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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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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.



Pastor's Paragraphs



John 8:31-32 : Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

On July 4, 1776, Congress officially approved the Declaration of Independence. In response to this momentous declaration of the united colonies' separation from Great Britain, John Adams wrote these insightful words in a letter to his wife concerning the remembrance of this day, now known as Independence Day:

"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

Among the many freedoms our country guarantees, what we as believers particularly hold dear is the right to worship God and to read God's Word, the Bible, freely. In many countries on this earth, this freedom still does not exist. This is something we should not take for granted; we thank God for inspiring our Founding Fathers and establishing this country with such freedoms.



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(Pastoral Paragraphs con't)

This July 4th, as we watch fireworks and wave flags in celebration, may we also pause to reflect on our nation's heritage. As the festivities end and the last trails of smoke glide across the summer night sky, take a moment to solemnly thank God for all that our freedom allows.

May God bless all the inhabitants of America with His salvation and the full knowledge of the truth in His Word.

Grace and Peace,

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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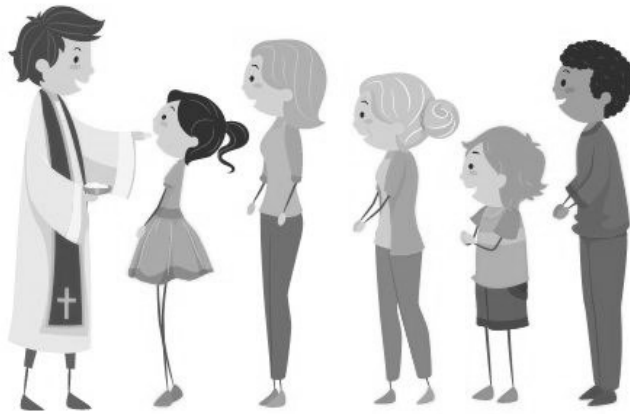
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Music Committee
Broad Brook Congregational Church
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FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS
- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

- Betty Stratton

The summer months are once again here. The Sunday School has ended and many parishioners are on vacation. We are in a quieter mode but we still continue to have our weekly worship service with Pastor Brian Baeder preaching. The sanctuary is air conditioned therefore is comfortable during the heat of summertime. All are welcome.

Our Pastor Brian Baeder will celebrate his first year "birthday" with Broad Brook Congregational Church on July 3rd. We are so happy to have him and his wife Jan with us. His leadership has given Broad Brook Congregational Church hope and renewed energy. Come and join us on Sunday mornings in our air-conditioned sanctuary and stay for a light refreshment in the fellowship hall after worship.

The Deacons sponsored a church picnic on June 11. It was well attended and there was plenty of food for everyone. Thank you to Mike Siekiera for being the chef.

Thank you to Dr. James Clark for his music during the past year. We also have special music from time to time from Pastor Baeder when he plays his guitar and sings. Thank you both.

Pastor Brian's puppets are a nice addition to the service and Children's time.

Thank you to Linda York for her dedication to the Sunday School, having a lesson available each week, no matter the number of children who came that Sunday, and for her planning the special programs throughout the year. What a wonderful service the children and you did on Children Day!

(Deacon's con't)

Our condolences to the family of Christopher Couillard who passed on June 5. Chris joined Broad Brook Congregational in Oct 2022 and has been an active choir member. We all will miss him!

Condolences to the Karen Loubier and Family. Her brother, Scot Osborn passed on June 12. Pastor Brian officiated at the grave - side services.



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 _____

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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

The Sunday School finished the school year with two major projects. The first was a collection for adults and children affected by Domestic Abuse. The children collected pillows, wipes, flashlights, batteries, cleaning supplies, snacks, and gift cards for Julie's House. It was heartwarming to see two big tables covered with donations from the congregation. Thank you to Collin Raymond for making the poster and announcing the project.

The second project was preparing the worship service for Children's Day on June 11, 2023, for Pastor Brian while he took time off for eye surgery. Linda York and three students led the service with the theme of Faith, Trust, and Mercy. The service contained a mix of Bible readings, movement activities, children's hymns, and prayers. Orissa McMahon read the responsive reading, a scripture, and the offering prayer. Collin Raymond gave an excellent Children's Sermon called "Who Should We Follow?". Ava Goulet read an action story called "Going on a Journey". Linda York gave the sermon. It was amazing to see what a small Sunday School can accomplish. Certificates and flowers were presented. An all-church cook-out and picnic followed the service.

Stay tuned for information about Rally Sunday in September. Sunday School will begin again in mid-September with a new curriculum and new enthusiasm.

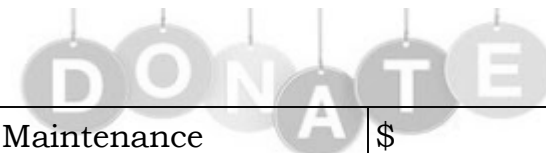
Missions Committee

The Mission's Committee continues to support the Five Corner Cupboard with food collections from the congregation and collections in the community. 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. In May, we gave a \$500.00 "Touch Another Life" scholarship to Kizziah Holt, an East Windsor High School student who is worthy of receiving a scholarship but has not received any other scholarships.

The Missions Committee supported the Sunday School Collection for Julie's Safe House, a temporary safe house for clients and children fleeing domestic violence, run by The Network Against Domestic Abuse in Enfield, CT. We thank Judy Tetrault for bringing two tables full of donations to the Network. They were surprised and grateful for all we gave, especially the pillows.

The Mission's committee will be meeting soon to give to international, national state and local needs. Please give your suggestions to Linda York, Debra Signor, Karla Vince or Judy Tetrault. The committee thanks everyone for their generosity and time to help others.



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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Reason for Donation:

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



LAY READERS

JULY		AUGUST	
2	Mike Siekiera	6	Karla Vince
9	Debbie Signor	13	Rich York
16	Dr. James Clark	20	Mike Siekiera
23	Wade Signor	27	Linda York
30	Joyce Bonelli		



Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Snow

July 15th

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Merrill

August 1st

Mr. & Mrs. Wade Signor

August 10th



Wow, half the year has already passed us by! Where has the time gone? It's amazing how we so look forward to the summer months with hopes of some better weather, but quite honestly get disappointed when it finally gets here. It's too hot, too cold, too dry, too wet, too humid or whatever! No sense to complaining as this is New England! Mother Nature is not going to listen anyways!! We get what we get, live with it, so we do!!!!

We held our first fundraiser of the year in May. Our Plant Sale was a huge success once again thanks to our green-thumbed ladies Joyce Bonelli and her sister Julie. They did an amazing job providing our gardeners with hardy healthy plants for our customers yards along with a beautiful day to go replant them! It tends to be cool or rainy on the sale day so "thank you" Lord! Thank you to all who supported us that day by buying or working the event. Our successes are made possible by awesome people that participate in our endeavors.

Our next fundraiser will be our Annual Church Tag Sale to be held on Saturday, August 5th from 9 am to 3 pm. Donations are being accepted for clean resalable items to help raise money for the churches *many programs* it supports throughout the year. Items can be dropped off during our workshop hours on Mondays from Noon to 4 pm, Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm or a pick-up can be arranged by calling Debbie Siekiera 860-888-7462 or Mike Siekiera 860-983-7093. We will be accepting items until July 31st. Anyone wishing to help us at our workshops please note the days and times we will meet. Any questions see or call Debbie Siekiera. Also save the date of the sale as we will need extra hands and muscles for set up and break down the day of the sale. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Please come find your bargain or "from Trash to Treasure" find! We will have a lot of great finds for dorm rooms.

(Ways and Means con't)

Have a safe but fun summer everyone. Don't forget to pop in any Sunday to get a Faith re-charge, we all could use a fresh charge from time to time, we have air-conditioning to enhance your visit. Feel free to join us for a cold beverage, a snack and friendly conversations after the service is over.

July



Happy Birthday



Adrienne Burrell	3rd
Deborah Siekiera	4th
Anthony Siekiera-Bombard	5th
Calvin Myers	6th
Kevin Nodwell	7th
John Curran	7th
Jackson Wallace	8th
Benjamin Bauer	16th
Gary Tetrault	19th
Corin Jones	20th
Regina McNeely	22nd
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
Jill Cameron	24th
Lawson O' Hara (Townsend)	25th
Aiden Siekiera	27th
Zachary Owens	30th
Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Callahan	31st

August



JULY continued	
24	Tag Sale Workshop @12pm-3pm
26	Tag Sale Workshop @6:30pm-8:30pm
31	Tag Sale Workshop @12pm-3pm
AUGUST	
5	Tag Sale
6	Communion
15	Deacon meeting @9:30am
SEPTEMBER	
3	Communion
4	Labor Day
1	Rally Sunday

Sweet Peach Tea (Great Hot or Cold!)

In searching for a new recipe for the Beacon, this one caught my eye. Instead of cooking up a storm with entrees or desserts, why not a great beverage to serve up hot or cold for friends and family that may pop in this summer. The weather hasn't been the best so far for iced drinks so this recipe being versatile hot or cold is key. I love drinking *freshly* made tea, hot or cold, and absolutely love anything Peach this time of year! On my next trip to the store after finding this recipe, frozen peaches were on the shopping list, the fresh ones didn't impress me for the money and the added work to peel them! I did pick up some extra packages of the frozen peaches just in case another recipe had to be tested. The recipe is easy and quick to make. The tea was tried while it was still very warm, then was poured over some ice after it cooled down. To complete the taste-test challenge, I poured more over ice in several glasses and served it to my husband and friends, it scored high in complements (better double or triple the recipe though) as we drank it all up in no time. This refreshing sweet peach tea can be enjoyed year-round, so it definitely scored high in my book!! Will definitely pick up some more frozen peaches to have on hand for when company

PREP TIME: 10 minutes

COOK TIME: 5 minutes

TOTAL TIME: 15 minutes

SERVINGS: 4

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<https://www.facebook.com/BBCongregationalChurch>



Ingredients:

5 cups water (divide the water into 4 cups and 1 cup)

- 1 family-size tea bag (or 3 regular-size bags)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar (or use the granulated stevia for baking, same measure of $\frac{3}{4}$ C)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup honey (my preference is to use fresh local honey)
2 cups frozen peaches, thawed and pureed (or 2 cups fresh peaches peeled and sliced)

Optional: Have 2 additional cups frozen peaches, for serving **but do not thaw**. If using fresh, slice the peaches, lay them on a parchment-lined pan, and freeze until ready to serve. (makes a great presentation when having guests)

Instructions:

Bring 4 cups of water to a boil. (I use my hot pot for this step)
Remove water from the heat, add the tea bag, and steep for 5 minutes. Pour the tea into a 2-quart pitcher. Set aside.

Peach Syrup:

In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar, honey, and 1 cup of water. Bring to a boil and stir until the sugar is completely dissolved. Add the pureed peaches and return to a low boil. Remove from the heat and let cool. Pour syrup through a mesh sieve held over a small bowl. Press on the peaches to squeeze out as much of the juice as possible. Discard the peach pulp.

Peach Iced Tea:

Add the syrup to the peach tea, taste-testing as you go until it reaches the desired sweetness. To serve, divide the frozen peaches between 4 glasses, add ice, and pour tea over the peaches/ice.

Hot Peach Tea:

To make Hot Peach Tea, pour the brewed tea into desired mug, add some of the Peach Syrup a little at a time to achieve desired flavor or sweetness, stir. Microwave on high for a minute and a half to 2 minutes (more if you like it really hot). Store any unused peach syrup in the refrigerator. Enjoy!



Calendar

JUNE	
25	Council Meeting 11:15am
28	Tag Sale Workshop @6:30pm-8:30pm
JULY	
2	Communion
3	Tag Sale Workshop @12pm-3pm
4	Happy 4th of July
5	Tag Sale Workshop @6:30pm-8:30pm
10	Tag Sale Workshop @12pm-3pm
12	Tag Sale Workshop @6:30pm-8:30pm
17	Tag Sale Workshop @12pm-3pm
19	Tag Sale Workshop @6:30pm-8:30pm