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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.

**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  
860-623-4547



Pastor  
Ministers  
Moderator  
Treasurer  
Organist  
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Robert Cormier  
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.

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.

# 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

## A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



I have been thinking a great deal about the church being a place where all are welcome. To live out our mission statement, welcoming means more than simply greeting everyone with a smile and warm handshake. It goes beyond making the church physically accessible to all and includes the worship service being more attuned to hearing and sight deficiencies. It also means using more inclusive language. For the past year I have been reading from the Inclusive Bible which reduces the use of gender specific pronouns and uses varied names for God.

There are those of us who are grounded in the masculine language we grew up with. However, being more open to inclusive language for God has made my image and understanding of who God is much more expansive.

Also, having celebrated Mothers in May and Fathers in June, I have been acutely aware of the breadth of meaning those words hold for us. Therefore, I am offering two prayers from the book "Women's Uncommon Prayers" as a brief look into different ways of knowing God.

Have a restful and blessed Summer,  
Rev. Carol

**GOD IS NOT A SINGLE PARENT** by Ms. Ann Smith

Father God, Creator of us all,  
How long will we see you as a single parent?  
Send your loving wisdom to fill our hearts  
And minds with new words of inclusivity.  
Open our eyes to see images that nurture and heal  
our brokenness.  
Grant us courage and your freedom to try new  
words that  
restore balance in all our relationships.  
And like baby swans being guarded and cared for by  
both parents,  
let the wholeness of you be illumined in us.  
Mother, Father, Creator of us all. Amen.

**FATHER/MOTHER GOD** by Ms. Marty Conner

Dear God,  
you are no more male  
than I am God,  
even though I have been well trained  
and my instinct  
has always been to address you  
In the masculine.  
You are so much—  
no, more—mother than father to me,  
and yet I still find Father  
my instinctive address.  
You nurture me at your breast  
as I have nurtured my own children,  
and yet I am more  
and less than your child.

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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**

I am more willing to accept  
traditional masculine understandings  
of who you are  
than to explore new,  
more inclusive ways  
of thinking of you  
and, by extension,  
of myself, as your creation.  
I forget that it is all of humanity  
who are your image,  
and not man  
or woman.

Teach me, O lord,  
Father,  
Mother,  
Lover,  
Beloved,  
teach me to be open  
to all that you are.  
Teach me to hear you  
in the joyful voices of children,  
in the wisdom of the grandmother,  
in the bravado and confidence  
of the beardless youth,  
and in my own yearning for truth  
and meaning.

Fill me, Beloved,  
with the passionate  
and powerful desire to share your life  
and to live only for you.

Know me  
as only a lover can  
and make me exquisitely aware  
of your knowing and your love.



### Sunday School News

Children's Day was held on Sunday, June 9, 2019 during the morning worship service to finish a year of learning and growing with God and each other. The children led the Pentecost service, including the Call to Worship, opening prayers, a puppet show, scripture readings, a sermon about Pentecost, the offering prayers, and the benediction. They also made streamers and flames for the congregation to use during the interactive service. All five children did a wonderful job reading and acting out the scriptures. It was amazing to watch second through sixth graders do it all with the skill and enthusiasm of adults.

Certificates and plants were presented to the students and adult helpers. Special thanks were given to Linda York, Sheri Brown, Debbie Signor, and Carol Lewis for their hard work and dedication to the Sunday School. Lily and Collin Raymond also presented the Mission's committee with money they had earned on their own for missions.

A whole church picnic was held after the service with a cook-out, delicious sides and deserts, games led by Susan York, face painting, games, and water balloons. All had a great time.

Sunday School will begin again on September 15, 2019. Please watch for news in the next Beacon, on our website, in the newspaper, and in letters mailed to our students.

The Sunday School would like to congratulate Lyndsie Brown for earning her Karate 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt. Lyndsie is a very active member of our Sunday School and church.

## 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](mailto:staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org)

12/2018



# 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)

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Memorial Garden Nameplate:

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

[illegible]

*Note: allow 4 weeks to produce nameplates and bricks.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number/email



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

- Betty Stratton

The Summer season has begun. Come and worship with us this summer. Remember the sanctuary in the Church is air conditioned, making it pleasant during the worship services.

The children held their program last Sunday which was followed with a picnic and games led by Susan York. The food was delicious and the games were lots of fun! Thanks to Mike Siekiera for being the Chief and Rich York for assisting him. We wish all the children a Happy safe summer.

Thank you to all the children for their great job doing the Pentecost worship service. It was very nicely done. Thanks to Linda York for her leadership. The lovely flowers that were given to the teachers and children were donated by Debbie and Mike Siekiera. Thank you.

The Informal Congregational Meeting held on May 5<sup>th</sup> was productive for the Deacons. The Deacons have taken some of the suggestions and put them into effect. One of the suggestions was not to serve Communion by Intinction. Therefore, **Communion will be served by the “Traditional in the pews” from hence forth.**

The summer worship hours have been decided by ballot vote. The majority of the votes were for the change. Therefore, **the time of the worship service from July 7<sup>th</sup> - August 25<sup>th</sup> will start at 9:00 am instead of 10:00 am.**

# ← **Ways** **and Means** →

## **Plant Sale:**

We extend our deepest gratitude to our gardeners that provided our wonderful plants for our Plant Sale that was held on May 18th. We lucked out with a nice weather day for once and had plenty of help moving plants. Our master gardeners Joyce Bonelli and her sister Julie Cote did a bang up job as usual. A lot of time and energy goes into putting the sale together with all the donations, trans plantings from healthy gardens, identifying the plants, organizing types and so on. Their knowledge is beyond comprehension!! The best part of all this is seeing the plants we purchase thrive in our landscapes from year to year. Thank you for a successful plant sale and all your incredible efforts.

## **Tag Sale:**

Our Annual Tag Sale will be held at the church (inside and out) on Saturday August 10th from 9 - 3. A raindate of Saturday August 17th has been set aside since we have had such a rainy year thus far. We will be keeping an eye on our weather going forward. We might even hold a second chance sale on that raindate if the weather does cooperates. We always have enough stuff leftover to have a second sale. Once again this decision will need to be determined as the date approaches and we see how the weather is and we see how much stuff we get. Donations for the tag sale are being accepted at this time. A space in our fellowship hall has been set aside for drop-offs. Pick-ups will be scheduled as needed by Mike or Debbie Siekiera. Please call our house phone 860-627-5181 and leave a message on the messaging service, we will return your call asap to make that arrangement. Workshops will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm through out July beginning July 8th up until the sale on August 10th.



## **DONATION COUPON**

Making a donation as a wonderful way to remember a special anniversary, to say "thank you," celebrate an event, or to donate in memory of a 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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## Missions Committee

The Missions Committee continues to support the 5 Corner Cupboard with food collections and monthly donations from the congregation. All non-perishable food, paper goods, personal items, and baby item donations are highly appreciated. We gave \$250.00 to the East Windsor High School for our Touch Another Life Scholarship. The congregation gave another \$350.00. A deserving boy and a deserving girl who were not receiving any other scholarships each received a 300.00 scholarship on Awards night.

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 for local, state, national and international projects.





## Dessert Kabobs

### **Ingredients:**

2 16-oz packages of large fresh strawberries  
 (or more, I tend to eat them as I chop!!) YUM!  
 2 squares of Baker's melting chocolate  
 1 bag of skewers

### **Options for assembling Kabobs:** (Mix Or Match – not limited to)

Brownies (bite size pcs preferred)  
 Pound cake (bite size)  
 Cream puffs  
 Donut holes  
 Marshmallows (any flavor of choice)  
 Rice Krispie Treats (bite size)  
 Can of Pineapple chunks, drained  
 Maraschino cherries  
 Can of Mandarin oranges, drained  
 Candy bar (Reece's, Snickers, Hershey's, etc....)  
 Cookies, your choice (soft cookies are easier to skewer)  
 Can of whip cream to squirt on some fun or fresh stiff whipped cream for dipping  
 Jimmies, sprinkles

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



Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lacross  
 Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Snow

July 12th  
 July 15th



## 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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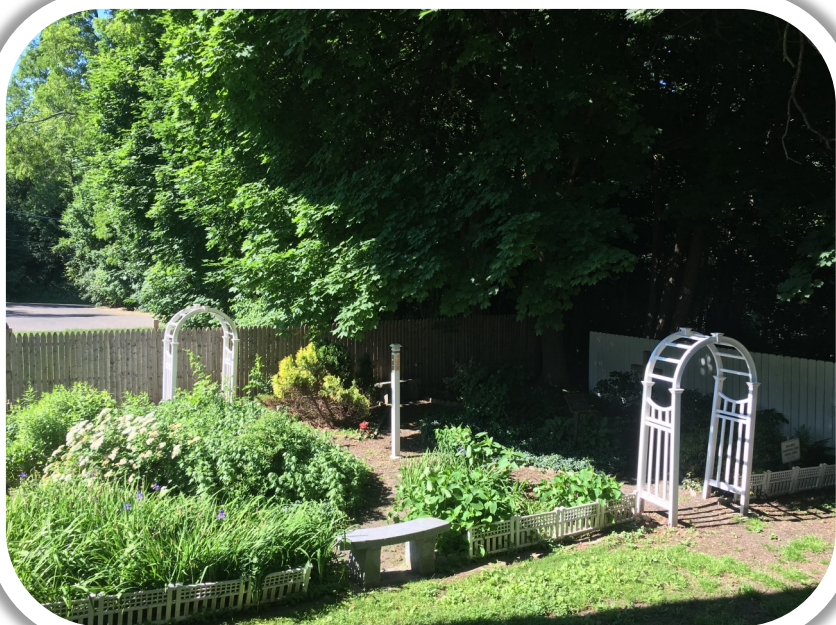
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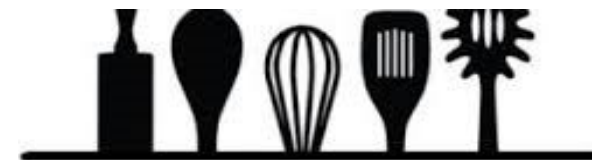




**Thanks to our teen volunteers for  
Clean Up Day!**



**Thanks to  
Broad Brook  
Gardens  
for our wonderful  
flower  
arrangements!**



**Directions:**

Remove hull. Clean, dry, and cut the strawberries in half. Layer the strawberries, brownies, marshmallows etc on the skewers starting with the strawberry ending with the strawberry. Make them all the same or make them different! Lay them out on a wax paper-lined cookie sheet. Melt the chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl in 30 second intervals until completely melted. Transfer to a piping bag or ziploc bag with the corner snipped off and drizzle each kabob. Transfer to the fridge to allow the chocolate to set and until ready to serve. To serve, arrange them on a cute platter to add pizzazz! Voila! Hit of the party.



# Happy Birthday



William LaCross	2nd
Mrs. Adrienne Burrell	3rd
Mrs. Deborah Siekiera	4th
Anthony M. Siekiera-Bombard	5th
Mr. Calvin Myers	6th
Mr. Kevin M. Nodwell	7th
Mr. John Curran	7th
Mr. Joseph Ivanisin	7th
Benjamin Luke Bauer	16th
Mrs. Carolyn Feldman	18th
Mrs. Corin Jones	20th
Miss Regina McNeely	22nd
Colin Michael Snow	26th
William Andrew Wallace	29th

July



Mrs. Katharine Joy Bauer	1st
Mrs. Tracy Ann Snow	2nd
Mrs. Margaret Arnold	2nd
Mrs. Linda York	4th
Joseph Abraham Nicoll	6th
Ms Amanda DiMauro	8th
Colton McNeely	9th
Tyler Curran	11th
Mr. William A. Stratton	13th
Mrs. Mary Velazquez	13th
Mrs. Laura L. Callahan	16th
Mr. Bruce Nodwell	20th
Mrs. Karen Marquis	21st
Mr. Jonathan Scott Prouse	21st
Mrs. Jill Cameron	24th
Aiden Elliott Siekiera	27th
Zachary Adam Owens	30th
Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Callahan	31st

August





## **Lay Readers**

### **JULY:**

7-Katherine Mickens

14-Bob Cormier

21- Linda York

28- Mike Siekiera

### **AUGUST:**

4- Debbie Signor

11- Bob Cormier

18-Joyce Bonelli

25- Katherine Mickens

**Spring  
Clean Up Day  
At  
The Memorial Garden**



## **Calendar**

### **July**

7- Communion-

Traditional served in the pews

### **August**

4- Communion-

Traditional served in the pews

10-Tag Sale

24 Deacons/Religious Ed.

Meeting @ 10 am

### **September**

1- Communion-

Traditional served in the pews

**12- Concert- Justyna Giermola@ 2 pm**

Community welcome

15- Rally Sunday- Sunday School begins

**Join us every  
first Sunday  
this summer  
for  
Communion!**



# Children's Day

