

# Connections

May 2022

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



Spring has sprung and we are welcoming back friends we haven't seen in awhile do to Covid. We have just celebrated a wonderful Easter. We had 44 people attend our 6:30 am Sunrise Easter Service, 61 people attended our 9:00 AM service, 101 people came to our 11:00 am service, and 128 watched our 11:00 am live-streamed service. Over 330 people—what a glorious number.

We are blessed to be offering a number of activities which will be happening over the next few weeks. Please read this 'electronic' newsletter to see what events interest you—and please join in. This newsletter will not be in print form , so please share this information with your friends and fellow church members. All are welcome—so please invite your friends.

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## Worship Schedule

### Sundays

10:30 AM  
Sanctuary

### Tuesdays

Intercessory  
Prayer Service  
9:30 AM  
Chapel

### Wednesdays

5 week Bible Study  
with Chris Dieguez  
Starting May 11th  
8 :00 PM  
Parlor & Via Zoom



Join us in welcoming our new church members:  
Bonnie Piotrowski, Jenny Piotrowski, Nicholas Piotrowski, and Alexa Stanco.  
They joined the church on Sunday, April 24th.

Welcome our new members that were confirmed on May 1st.  
Emily Anne Eschmann, Julia Elizabeth Forelli, Emerson Grace Goettelmann, Michael Royse Kelly, Grant Joseph LeMieux, Joseph Paul Lippens Jr., Thomas Cedric Melkonian, Ava Natalie Milone, Sophia Holland Rhein, Joseph Anthony Rivera, Elizabeth Christine Rosato, Robert Campbell Sceles, Michael Roger Tusiani-Eng.

John Robert Kelly was confirmed on April 24, 2022

**SAVE THE DATE**



*Confirmation  
Sunday*

**May 1st  
10:30 AM**

**Baptism**

Gemma Lynn Piotrowski - April 3, 2022



*The Connections Committee thanks everyone who came to our first spring event -- there is much more to come, so please keep an eye and ear out for announcements, sign-up sheets, & donation options to support our church community. Special thanks to Gloria for her patience and help as we get back up and running! Next up is an easy intergenerational hike/lunch event with Celia Petersen on May 14. See church e-blasts for sign-up details!*

*Garden City Community Church  
Connections - Intergenerational  
Spring Events - Mark your Calendar!*



Painting Party – Little Art Studio, East Williston (adults, BYO option)	6-8 pm	Sa April 23
Hike & Lunch – Muttontown Preserve (all) (Meet at church at 9; Lunch after hike at East Norwich Bagels)	9-noon	Sa May 14
Plattdeutsch Park – Outdoor Live Music (all) Bonjourney (Bon Jovi & Journey cover band - free)	6:30-10	F May 20
Pottery, Painting, & Pizza (youth, age 5+) Gardner Hall (after church)	12-2 pm	Su May 22
Church Picnic under tent (all)	12-2 pm	Su June 12
Garden Party/dinner & dessert - tent (all)	5 – 7pm	W June 15
Juneteenth under Tent / sing-along (all)	10-noon	Sa June 18

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Any questions, please contact: Susan Cushman at  
[profsuze44@gmail.com](mailto:profsuze44@gmail.com) / Individual fliers and sign-up sheets will follow!

## YOGA WITH YOO RETURNS



Ed has resumed teaching the following yoga classes at The Garden City Community Church, 245 Stewart Avenue. The main entrance is located on Whitehall Blvd. Classes are held in the small chapel near Kensington Rd. Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> the class will be in the Church Parlor.

Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00 pm  
Saturdays: 9:30-10:30 am

Classes are donation based and the minimum suggested donation is \$10 (cash or checks made payable to GCCC).

All are welcome! We look forward to continuing our practice together. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ed at [edyoo789@gmail.com](mailto:edyoo789@gmail.com).

*Namaste,*

*Kathy Yoo* 🙏

# Long Island Choral Society



Michael C. Haigler  
Music Director

May 1, 2022 at 4pm

## HAYDN

Lord Nelson Mass

## HANDEL

Zadok the Priest

## MALCOLM ARNOLD

Organ Concerto  
Henry DeVries Organ

Featuring **Halley Gilbert** Soprano  
with **Leslie Lopez** Mezzo, **Christopher Judge** Tenor  
and **John Simmons** Baritone

**TICKETS:** \$20 adult • \$10 youth • call (516) 652-6878

**GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
245 Stewart Ave., Garden City, NY



[www.LICS.org](http://www.LICS.org)



**GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
2022 PLANT SALE & CAR WASH**

**SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8AM-12PM**



*Please come out to help support our Mission Trip to Colorado Springs, CO this summer by getting your car washed, purchasing beautiful plants, getting some breakfast items & baked goods. One stop shopping - it can't be beat!*

*All proceeds of the Plant Sale and Car Wash go towards the 2022 Mission Trip to Colorado Springs, CO*

*Held Rain or Shine*

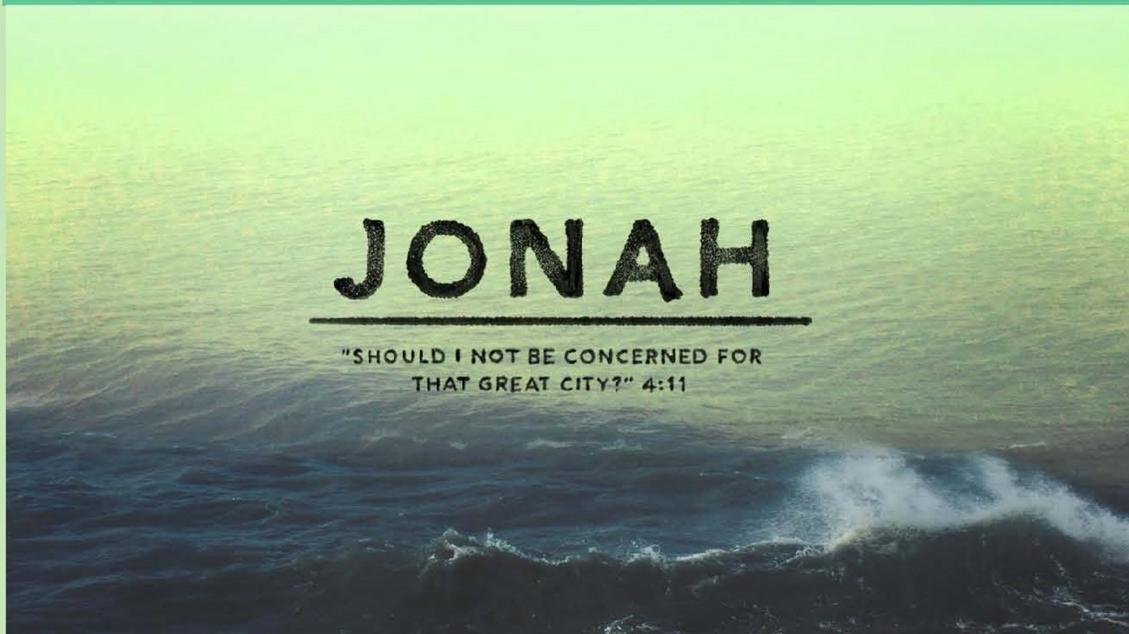
Men's Group Breakfast  
Saturday May 7th — 8:00 am  
Carle Place Diner  
151 Old Country Road  
Carle Place



All men of the church and their visitors are welcome. It is an opportunity to enjoy relaxed fellowship and conversation over a relaxed meal.

No reservations needed—just show up.

*"The Road to Nineveh"*  
*A Hybrid Bible Study on the Book of Jonah*  
*5 Consecutive Wednesdays, starting*  
*MAY 11 AT 8:00 PM*  
*To Be Led by Mr. Chris Dieguez*



***"The theme is following God when God is leading us  
somewhere we don't want to go"***

There is not an accompanying book. We will read through the book of Jonah, and there will be weekly prompts and questions for reflections. **In-person meeting in the Parlor & via Zoom.**

**The 5 session dates are, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**For more info contact Chris at [chris@thegccc.org](mailto:chris@thegccc.org)**



**Saturday, May 14**

**Rain Date: Saturday, May 21**

**Muttontown Preserve Nature Center**

# **NATURE WALK**

**Suited for ALL AGES & Abilities!**

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

**MEET AT CHURCH, WHITEHALL ENTRANCE AT 9AM. CARPOOL TO MUTTONTOWN PRESERVE NATURE CENTER ENTRANCE (SHOWN IN PHOTO).**

**MOSTLY FLAT TRAIL - MAPS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**LIMITED FREE PARKING!**

**BRING WATER BOTTLE, WEAR LONG PANTS AND HIKING BOOTS FOR OCCASIONAL MUDDY CONDITIONS. NO DOGS PLEASE! EXPECT TO SEE HORSES ALONG TRAIL.**

**HIKE IS AN EASY 2.1/2 MILES IN WOODLAND SETTING.**

**JOIN US FOR LUNCH AFTER HIKE AT NEARBY EAST NORWICH BAGELS LOCATED AT 1011 OYSTER BAY ROAD, EAST NORWICH.**

**EVENT EXPECTED TO BE DONE BY NOON.**

**ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT CELIA PETERSEN**

**EMAIL: [GPCATSPAWR@MSN.COM](mailto:gpcatspawr@msn.com)**



JOHANN CHRISTIAN BACH  
**MAGNIFICAT IN C**  
2022 SERVICE OF MUSIC

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**MAY 15, 2022 10:30AM SERVICE**  
**GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH (UCC)**  
**REV LYNN SULLIVAN, SENIOR MINISTER**

GCCC ADULT CHOIR, SOLOISTS, AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA  
245 STEWART AVE. GARDEN CITY NY 11530

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Please join us for the 2022 Service of Music which taking place during our 10:30 Worship Service. The GCCC Adult Choir directed by Frank L Crosio, Minister of Music will present the Johann Christian Bach Magnificat in C, and Johann Sebastian Bach “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” from Cantata 147. Please join us for a morning of spiritual enrichment and fine music.

SOPRANO: Georgia Rehbock, CONTRALTO: Hanne Andreasen,

TENOR: John Hudson, BASS: John M. Simmons

VIOLINS: Adam Birke, Catherine Fish Birke, VIOLA: Eddy Malave

CELLO: Debbie Seppe DOUBLE BASS: Corey Schutzer OBOES: Gerard Reuter,

Boris Baev TRUMPETS: Matt Gasiorowski, Jason Bitonti

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: [MUSIC@THEGCCC.ORG](mailto:MUSIC@THEGCCC.ORG)

**Looking for a new way to serve God and the community this year?**

**Join our Snack Bag Sunday Ministry**

May 15, 2022

11:30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Gardner Hall (after worship)



All are welcome to come to help make snack bags for distribution at the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) on Monday morning. Our goal is to make 250 snack bags. Many hands will help us get it done!

Children are welcome to decorate bags (little children) and sort snacks/drinks/napkins (older children), while teens/adults make and check bags.

Get INNvolved:

Please use the sign-up genius to help out

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BACAD2EAA8-sandwich9>

Volunteers needed for each Snack Bag Sunday to:

Donate non-perishable food items, such as paper goods, snacks or waters, and make snack bags

Drive completed snack bags to the INN in Hempstead on Monday morning

For questions, contact the church office at (516) 746-1700

Thank you for your generosity and assistance to help the Garden City Community Church provide snack bags for guests at the INN!





## Ride to Colorado

**Sunday May 15th**

**Min. Donation \$35**

Doors Open 1.00pm

Ride Starts 1.30pm

Please support our youth group as they prepare for this Summer's Colorado mission trip, were they will be impacting the lives of the homeless and bringing hope to those in need.

Please register today using the QR code below.

**EVENT LOCATION: 950 FRANKLIN AVE, GARDEN CITY, NY 11530**

**GARDENCITY@CYCLEBAR.COM | 516-307-1389**

**Book Your Ride**





**GCCC Connections invites you to share a night of Fellowship and Live, Outdoor Music With:**



Friday, May 20, 2022

6:30-10:30pm

Plattdeutsch Park

1132 Hempstead Tpke.

Franklin Square

For more info, contact Lisa McCarthy

[Lmccarthy33@verizon.net](mailto:Lmccarthy33@verizon.net)



## **Screaming for unconditional love and acceptance**

By Chris Abatelli, LMHC, LPC, LCC Youth and Family Counselor

As parents, or anyone who interacts with children/teens, we want to have the best intentions for the children in our lives. However, it does not always go the way we planned. Kids do end up finding their own way and growing, but we must be careful not to force what we want. I think one of the best movies that can model the need for love and acceptance is the Disney movie 'Brave' (spoiler warning). Here, we have a young girl, Merida, wanting to have her own independence and her ability to create her own fate. At least, that's what she thought she wanted, as most kids do. The movie also follows her parents who want the best for their child. They did not understand their daughter and thought what they had planned was right. Both parents did what they thought best instead of connecting with their child. A series of different and crazy events occurred: mom being turned into a bear, both lost hope, BOTH had to change, grow, and connect with each other. This does not give us permission to let our kids do whatever they want. Instead, we should guide them with connection.

Just like the main character in 'Brave', Merida wanted to be understood, heard, but, more importantly, receive unconditional love and acceptance from her parents to create her own path. I think all children want this, not just from their parents but from other leaders in their life. Being a parent myself, it is hard to guide my children in the right direction; however, I realize that what makes things better is connection, not judgment. Connection helps kids not just grow into productive healthy human beings, but also with their relationship with Christ. I have known parents and leaders who have refused to connect and listen to the youth in their lives, instead being judgmental and insisting on forcing their plans for the youth. This often results in the youth's resentment, disobedience and rejection of the parents' or leaders' values. Connection starts through empathy and compassion. Theresa Wiesman, a nursing scholar, recognized that there are four main qualities that show empathy:

- Perspective taking - Understanding the person's point of view and validating their feelings. Validating somebody's feelings does not mean you agree with them. You just acknowledge what they have experienced.
- Staying out of judgment - This can be very hard because it can be easier to judge.
- Recognizing emotion in another person - Can we identify the emotion and relate to the person? If we can't relate to an emotion, can we relate to confusion in our kids?
- Being able to communicate that understanding back to the other person.

The best way to define compassion is the desire to help someone and/or walk with them in their struggle. Again, this does not mean you agree with them, but you must walk through the problem with them. You cannot have compassion without empathy. Even if we don't know what to say, try this: *"I don't know exactly what you are feeling or going through, but I do know how it feels be confused. I know that it hurts and is scary. I am here to listen and, if you want, I can give you my opinion or my thoughts."* This idea of asking permission gives the youth the opportunity and power to ask for help and guidance. As parents, we may need to change our behavior if we want our children to change theirs. I know you have heard these words: model the behavior you want.

Chris Abatelli provides secure telehealth counseling sessions for young adults, adults, teens and families. Please see Chris's bio here: <https://lccny.org/chris-abatelli/> For an appointment, call LCC at 1-800-317-1173 or e-mail us at <https://www.LCCNY.org>.