

Connections

September 2022

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

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10

The lectionary text in Luke for these past few weeks has been talking about Abundant Living. Abundance is such a perfect word and when you look up the Greek translation, for its meaning goes beyond, 'more than enough' to include: 'exceeding measure, something above the ordinary.'

We feel we have something above the ordinary to share and are excited about the year. Abundant Welcome will kick off at Welcome Day, (September 18). Many of our committees and teams have been working steadily over the summer to prepare for this New Year. The Education Committee will be continuing with the Spark Curriculum, Outreach Committee will be sharing giving opportunities and times to gather. Ministry Committee is creating innovative ways to keep worship relevant. The Personnel Committee created a team to interview candidates for the part-time Youth Ministry and Outreach Coordinator (more in the newsletter). The Strategic Planning Committee is finalizing their report and will be sharing their report in the fall. Many of our projects going forward will focus on the goals and priorities set by our Council of Trustees.

As the year grows, so will our Abundance: Abundant Gratitude, Abundant Hope, Abundant Light, Abundant Love, Abundant Joy and Abundant Grace.

I am so excited to be part of this year as we discover our spirituality in meaningful ways. September 11th during Sunday Worship we will be integrating the 9-11 Memorial Service and Just Peace (The UN has 9-21 as Just Peace Day). Forums will meet monthly, and weekly during Advent with a new time right after Sunday worship. Upon request we will be modifying the Wednesday Worship in October with the Lectio Divina style worship ending with a time of fellowship.

Share in our excitement and recommit yourselves to participate in the life of our church. Find ways to get involved and know that God's spirit is calling us to a more meaningful relationship with God and one another. This will be a year of Abundance and something we will freely share.

Blessings

Lynn
Senior Pastor

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Worship Schedule

Sundays

10:30 AM
Sanctuary

Tuesdays

Intercessory
Prayer Service
9:30 AM
Chapel

Search Committee update for Part-time Youth Ministry and Outreach Coordinator

The Personnel Committee, with the support of Rev. Lynn is pleased to announce that we have made an unanimous decision on the recommendation of a candidate for the position of **Youth Ministry and Outreach Coordinator**.

Amanda Dias (pronounced Dye-Is) graduated from SUNY Stony Brook University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science and is currently working towards a Masters Degree in Social Work at Adelphi University.

Her work experience includes being a Parent/Advocate Case Aid at the Child Center of NY, working with families, and facilitating workshops. Her work at the Peace Corps in Nepal was cut short because of the pandemic and she spent a year working with native teachers creating a curriculum complete with lesson plans for the school.

Throughout her life, Amanda has been active in her home church, teaching Sunday School and volunteering with VBS. In high school and college she belonged to several groups creating fundraisers, leading and attending many service projects and participating in mission trips to West Virginia, Tennessee and Ohio. Her passion to work with children, youth and families and her organizational and interpersonal skills shined forth in her interviews as she shared her experiences and goals. One of her duties will be to re-ignite the middle and high school groups and she has already shared some ideas on how to do this.

She will be joining us September 7th and will be ready to meet everyone on Welcome Day. Let's give Amanda a warm GCCC welcome.



Thanks to our Personnel Committee

Many thanks to the Personnel Committee for taking the time this summer to follow the hiring process for the new position of Youth Ministry and Outreach Coordinator, Amanda Dias (pronounced Dye-Is). Her extensive biography is above.

The 'hands on' Personnel committee, with the support of Rev. Lynn Sullivan consisted of the following individuals: Mico Faella (Personnel Chair), Jeanne Ellis (personnel committee), Tara Noll-Socha (Education Committee Chair and parent), Faith Short (youth representative), Andrew Schrafel (COT and parent).

The following persons were part of the process but not formally involved in the interview process due to personal commitments. All were "kept in the loop": Sue Bashian (personnel committee), Viki Rehkugler, (COT and parent), Katie Masters (Sunday School head teacher), Paula Tusiani-Eng (COT Chair and parent), and Drew Hearon (F&A Chair and parent).



September 11th 10:30am Church Service

Join us on September 11th for an action packed service.

Baptism - We will be baptizing the fifth generation of McGlynns into our church.



Communion - We will celebrate Communion



21st Anniversary of Remembering 9-11 - We will be remembering 9-11 by lighting candles in memory of an individual or group



International Day of Peace (World Peace Day) - World Peace Day is observed around the world each year on September 21st. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to build a Culture of Peace. UCC observes it on September 18th. Today we will honor this day.



WELCOME BACK!

September 18th is Welcome Day! The new Sunday School year will begin on September 18th! Everyone is welcome. Come and meet new friends or reconnect with the ones you haven't seen over the summer! A fellowship luncheon will follow the church service.

If you want to sign up to attend the luncheon, to help out or to donate a side dish or dessert go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BACAD2EAA8-20225>

Please register your child for Sunday School. Children will come to the 10:30 am service and then be dismissed after the Children's Message to go to class. All ages from 3 years old to 5th grade are welcome.

Register here: <https://gcc.breezechms.com/form/61c92f1481>

Sunday Forums

Sunday Forums are being planned again, starting on September 25th at 12:00pm in the Parlor. We will be having a forum every last Sunday of the month.

More information inside.



**More doors are opened with 'please'
than keys**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited for food and fellowship at the Carle Place Diner on Saturday, October 1st and Saturday, November 5th at 8 am
Come and join us!

TUESDAY IN-PERSON PRAYER SERVICES

At the Intercessory Prayer Service, we faithfully pray for your loved ones each Tuesday morning at 9:30 am in the Chapel. If you have a request for prayer, please fill out the yellow "Prayer Request" card in the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or minister. You can also email the church office or George Bashian if you have a prayer request. All matters of prayer are strictly confidential. All are invited to join us in the work of prayer each Tuesday morning.

Non-Perishable Food Donations Continue

Unfortunately there is still a great need for donations to the Long Island Council of Churches Emergency Food Center. Our next collection dates are : September 7, 21, October 5, 19, and November 2, 16, and 30. Sign up to be a driver at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084bacad2eaa8-2022>

MISSION TRIP 2022

This Summer 31 students and 8 leaders traveled to Colorado Springs through Next Step Ministries to help those less fortunate. They worked at several sites including Habitat for Humanity, the Habitat Restore, and Family Life Services. They worked on projects ranging from building homes, painting, moving furniture for the Restore and replacing a ceiling at the Family Life Services which houses women and children escaping homelessness. They physically accomplished a great deal and impacted many lives. Our Mission Trips provide help to others, but also facilitates incredible intergenerational bonding experiences as well as time to reflect upon our faith and the value of service.



MISSION TRIP 2023 REVEAL

Join us in the Parlor on Sunday, October 2nd at 7:30pm for the Mission Trip 2023 Reveal Meeting! We will be opening registration that night and answering all questions about the trip! It's sure to be another wonderful week full of service, bonding, adventure and faith!

All students, and their parents, who are currently in 8th grade through 12th grade are encouraged to join us! In addition, anyone who may be interested in being a leader and would like to hear more about the trip is welcome to come, or to reach out to me at

traceymlawson@gmail.com.



Pumpkin Festival & Snack Bag Service Project – October 16th

Join us after church on **October 16th** for some fall fun, featuring pumpkin crafts, games, a photo booth and some delicious harvest themed snacks!

More info coming soon!



We will also be making **'Sandwich Sunday' Snack Bags** right after the 10:30 am Sunday Service which will be donated to the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN). To help out, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084bacad2eaa8-sandwich10>

Wednesday Worship will resume in October - 7:30pm Chapel



Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. Traditionally, Lectio Divina has four separate steps: **read; meditate; pray; contemplate**. First a passage of scripture is read, then its meaning is reflected upon. This is followed by prayer and contemplation on the Word of God. The focus of Lectio Divina is not a theological analysis of biblical passages but viewing them with Christ as the key to their meaning.

We invite you to **join us October (5, 12, 19 and 26) at 7:30 pm** in the Chapel to learn more and discover how the word of God speaks to each of us. The service will be followed by an open time of reflection.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2, 2022

4:00pm Church Lawn



Bring any animal you wish to be blessed (All pets **must be leashed, in a cage or tank or a picture.**) A member of the clergy will provide a blessing to all God's creatures

SCHOOL SUPPLY SERVICE PROJECT



Thanks to everyone that donated 'back to school supplies'. We collected numerous supplies and backpacks which were given to Anna House, the LICC Emergency Food Center and the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN)

Lions Club International is looking for donations of used eyeglasses and hearing aids. We have a box for these items in the church building hallway.

Any donations you can make will give someone a brighter future. We recently donated 55 pairs of eyeglasses and they were very appreciative.



Collecting Travel Sized Toiletries Self-Care Collection for the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN)

On Sunday, October 2nd we will be taking our collected items and will make toiletry kits to be given to the INN. Travel sized items needed are: soap, toothbrushes, shampoo, toothpaste, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, disposable razors, shaving cream, mouthwash, and towels (new or gently used). We will have a box for donations in the building by the Whitehall Blvd. entrance.



If you want to help sort the items and make the kits on October 2nd— please sign-up at:

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

Stay tuned for an exciting new program being offered

Youth Band Forming

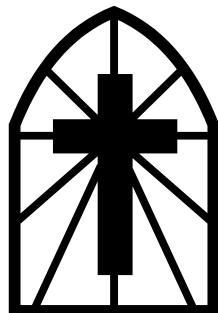
We have embarked on a pilot “youth band” to periodically lead music at worship this fall, at Sunday 10:30 am worship, or special services on Thanksgiving or Christmas Eve. We are seeking Middle school/High School students with musical interests or talents such as: Band or Orchestra Instruments, Piano, Singing, Choir, Soloists, Music or microphone set-up.



The band had it's first performance on August 28th and they were great! More students are welcome to join. This will be a fun opportunity to connect with other students (grades 8-12) and share musical talents together. Please RSVP to Frank Crosio at music@thegccc.org if you are interested in learning more about it, or if you are interested in participating by sending your name, grade, musical talent/instrument, years of practice or experience. All are welcome – invite a friend! Middle school singers are also welcome—no experience necessary!

CONFIRMATION II (9th GRADERS) CLASS NEWS

The Confirmation II Parent/Student Orientation meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:30 pm in the Parlor. The youth only classes will begin on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room. Please contact Rev. Lynn Sullivan or the church office with any questions.



**SUNDAY FORUMS ARE BACK WITH SOME CHANGES.
WE WILL MEET AFTER SERVICE AT 12:00 (NOON) IN THE PARLOR
EVERY LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

September 25: Mary Dewar - A Life Well lived in 100 Years. Hear Mary's story as you never heard before. The simple secret of a centennial life. Simple refreshment will be served. To determine how much we will prepare, please, RSVP to churchoffice@gccc.org by Friday, September 23.

October 30: Get information and guides to learn how to take virtual training to be a Literacy Nassau Volunteer Tutor, and how to register to a Virtual Narcan Training to help prevent drug overdosing. (This will give how to take the virtual training online)

Want to Become a
Literacy Nassau
Volunteer Tutor?



Fill out the registration form on our website at www.literacynassau.org under the volunteer tab. We will notify you when we add new Orientations. You may also call us at (516) 867-3580.

November 27, December 4, December 11 Advent Studies – Topic & Book TBA

2023 will offer more programs for Spiritual Enhancement, through Faith Journeys, Religious Book discussions during Advent and Lent, Bible Studies, Post Sermon discussions, Mental Health, Faith Practices other than Christianity, and many more educational topics.

If you are interested in leading a forum, please contact the churchoffice@gccc.org

ON-LINE GIVING

Garden City Community Church has 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://qccc.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.

Baptisms

Gemma Lynn Piotrowski—April 3, 2022

Harper Patricia Gelchion—May 22, 2022

Emmie Lynne Kikuchi—August 20, 2022

Cecilia Ann George—September 4, 2022

Cecil Scott McGlynn—September 11, 2022

Frederick Peter McGlynn September 11, 2022

Henry Francis McGlynn—September 11, 2022

Birth Announcement

We welcome Ed & Kathy Yoo’s grandson,

Edward Britt Collins (aka Eddie)

He was born on August 1, 2022

and was 6 lbs. 4 oz. and 20 inches long

We always have room for one more article. For more information on how to get your church activity into the newsletter contact the office at churchoffice@thegccc.org

Deaths

Carol Saenger (Karen Zalewski’s mother) February 24, 2022

Helen Gettemy (wife of the late Rev. Dr. James Gettemy)
March 23, 2022

Walter Frey (former member) - April 15, 2022

Roger Tillotson (Peggy Tillotson’s husband)—May 3, 2022

Sueli Gaewski (Rev David Gaewski’s wife) - May 27, 2022

Frank Chiusa (Rev. Kit Von Braunsberg’s son-in-law)
May 31, 2022

Martha Pearson-Burns—June 8, 2022

Blanche Volz (Janet Marten’s & Bill Volz’ mother)
June 17, 2022

Lavala Rundlett—July 22, 2022

Constance Coles McKeowen (past Church School Director)

USHERS AND LITURGISTS NEEDED

Are you are interested in becoming an usher or liturgist? It only takes a few minutes and you can meet other church members. For more information, contact Cindy Campbell at cindala86@gmail.com or Jan Levine at jansteve64@optonline.net



Altar Flowers or Fellowship Hour Donations

Remember a loved one of a special event by providing the flowers on our Altar for a \$50 donation to the church. To sign up go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084bacad2eaa8-20223>



Sponsor a fellowship hour in honor/memory of a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion. To sign up to provide the snack/drink items or to provide \$30 to cover the cost:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084bacad2eaa8-20224>



Margie Price has accepted a position of Assistant Minister at the Community Congregational Church at 200 Hartshorn Drive in Short Hills, NJ

The date of her ordination is September 25, 2022 at 3:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. In the meantime, we send blessings in her new ministry.

Congratulations!

Thanks to Rob and Alex for everything they have been working on recently:

- Painted Gardner Hall as well as stripped and waxed the floor
- Stripped and waxed the Community Room Floor
- Painted outside the Chapel and Nursery School
- Painted the building handrails
- Painted the outside handicap doors
- Pruned all the bushes

A Big
**THANK
YOU!**



We are looking for someone to work in the Toddler Room on Sundays during our morning Worship service. You will be babysitting toddlers under the age of 3 years old. This is a paid position. For more information contact the Tara Noll Socha at tnoll@hillsidelibrary.info or the church office.



Interested in joining a committee? Want to join the choir or be an usher? Want to participate in an activity but it is not being offered? We are always looking for new ideas on things to do. Volunteers are always needed.

If you have an idea to share or want to get involved—please contact the church office! We'd love to hear from you.



Join us Saturday, September 10th at 8PM
For a **RE-LIGHT** of our favorite songs

The Garden City Community Church
245 Stewart Avenue, Garden City

Proceeds will go to Long Island Cares, Inc.
The Harry Chapin Food Bank



Suggested Donation - \$25.00. General Admission
For more information email willsingforfood@me.com
Visit our website at www.WillSingForFood.org
Or on Facebook and Instagram



AMERICANA FAIR

Saturday, November 12, 2022

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

Youth Coordinator: Robin Laisure rblaisure421@gmail.com

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HOLIDAY & GIFT BOUTIQUES

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TOYS, PICTURES, FRAMES GOURMET

SHOP

BISTRO LUNCHEON or Hot Dog Tent

