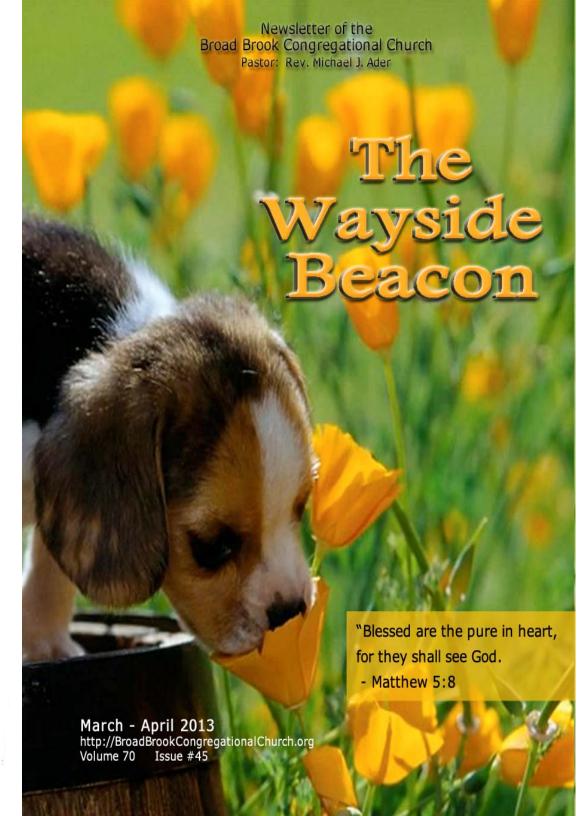
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Broad Brook, Connecticut 06016 22 Main Street



March - April 2013

The Wayside Beacon

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The Broad Brook Congregational Church

United Church of Christ 122 Main Street, P.O. Box 466 Broad Brook, Connecticut 06106 860.623.4547

Pastor	Pastor Rev. Michael J. Ader
Ministers	All members of the Congregation
Church Clerk	Kristin Curran
Assistant Clerk	
Treasurer	Robert Cormier
Organist	Dr. James Clark
Chair, Board of Deacons	Betty Stratton
Chair, Board of Trustees	Corin Jones
Sunday School Superintendent	
Chair, Bd. of Christian Education	
Moderator	Wade Signor
Secretary	Tomaca Govan
Bulk Mail Manager	Warren Wenz

$http:/\!/Broad Brook Congregational Church.org$

email: Info@BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org

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

March

- 2-Corned beef Supper
- 3-Communion

Confirmation Class meets @ 11:15 am

- 6- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 10-Lenten Lunch @ 11:15 am
 Daylight Savings Time begins (Turn Clocks ahead)
- 13- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 16- Deacons Meet @ 9am
- 17- Lenten Lunch @ 11:15am Confirmation meeting
- 20- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 24- Palm Sunday
 Easter Lily order forms are due
- 27- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 28- Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 pm
- 29- Ecumenical Good Friday Service @ 7pm @ St John's Episcopal
- 31- Easter Worship 10:00 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service at E. W. Cong'l Church (Scantic)

April

- 1- Communion
- 3- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 7 Council meeting with lunch @ 11:15 am
- 10- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 17- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 24- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 27- Deacons meet @ 9am

May

- 1- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 8- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 15- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 18- Deacons meet @ 9 am
- 19- Pentecost

Confirmation service during worship service.

- 22- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 29- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm

Fewer members, reduced pledges and achieving quorums at meetings are not the way we remember church not so many years ago. It was better then. Or was it?

Pastoral Passages

from Rev. Mike Ader



Interim Passages ... A Resurrection Story

Over the course of its history the church has taken on a variety of forms, said a variety of prayers and engaged in a variety of efforts for war and for peace. It has adapted itself very well to the times and the cultures that it serves.

In 20th century America, the church became more of an institution. Accredited seminaries provided professional degrees for clergy. Congregations built education wings and institutional kitchens. They also welcomed the post-war generation with religious education for all ages, Pilgrim Fellowship for the youth, couples clubs and dignified worship services. Their bells rang for worship, and we heeded their call.

Churches hired paid staff, not just clergy, but professional office, maintenance, and education staff as well. They governed with Roberts Rules of Order side by side with the Bible. Managing the institution and programs of the congregation became its "work," rather than evangelism.

Denominations organized nationally, governing domestic and foreign missions through boards and associations and numerous committees and commissions to address social justice issues. Advocacy for women's issues, peace and youth ministry flourished.

Denominational leaders were on the covers of magazines and in the newspapers. Churches were a cornerstone of community life. Clergy gave the invocation at town meetings, and school systems deferred

Pastoral Passages, contd.

to the churches for scheduling of extracurricular activities. Prayer kicked off public school football games and high school graduations.

But this is not how the church has always been. What has just been described is simply how the mainline Protestant church looked in some places of mid-20th century America. The church looked different a hundred years ago, and it will look different a hundred years from now.

We cannot keep beating ourselves up that we are not that church of 1955 any more, trying to maintain that model in a rapidly-changing 21st century. Those cultural factors that supported the massive build-up of the church back then are not part of our culture or society today. A new model of the church has to be formed and will be formed. Lamenting the past will not move us forward.

The best news is that God's Word will thrive no matter what. The Holy Spirit will continue to gather the church when, where and how it pleases, just as it has for over 2,000 years. So give thanks for what the church is and for the ways that God has worked through it. Look forward in faith to how the Spirit will move through this congregation. In this next century we will be challenged and empowered to carry out the same mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ as did our ancestors, only our methods will be different.

We are an Easter church and an Easter people. We are all about the Resurrection. Everything will one day die, but that is the way it is written. Jesus has shown us that out of death comes life, and that everything - even the church we love - dies and rises to new life with Christ.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

2013

The Season of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, is drawing to a close as we anticipate Easter. Easter occurs on March 30th. Our services for Holy week are:

Palm Sunday, March 24th

Worship service will be held at 10:00 a.m. with the distribution of Palm leaves by the children.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

Worship service will be held with Communion and the service of the Tenebrae at 7:00 p.m. First Communion will be served to those in the First Communion Class. At this service we will remember the final events of Jesus' life through sharing Communion, Scripture readings, and music. The extinguishing of the candles and the dimming of the lights symbolize the increasing solitude of Jesus as his death draws near.

Good Friday, March 29th

Ecumenical Service will be held at St John's Episcopal Church, Warehouse Point at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Ecumenical Sunrise Service will be held on the green near the East Windsor Cong'l Church (Scantic). Breakfast will follow at the church. Time to be announced.

At Broad Brook Congregational Church the Worship Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Together we will celebrate the good news of Jesus rising from the dead, not even death can separate us from the presence and love of God.

BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org

Our website is a very handy tool in these ever changing times. It offers visitors much insight to see what BBCC is all about. It shows our viewers how to contact us, tells them what programs we offer, shows them our calendar of events, mentions what types of fundraising we do, lists the mission programs we support, has The Wayside



Beacons for download, the minister's sermons and so on. It also helps 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.



ELECTRONIC SERMON DELIVERY!

Enjoy the convenience of receiving Sunday sermons via email. Put your email address on the yellow pad in the narthex or give it to Rev. Ader.

Children's Sermons Volunteers

March

3- Communion

10- Wade Signor

17- Tracey Nieroda

24-Rev. Ader

31- Linda York

April

7- Communion

14-Katherine Mickens

21 Dr. James Clark-

28- Rev. Ader



Pastoral Passages, contd.

Martin Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," captures this reality: Let goods and kindred go; this mortal life also; the body you may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever. Our church will change. Our church may even close its doors for a time. But our church, the church of Jesus Christ, can never die without rising again. Alleluia!

Lenten blessings, *Rev. Mike*



BBCC Sunday Sermons

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



Lay Readers

MARCH

3- Rich York

10- Deb Siekiera

17-Dr. James Clark

24- Tracey Nieroda

31- Mike Siekiera

APRIL

7-Wade Signor

14- Kristin Curran

21- Bob Cormier

28- Linda York

Address or Phone Changes?

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.



BOARD OF DEACONS



- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

The Lenten season started with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 13th. An Ecumenical

Ash Wednesday Service was held at St. John's Episcopal Church at 7:00 pm. The sanctuary at Broad Brook Congregational Church was stripped of its' brass for Lent in preparation for Easter and the celebration of Jesus rising from the dead. Easter will be on March 31st.

Rev. Ader has been teaching the Confirmation Class. Kayla Sauer will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday May 19th.

The Lenten Lunches will be held on March 10th, and March 17th. Rev. Ader will be leading the discussions. The topics of the discussions are "Appreciating Our Past", "Exploring our Call." A third luncheon will be held some time after Easter themed "Casting our Future." The Deacons will be serving homemade soup and bread. Come and join us for an hour of enrichment and lunch.

Don't forget that Eastern Standard Time begins on March $10^{\rm th}$. Turn your clock forward!

Palm Sunday is March 24th. The worship service is held at 10:00 am . Palms will be passed out by the children.

Maundy Thursday is Thursday March 28th. Our annual worship service will include the Service of Tennebrae. We will remember the final events of Jesus' life through sharing Communion, scripture readings and music. There will be First Communion for those who have been a part of the First Communion Class. Everyone is welcome to our service at 7:00 pm.

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BBCC Kids' Page

Picture you can color.



Jesus, God's Son, came to earth to help people everywhere.

Easter Lilies Order Form



16.

Please use a separate form for each order of Memorial Lilies.

Given by:		
In Memory Of:		

In Honor Of:

I will take the Lily after services on Easter morning.

____ Yes ____ No

OR

Each plant is \$13. Make checks payable to "Broad Brook Congregational Church." Return to Betty Stratton or Corin Jones by March 24, 2013.



Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall or contact as follows:

Lay Readers, Greeters & Children Sermons -

- Betty Stratton 860-623-2729

 Refreshments
 - Selma Grant
 860-623-3542

 Flowers
 - Corin Jones
 860-654-1877

Ride to Church - Rich York 860-623-4287

Notes of Cheer, etc. - Nancy Nodwell 860-623-6045

A Farmer's Daughter Selma Grant

BBCC's Featured Artist

When I was asked to write a piece about myself for the Wayside Beacon, my first thought was "Oh no, I can't do that -- I don't want to do that."



Then I quickly thought of a quote I'd recently read. It went something like this: "You must do that which you think you cannot do." More importantly, I thought of a quote from the Bible that I had written on a 3x5 index card 50 or 60 years ago when I was raising four young children. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians IV, 13).

I referred to that index card through the years of the usual small problems of childhood: the noise, the squabbling, the messes, the illnesses. And that quote on the index card <u>did</u> give me strength. Phil was a very good husband, but a farmer works long hours and doesn't have much time to change diapers, etc.

So how does one write about her life without using the words I, me, my or mine too much? Well, I don't know, but I'll try.

I was born on a farm in the small (population at that time was less than 1,000) town of Roxbury, Connecticut, the youngest in a family of five children. It was at the beginning of the Depression - the "real" depression, a time when most people were impoverished. Most people, that is, except our wealthy neighbors, some of whom lived and worked in New York City during the week and came out to the country on the weekends. One such childless couple wanted a baby and asked my parents if they could adopt me. Fortunately, my father said "No." I cannot imagine how my life would have been if I had been adopted.

My days as a young child were spent playing with one of my sisters who was only 20 months older than I was. We would freely wander through the fields and woods, play in the barns and in the brook, go wading and fishing and get excited about 6" trout. Often, we would make up games as we went along.

A Farmer's Daughter **Selma Grant BBCC's Featured Artist**

We went to a one-room schoolhouse, (one teacher for all eight grades) and to the Episcopal Church, though not every Sunday.

"Church" had no special meaning to me. We sat and listened; didn't understand but behaved as we were supposed to behave.

My mother was very strict. She also was quite sickly and died at the age of 46 when I was 10 years old. My father was more lenient and loving, and I idolized him.

After high school I went to UConn, where I met my future husband, Phil. At the end of my freshman year, my father died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 54, just before final exams. I was 19. My life was turned upside down.

After graduating from UConn with a 2-year certificate in agriculture, I was at loose ends, so I went to Chicago where a good friend was in nurses' training. I got at job in the hospital and rented a room in a private home for \$10 a week. That lasted for three months. Chicago was too much city for a farm girl. Besides, Phil was in Connecticut. I came back and we were married 1 1/2 years later, in 1951.

We joined the Broad Brook Congregational Church, which was Phil's family church. It was quite different from the church I grew up in. I liked the less formal service, the minister Rev. Ralph Beets and the friendliness of the people. I soon became involved and assisted with the nursery age children and have been on various committees, including Mission, Trustees, Stewardship, served as a historian and am presently on the Friendship Committee.

Phil and I have been married for 61 years now, and have been members of the Broad Brook Congregational Church for 60 years.

Oh - the index card? I still have it and occasionally look at, as I did a few days ago when asked to write my story.

Helping Hands

A mother, wishing to encourage her son's progress at the piano, bought tickets to a performance by the great pianist of the time. When the evening arrived, they found their seats near the front of the concert hall and



eyed the majestic Steinway waiting on the stage. Soon the mother found a friend to talk to, and the boy slipped away.

At eight o'clock, the lights in the auditorium began to dim, the spotlights came on, and only then did they notice the boy - up on the piano bench, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." His mother gasped in shock and embarrassment but, before she could retrieve her son, the master himself appeared on the stage and quickly moved to the keyboard.

He whispered gently to the boy, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Leaning over, This great master reached down with his left hand and began filling in the bass part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side and improvised a delightful obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice held the crowd mesmerized with their blended and beautiful music.

In all our lives, we receive helping hands - some we notice, some we don't. Equally we ourselves have countless opportunities to provide helping hands - sometimes we would like our assistance to be noticed, sometimes we don't.

Little of what we all achieve is without learning from others and without support from others and what we receive we should hand out.



http://www.inspiringstories-soulheartmind.com/

RECIPES FROM BBCC

Submitted by Debbie Siekiera

Since winter seems to be hanging on this year and I love to eat soup when it is cold out there, you've got to try this recipe! Mike has been making this recipe alternately with some of my other favorite soups all winter long. He likes to put this in his crock pot so it sure makes the house smell good all day!



TANGY BEAN SOUP (6 servings)

2 cans (14 1/2 oz ea) chicken broth (we use low sodium)

1 pkg (16 oz) frozen mixed vegetables 1 can (15 oz) black beans, rinsed & drained

1 can (15 oz) pinto beans, rinsed & drained

1 can (14 1/2 oz) diced tomatoes, undrained

1 medium onion, chopped

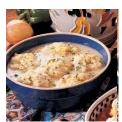
1 tblsp chili powder

1 tblsp minced fresh cilantro

4 garlic gloves, minced

1/4 teaspoon pepper

In a slow cooker, combine the first 10 ingredients. Cover and cook on high for 4 - 5 hours.



CORNMEAL DUMPLINGS:

1/2 cup all-purpose flour 1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

1/3 cup cornmeal

1 tablespoon sugar

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 egg

2 tablespoons milk

2 teaspoons canola oil

Dumplings: Combine the flour, cheese, cornmeal, sugar and baking powder in a bowl. In another bowl, combine the egg, milk and oil; add to dry ingredients just until moistened (batter will be stiff). Drop by heaping tablespoons onto soup. Cover and cook on high 30

minutes longer (without lifting cover on crock pot). After 30 minutes, test dumplings by inserting toothpick in center of dumpling, should come out clean.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March

Mr.& Mrs. Philip Chapman Mrs. Selma Grant Mrs. Cyndi LaCross Mrs. Debbie Signor Mr.& Mrs. Calvin Myers Miss Chelsea Morin Mr.& Mrs. Michael Siekiera Mar 17 Anniversary Mr. Michael Savoie Miss Katelyn Curran Mr. Joseph Bonelli Miss Patricia Savoie Mrs. Amanda DiMauro Dylan Brown

Mar 3 Anniversary Mar 4 Birthday Mar 4 Birthday Mar 9 Birthday Mar 10 Anniversary Mar 12 Birthday Mar 22 Birthday Mar 24 Birthday Mar 25 Birthday Mar 28 Birthday Mar 29 Birthday Mar 31 Birthday







Mrs. Carol Ballard Miss Victoria Sweet Mr.& Mrs. Robert Cormier Mrs. Patricia Harlan Mrs. Nancy Nodwell Mrs. Esther Chapman Mrs. Connie Cormier Ms. Katherine Mickens Mrs. Judie Nodwell Miss Soareena Reel-Skinner Mr.& Mrs. William A. Stratton Avery Jones Miss Chelsea Marquis

Miss Lyndsie Brown Miss Kristy Signor Mr.& Mrs. Jason DiMauro Miss Janis Emmette

Mr.& Mrs. Todd J. Emmette

Apr 2 Birthday Apr 4 Birthday

Apr 5 Anniversary

Apr 5 Birthday

Apr 5 Birthday

Apr 9 Birthday

Apr 9 Birthday

Apr 9 Birthday

Apr 11 Birthday

Apr 12 Birthday

Apr 16 Anniversary

Apr 17 Birthday

Apr 18 Birthday

Apr 20 Birthday

Apr 20 Birthday

Apr 20 Anniversary

Apr 26 Birthday

Apr 26 Anniversary

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Don't forget to like BBCC on Facebook!

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Debbie Siekiera

The committee took a 2-month break from fundraising as it is difficult to plan around the weather with the cold, snow and ice. Your safety is our concern. We wouldn't ask you to come out when we don't want to go out!

In February, Warren Wenz had another Monson Chocolate Fundraiser with a deadline of March 1st for orders. Our first "big" fundraiser begins with our Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper on Saturday, March 2nd. We are praying for the weather to hold out and not deliver us any more snow to add to the snow piles still out there from the blizzard.

The committee has not met to finalize the dates of all our fundraisers this year but our annual spring plant sale will be in May (11th?) and our TAG SALE is back! (YAY!!) This will be scheduled sometime in August. Plus there are a few more suppers and our annual Ecumenical Bazaar. Once the dates are firmed up, we will post them on the church's website. The dates will also be posted in our next edition of The Wayside Beacon.

For those of you who own a computer and haven't visited us yet on our website, please do! If you have any questions or if you would just like to leave us a message there, the website is a very useful communication tool above and beyond the usual phone call, when you know who to call!! You can read Rev. Ader's weekly sermons, catch up on some old Wayside Beacons, see what's happening on our Calendar of Events and so on. There are also ways to access donation/order forms to print out from your own computer. Or if you would like to order flowers in memory of a loved one, just send a message to us and we can help you with your request. With the addition of our website, BBCC is more accommodating since no one has to be at the church to check messages.

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

There's one more thing we need to point out here. We are always trying to keep our mailing list current. There are many avenues to help us to do this but the biggest help would be from you, our readers. If you or a loved one you know is on our mailing list and for some reason their living arrangements change or phone number changes, please remember to contact us with a current address or to discontinue their mailing. With yet another postal increase, we would like to reduce the amount of returned undelivered mail. Sometimes the post office returns a mailing because the number is wrong or missing. It is never the same with each mailing so it is hard to predict. Gone are the days when the postman knew where everyone lived and delivered the envelope anyway! They are very quick to return "undeliverable as addressed" now. Please as a courtesy, please check to see that your label is correct. If it is not, please call Debbie Siekiera (860) 627-5181 to have it corrected. Thank you for understanding. And, thank you for reading the Wayside Beacon!



Hope to see you Sunday in church!!

Baby Food Jars Still Wanted

2 ounce glass baby food jars are needed for craft projects. If anyone knows of a source or has some hanging around, please call Debbie Siekiera @ 860-627-5181.



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.



Mail-In Flower Dedication Form
check for \$17.50 payable to: <i>Broad Brook Congregational</i>
nail to us at: Broad Brook Congregational Church, P.O. Box ook, 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.

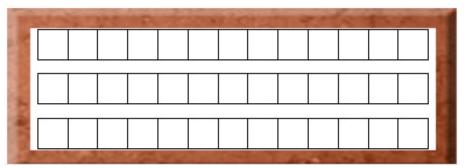
Memorial Garden Order Form

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:

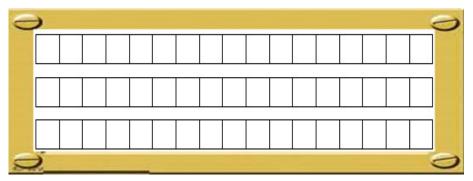
Memorial Garden

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)	\$
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Send your request to:

Board of Trustees

Broad Brook Congregational Church

P.O. Box 466

Broad Brook, CT 06016



BOARD OF DEACONS, continued

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

The Ecumenical Good Friday Service will be held on March 29th at St. John's Episcopal Church at 7 pm.

Easter is March 31st. The Ecumenical Easter Sunrise service and breakfast will be held at the East Windsor Congregational Church (Scantic). The time will be announced.

The Easter morning worship service at Broad Brook Congregational Church will be at 10 am. Together we will celebrate the good news of Jesus rising from the dead.

The Board of Deacons: Betty Stratton, Debbie Siekiera, Kristin Curran, Alice Wenz, Connie Cormier, and Bob Jones.



Our Condolences



Family of Tomaca Govan, our secretary, on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Virginia Nelson, R.N.

Family of Tracey Nieroda (Morin) on the passing of her father, Joseph.

Family of Gail Skinner on her passing.

Family of Carol Innes on the passing of her sister.

Family of Rev. Gregory Kendall on his passing. Rev. Knedall was pastor at Broad Brook Congregational Church from 1974-1984.

Bob and Connie Cormier on the passing of Bob's brother, Paul.