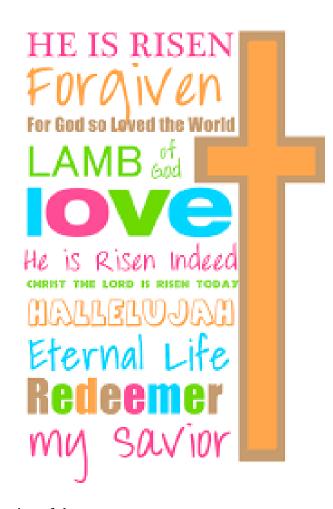
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United Church of Christ 122 Main Street, Broad Brook, CT 06016

The Wayside BEACON

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BBCC Mission Statement



Our Mission Statement
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 Christ to others.

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Rev. Carol B. Lewis All Congregation Members Wade Signor Robert Cormier Dr. James Clark Betty Stratton



Sunday Worship Services are held at 10:00 AM on Zoom.

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—due to Covid restrictions, Rev. Lewis is not holding office hours at this time.

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

Important Reminders:

The Deacons is strongly considering opening the church for worship and Sunday School on May 2, 2021. Masks must be worn and social distancing will be required.

Zoom worship meetings:

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Password: 9878625

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THE WEEKLY BULLETIN WITH REV. CAROL'S MESSAGE CAN BE FOUND ON FACE BOOK, E-MAILS AND SOME ARE PRINTED AND MAILED TO MANY WHO ARE WITHOUT A COMPUTER.

A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis

Here we are, as another Lenten Season is upon us, and we are still meeting for worship on Zoom. We continue to be careful as the pandemic rages on, even with vaccines making progress.

We will be journeying into a Lenten Season of Recovery. We will be using the image of beach glass/sea glass. While not all of us live on the beach, most have visited a beach at one time or another. I grew up about 200 feet from the Atlantic Ocean and spent many hours on the beach.

It became a place of joy, peace, and healing for me. I hope as we progress on our journey that you find this imagery a metaphor for peace, healing, and joy as well.

Friends, I pray for ongoing healing and strength in this time. May you not merely survive, but find yourselves in moments of thriving. May the Spirit give you life and breath you never imagined available in this time.

Grace and Peace,



- Betty Stratton

The Board of Deacons met via zoom on March 5. The Officers will remain the same for 2021: Betty Stratton is Chairperson and Debbie Siekiera is Secretary.

The Board of Deacons is strongly considering opening Broad Brook Congregational Church for worship services and Sunday School on May 2, 2021. This will be pending on updated data from the Governor and CDC. The Social Distancing rule will be followed and masks will be required to be worn at all times.

Easter worship service to be held April 4th at 10:00 am on Zoom. (see the article on Zoom Meetings for details)

A special worship service will be held on May 30 when we will honor all the "Saints" that Broad Brook Congregational Church lost this past year.

Our Condolences to the families of all the Broad Brook Saints we have loss this past year.

They are:

Carol Ballard was a member for 68 years, Warren Wenz,he was a member for 21 years, Tyler Morin , he was a member for 14 years, Selma Grant, she was a member for 68 years. Connie Cormier , she was a member for 13 years and-Nancy Nodwell she was a member for 53 years.

We will certainly miss all of them.





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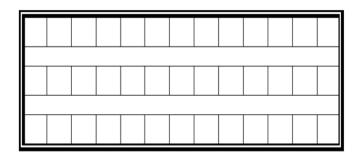
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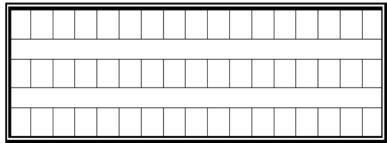
Memorial Garden Brick:

(placed within the garden, along the path, on the mulch) (Leave spaces between words and dates)



Memorial Garden Nameplate:

(placed onto the Dovecote Pole) (Leave spaces between words and dates)



Note: allow 4 weeks to produce nameplates and bricks.

Name	
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We are very hopeful that the Sunday School children will be welcomed back to church soon. The Board of Deacons is hoping to open Broad Brook Congregational Church for Worship and Sunday School on May 2, 2021. Information will be sent to the parents as soon as the final decision is made. We miss our children and the energy/enthusiasm they bring to our church. It has been too long since we have been together, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again. We wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy Easter. Please join us for our Zoom Easter Service on April 4, 2021. Please contact Linda York with any questions. (Lyork76769@sbcglobal.net)



Missions Committee

The Missions Committee continues to support the 5 Corner Cupboard with food collections from the congregation and collections in the community. Any donations are highly appreciated especially at this time of need for many families. This is true also for the many organizations on the front line fighting this virus and keeping us safe. We thank Wade Signor for picking up food from our donation boxes in the community and taking the food to the food bank each week. We thank the community for their generous donations of food.

The Mission's Committee is looking for suggestions of worthy local, state, national, and international organizations to donate our budgeted mission's money to. Please give your suggestions to Linda York, Carol Lewis, Debra Signor, or Katherine Mickens. We will continue to give to the food bank and a scholarship to an East Windsor High School graduating senior. The committee thanks everyone for their generosity and time to help others. Now is a time to help if we can and seek help when we need it.





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Hymnals Order Form

Each hymnal costs \$20.00. To donate a hymnal to the church, fill out the following form, neatly printing how the front inside cover donation plate should read. Turn in this form and a check for \$20.00 to BBCC, indicating "hymnal fund" in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.

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Please send your donation to:
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Broad Brook Congregational Church
122 Main Street
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Thanks to

Broad Brook
Gardens
for our wonderful
flower
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Ways and Means

Hello readers! It's been a decent enough winter for it to not add more hardships on us as we continue to move on through this pandemic. With the spring weather at our doorsteps, more of us our looking ahead to get out in our yards to spruce it up after the winter dormancy period. We all can use a new focus as we work through resuming schedules that have been placed on hold for our safety for so long now. Still on hold however is fundraising events. In lieu of such activities, please consider supporting any of our missions projects or yearly property maintenance performed to keep our doors open such as organ/piano tuning, weekly grass maintenance, office machine upkeep, weekly general cleaning and so forth.

We are happy to announce that BBCC has plans for reopening it's doors in May! YAY! The Governor has lifted the restrictions on religious place gatherings. Most of us has participated with our weekly Zoom Sunday morning church services and was grateful for this opportunity. As comfortable as that was with not having to get out of our slippers, enjoy our morning beverage all the while listening and participating to our Pastor's sermon and hearing each of our journeys through the week, it still isn't the same as meeting in person. Plus we were still missing quite a few of our friends and members that doesn't participate with the technology advances. We didn't forget them as we all tried keeping in touch with them via phone calls, texts, cards and visits (where precautions were safely taken). BBCC will continue to monitor the recommended guidelines of social gatherings by providing hand sanitizer stations, masks will be worn (extra masks will be available) and spacing guides will be set.

Ways & Means Con't

In addition to opening our doors in May, we have plans of our own for sprucing up our church grounds on Saturday May 15th from 9am to noon. Many hands are invited to help prepare the earth for new growth and help beautify the land-scape as it is meant to be. It's fairly a relatively easy routine maintenance such as raking/weeding/pulling out overgrowth from over wintering and laying new mulch as is needed. We welcome high school students to join us as community service credits will be awarded for their help. Plus we will be providing a lunch (pizza) at noon for all who attend. All extra help is encouraged and would be very much welcomed. So please join us as we tackle a green event! Gardening tools will be provided but please bring your own garden gloves. We will have disposable gloves available otherwise. Hope to see some new faces! Happy Spring Everyone!!



CALENDAR

APRIL 4- EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 18 ZOOM COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15- OUTDOOR (YARD) CLEAN UP.
9-12 NOON LUNCH PROVIDED
MAY 22- RAIN DATE FOR CLEAN UP



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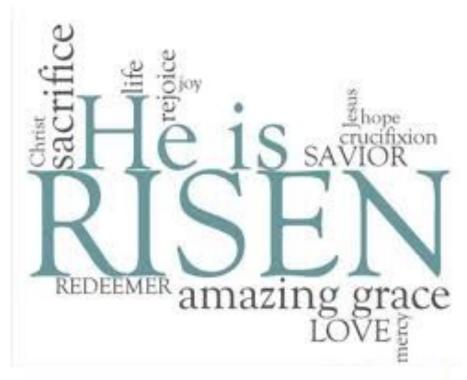
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Volunteers for BBCC always welcome! We can use a hand with:

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





God Bless All the Mothers!

"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:31 For the children in your life, start the new year off right! Registration is also available online!



Contact us for more information!



Mr. & Mrs. William A. Stratton	Apr 16th
Mr. & Mrs. Jason DiMauro	Apr 20th
Mr. & Mrs. Craig W. Arnold	May 6th
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bonelli	May 7th
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McNeely	May 9th
Mr. & Mrs. John D. Ivanisin	May 12th
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Walker	May 16th
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Nodwell	May 24th

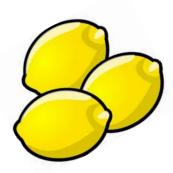
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My recipe for this Beacon is mostly a one dish meal. It packs a punch with flavor. (Warning the garlic shines through immensely.) We take a break from eating meals with meat from time to time that includes vegetables. With this meal we like to add a side salad to complete the satiety and vegetable portions. This meal does provide the opportunity to serve up a side of meat like adding grilled chicken, shrimp, chicken sausages, fish or other preferences. For those who just love to have their bread with this, try some garlic bread, sticks or knots. (stock up on the tums though with all the garlic!) I absolutely love this dish because of the flavor, it is not boring and so easy to make! Another easy meal when time is crunched! It doesn't disappoint <3!!





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

Happy Birthday April



Victoria Sweet	4th
Patricia Harlan	5th
Katherine Mickens	9th
Soareena Reel-Skinner	12th
Waylon Siekiera	14th
Avery Jones	17th
Chelsea Marquis	18th
Lyndsie Brown	20th
Kristy (Signor) Easton	20th

Alice Wenz	1st
Tomaca Govan	1st
Mary Myers	3rd
Michael Siekiera	3rd
William Morin	3rd
Christopher Walker	5th
Abigael Nodwell	10th
Mikaela Nodwell	10th
David Conant	12th
Carol Innes	13th
Alex Velazquez	14th
Mary DiMauro	18th
Peter Pippin, III	18th
Hyla McNeely	19th
Ashley Fuller	20th
Alana (Signor) Curren	21st
Betty Stratton	21st
Orissa McMahon	25th
Amelia Walker	25th
Gregory McNeely	27th
Andrea McNeely	28th
Jessica Griffin	29th







Lemon Artichoke Pasta Ingredients (makes 6 servings)

- •12 oz uncooked spaghetti, broken in half
- •4 cups unsalted chicken stock (or vegetable stock for vegetarians)
- •2 TBSP lemon juice
- •1 cup fresh parsley, loosely packed
- •1 (14 oz) can quartered artichoke hearts in water, drained
- •1/4 cup olive oil
- •2 ½ tsp lemon garlic or lemon pepper rub
- •4 garlic gloves, pressed (or *finely* chopped if you don't have a garlic press)
- •2 medium zucchinis (cut into julienne strips, = approx. 2 cups)
- •2 oz fresh parmesan cheese (finely grated = $\frac{1}{2}$ cup)
- •Salt, seasoned to taste (totally optional)



Directions

- 1. In a microwaveable 4 or 5 qt dutch oven or deep covered casserole dish (such as Corelle), add the spaghetti, stock, and lemon juice. Microwave covered for 8 minutes.
- 2. Meanwhile, finely chop the parsley, in a food processor. Add the artichokes, oil, rub, and garlic. Process again, scraping down the sides of the bowl, until the artichokes are coarsely chopped.
- 3. Carefully remove the dutch oven from the microwave; stir. Return to the microwave covered. Continue to microwave the pasta mixture for an additional 8 minutes (until the pasta is tender).
- 4. Trim the ends off of the zucchini, cut into 3" julienne strips.
- 5. Once the pasta is done cooking, remove from microwave, add the artichoke mixture, zucchini, and the parmesan cheese. Toss to coat. (This is where you can season with salt to taste.) Let stand covered for about 5 minutes before serving.



Lay Readers

MAY:

2- Joyce Bonelli

9-Wade Signor Mother's Day

16-Karla Vince

23-Dr. James Clark

30-Rich York

JUNE:

6- Mike Siekiera

13- Debbie Signor Children's Day

20-Joyce Bonelli Father's Day

27-Katherine Mickens



Deuteronomy 1:31

"...and in the wilderness.

There you saw how the

Lord your God carried

you, as a father carries his

son, all the way you went

until you reached this

place. "

