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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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Bridge Pastor  
Ministers  
Moderator  
Treasurer  
Organist  
Chair, Board of Deacon

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



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## Pastor's Paragraphs



**2 Corinthians 5:17** ~ *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

It is time for new beginnings!

We have entered that time of the church year commonly called "Ordinary Time"; a time after Pentecost and before Advent where we typically sit back, take a deep breath, and take a break from all the busy-ness of the church and our jobs and spend some time recharging, re-tooling and enjoying each other, our families and the summer sunshine.

And while I will be doing some summer things - this year, I'm spending this time just a bit differently than other years! I'm getting to know a new family and you will be getting to know me and who I am.

It is important to let you know some basics about me. You've seen my bio in the last newsletter, and know some of my background, but here's a bit of my beliefs about who WE should be as a church - I firmly believe the words that you will hear me say every Sunday, "No matter who you are, no matter where you are on your life's journey - you are welcome here!"

- It doesn't matter your age
- It doesn't matter your ethnicity or race
- It doesn't matter who you love or how you identify
- It doesn't matter what path has brought you here

Let this be your new church home. No person is above another, no community or group is above another. We are all children of God and all equal in God's eyes. Whether we agree or not, my office is always open for any civil discussion and exchange.

**NO ONE IS EXCLUDED.**

*(Pastor's Paragraphs con't)*

We are about to begin and epic journey. A journey of Faith and a journey of renewal. Let's join hands, and with God as our guide, walk together into the next chapter in the life of this historic church!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Brian

## 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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Broad Brook Congregational Church  
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Please keep you and your family, community and fellow BBCC members safe by following all CDC guidelines pertaining to the Covid-19 virus. Wear a mask, social distance as much as you can, wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face. Stay safe!



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

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The Board of Deacons is happy to announce that our Bridge Pastor, Brian Baeder has begun his time with Broad Brook Congregational Church on July 3, 2022. He did fill the pulpit on June 26 when he preached for the first time at Broad Brook. There are plans being made for a reception in the early fall so the community can come and meet and greet Pastor Brian and his wife Jan.

The Confirmation class was confirmed on Pentecost Sunday. The young ladies were Lyndsie Brown, daughter of Sheri and Scott Brown of Enfield and Lily Raymond daughter of Jessica and Albert Raymond of Broad Brook. Congratulations to you both!

The Sunday School year was ended with the Deacons sponsoring a Church picnic on June 12. There were plenty of food, for all, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, watermelon, cookies and bars.

I would like to Thank Dr. James Clark for his music during the Church year. It always enhances the worship service.

Thanks to Linda York for her teaching of the Sunday School and the Confirmation Class.

Our Condolences to the family of Marilyn Yosky who went to her final resting place in April. She was a member of Broad Brook Congregational Church for 48 years and had served on several committees.



**We Welcome Worship Watch Witness Work**

# Memorial Garden Order Form

## Memorial Garden

## Memorial Garden Brick

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

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number/email



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



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The summer fun is ramping up. The weather is finally decent. I love this time of year the most. There is so much to do and be planned. Even though the temps get up there and my schedule is crazy between my two part time jobs, day-to-day stuff and the tag sale prep, I love being busy and can take the heat!!! It can be a little overwhelming sometimes because my jobs/responsibilities tend to prevent me from attending my own family/friend events that pop up over the weekends throughout the summer which is disappointing. For some though that don't work a Mon-Fri job, like me and I know I am not alone on this, the weekends are no longer days off, they are typical work days. Even though life can get so crazy, try to balance it all out and still enjoy what summertime brings, including a church service from time to time. We are open every Sunday at 9 am with a service at 10 am, have air conditioning in our sanctuary and serve refreshments with some social time after the service in the Fellowship Hall. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

In the previous paragraph I mentioned Tag Sale prep. Yep, it's that time of year again! Woohoo! Time to recycle items folks! We would gladly take in items you no longer need. Our Tag Sale has been scheduled for Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 rain or shine. Donations are being accepted through to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Pickups can be arranged by calling Deb @ 860-888-7462 or Mike @ 860-983-7093. Workshops will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday *evenings* from 6-8 pm. Drop offs will be accepted during those times. We welcome any help on those nights as we prepare the items for sale.

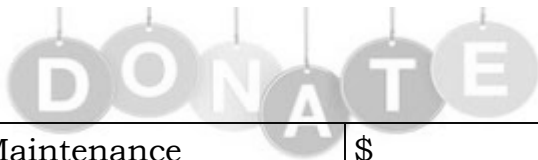
Our Plant Sale was a huge success in May. We thank Joyce Bonelli and her sister Julie Cote for their green thumbs, hard work and their time, plus the helpers that participated in the sale to help them. The Plant Sale in May was successful with the proceeds helping the various missions projects we support including the "Touch Another Life" scholarship we offer to an East Windsor graduate giving them a chance to further their goals.

We look forward to getting to know our new Pastor and his wife over the summer. With some renewed energy, hope, and friendly leadership; this coming fall should prove to be a new road for us all. We look forward to some revitalization in our hearts and our minds. Plan on attending our "Open House" in September to officially welcome Pastor Brian and his wife Jan.

# 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. 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 gave a \$400.00 “Touch Another Life” scholarship to East Windsor High School for a student who is not receiving other scholarship money but is working hard to continue his/her education. This year’s scholarship went to Sole Scott who will be attending Southern Connecticut State University. The committee also gave an East Windsor Recreation camp scholarship to an East Windsor child to attend a week at camp this year. The missions committee will be meeting soon to give to international, national state and local needs. Please give your suggestions to Linda York, Debbie Signor, or Katherine Mickens. 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.



Building Maintenance	\$
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Historian	\$
Deacon Wish List	\$
Discretionary Fund	\$
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Broad Brook Congregational Church  
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Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Snow  
Mr. & Mrs. Wade Signor

July 15th  
August 10th

Everyone has a favorite potato salad recipe they like to use for the summer picnics and gatherings. We recently celebrated Children's Day here in the church. We held a potluck cookout here at the church after the service to celebrate the end of another fun church-school year of learning. Everyone brought in their favorite's to share. Our favorite Church Supper cook Mike made his favorite version of his Potato Salad. He likes thinking about his Nana when he makes this because in his eyes she had always made the best potato salad ever. I can vouch for that, I have had the pleasure of having some, it was amazing! We are eternally thankful for her tip on how she prepared it. She told him and me that the secret was to make up the "sauce" and to refrigerate the combined sauce and potatoes ahead of time before finishing the salad. It's almost like a marinade but for potatoes! I love the stories that come from some recipes, this one will keep Nana close to us always. The salad was a hit at the picnic along side all the other favorites, we have some pretty good cooks in our church. The day was a lot of fun. With summer here now, families are gathering together for get-togethers and celebrations again. While we are all still a little cautious with the virus still out there, we are all so done with being cooped up. Go on and join in the fun, give this recipe a try, share it and hear the compliments! Have a happy, safe, fun-filled summer everyone!

### Ingredients

- 2 ½ lbs. red potatoes (cut in small cubes)
- 2 TBSP white vinegar
- ½ tsp salt (extra salt for boiling potatoes)
- ½ tsp pepper
- ½ tsp sugar
- ½ cup mayonnaise (slightly more as needed)
- ½ cup sour cream
- 3-4 hard-boiled eggs, diced (extra eggs for garnish if desired)
- ½ cup diced celery
- ½ tsp celery seed
- ½ tsp dry mustard powder
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced



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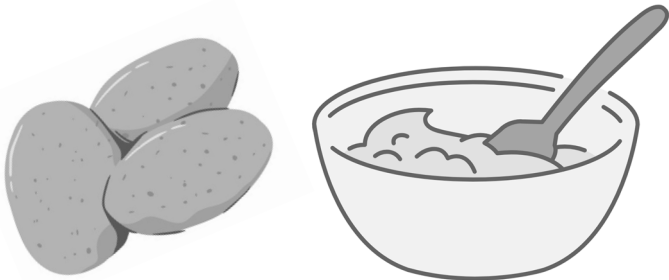
Instructions

Bring a large pot of water to boil. Generously salt the water and add the cut-up potatoes. Boil until *fork tender* approx. 15-20 minutes checking often towards the end of cooking. (Be careful to not overcook them as they will get mushy!) Drain the potatoes.

In a large bowl, whisk together the white vinegar, salt, pepper, mustard powder and celery seed. Pour the warm potatoes into the vinegar mixture and gently mix with a rubber spatula to combine. Allow the mixture to sit for about 30 minutes before adding final ingredients, allowing the potatoes to cool completely.

In the meantime, whisk together the mayonnaise and sour cream, set aside, prepare your eggs and green onions. Add these remaining ingredients to the fully cooled potatoes and gently stir to combine. Cover and refrigerate for *at least* an hour preferably 2-6 hours before serving to allow the flavors to meld.

Makes approx. 6-8 servings



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LAY READERS

JULY	
3	Karla Vince
10	Mike Siekiera
17	Dr. James Clark
24	Linda York
31	Debbie Signor



AUGUST	
7	Dr. James Clark
14	Joyce Bonelli
21	Rich York
28	Wade Signor

## Important Reminders:

**BBCC has resumed in-person worship** services and Sunday school on Sunday mornings.....welcome back!! In careful consideration for all in attendance, please wear your mask and maintain social distancing in the pews and in the Fellowship Hall. Extra masks and hand sanitizer are available in many areas as needed.

**There are openings for altar flowers** .Please sign up on the chart hanging on the bulletin board.in the fellowship hall.

**The recent Daily Bread devotional booklets** are available on the table in the narthex and the table in the fellowship hall.



## Announcements

**Broad Brook Congregational Church has called a Bridge Pastor** to be our Pastor. Pastor Brian Baeder plans to start July 3, 2022. He lives in Enfield with his wife, Janice. You will be hearing more about the call and them in coming weeks.

**Tag Sale workshops** are being held at the church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 6-8. Please join us any night when you are able. If you need a pickup for donations, please call Debbie @ 860-888-7462 or Mike @ 860-983-7093. We will be accepting donations through July 31<sup>st</sup>. The sale will be held on Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-3.

**Thank you to all who donated food.** We were able to deliver 57 pounds of food to the 5 Corner Cupboard in the month of June.

**PLEASE HELP US** by taking our **Survey!**

The Publications Committee is taking a survey from our readers in regards to how they would like to receive their bi-monthly Beacon in the future. It has come to our attention that many of our publications are being returned due to “unable to forward” notices from the Postmaster. Sadly, we have lost some of our followers during Covid. We are required to maintain a minimum count to continue to mail these by bulk. If the number drops significantly, it may be cost prohibitive to mail them individually. We have learned that we are behind the times with change. We are asking our readers their preference as we go forward. Please help us by marking the appropriate line below:

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(please provide a proper email address)

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The committee will continue to post this survey for a few issues before reviewing the responses. A decision will be made by the church council by the end of 2022. We will post the results of the survey once we have enough responses. Please send your responses to the church either by mail, see address below or email us at [staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org](mailto:staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org)

Please return this survey by September 30, 2022

mail to: Broad Brook Congregational Church  
P. O. Box 466 Broad Brook, CT 06016

# Happy Birthday



*July*

Adrienne Burrell	3rd
Deborah Siekiera	4th
Anthony Siekiera-Bombard	5th
Calvin Myers	6th
Kevin Nodwell	7th
John Curran	7th
Jackson Wallace	8th
Jackson Wallace	8th
Benjamin Bauer	16th
Corin Jones	20th
Regina McNeely	22ns
Colin Snow	26th
William Wallace	29th



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

*August*

## Calendar

JULY	
3	Pastor Brian Baeder preaching Communion
5 & 6	Pastor Baeder- Office hours 10:00 to 2:00 pm
12 & 13	Pastor Baeder- Office hours 10:00 to 2:00 pm
19 & 20	Pastor Baeder- Office hours 10:00 to 2:00 pm
26 & 27	Pastor Baeder- Office hours 10:00 to 2:00 pm
AUGUST	
6	Tag Sale 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
7	Communion
21	Deacon's meeting (Sunday) 11:20 am
SEPTEMBER	
18	Council Meeting @ 11:20 am.