our 'giving tree'. Please sign our list when you take a bag so that we know who is making a bag for us.

If you have any questions, please call the church at (516) 746-1700 or email us at [churchoffice@thegccc.org](mailto:churchoffice@thegccc.org)





## FORUMS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 VIA ZOOM

Join us every Wednesday night at 8:00 pm via Zoom

**November 3: A Special Candle Light Service** - Remembering the Saints we have lost.

**November 10: Peg Mainusch** – Journeying through Faith, Music, and Life.

**November 17: Mary Dewar** – Understanding our Circadian Rhythm and the physical, mental, and behavioral changes that follow a 24-hour sleep-wake cycle.

**November 24: NO FORUM** – Thanksgiving week

### Rev. Lynn Sullivan's Advent Study and Sabbatical Connection



#### December 1: Week one - Waiting and Planning

*Advent is a time of waiting and a time of planning. We will look at the scriptures of people who learned to wait and discover times in our own lives that we too were in a period of waiting.*

#### December 8: Week two - Solitude and Meditation

*Advent, like Lent is a time of meditation and prayer. We will discover ways we too can find solitude, even in the busiest time of the year.*

#### December 15: Week three - Reunions

*Bethlehem was teeming with people returning home for the census. We can find this time of year, reuniting with our loved ones, a sacred time of blessings and challenges.*



The theme for Advent is IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME . We hope the devotional booklet , by the same name, will help keep you and your family centered. Below are some giving and worship opportunities that we hope you will mark on your calendar. Details are in the Nov./Dec. newsletter and website. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Worship:               Sundays at 10:30 am  
                              Wednesdays at 8:00 pm

Dec. 12                Vespers Service at 4:30 pm—Sanctuary service

Christmas Week:        Tuesday , Dec 21 Prayer Service at 9:30 am  
                                  Friday, Dec. 24 Family Service at 4:30 pm  
                                  Friday, Dec. 24 Candlelight Communion 8:00 pm  
                                  Sunday, Dec. 26 10:30 am – Sanctuary service - Come as you are

#### Advent Seasonal Opportunities

Dec. 1                Advent Study and Sabbatical Connection—Waiting and Planning at 8:00 pm  
Dec. 1,2,3            Decorating the church  
Dec. 4                Tree Sale 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Dec. 8                Advent Study and Sabbatical Connection—Solitude and Meditation at 8:00 pm  
Dec. 8,22            LICC Food Collections  
Dec. 12              Caroling  
Dec. 12              Deadline for our gifts for the children at the Nueva Vida Presbyterian Church  
Dec. 12              Deadline for our gifts to the Christmas Program at Bedford Hills Prison  
Dec. 12              Deadline for the hat & mitten tree donations for the INN: socks, hats, gloves, scarfs, gloves and mittens  
Dec. 13              Deadline for ordering Christmas flowers in memory or honor of loved ones  
Dec. 15              Advent Study and Sabbatical Connection—Reunions at 8:00 pm



**ATTENTION ALL CHURCH MEMBERS & FRIENDS!**

**The Garden City Community Church is scheduling volunteers to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas!**

**Due to continued COVID-19 restrictions, we must stagger the decorating teams again this year.**

**Please let us know if a family/friend team is interested in decorating on either November 29, November 30, December 1, or December 2.**

**To be added to the Decorating Schedule, please reach out to Mico Faella - Email: [micofaella@gmail.com](mailto:micofaella@gmail.com) or cell 516-650-4604**

**We look forward to hearing from you!**



## Christmas Tree Sale - Dec 4th!

Please join us on **Saturday morning, December 4th**, for our annual Christmas Tree Sale fundraiser for the Mission Trip! Come get a wonderful tree and decorations for your home and support our youth as they go off to serve others. **This year we will also be selling wreaths and garland!** All youth who are in Confirmation through 12th grade will be invited to help with the receiving of the trees and sale preparations on Friday Dec 3rd and with the sale on Saturday morning. Although there will be no sleep over component this year there will still be lots to do and many hands make light work. A sign up genius will be sent out closer to the date!



## Hat and Mitten Tree

Our tradition of loading up the mitten tree lives on. Please bring your contribution of New Hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks to the church. Items will be donated to the INN. Please drop off your items by Sunday, December 12th.



**We invite you to have Christmas flowers placed in the church in memory or in honor of loved ones. If you would like to contribute, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office no later than**

**Monday, December 13**

Given in loving memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_



## Gifts for the Children at Nueva Vida Presbyterian Church

We will once again be supporting the children of the Nueva Vida Presbyterian Church by donating gifts for Christmas. See the list below for the gender and age of a child to purchase a gift for. Once you have chosen a child, let us know so that we can give you the child's name for the gift tag. Then return the wrapped present (with gift tag) to the church no later than Sunday, December 12th. For more information, please contact the church.

### Girls Ages

**2 years 7 months (one girl)**

**3 years 8 months (one girl)**

**4 years (one girl)**

**10 years (one girl)**

**14 years (one girl)**

**15 years (2 girls)**

**16 years (1 girl)**

### Boys Ages

**8 years ( one boy)**

**9 years (one boy)**

**10 years (2 boys)**

**14 years (one boy)**



### Upcoming Advent Events

Ordering Christmas flowers for the church  
Decorate the Church for Christmas  
Bedford Hills unwrapped gift drop off  
Hat & Mitten Tree Donation  
Giving Tree - Nueva Vida Church  
LICC Food Collections  
Christmas Tree Sale

### Possible Additional Projects

### Watch e-blasts for more info

Christmas Caroling—December 12th  
12:00 Noon

Coats for Anna's House—TBD

### Baptisms

Brooks Tillman Meehan September 12, 2021  
Eleanor Jo Bove September 18, 2021  
Penelope Grace Torino October 3, 2021

### Deaths

John George Philippides August 14, 2021 (Nick Philippides father)  
Lillian LaPlac September 4, 2021  
Barbara Schrafel September 28, 2021 (Richard Schrafel's mother)  
Arlene A. Madden September 29, 2021  
Catherine Elizabeth (Royse) Kelly October 12, 2021

### Church Services

Tuesday Prayer Service 9:30 am  
Sundays 10:30 am—in person and livestream  
Wednesdays 8:00 pm—zoom  
Vespers Service —Dec. 12 Livestream—4:30 pm

### Christmas Week

Friday, Dec 24 Family Service 4:30 pm  
Friday, Dec 24 Candlelight Communion :8:00 PM Livestream

## WE ARE COLLECTING GIFTS FOR CHILDREN OF MOTHERS AT THE BEDFORD HILLS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

On Sunday, December 12, we will continue the tradition of collecting NEW, UNWRAPPED gifts for the children of mothers incarcerated at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Please use the enclosed "Wish List" to choose your donations. Bring gifts to church by December 13th. Checks may be sent to the Church Office.

This year, they anticipate over 200 mothers will select gifts for over 500 children, as well as providing gifts to correctional facilities across New York State so that many more incarcerated parents can give gifts to their children during the holidays.

The Parenting Center at Bedford Hills Holiday Program Wish List

**(NEW and UNWRAPPED Items Only, Please)**

Ages 0-2: V-Tech (6-36 months – we need 26 of the same type);

Clothing: for Newborns to 4T (No Blue, Black, Orange, Gray); Baby Blankets (Toddler Size - No Solid Colors of Blue, Black, Orange, Gray); Rattles; Teething Rings (NUBY Brand); Muslin Swaddles; Winter Hats (Newborn – 1 year); Stacking Cups/Rings; Baby Einstein or Fisher Price Toys; Shape Sorters

Ages 3-5: Large Trucks; Baby Alive Dolls; Disney Frozen Character Items; Crafts Sets; Baby Dolls; Disney Princess Dolls

Ages 6-10: Legos; K'Nex/Playmobile; Barbie/Bratz/Monster High Dolls; Trucks; Transformers; Action Figures - Captain America, Stars Wars, Superman, etc.; Matchbook Tracks and Car Sets; Plastic Knitting and Crocheting Kits; Cranium, Brain Quest; Painting and Art Sets; 3D Glasses and Books; Train Sets; Card Games such as: Skip Bo, Uno and Monopoly

Ages 11-17: Craft Kits; Sports Balls - Basketball, Soccer, Football; Baseballs, Mitts (No Bats); Chess and Checker Games; Friendship Bracelet Kits; How to Knit/Crochet Books; Make-Up Kits Only (No Mirror or Glass); Burt's Bees Lip Gloss; Burt's Bees Shower Gel And Body Wash (No Alcohol in Ingredient List); Wallets (boys and girls), Burt's Bees Face Wash; Sunglasses (No Bling); Headphones/Ear Buds; Watches (Analog only and No Bling); Board Games for Ages 10 and Up such as: Apples to Apples, Life, Trivial Pursuit (Adult and Children Versions) etc.; Leather Bracelets; Musical Instruments (No Recorders)

ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED FOR HOUR NURSERY MOMS (New or Gently Used) Strollers; Pack 'N Plays; Baby Swings; Bouncing Chairs; Medela Breast Pumps and Accessories; "Boppy" Pillows and New Car Seats

**NONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ALLOWED:** Glass, scissors, sharp objects, pencil sharpeners, mirrors, clay, Play-Doh, items that promote violence, teen/adult clothing, electronics, DVDs, no rhinestones on watches or toys, metal or items in tins; wooden toys, soft dolls or stuffed animals.

\*All donations are tax deductible\*

We gratefully accept check donations – please make checks out to: **THE HOUR CHILDREN PARENTING CENTER**

Please bring items to the Church Office **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12.**

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (UCC) CHRISTMAS FUND**  
**Sunday Before Christmas**



This fund helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to low-income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy families in need, and Christmas checks to hundreds of annuitants, as administered by the Pension Boards. Please help support this UCC Special Mission.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School is up and running full steam ahead. We have finished our first unit of the year: Creation. We learned about God's wondrous creation through, science, games and art projects and music workshops. In one of the music workshops our older kids picked songs they felt reminded them of the different parts of God's Creation. We had everything from "Star Trek," "Mr. Blue Sky," "Baby Shark," "What does the Fox Say," "Breath of Life", and "Beautiful Day." It was a great play list! And we enjoyed showing the congregation some of what we learned through our parade up to fellowship time after church one Sunday.

We are now headed into our next unit, Daniel and the Lions Den. We look forward to learning about how God is always with us, especially when we need God most. Several different teachers helped with the last unit and will be helping with Daniel. Helping to lead this unit are Katie Masters, Liz Hux, Tara Socha, Nikki Frazer, and Karin Melkonian, and Erin Lanning who is providing nursery care. We are fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers helping bring these Bible stories to life for our youngest members.

Rounding out our fall schedule will be a unit on the Battle of Jericho. We are looking forward to all the ways we can creatively share this story with our children. If you would like to lead a session or two of Sunday School, please contact Margie Price. You can commit to as much or as little time as you have available. We would love to share the joys of children's program with you.

**YOUTH LITURGISTS**

We restarted our Youth Liturgist program in October. All youth in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to participate in this program. These youth will help us begin our worship services by leading our opening prayers. This gives the youth another opportunity to feel the welcome of God in our worship services. We will work with the youth before services to help them learn how to read from a podium, how to use the microphones and how to project when they speak. These are very valuable public speaking tools that they will use into adulthood.

If your child is interested in being a youth liturgist or you have questions about the program, please contact Margie Price at [margie@thegccc.org](mailto:margie@thegccc.org)

## Confirmation 1 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Confirmation 2 (9th Grade)

Confirmation Classes have gotten off to a great start and we are all thrilled to be back in the Youth Room. We are grateful for the parents who offer us support and for our leaders:

Confirmation 1: Cassidy Hayes, Win Hayes, Chris Dieguez, Rev. Lynn Sullivan

Confirmation 2: Christine Meringolo, Kenny Martens, Susie Henriquez, Chris Dieguez, Rev. Lynn Sullivan

### Classes are held:

Confirmation 1 – Monday, at 7:30 pm

Confirmation 2 – Tuesday, at 7:30 pm

Update on the lawsuit of *Convey v. Theodore Roosevelt Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America and Garden City Community Church*: We have retained Scahill Law Group, P.C. as outside counsel. In state court, our attorneys filed on behalf of the Church a timely answer to plaintiff's complaint. The court has ordered that the lawsuit against the Church is stayed pending the bankruptcy proceedings of the Boy Scouts of America. Until the stay is lifted, there will be no discovery or litigation filings. Any questions, contact Robin B. Laisure, COT Chair, at [rblaisure421@gmail.com](mailto:rblaisure421@gmail.com).



### Office Angels

On occasion the church office staff is in need of people to help with bulk mailings, copies, putting together the newsletter, and more. If you can help out with any of these projects from time to time, please contact the church office. Thanks!!

### 2022 Church Directory

The Church is planning to print a 2022 Members & Friends Church Directory. Unless we hear otherwise, we will include your name, address, e-mail address, home phone number and cell phone number. We will also list your preferred contact telephone number (cellular or home), as you indicated in your response to our Membership Update. Names of non-members and children will be listed with their family unit. **Please let us know before the deadline if you prefer any or all of your contact information not be listed.** If you have not responded yet to our Membership Update and would like to be included in our directory, please call the Church Office. The deadline for responses for the directory entries is November 30, 2021. Thank you.

Celia Petersen, Membership Chair



## **BI-WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTIONS FOR THE LICC EMERGENCY FOOD CENTER**

We have been collecting non-perishable food items to support the Long Island Council of Churches Emergency Food Center. Your generosity has been a testament to what we can accomplish, even under the most trying of times. If you are able to make a donation, they are especially in need of soup (NOT Vegetarian and NOT low-sodium), pasta, peanut butter, and jelly. Our next few scheduled donation days are: November 3, November 17, December 8 and December 22. Donations should be left on the Whitehall porch before noon on the dates mentioned above. Any donations you can make will be greatly appreciated —especially before the upcoming holidays.



## **Sermons and Services**

We can mail a copy of our Sermons and Service to people that are NOT able to go on live stream to see our Sunday service. Please tell the church office if you know of someone that can't see our Live stream service that would like to receive a copy of the Sermon and Service.



**HAVE YOU CHANGED ANY OF YOUR CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION LATELY?**

**Do you have a new address, a new phone number or a new e-mail address?**

**Do you want to receive our weekly e-blasts about all the activities going on in the church?**

**Are you getting the mailings from the church?**

**Please let the church office know if any of your information has changed so that we can stay in touch with you!**



**PLEASE NOTE THE  
NEW ADDRESS &  
PHONE NUMBER**



## It's Time to Register for NURSERY SCHOOL

Nursery School registration for the 2022/23 school year will begin in November.

Making friends on the playground, painting, dressing up and building with blocks are just some of the fun activities the children can look forward to.

The GC Community Church Nursery School provides children with a quality educational program which inspires them to create, discover and achieve; fosters self-awareness and self-esteem; teaches them to treat others with gentleness, respect, compassion and generosity; and prepares them for advancement to the next level of learning.

Classrooms are set up to encourage free exploration, with a wide variety of materials and activities that are fun and interactive, and experiences that stimulate all of their senses. Programs are offered for 2, 3 & 4 year olds.

We also offer some wonderful Enrichment programs to complement our Nursery program. Enrichment classes include Science Explorers, Community Creators – which includes a cooking class & Great American Artists class, and the Lunch Bunch..

The Nursery School is proud to promote its Healthy Snack policy as well as its Healthy GREEN Cleaning policy.

Church members and school alumni may register beginning November 1, 2021. There is a 10% discount on tuition for church members and for one child of families with two children enrolled. Open Registration begins on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

You can email the school office to get a registration form - [gccnursery@gmail.com](mailto:gccnursery@gmail.com)

Call Cathie McCullough, Director - 746-1756 or visit us on the web - [www.gccnurseryschool.com](http://www.gccnurseryschool.com) if you have any questions.



# AMERICANA FAIR

**Saturday, November 6, 2021**

**10 am – 3 pm**

**GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

*245 Stewart Avenue at Whitehall Blvd.*

*Garden City, NY 11530*

*(516) 746-1700*

**Free Admission**

**Contact:**

Sorting: Celia Petersen [gpcatspawr@msn.com](mailto:gpcatspawr@msn.com)

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**SILENT AUCTION--Antiques, Collectibles**

**SHABBY/CHIC**

**ATTIC TREASURES**

**HOLIDAY & GIFT BOUTIQUES**

**LINENS, LAMPS, CHINA, SILVER, JEWELRY**

**TOYS, PICTURES, FRAMES GOURMET**

**SHOP**

**BISTRO LUNCHEON or Hot Dog Tent**



# AMERICANA FAIR

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

245 STEWART AVENUE, GARDEN CITY (516-746-1700)

**10AM-3PM: FREE ADMISSION**  
**WE WELCOME YOUR DONATIONS TO THE FAIR**  
**AND WILL ACCEPT CLEAN, GENTLY USED:**

Silent Auction - gently-used furs, special treasures and collectibles will go to the Silent Auction (please wrap and label these separately). Jewelry, china, crystal, silver, pictures and frames, lamps, new, unloved items for the Boutique, toys, holiday items and household items for Attic Treasures.

Make sure all items are clean and in saleable condition.

There will be Shabby/Chic Clothing for adults and children's items.

**NO LARGE PIECES OF FURNITURE, BOOKS OR ELECTRONICS, PLEASE.**

Items may be delivered beginning:

Sat., Oct. 30 - 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sun., Oct. 31 - 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Mon., Nov. 1 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tues., Nov 2 - (ELECTION DAY) - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Wed., Nov. 3 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thurs., Nov. 4 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**NO DONATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.**

Please bring all donations down one flight to GARDNER HALL.

Celia Petersen is in charge of sorting: [gpcatspawr@msn.com](mailto:gpcatspawr@msn.com)



**PLUS A VARIETY OF BOUTIQUE VENDORS**