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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.

Broad Brook Congregational Church

122 Main Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016
860-623-4547



Broad Brook Congregational Church

Bridge Pastor
Ministers
Moderator
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Pastor Brian Baeder
All Congregation Members
Wade Signor
Rich York
Dr. James Clark
Betty Stratton



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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.

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



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Pastor's Paragraphs



Happy New Year!!

Jan and I certainly thank everyone for the generous gift we received at Christmas. It is sincerely appreciated and we're looking forward to enjoying the Boar's Head Festival!

The end of one year and the beginning of another is usually a time to look back to what has been and to look forward to what can be. To look back or not to look back includes both the positive as well as the negative things. To look forward to what can be or should be possible is also an important exercise.

The prophet Joel, inspired by God, spoke as follows: "I will pour out my Spirit on all mankind. Your old people shall dream dreams and your young people shall see visions".

It is important to dream, to try to imagine how, for example, we can help in some small way to make the world a better place. "I have a dream", these words have been immortalized by Martin L. King. The dream was a clear vision of where he wanted to take his people: calling them from bondage to freedom. It was like an Exodus event. Not all of us are called in this way to be leaders. But all of us are called to make our own contribution to its realization. All are called to make a difference in our own and others lifestyles.

Another great visionary of our time was Nelson Mandela. In just a few short sentences he described his life's journey as "The long walk to freedom".

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, writes about the mystery hidden for all ages in God and which now has been made known to us in Christ. It is the dream or vision of God's plan for the world and the mission of the Church in that plan: to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

(Pastoral Paragraphs con't)

Jesus, our Savior and God, became human to give us full freedom as Children of God. In Jesus and with Jesus we can realize all our dreams and hopes because he said: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart: and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light".

On the threshold of the New Year 2023, I thank you for your support and warm welcome during my first six months at Broad Brook Congregational Church and I truly look forward to a long relationship as your Settled Pastor.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Brian



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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.

Hymnal Donated by:

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In Honor of:

Please send your donation to:

Music Committee
Broad Brook Congregational Church
122 Main Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016



Thanks to
**Broad Brook
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for our wonderful
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arrangements!



Please keep you and your family, community and fellow BBCC members safe by following all CDC guidelines pertaining to the Covid-19 virus. Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face. Stay safe!



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS
- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

- Betty Stratton

The Deacons spent their time getting ready for Advent and Christmas. Pastor Brian is very prompt with getting the bulletins ready for Chinue, our secretary to publish each week. It is a pleasure working with Pastor Brian.

The all-church pageant was held on December 11 and was fun to have so many of the congregation participating. There were parts for everyone. Thank you to Linda York for her direction of the Christmas Story. There was a pot luck lunch held after the worship service with special ice cream treats.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were filled with the spirit of Christmas. Music by the choir and Pastor Brian.

Now looking forward to 2023. The Deacons will be meeting in February, if anyone has any ideas for us to discuss, please speak to one of us or Pastor Brian.

FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone whom donated altar flowers during 2022. These always help to beautify the Altar each Sunday and on Special Holidays like Easter and Christmas, these special flowers were also much appreciated. Thank You.

Ways and Means

There is not much to report for extra fundraising activity from our committee. Since this past summer, as you should know by now, BBCC was blessed with a new pastor to guide us forward. Our fall months have been very busy with something just about every weekend. We have been learning more about each other, introducing him to our church and community, all while healing our own faith journey from not having a settled pastor for better than half a year. We have been in a honeymoon period with our new pastor and his wonderful wife, showing them off at every chance we get, they are a package deal! BBCC has truly been blessed to have found a positive dynamic duo! We've now settled in and plan on getting a new groove on in the new year. It's been a crazy year of uncertainties so it's time to put that on the back burner now and move forward.

I would like to encourage everyone to join us on Sunday mornings to hear the pastor bring us good news about God's work in us and around us all while we reload our faith gas tanks. He is very good about sticking to the hour service. The rest of us tend to linger longer after the service during refreshment time as we all share our life's journey for the week with each other. This time with each other is priceless and not about to change. We genuinely care for each other, as the saying goes "Friends are our chosen Family". This is so true at Broad Brook Church. There are so many wonderful families in our little church. It's good to see some old friends return to meet our new pastor. For our friends who've moved away, try to fit a visit to the church one Sunday morning when visiting CT. We miss you and would love to catch up.

Our best to you always in the coming New Year!

Survey Results are in!

Many of you will be happy to know that we will continue to mail our bi-monthly newsletter to your mailboxes. I had a few address updates which is always beneficial but did not change the number of Beacons that get mailed. So, try to remember to update any address information we have on file for you if anything changes so we can continue to deliver a newsletter right to your mailbox. You can send us a notecard via mail to the church at PO Box 466 Broad Brook, CT 06016 or go online and email us at staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org.

Important Reminders:

Pastor Brian's office hours are usually on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10AM to 2PM. This may vary depending upon seminars offered by the UCC or meetings with the Hartford East Association. Please call the office at 860-623-4547 before coming to be sure he is available. He may be reached by texting 860-992-9438, emailing brianbaeder@sbcglobal.net or calling (emergencies only please) 860-992-9438.

The Five Corner Food Pantry Thanks everyone!

The Devotional booklets "Our Daily Bread" for the months of September, October and November are available in the table in the Narthex and in the fellowship hall. Please help yourself.

There are openings for weekly altar flowers in 2023. The new lists are available. Please sign up on the list hanging on the bulletin board in the Fellowship hall. The cost is \$25.00. They can be given in memory or honor of a loved one. See Joyce Bonelli or Betty Stratton for questions.

Pledge Envelopes:

Pledge envelopes are now available on the table in the Narthex. Anyone who did not pledge and would like offering envelopes, please see Bill Stratton.

Anyone who would like a record of their 2022 donations to Broad Brook Congregational Church, please see Bill Stratton.

The Members of the Broad Brook Congregational Church are hereby called to attend the Annual meeting/Potluck lunch to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:15 am. A pot luck lunch will be held. Agenda items will include:

- Hearing and accepting reports of officers, boards, and committees.
- Election of officers, board and committee members for 2023
- Vote on the Call to Pastor Brian to become the settled Pastor of Broad Brook Congregational Church
- Vote on the Active Membership role update
- Any other business thought proper when met.

Additional agenda items should be given to the moderator by Sunday, January 22, 2023 A tentative agenda and copies of the annual reports will be available prior to the meeting.

Wade Signor, Moderator

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

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 _____

Contact number/email _____



Sunday School has children again. Hooray! We are using *The Whole People of God* curriculum which follows the Revised Lectionary used in church. The children had fun preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas activities along with hearing stories from the Bible.

On December 11, 2022, we presented an all-church pageant involving the entire congregation to act out the Christmas story. Linda York wrote the play called "Listen to the Sounds of the First Christmas". The congregation acted out the story as Mary, Joseph, town people, animals, angels, shepherds, wisemen, and a star. Costumes and props were provided by the church. Linda York told the story and directed the action. All appeared to enjoy acting out the story bringing the meaning of Christmas into our hearts. An all-church potluck luncheon followed the service. As always, the food was delicious, and the fellowship was fun and relaxing.

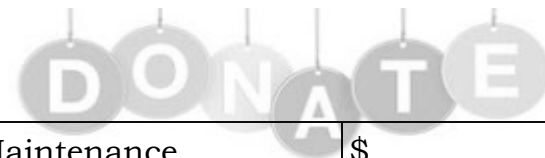


Missions Committee

The Mission's Committee continues to support the Five Corner Cupboard with food collections from the congregation and collections in the community. Debra Signor organized a special collection during November. The baskets were overflowing with much needed food and personal items that were delivered to our community's ecumenical pantry. Thank you to the congregation for all their kindness and continued support. We thank Wade and Debra 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 missions committee gives money and collection support to local, national, and international needs. This year we focused mostly on local needs. Local needs supported by our budget included: a senior citizen birthday lunch, a camp scholarship for East Windsor Parks and Recreation, an East Windsor High School scholarship, the food pantry, and East Windsor Parks and Recreation activities. We also gave to the Ukraine Relief Fund.

The Mission's committee will be meeting soon to give to international, national state and local needs. Please give your suggestions to Linda York or Debra Signor. The committee thanks everyone for their generosity and time to help others. We invite new members to the committee. Please let Linda or Debra know if you are interested in being a member of the Mission's Committee.



Building Maintenance	\$
Music Committee	\$
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	\$
Office Supplies	\$
Sunday School	\$
Coffee hour	\$
Historian	\$
Deacon Wish List	\$
Discretionary Fund	\$
Other (Please Specify)	\$
Total Amount of Donation	\$

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Name:

Phone:

Reason for Donation:

Drop in collection plate or mail to:
Board of Trustees
Broad Brook Congregational Church
PO Box 466
Broad Brook, CT 06016

Happy Birthday

January

Beth Siekiera Walker	6th
Christopher Couillard	7th
Kaitlyn Rouleau	8th
Zachary Siekiera	9th
Janice Lang	10th
Braelynn MacDonald	13th
Madelaine Clark	18th
Joyce Cahoon Rookstool	22nd
Katie Siekiera	30th



February

Joyce Bonelli	1st
Jerry Marquis	14th
Abel O'Hara (Townsend)	14th
Penny Savoie	18th
Arthur Sweet	20th
Amanda Wallace	23rd
Brittany Townsend	28th

Debbie's Kitchen Corner



Angel Hair Lo Mein

Because we are already in the new year and probably going to focus on eating a little healthier for at least the first part of the year before we all fall back into old habits!! *You have to give this one recipe a try!* It's an excellent main or side dish to complement any meal. You can serve a side of any type of meat with this or just go vegetarian with it. This pasta combination is so flavorful you can't stop eating it! We like meat so our new favorite meat side to this meal is from the freezer section of the grocery store. It's called Caulipower, not a typo!! It markets itself as the "New Chick on the Block". It's baked chicken tenders made with whole white chicken meat with a crispy coating of rice flour & cauliflower and gluten free (a bonus for any diet). Mike throws it in the air fryer (you can use a toaster oven too) to crisp them up some and oh my, what a meal. Except for watching the portion size and forget the side of bread, this is an awesome tasting meal! Fairly healthy may I add! To make it healthier, just substitute the pasta with one of the healthier versions available now on the market that your taste palette can tolerate! There's so many to choose from, yay!! Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup reduced sodium chicken broth
- 3 Tbsp low sodium soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- ½ pkg Angel Hair pasta
- 2 Tbsp peanut or vegetable oil
- 1 ½ cups fresh broccoli florets
- 1 cup diagonally sliced carrots
- 1 ½ cups thinly slice Bok choy or celery
- 1 ½ cups sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 cup thinly sliced sweet red pepper strips
- ½ cup sliced green onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Sesame oil (optional)



Directions

Instructions:

In small bowl, stir together soy sauce and cornstarch; set aside.

Cook the pasta according to the pkg directions. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large skillet or wok over med-high heat. Add the broccoli and carrots, stir-fry for 3 minutes. Add the Bok choy, mushrooms, red pepper, onion and garlic; stir-fry another 3 minutes or until tender.

Stir the cornstarch mixture into the vegetables. Cook, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens; then remove from heat.

Add the hot drained pasta to the vegetable mixture until well blended. Sprinkle with the sesame oil if desired.

Makes about 6 servings



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

LAY READERS

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
1	Dr. James Clark	5	Karla Vince
8	Joyce Bonelli	12	Joyce Bonelli
15	Wade Signor	19	Wade Signor
22	Rich York	26	Dr. James Clark
29	Debbie Signor		

Welcome Pastor Brian!

The Deacons, based on favorable feedback from the Congregation, are pleased to announce that we have extended a call offering to Pastor Brian Baeder to become our new permanent settled pastor. Pastor Baeder has accepted the Deacon's offer. Official completion of the call is contingent upon a confirming vote by the congregation at the annual meeting to be held January 29th, 2023. All members of the Broad Brook Congregational Church are hereby invited to attend the annual meeting held on January 29, 2023 to vote on this issue and to conduct any other business thought proper. We look forward to this covenant in Christ's name to worship together, provide nurture to others and growth to our church.



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



Gary & Judy Tetrault	Jan 6th
Rev. Dr. Joseph & Laura Callahan	Jan 10th
Mr. & Mrs. Mathew (Signor) Curren	Jan 28th

Calendar

JANUARY	
1	Happy New Year 2023
6	Epiphany
8	Communion
15	Annual Reports Due for Annual Meeting
29	Annual Meeting @ 11:15am w/ potluck
FEBRUARY	
5	Communion
14	Valentine's Day
22	Ash Wednesday
26	First Sunday in Lent
LOOKING AHEAD	
4-02	Palm Sunday
4-06	Maundy Thursday
4-09	Easter



Poinsettias Dedications

2022

Pastor Brian and Jan Baeder in Memory of Loved Ones

Pastor Brian and Jan in Honor of the Congregation at Broad Brook Congregational Church

Deborah A. Breton in Memory of all her sisters, Nancy L. Main, Ellen Pollard and Cynthia Macri & her brother, Richard E. Lane III

Deborah A. Breton in Memory of her husband, Normand E. Breton & her mother, Althea H. Lane

Deborah A. Breton in Memory of her sister Anne Phelps and sister in-law Tina Lane

Allen Foster in Memory of Grace and Lester Foster

Andrea Hutchinson in Memory of her parents, Bill and Gerry Arnold and her sister Nancy Nodwell

Carol Innes in memory of her parents, Lila and Charles, and her brother, Calvin Innes

Jan Lang in Memory of her husband, Donald Lang

Sheila Sharos in Memory of her husband, Charles

Sheila Sharos and Sandra Mara in Memory of Loved Ones

The Siekiera Family in Memory of their parents

The Siekiera Family in Memory of all Family Members who are heavenly Angels now

The Siekiera Family in Memory of Joe Bosco

The Stratton Family in Memory of our parents, Ruth and Ashley Stratton and Ruth and Earl Camp

Ashley, Emma, Isabelle and Orissa McMahon in Loving Memory of their mother, Carol-Anne (Stratton) McMahon

The Stratton Family in Honor of all family and friends who have been so supportive this past year

Sandy Taylor in Memory of her parents, Edna and Stanley Taylor

Karla and Bill Vince in Memory her parents Walter and Carolyn Feldman

Alice Wenz in Memory of her husband Warren

Linda and Rich York in Memory of Harold, Frances and Bruce Sheldick

Linda and Rich York in Memory of his father, Richard C. York Sr.

