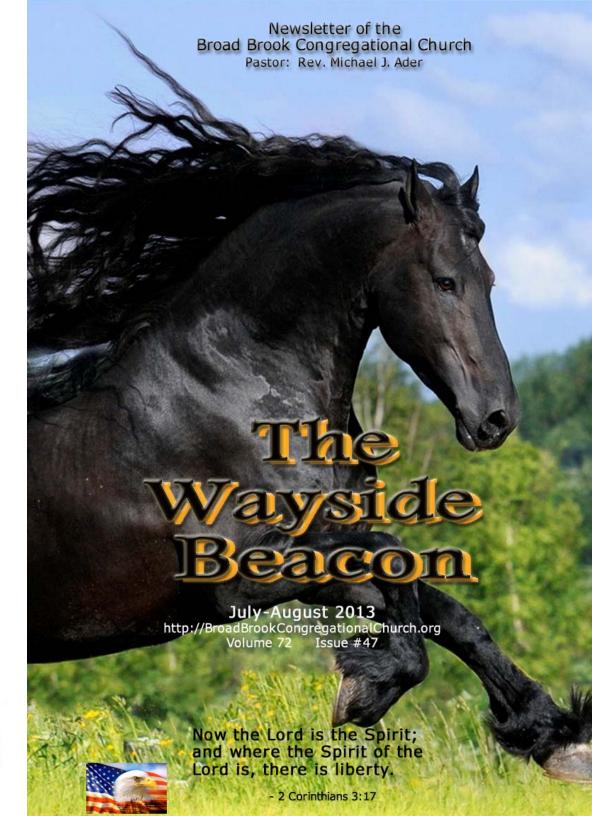
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### The Wayside Beacon

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### **The Broad Brook Congregational Church**

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Sunday Worship Services are held at 10:00 AM.

**Communion** is observed on the first Sunday of each month.

**Church Sunday School** is held from September to June and starts at 10:30 AM after the children and teachers leave the Worship Service.

**Nursery** supervision is provided for infants and children ages 5 and under during Sunday morning Service.

The **Choir** meets every Sunday at 8:45 AM from September through June. Adults and young adults are welcome even if you don't consider yourself a strong singer. Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Calls for the Pastor should be made through the office at 860-623-4547.

For mailing label corrections call Debbie Siekiera @ 860.627.5181.

Please email Tomaca, info@TGovan.com with announcements or corrections to the Beacon.

### **OUR EVENTS CALENDAR**

### July

7- NO CommunionEileen Venditti preaching8- marking tag sale items 7-9 pm10- marking tag sale items 7-9 pm

14- Rev. Nanette Pitt preaching

15- marking tag sale items 7-9 pm

17- marking tag sale items 7-9 pm

21- Warren Wenz preaching

22- marking tag sale items 7-9 pm

24- marking tag sale items 7-9 pm

28- Rev. Nanette Pitt preaching

29- marking tag sale items 7-9 pm

31- marking tag sale items 7-9 pm

### August

4- Communion

Rev. Ader returns from vacation 5- marking tag sale items 7-9 pm 7- marking tag sale items 7-9 pm 10- Tag Sale

### September

1-Communion

2-Labor day

15-Rally Sunday
Sunday School starts

22- COUNCIL MEETINGlunch served@ 11:20 am



"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"



## Pastoral Passages

from Rev. Mike Ader



### **Waiting At The Airport**

This week I'll be traveling to California to attend the General Synod of the United Church of Christ. I've traveled enough to know that there are usually delays at the airport that can mean waiting for several hours. There is little to do at the gate except sit and wait and try to read or watch people go by.

Airport waiting areas have a familiarity about them. They all look alike with those rows of chairs bolted together and TV monitors regarding flight status. I glance at the people sitting at the gate who will soon be on board my flight. Some are going away; the others going home. Some have emotional reasons for the flight—the joy of marriage, the grief of a funeral, the fun of a vacation or a visit with family. Others fly only for business. Some may even be thinking that this flight is the beginning of a new life, while others see it as a return to the same old life. Individuals usually give some a hint, of their reason for travel. Maybe it's because of their expectations of what they will find at their destination.

Watching a congregation before for the Lord's Supper is a lot like that. Behind our faces there are many reasons for coming to the sacrament. Some genuinely hunger and thirst for the spirit of Christ. Some may be sick, in mind or body or heart, and search for the greatest Healer of all. Some may feel alone, even desolate, and look for the only Comforter.

Others may see the sacrament more routinely. Christ is the Master; I am His servant—where else would I be found than at His table? Or, God is the Creator, I am the creature—and in my Creator I find purpose and joy.

### Pastoral Passages, contd.

We all have our own particular reasons. But the Lord's Supper has its risks too. Risks? Yes, risks. It's like this. Our God knows our hearts, the false from the true. It is not wise to try to deceive the Living God.

But the all-pervading and most wonderful question of the sacrament is this: while I can understand many reasons why I would come to Christ's table, why does He come to me? It is not because I'm so virtuous. We all sin with the best of them. It is because of his His love and mercy.

The Lord's Supper is for my benefit. Through it I can experience the mercy of God. I don't deserve it, but I'm still invited. And I get to know the love of God—and grow in it. By getting to know God, my life might be changed.

I can't earn this. I don't deserve this; but I can learn reverence through this. I can praise and give thanks for God's love and mercy so freely given. I can admit who I am, and what I have done and left undone.

And on Sunday, August 4 when we receive the Lord's Supper together again, It will be like any waiting area at the airport gate. Some will be here in joy; some in admiration; some in pain; some, not really sure of anything but that they need to be here. But through that holy meal we share we will remember Christ's death until He comes again.

On <u>that</u> day, our church, with all God's people, will all take a flight together. Whatever we hoped for will have arrived.

Enjoy the summer's blessings,

Rev Mike





### **Congratulations to Katherine**

College on May 31st. She received her Associate's degree in Science for Social Services and graduated with high honors. She intends to further her education at Elms College in Chicopee, Mass to work on her Master's degree in the fall. Katherine is a single mother of 2

young sons and resides in Windsor Locks.

### Congratulations to Zachary Siekiera

Congratulations to Zachary Siekiera on his graduation from Lincoln Technical Institute in the field of Diesel Technology. Although he received his actual diploma this month (June), the program actually was completed mid-April. With all his other accomplishments he obtained through his time in the Coast Guard, most notably receiving his CDL license where he graduated top of his class, and the new certification and qualifications in diesel technology, he was able to find a place to use his talent right away. Thank you Penske Trucks for giving him a job he could work at while attending school. But better yet.....Thank you Cusson Automotive for giving Zachary the oportunity to demonstrate and fine tune his masterful skills in the real world. He's already demonstrated what a great addition he is to your team of skilled service techs and will continue to deliver great customer satisfaction for years to come.

**Congratulations to John Curran** who received a Master of Business Degree from the University of Harford on June 18th. Congratulations!

### Congratulations to Sheri Townsend who

graduated on June 7 from Branford Hall in Windsor with a certificate in Health Claims. Congratulations!

**Congratulations to Debbie \$ignor** on her retirement from teaching. She has been a special education teacher for 37 years in the East Hartford School System. Congratulations!



If we missed anyone, we would love to announce your information. Send your news and pictures (pets welcome) for posting in the Beacon. We also need interesting images for the cover. Email news@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org or info@tgovan.com.

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### BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org

Our website offers visitors insight into BBCC. It includes our contact info, lists our programs and calendar of events, our fundraising and lists the mission programs we support. Readers can download The Wayside Beacon and read the minister's sermons. Past members, friends and families from afar keep in touch with us.

Any BBCC member/committee can utilize this tool by adding something to help show our viewers what we are all about. Contact anyone on the website sub-committee: Mike Siekeira, Debbie Siekiera, both at (860) 627-5181 and Bob Cormier (860) 292-6848.

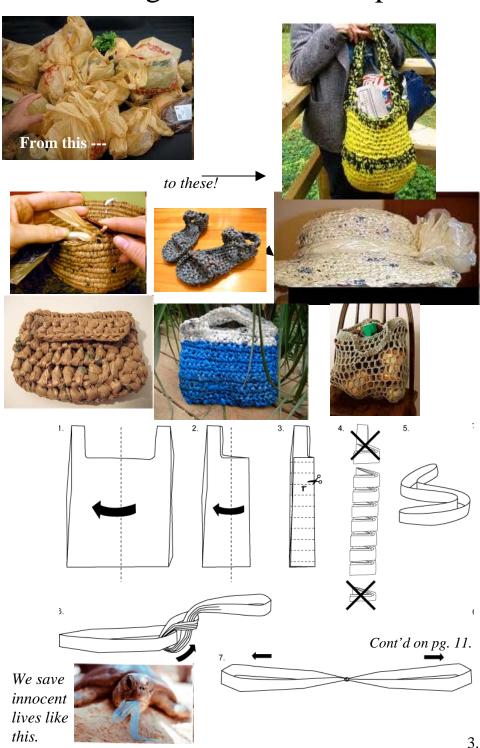
## Congratulations!

Our church secretary, Tomaca Govan, is happy to announce her son's formal engagement to Ms. Hannah Kegay. Gyasi Govan & Hannah plan to be married June 13, 2014. Tomaca is looking forward to grandchildren!

### Welcome New Member Kayla Sauer

Kayla Sauer was confirmed on May 19 (Pentecost Sunday). She not only affirmed her Baptism but she became an active member of BBCC. She and her parents, Jennifer (Edwards) and Michael LaBianca will be helping in the Memorial Garden. A planned mission project we'll be hearing more about is a collection of used linens for South Park Inn, an emergency shelter for families in Hartford. She lives with her parents Michael and Jennifer LaBianca in Broad Brook.

### Crocheting Fun With A Purpose!



We offer our congratulations to a number of people this month. Please see the list of congratulations on page 19.

Rev. Michael Ader will continue on at BBCC as our **Interim Pastor** until the search committee offers a call to a new settled pastor.

Communion will not be served during the month of July. The Pulpit will be supplied with the following while Rev. Ader is away: June 30, July 7- Eileen Venditti, a member of the East Windsor Cong'l Church, July 14 & 28- Rev. Nanette Pitt from Avon and July 21-Warren Wenz, a member of BBCC.

June 9<sup>th</sup> was Children's Day at BBCC. All the children received certificates and flowers. William Rouleau received a Bible. The children performed a skit under the leadership of Linda York. An ice cream social was held after the worship service in the fellowship hall.

Thanks to Linda York for her dedication to our Sunday School throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to give a children's sermon.

We also thank everyone who has been a lay reader.

The Board of Deacons will resume their monthly meetings in August—after taking the month of July off. One of the scheduled topics to be discussed this fall will be the Biannual Membership Review. The Constitution and By Laws state that this review shall be done every 2 years. The last review was done in 2011. The list of Active\* members will be reviewed. Based on a Church vote membership status may change from Active to Inactive.

- \*An Active member of Broad Brook Congregational Church:
- 1. Must have been actively involved in the Church,
- 2. Support the Church financially,
- 3. Support the Church spiritually,
- 4. Attend Church regularly (if physically able). Can be 1-2 times a year.



### **Strawberry Cream Layer Cake**

be more mushy and work very well when cooking for the sauce, the combination of berries works great! I've been known to add fresh rhubarb in the sauce mixture since it grows like a weed in our garden!

6. A can of fruit pie filling works great as a filling substitute when time is of essence and it is too hot to cook. As long as you use some fresh fruit on top to finish it off!

7. Then there's the whipped cream! Substitute it with good old container of Cool Whip or a pkg of Dream Whip for those of you that are allergic to the dairy, homemade whipped cream challenged or time is of essence again!!!!! The bigger the container of cool whip the better.

8. Use the ingredients to make a trifle dish instead! Easier to transport long distance in a cooler.

There are probably more tips and ideas not mentioned here, but I hope you get my drift! Good Luck and enjoy!



### **STAY IN TOUCH!**

Please notify Debbie Siekiera at 860-627-5181 or Betty Stratton at 860-623-2729 if you have a new address or telephone number. We would also like your email address.

### **LAYREADERS**

### **JULY**

7-John Curran

14- Joyce Bonelli

21- Wade Signor

28- Mike Siekiera

### **AUGUST**

4- Tracey Nieroda

11- Bob Cormier

18- Warren Wenz

25- Rich York

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### **BBCC Sunday Sermons**

Rev. Ader's sermons are available on our website: http://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org under the **Pastoral Passages** heading.

### A 30-Year Friendship Within BBCC JOYCE BONELLI

**BBCC's Featured Artist** 

My first introduction to the Broad Brook Congregational Church was on Saturday May 14, 1977. I had just come home from my honeymoon the night before. My husband Joe and I were out in front of our apartment when a gentleman crossed the road and introduced himself as Greg Kendall. He had heard from my mother-in- law that I attended a congregational church



and wanted to welcome me to the community. Greg also told me that services at Broad Brook Congregational Church were at 10:00 and if I would like to join the choir, teach Sunday school or join any committees just let him know. I became a member in the spring of 1978.

I was raised in Storrs, Connecticut. My father was a UCONN professor and my mother worked in the superintendent's office. Early on my five siblings and I were taught the importance of an education. We also couldn't get away with a thing at high school. After college, UCONN of course, I went to work where I met my husband Joe. We were married May 7, 1977 and are the proud parents of three daughters, Rebecca, Katharine, and Amanda. We also have three wonderful grandchildren, Seton, Angelina, and Joseph.

At first I only attended Sunday services. After Becky was two or three, I started helping out in the Sunday school. On Rally Sunday in

### A 30-Year Friendship Within BBCC JOYCE BONELLI

1983, all of the children, mothers and teachers were lined up to go up to church service. As young mothers often do I was trying to guess the age of a baby girl in the arms of her mother. It turned out that the baby, Tracy Savoie, was born on the same day as my Katie. This started my thirty-year friendship with Penny. We started out as helpers and teachers in Sunday school and ended up being superintendent and assistant superintendent. As the girls grew, I started attending Women's Fellowship meetings. With the encouragement of Betty Stratton I started to volunteer for committees and ended up president. When Mandy was near the end of elementary school, Linda York and I snuck out of Sunday school and joined Wade Signor in the choir, something we had wanted to do for a long time.

As my daughters grew up I volunteered for more committees in the church. I am now a Trustee of the church, on the Ways and Means and Music committees. Debbie Siekiera and I are co-chairmen of the bazaar and my sister Julie Cote and I run the plant sale every year.

As an avid reader I am fortunate to work as the circulation supervisor at the Library Association of Warehouse point. I also enjoy gardening and just about any craft, though sewing is probably my favorite. With encouragement from members of the choir I joined the South Windsor Community Chorus and have enjoyed singing with them for six years. My cats are also a special part of my life.

Joining the Broad Brook Congregational church has been one of the best decisions I've made. Having grown up in a very large church I never realized how special it is to be a member of a small church. Any time a member is in need - be it physical, mental or emotional - members rally around to provide support. I am always and amazed at how caring the members of this church are and so glad to be part of them.

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### **Strawberry Cream Layer Cake**

4. Remove from heat and add the butter. If mixture still came out lumpy, you may strain first for smoother cream. Place into a bowl and cover directly with plastic wrap to stop a skin from forming on the cream. Chill and use within a few days.

### Strawberry Cake Filling instructions:

- 1. Whisk water and cornstarch together in a large saucepan.
- 2. Stir strawberries and sugar into the water.
- 3. Cook strawberry mixture over medium heat until thick, about 10 minutes.
- 4. Allow to cool completely before use. Best if made ahead and refrigerated overnight for a thicker consistency.

### To make frosting:

- 1. Beat 2 cups very cold whipping cream on low speed until stiff. (Note: I pre-chill my bowl and beater too!)
- 2. Gradually beat in the confectioner's sugar and then add the vanilla (or if you prefer, the brandy).
- 3. That's it! Frost cake!

### Now some TIPS!

1. In hot weather, just buy an angel food cake or a fresh/frozen pound cake so you don't have to heat your kitchen.

The angel food cake saves on calories too! You can use a favorite box cake mix if you prefer to skip the scratch cake

mix, bake it in a round tube/bundt pan and layer it when cooled.

- 2. Substitute 2 pkgs of instant vanilla pudding mix pepared with 3 1/2 cups milk for the pastry cream. Once again you are able to use sugar free and low-fat milk here to cut calories. 3. Sugar substitutes work well where ever it calls for regular sugar.
- 4. I have been known to add a drained can of crushed pineapple to the pudding mix or simply just combined my strawberry sauce with the pudding. There's also coconut, marachino cherries or mandarin oranges that can be added to the pudding mix. Make it your own!
- 5. Other berries are great to add to this cake in the summer as they are more abundant. Blueberries, raspberries and black raspberries look wonderful on top and sides. Frozen berries are ortal our sentence.

### **Strawberry Cream Layer Cake**

2. Stir together the cake flour, baking powder, salt and extra fine sugar. Set aside.

- 3. Separate the eggs (save/use yolk for pastry filling). In a glass bowl, beat the egg whites until foamy, set aside.
- 4. Mix 1-1/2 cups of heavy cream with the vanilla. Stir into the flour mixture then fold in the egg whites. Pour a thin layer of batter equally into prepared pans.
- 5. Bake for 25 minutes. Let cakes cool in pans for 10 minutes then invert onto wax paper to finish cooling.
- 6. Once cakes are completely cooled, spread a thin layer of Pastry Cream Filling then a thin layer of Strawberry filling.

Add 2nd layer of cake, repeat layer of cream filling and then fruit. Finish with adding third cake layer. Frost cake

sides and top with frosting recipe. Add saved whole strawberries for decoration. If you prefer, you may slice them

to make them go further! (I always get extra because I like to decorate around the bottom too if no other fruit is used!)

### **Pasty Cream Filling instructions:**

- 1. Place the milk, 1/4 cup of sugar and the vanilla in a med saucepan. Stir to combine. Turn stove to medium heat.
- 2. While stove heating up, combine the egg yolks and the remaining 1/4 cup sugar in a bowl and whisk until light in color.

Reminder watch your milk mixture, stir in between whisking yolks. Add in the flour to yolks, whisk till smooth.

3. When the milk JUST begins to boil, remove from heat. VERY slowly dribble half of the hot milk mixture into the yolks, stirring the whole time. Once half of the hot milk mixture is combined to the yolks, place all of the yolk mixture in the saucepan, stir. Return to the stove over medium heat stirring constantly using a whisk (or spatula). Make sure to reach all of the corners of the pan when stirring. If you see it start to get lumpy, stir swiftly until lumps are gone. Let boil for about 1 minute, STIRRING CONSTANTLY. The mixture will be thick.

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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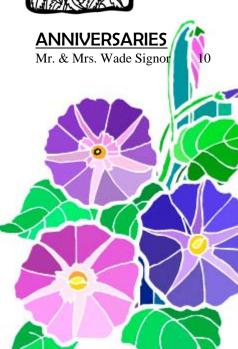
### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lacross
Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Snow
Mr. & Mrs. Richard P. Pippin
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bedard

### **BIRTHDAYS**

William LaCross	2
Cindy Bedard	2
Mrs. Deborah Siekiera	4
Anthony M. Siekiera-Bombard	5
Mr. Calvin Myers	6
Mr. Kevin M. Nodwell	7
Mr. John Curran	7
Mr. Joseph Ivanisin	7
Mrs. Carolyn Feldman	18
Mrs. Corin Jones	20
Miss Regina McNeely	22





### **BIRTHDAYS**

Mrs Katharine Joy Bauer	1
Mrs. Tracy Ann Snow	2
Mrs. Margaret Arnold	2
Mrs. Linda York	4
Joseph Abraham Nicoll	6
Hannah Rushlow	11
Tyler Curran	1.
Mr. William A. Stratton	13
Mary Velazquez	13
Mrs. Laura L. Callahan	16
Mr. Bruce Nodwell	20
Mrs. Karen Marquis	21
Mr. Jonathan Scott Prouse	21
Mrs. Jill Cameron	24
Aiden Elliott Siekiera	27
Zachary Adam Owens	30
Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Callahan	31



### **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

Submitted by Debbie Siekiera

### **Plant Sale:**

A big "Thank You very much" from our committee to Joyce Bonelli for all your hard work in organizing another successful plant sale and to her husband Joe who helped her get the plants here at church and set up outside. We appreciate all you do, especially all the labor involved! Not all of us have green thumbs like yours! Joyce sends out a special "thanks" to Hannah for getting her all the pots. Thank you also to those who donated from their healthy landscapes and to those who helped the day of the sale. It's a little bit of work to put it mildly to get everything all set up and then broken down after the sale. We hope everyone is enjoying their new healthy plants.

### **Tag Sale:**

It's time to start the preparations! I know - I should be running an estate clean up business, don't you think-?... that would be right up my alley! Workshops for pricing/ cleaning/sorting will be at the church every Monday and Wednesday from 7 - 9 pm starting Monday, July 8th. Drop-off donations will be accepted during those times. For pick-ups, call Mike or Debbie Siekiera at 860-627-5181. The tag sale will be held on Saturday, August 10th from 9-4. (Free lunch for our workers.) We are selling lemonade, iced tea, cookies, brownies and chips for additional fundraising. A sign up sheet will be in the fellowship hall for helpers. See where you can help us make this event a big success! Any questions, call Mike or Debbie Siekiera.

### **Next church supper:**

The next supper has been tentatively set for Saturday, September 28th. The menu has not yet been completed but will be announced in the next Wayside Beacon issue in September. If you are on the mailing list, announcements will be mailed as usual. Announcements will also be placed in local papers.

Happy Summer everyone!

### **Strawberry Cream Layer Cake**

The following recipe is a wonderful flexible show-offy cake to bring to parties anytime. This cake is dense in texture which makes it perfect for adding fruit and/or cream fillings. Here I am doing both, plus adding a whip cream frosting. What rave reviews you will get! There are many things you can do to cut corners if it is too hot outside, short on time, to cut on calories or sugar, add or substitute other fruit and still yield a fabulous cake. From this basic recipe you can try some suggestions at the end for cutting corners. It isn't complicated to make. It's best to make the 2 fillings a day ahead if possible though. It will need to be refrigerated if made as instructed. Good luck and have fun with them! Call me if you have any questions on these recipes.

- Debbie Siekiera.

### **Strawberry Cream Layer Cake**

1 - 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream

Cake Mix:

2 -1/2 cups cake flour

2 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp salt

(wash, cut into bite size pcs)

4 egg whites

Strawberry Filling:

1 cup water

3 TBSP cornstarch

3 cups fresh strawberries

NOTE: Save some whole

strawberries for top or have extra!

2 tsp vanilla extract (or almond)

1 - 1/2 cups extra fine sugar

Pastry Cream Filling:

2 cups whole milk

1/2 cup sugar

3 tsp vanilla extract

my favorite,

6 egg yolks

flavored brandy)

Frosting:

2 cups whipping cream

3 TBSP confectioners sugar

2 tsps vanilla extract (or

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### **Cake mix instructions:**

4 TBSP all-purpose flour

4 TBSP softened butter

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease and flour three 9 inch cake pans.

### **BBCC FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

Dedicating a flower is a wonderful way to honor someone you love and respect. To arrange to have flowers any Sunday, contact Corin Jones at 860.654.1877. The arrangements are only \$17.50.

Your check should be made payable to Broad Brook Congregational Church. We also do double dedications if the date you want is taken.



# Name: Address: Dedication: Enclose your check for \$17.50 payable to: *Broad Brook Congregational Church* and mail to us at: Broad Brook Congregational Church, P.O. Box 466, Broad Brook, CT 06016

Cut out the coupon above and send in your flower dedication. We list the dedications in the Sunday Bulletin and on our website at http://BroadBrookCongregational Church.org.

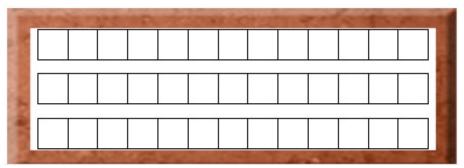
### **Memorial Garden Order Form**

Fill out the form below with your desired inscription to purchase a Memorial Garden engraved brick and /or a Memorial Garden nameplate. Send the form along with \$35.00 for **each** item to:

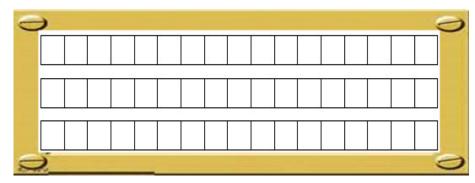
### **Memorial Garden**

Broad Brook Congregational Church P.O. Box 466, Broad Brook, CT 06016

<u>Memorial Garden Brick:</u> (placed within the garden, along the path on the mulch) (Leave spaces between words and dates)



<u>Memorial Garden Nameplate:</u> (placed onto the Dovecote Pole) (Leave spaces between words and dates)



Note: allow 4 weeks to produce nameplates and bricks.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Contact number/email



### **CUT-A-COUPON**

Making a donation as a wonderful way to remember a special anniversary, to say "thank you," celebrate a special event, or to make a donation in memory of a special loved one or a friend who has passed away. Check the appropriate box below to tell us where you would like your donation to go.

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	Building Maintenance	\$
	Music Committee	\$
	Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	\$
	Office Supplies	\$
	Sunday School	\$
	Coffee Hour	\$
	Historian (storage containers)	\$
	Other (Please Specify)	

(Please make check payable to Broad Brook Congregational Church)

Total Amount of Donation \$

Your Name:
Phone Number:
Reason for Donation:

Send your request to: Board of Trustees

**Broad Brook Congregational Church** 

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Broad Brook, CT 06016





### Crocheting Fun With A Purpose!

Creative souls have a solution to the plastic bag over use dilema! Join them and explore your



explore your Own creativity and teach children and others how to crochet and weave bags and other items from plastic bags!









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