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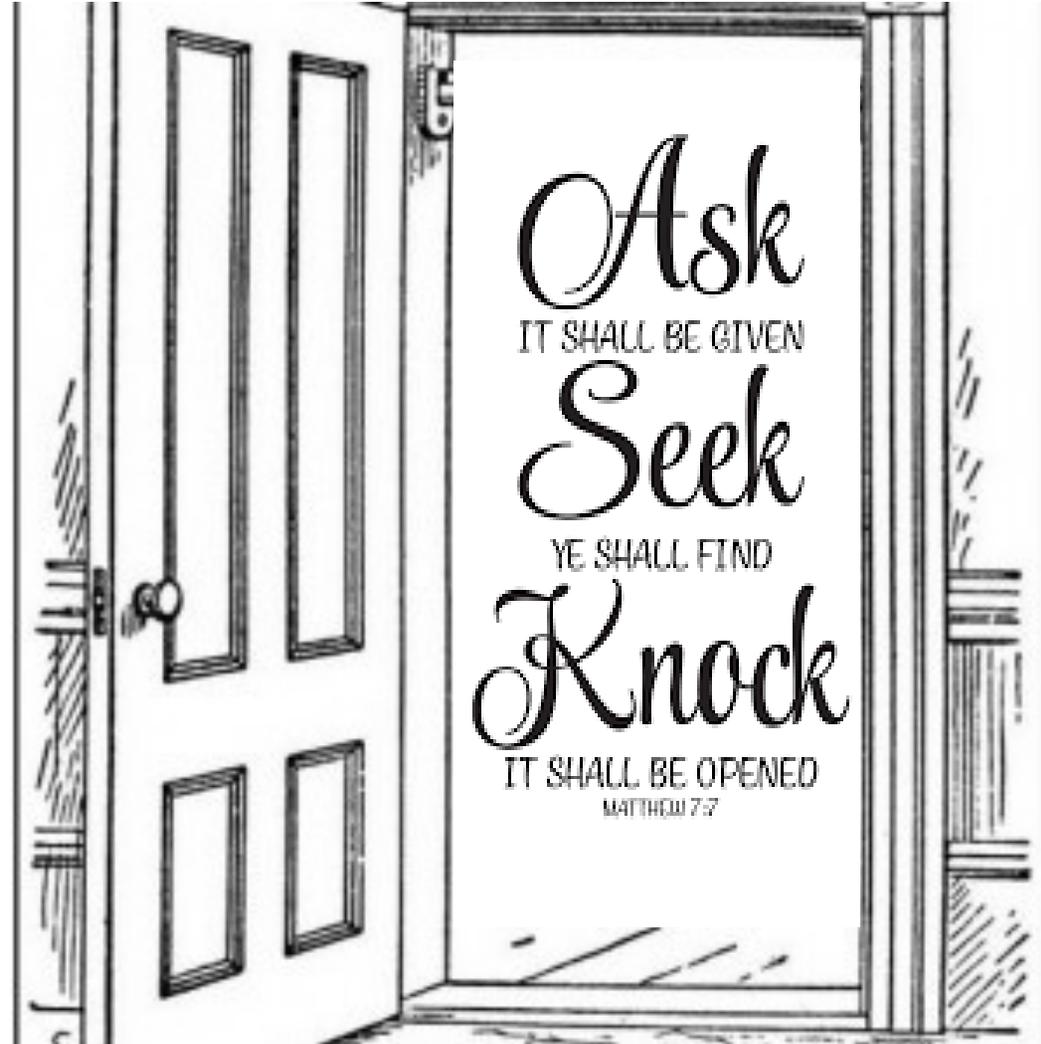
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Important Reminders:

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is January 28th. ANNUAL REPORTS DUE ON JANUARY 10TH.

Beacon

Articles and reports due on the 10th of each cycle. Final requests for changes due by the 20th.

Thank you.

Betty Stratton, Clerk pro tem

Pledge Cards

If you have not submitted your pledge card as yet and/or want envelopes for 2018, please see Bill Stratton.

Broad Brook Congregational Church

122 Main Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016
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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.

Rev. Lewis has office hours on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or by appointment. Calls for the Pastor should be made through the church office at 860-623-4547.

Please email staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org with announcements or corrections to the weekly Bulletin or the Beacon.

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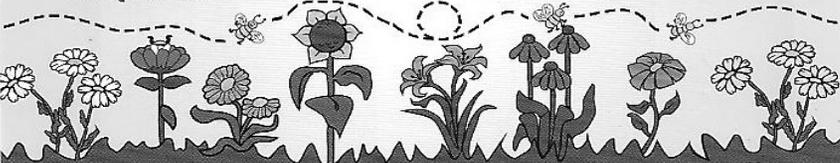
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*A Message From
 Rev. Carol Lewis*



Dear Friends,

I am home recuperating from surgery #1 and anticipating surgery #2. Thus, I will be out of commission for several months. Broad Brook Church will be under the care of our very capable lay people while I am recovering.

I am sad that I will be missing my favorite time of the church's seasons of Advent and Christmas.

I am going to miss you all terribly. I will be holding you in my prayers. I wish you all a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Blessings,
 Pastor Carol



Therefore

IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST,
HE IS A NEW CREATION;
OLD THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY;

Behold ALL THINGS HAVE
BECOME NEW.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

The Members of the Broad Brook Congregational Church are here-
by called to attend the Annual meeting/Potluck lunch to be held on
Sunday, January 28, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:30
am. Agenda items will include:

1. Hearing and accepting reports of officers, boards, and committees.
2. Election of officers, board and committee members for 2018.
3. Any other business thought proper when met.

Additional agenda items should be given to the moderator by Sunday,
January 21, 2018. A tentative agenda and copies of the annual re-
ports will be available prior to the meeting.

Wade Signor, Moderator

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FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

- Betty Stratton

Broad Brook Congregational Church is preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ.

As I am writing this ———The third week in Advent (Joy) is approaching, it is also the day of the Children's Christmas Program (Dec. 17). The children will be showing us the Christmas story by setting up the Nativity for the congregation under the direction of Linda York. There will be special refreshments after service.

The fourth week in Advent (Dec. 24th) morning service we light the candle of love., symbolizing that God's Love illuminates all hatred.

On Christmas Eve at the 7 PM service, the Christ candle is lit. Over the past 4 weeks we have been preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ. The Deacons would like to thank all of those who volunteered to read the litany and light the candles. They are: Wade and Debbie Signor, Sheri and Lyndsie Brown, Linda and Rich York and Bob and Connie Cormier.

On Dec. 20 (new date) there will be a Blue Christmas service. This is a special reflective service geared toward those who bear a heavy heart and just can't get into the Christmas spirit. The service is held in an atmosphere of quietness, with dim lights, soft music, scripture and prayers to help one reflect on their feelings during this season in a calmer, softer way. Everyone is welcome.

The morning Christmas eve service held on Dec. 24 at 10 am. The Rev. Joanne Myer will be preaching. The sanctuary will be beautified with poinsettias.

On Christmas Eve at 7 pm the traditional candle lighting, tree lighting service will be held. It is a service of lessons and Christmas Carols. Everyone is welcome

Rev. Carol has been home recovering from surgery. We thank Rev. Joanne Myer for helping us out and filling the pulpit as needed.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Clough will be serving Communion and preaching on January 7th. Rev. Clough the Eastern Regional Minister of the CT Conference of the United Church of Christ. We welcome him to Broad Brook Congregational Church.

Thank you to everyone who served as a greeter or lay reader during 2017.

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Ecumenical Bazaar

The bazaar was held on November 11th. The weather had been beautiful (warm temps) up until that day!!! So winter began, with it brought Mr & Mrs. Santa Claus and a very talented Elf who did up some cute face paintings that day. Thank you for enhancing our day with your presence and talent. I must say the elders enjoyed Santa as much as our children. As host church this year it was extra busy balancing the organization and splitting our crew between the booth and the food/kitchen needs. It seemed as though the foot traffic was lighter than usual but all-in-all sales were decent. Our chef was happy as he sold out of his soup for the day and we made a small profit in the kitchen that covered all the expenses. We have some very talented, very giving people in our church family, we owe them all a big thank you for everything they did to help us out and see the day through.

Pot Roast Supper

This was our last official scheduled fundraiser for the year. Due to the lateness of the month, held 12/16, we were a little worried no one would come but we were worried for nothing! Our diehard customers came and enjoyed the food and fellowship time as they normally do. We had unknowingly scheduled this supper on the same day as the town's torchlight parade with the fire department closing the road in between sittings. Our guests at our first seating had to leave promptly so not to be blocked in if they did not want to see the festivities. Our second setting had a little problem getting to us on time even though we had changed the time to start later. Our staff got to watch some of the parade and our guests got to enjoy some of the excitement before coming in. The food was fantastic, the help did a great job, I think a fun time was had by all. Thank you "all" very much for donating your time, working alongside us and sharing the fellowship time together. Merry Christmas!

(Ways & Means con't)

Our Next Fundraiser 3/3/18

January tends to be a full month with a start of a new year, the South Windsor Community Chorus Concert (more on this after), breaking down Christmas decorations at church and home, then there's BBCC's Annual Council Meeting, plus who knows what the weather will bring our way. It's already looking like we are in the snow weather pattern for this winter. Then brings February with the question of the weather being decent enough to venture out in and a Pot Luck Supper on the 17th with a free Concert by the Junior Bell Choir from the Ellington Congregational Church. February is where we get started on our Corned Beef and Cabbage supper plans. The tentative date for this supper is March 3rd, weather permitting. Mailers will be in the mail at least 3 weeks before that date. Your mailers will be your confirmation of the supper taking place. So save that date 3/3/18 for Corned Beef and Cabbage supper.

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Your Choir members would love to have you join them for a night of music and fun!
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Wade Signor, Joyce Bonelli & Linda York

Missions Committee

The Missions Committee wishes to thank the many people who bought food and gifts for the two families that we helped to give a brighter Thanksgiving and Christmas. All were so appreciated as the families struggle to provide food, shelter, clothes, and heat. Thank you for your generosity.

The Missions Committee completed the 2017 missions giving and special projects. Local giving included to The Five Corner Cupboard in East Windsor, an East Windsor Camp Scholarship, the East Windsor Hunger Action Team, Helping Hands, Pauline's Soup Kitchen, and a local fund to build a ramp for a handicapped man. State and National projects included The Salvation Army, The Hartford Seminary, The Alzheimer's Association, and Building Homes for Heroes. World projects included Smile Train and The World Vision Clean Water Project.

The Missions Committee will be meeting soon to plan for our 2018 Missions Giving and special projects. If you would like the church to support a worthy project or organization, please let the minister or a member of the committee know. (Linda York, Carol Lewis, Debbie Signor, Warren Wenz, and Katherine Mickens.) We are always looking for new ideas.



Calendar

January

6- Epiphany

7- Communion

10- Annual reports due

28- Annual meeting at 11:30 AM followed by a Potluck lunch

February

17- Bell Choir & Potluck

18- First Sunday in Advent



Constitution and By Laws change:

On page 22 in the Constitution and By- laws manual under

2. Business Meetings a. Annual Meeting.

In the 2012 Constitution and By Laws manual, the beginning of first sentence now reads “The Annual meeting shall be held on the fourth Thursday of January of each year”-- -- -- -- . It shall be changed to read: The Annual Meeting shall be held **any day each year during the last week of January with an inclement weather date during the following week if needed** to act on the yearly reports of Officers, Boards, Committees and Organizations of the Church, to elect Officers of the ensuing year, and to transact any other proper business.

Linda York and Betty Stratton, Constitution and By Laws

I will make a motion as such to be effective today, January 24, 2018.

Happy Birthday

January

- 6th- Mrs. Beth Siekiera Walker
- 9th- Mr. Zachary Siekiera
- 10th- Mrs. Janice Lang
- 13th- Miss Braelynn MacDonald
- 18th- Ms. Madelaine Clark
- 30th- Katie Siekiera



- 1st- Mrs. Joyce Bonelli
- 11th- Tyler Morin
- 12th- Mr. Jason DiMauro
- 14th- Mr. Jerry Marquis
- 14th- Abel James O'Hara (Townsend)
- 18th- Mrs. Penny Savoie
- 20th- Mr. Arthur Sweet
- 23rd- Miss Amanda Bonelli
- 28th- Miss Brittany Townsend

February

Lay Readers

January

7- Joyce Bonelli
14- Bob Cormier
21- Katherine Mickens
28- Warren Wenz

February

4- Mike Siekiera
11- Dr. James Clark
18- Debbie Signor
25-Rich York

Childrens Sermons

January

7- Communion
14- Katherine Mickens
21-Wade Signor
28- Rev. Carol

February

4- Communion
11- Carol Innes
18- Dr. James Clark
(1st Sunday in Lent)
25- Rev. Carol



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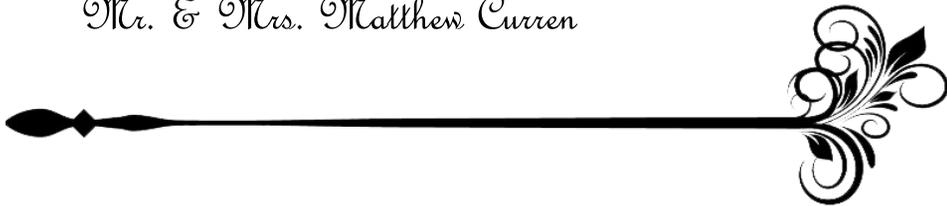
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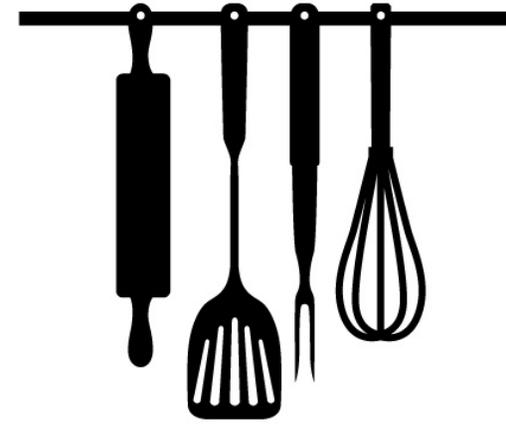
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Creamy Italian White Bean Soup



This time of year screams soups to us for dinner, not only are they very satisfying to eat, they make the best aromas in your kitchen. They are so easy to make, healthy, satisfying to eat, and usually very economically friendly to your food budget. We love the leftovers just as much, if not more, with the flavors marrying from storage in the fridge. We generally get 2 dinners and a lunch or 2 from one pot of any kind of homemade soup. So naturally, I chose another soup recipe for you to try. This hearty and healthy soup sounds more difficult due to the blending but it is so good. The blending can be an actual option but you will lose the creamy nature of the soup. Serve it up with some grated Parmesan cheese, plus some garlic bread, biscuits or simple favorite crackers as a side. We tend to choose recipes with ingredients we like to eat and usually have on hand. This soup does not require very many ingredients we would need to run out to buy and it is meatless, so it is a good option for us in a pinch. Another plus it takes less than an hour to have it ready and on the table. You won't be sorry to try this one..... I am most certain of it!!

Tell us how you did; post your results on our facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/BBCongregationalChurch>

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil (canola and olive oils are good too)
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 (16 ounce) cans white kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (14 ounce) can chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 cups water
- 1 bunch fresh spinach, rinsed and thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Directions

1. In a large saucepan, heat oil. Cook onion and celery in oil for 5 to 8 minutes, or until tender. Add garlic, and cook for 30 seconds, continually stirring. Stir in beans, chicken broth, pepper, thyme and 2 cups water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and then simmer for 15 minutes.

2. With slotted spoon, remove 2 cups of the bean and vegetable mixture from soup and set aside.

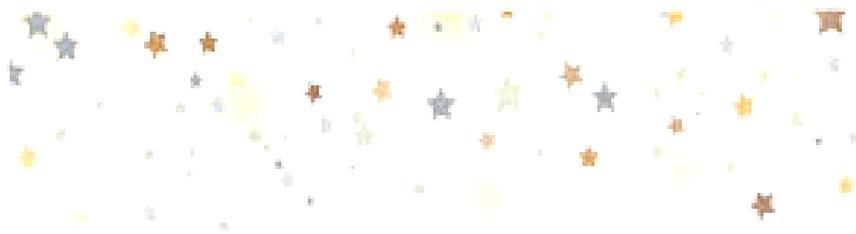
3. In blender at low speed, blend remaining soup in small batches until smooth, (it helps to remove the center piece of the blender lid to allow steam to escape.) Once blended pour soup back into stock pot and stir in reserved beans.

4. Bring to a boil, occasionally stirring. Stir in spinach and cook 1 minute or until spinach is wilted. Stir in lemon juice and remove from heat and serve with our favorite fresh grated Parmesan cheese on top.

Volunteers always welcome! We can use a hand with:

- Food pantry donations/collection
- Refreshments after church service
- Prep and clean up for fundraisers
- Lay readers and greeters
- And more





HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:11

Let us love

not in word or speech,
but in truth and action

1 John 3:18

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:22-24)

Our Mission

We are a caring family of God where all people are welcome to share in spiritual growth, guidance, fellowship, and support. We work together to spread God’s love and the words and mission of Jesus

