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## **Important Reminders:**

### **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 AND ENVELOPES**

PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR 2019 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PLEDGED TO BROAD BROOK CONG'L CHURCH. THEY WILL BE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. AFTER DEC 24<sup>th</sup>.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE. EXTRA PLEDGE CARDS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX AND ON THE TABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

ANYONE WHO DID NOT PLEDGE AND WOULD LIKE OFFERING ENVELOPES ONLY. PLEASE SEE BILL STRATTON.

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE A RECORD OF THEIR 2018 DONATIONS TO BROAD BROOK CONG'L CHURCH, PLEASE SEE BILL STRATTON.

**The 2019 Altar flower donation chart is now hanging on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. There are plenty of Sundays available to sign up for flowers. They are \$22.00 each.**

## **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](mailto:staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org) with announcements or corrections to the weekly Bulletin or the Beacon.

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## A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



We will soon be celebrating Epiphany and the season of Epiphany. We are giving out star gifts on Epiphany Sunday. Scripture tells us the three kings followed the star in order to bring gifts and to worship the new King, a babe born at Christmas. We give out stars with a word on each one. That word is meant as a gift to the person who picked it and to be a guide in the life of that individual. It is hoped that the person will put it in a prominent place where it will be seen every day.

You cannot choose your star. They are placed in the basket word side down and you just take the first star your hand touches. It is amazing how that word becomes significant to you in the coming year. On Epiphany Sunday this year I will be asking if anyone would like to share what last year's word meant to them. It is a fun way to see how everyone used their word plus it allows interaction between me and the you. That way I get to hear from you.

As we enter this new year we will be studying the book "Smaller Churches: Real Possibilities for Hard Times," by David R. Ray. That will begin Sunday Jan. 13 after worship. We will have soup and bread for a light lunch. The frequency of our meetings will be determined at our meeting on the 13th. This book may also be supplemented if needed by information gleaned from my course at Hartford Seminary about the emerging church, the millennials, the "nones", the "dones" and what we want to focus on as a church in the 21st century. **Anyone is welcome. PLEASE let us know if you are coming, if you haven't already done so.** We want to have enough soup for all.

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Hope-Filled Year"



## From the



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Sunday School is using the curriculum called "Shine, Living in God's Light" with good success. Along with weekly lessons we have completed a small missions or giving project each month. In September, we participated in the Heritage day parade and gave out candy along the parade route. In October, we made snow globes to help the church's craft and bake fair.

In November, we made table decorations for the Thanksgiving baskets given to families in need. During December, we finished making a "Giving Heart" for the church sanctuary and led an all-church play called "Listen to Christmas". The children have enjoying being active participants in the life of the church. A special Thank You goes to Sheri Brown for her great craft ideas and help.

The Sunday School continues to plan special events for the Winter and Spring seasons. Planned events include monthly mission projects, fun weekly lessons, puppet shows, and new uplifting songs. Please let friends know that although our Sunday School is small, we enjoy learning and growing together in Christ. We are very active participants in the life of our church.



## DONATION COUPON

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Send your request to: Board of Trustees  
Broad Brook Congregational Church  
P.O. Box 466  
Broad Brook, CT 06016

- *Betty Stratton*

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Contact number/email

On January 13 @ 11:30 am, a book study/discussion will be held and soup and bread served. The discussion will be on the “smaller church”. This is a review from the conference that was attended by members of the Church last spring. You do not need to read the book to attend.



**Sunday School**  
**MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**For the children in  
your life, start the new  
year off right! Regis-  
tration is also availa-  
ble online!**

**Contact us for more  
informatin!**

## 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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**Missions Committee News**

The Missions Committee continues to support the 5 Corner Cupboard with food collections and monthly monetary donations from the congregation. Any donations are highly appreciated.

The Missions Committee gave our 2018 budgeted \$1,200.00 to the following projects.

**Local projects (\$475.00)**

\$250.00 8 plus food collections to Five Corner Cupboard  
\$75.00 Power Pack Program East Windsor children  
\$150.00 High School Scholarship

**State Projects (\$300)**

\$75.00 Silver Lake Camp  
\$75.00 Albert J Solnit Children's Center, East Windsor  
\$75.00 Foodshare, Bloomfield, CT  
\$75.00 Operation Fuel, Inc., Hartford CT

**National Projects (\$225.00)**

\$75.00 -California Fires / Paradise Fire Department  
\$75.00 - The Christmas Fund (UCC Retired ministers)  
\$75.00 - Neighbors in Need

**International Projects (\$200.00)**

\$90.00 Doctors Without Borders  
\$110.00 World Vision (goat and 2 chickens)

The Missions Committee will be meeting soon to plan for our 2019 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 2019

6- Communion - Intinction

13- Reports due for Annual Meeting

Book study (Smaller Church) @ 11:20 am

## FEBRUARY:

3- Communion- Intinction

ANNUAL MEETING @ 11:20 am Pot Luck Supper

14- Happy Valentine's Day

## March:

3- Communion- Traditional

6- Ash Wednesday

First Sunday in Lent

## Looking ahead

## April:

18- Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 pm

21- EASTER



## Feb 3rd



*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

# ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

Date for when flowers are to be dedicated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give this form to Betty Stratton.

Payment can be made via check to:

Broad Brook Congregational Church

or via paypal:

staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org

12/2018



## Happy Birthday

January

Mrs. Beth Siekiera Walker 06<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Zachary Siekiera 09<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Janice Lang 10<sup>th</sup>

Miss Braelynn MacDonald 13<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Madelaine Clark 18<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Katie Siekiera 30<sup>th</sup>



Mrs. Joyce Bonelli 01<sup>st</sup>

Tyler Morin 11<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Jason DiMauro 12<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Jerry Marquis 14<sup>th</sup>

Abel James O'Hara (Townsend) 14<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Penny Savoie 18<sup>th</sup>

Arthur Sweet 20<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Amanda Wallace 23<sup>rd</sup>

Miss Brittany Townsend 28<sup>th</sup>

February

## **Lay Readers**

### JANUARY:

6– Joyce Bonelle  
13– Bob Cormier  
20– Rich York  
27– Wade Signor

### FEBRUARY:

3– Mike Siekiera  
10– Dr. James Clark  
17– Debbie Signor  
24– Rich York



*Rev. Dr. Joseph & Laura Callahan Jan 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Mr. & Mrs. Mathew (Signor) Curren Jan 28<sup>th</sup>*

## **Children's Sermons**

### JANUARY:

6- Wade Signor  
13- Carol Innes  
20- Katherine Mickens  
27- Rev. Carol

### FEBRUARY:

3- Communion  
10- Katherine Mickens  
17- Dr. James Clark  
24- Rev. Carol



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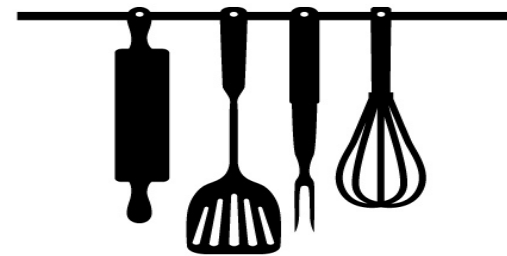
**Payments can be made to:**

**[staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org](mailto:staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org)**

The Members of the Broad Brook Congregational Church are hereby called to attend the Annual meeting/Potluck lunch to be held on Sunday, February 3, 2019 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 2019.
3. Any other business thought proper when met.

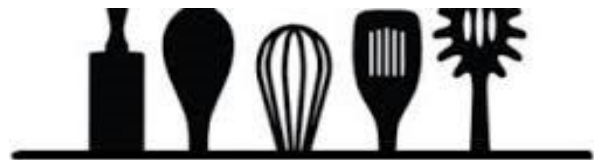
Additional agenda items should be given to the moderator by Sunday, January 27, 2019. A tentative agenda and copies of the annual reports will be available prior to the meeting.



**Congratulations to Ashley and Isabelle McMahon, grand children of Bill and Betty Stratton. They both made the Honor Roll this semester . They attend Ellington High School.**



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



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



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## INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



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## Christmas Pageant 2018



*"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)*



**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**

# Christmas Party 2018

