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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

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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.

## **Important Reminders:**

### **Beacon**

Articles and reports due on the 10th of each cycle. Final requests for changes due by the 20th.

Thank you.

## *A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis*



We are four months into dealing with a pandemic the likes of which we have never encountered. We have suspended our “normal” lives and have taken on the “new normal” of sheltering in place, wearing masks, social distancing, doctors visits by Tel-emed, and suspending worship services in person. Our emotions are bouncing from fear, anger, frustration, loneliness, and sadness to joy, hope, confidence, pleasure, satisfaction, and happiness and around they go in ups downs and in circles.

In the midst of such turmoil, our conversations with the Divine pretty much follow the state of our emotions at the time. The Psalms are our best resource for such a time as this. The Psalmists had similar conversations with God and we can find comfort in hearing their laments and praising of God.

Here is an example of what I’m referring to:

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!  
My heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord,  
because you have dealt bountifully with me.  
- Psalm 13 (NRSV, excerpts)

There is a writers group in the UCC that is comprised of clergy and one of the things they do is write a daily devotional and send it out to anyone who wishes. The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Pagán-Banks wrote a piece called “Covid Conversations” on June 28, 2020. Her chosen scripture was the verses from Psalm 13 I listed above. The following quote is what she wrote in the “Still Speaking Daily Devotional for June 28:

### Words From Rev. Carol, con't

*My emotions have been all over the place these days. I'm happy one minute, frustrated and short-tempered the next. One minute I can't see beyond the disappointment, and then I witness the myriad of ways love is showing up and my spirit is lifted. Fear and hope seem to take turns leading the soulful yet erratic dance that is my emotions.*

*Reading Psalm 13 during this crisis, I am comforted in knowing my conversations with God are not so unique. The psalmist starts with a clear question that comes from the depth of their pain. They call God out! They call B.S. They point out the inconsistencies. They hold nothing back!*

*Then they catch their breath.*

*A heartbeat passes, followed by an exasperated shudder of release.*

*The conversation takes a turn.*

*The psalmist remembers God's love. Their trust in God is renewed. They find a new song on their lips. The music of praise and possibility resumes!*

### **Prayer**

*God, thank you for your patience when our faith is spinning out of control and our emotions are not in step with what we know to be true – that you will never leave us nor forsake us. Amen.*

On the days when you are confronted with news that puts your emotions in a tail spin, turn to the Psalms to find comfort in the fact that the Psalmists had the same upheavals in their lives. Their laments and ultimate praise of an ever-present God can help us put words to our emotions and conversations with the Beloved who will never leave us nor forsake us!

In the greatest of hope,  
Pastor Carol



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- Betty Stratton

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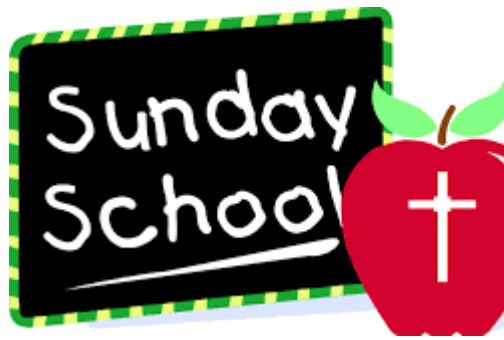
The weekly Zoom worship meetings with Rev. Carol are attended by 12-15 each week. For information about attending please contact Rev. Carol. A weekly bulletin with a message from Rev. Carol can be found on Facebook, e-mail, and some are printed and mailed to those without a computer.

Our congregation was very saddened by the loss of Tyler Morin on June 4<sup>th</sup>. He was a very bright, caring and peace-loving person. He brought positive energy to discussions and activities and added goodness to our lives. We are grateful for his time with us. May Tyler's light continue to shine in God's Universe.

Condolences to his parents Tracey Nieroda and Bill Morin, and siblings Chelsea and Nathan Morin and their extended family.

Stay safe and well.





The Sunday School has not met since March 8<sup>th</sup> due to protocols from the state government. We miss our children and are praying for them. Sunday will resume on the first day back to church with a special celebration and treats. For now, we are looking at a way to get together on-line. Please watch for information on the BBCC Bulletin Mailer.

#### Silver Lake at Home

Although most camps are not in session this summer, Silver Lake Conference Center is offering at home "will focus on the four Silver Lake "Loves": Love God; Love Your Neighbor; Love Yourself; and Love Creation." This four-week program has a number of options so that you can customize an experience that is the best fit for your family. Some options have a small cost attached; some are free. For more information go to <https://www.silverlakeect.org/silver-lake-at-home>.



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Board of Trustees

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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.

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your donation to:  
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Broad Brook Congregational Church  
122 Main Street  
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## Missions Committee

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 especially at this time of need for many families. This is true also for the many organizations on the front line fighting this virus and keeping us safe.

The BBC Touch Another Life Scholarship was awarded on June 11, 2020 to an East Windsor High School senior, Jake Berry. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Jake.

The Missions Committee will be meeting soon to plan for our 2020 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, and Katherine Mickens.) We are always looking for new ideas for local, state, national and international projects.

The Missions committee thanks everyone for their generosity and time to help others.

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



# ← Ways and Means →

## Tag Sale

It's been an interesting couple of months. Now that our state is starting to open more, we are most certain of holding our annual church Tag Sale. The date will be Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm. The majority of the sale will be held outdoors pending weather. We will do our best to promote a safe shopping experience. Masks and gloves will be encouraged to be worn by our volunteers and hand sanitizer will be available at each cashier station. Our items to be sold are most often washed and price before the sale, more emphasis will be directed at making sure they are cleaned appropriately per item.

We have a good amount of items leftover from last year and some new items have been added since. We will be collecting additional donations of unbroken resalable items throughout the month of July, please no adult clothing or shoes. We encourage clothing donations be dropped off at any roadside collection bin or to any other charity seeking such items. If anyone requires assistance with a pick up or more information, please call Mike at (860) 983-7093 or Debbie at (860) 888-7462. If you reach our voicemail, please leave a message, we will return your call as soon as we are able. We will be holding workshops to clean, sort and price at the church on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm beginning July 6<sup>th</sup>. Drop-offs may be done during those times. Additional daytime workshops may be added in July as I learn more about my possible return to work date.

This fundraiser will be our only big event we will hold this year. Please help us raise extra funds to help offset the loss of funds through the inability to hold services. We continue to pay our employees, services, upkeep, commitments among other things. The proceeds will help cover some of those costs.



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July

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Calvin Myers	6th
Kevin Nodwell	7th
John Curran	7th
Joseph Ivanisin	7th
Jackson Wallace	8th
Benjamin Bauer	16th
Carolyn Feldman	18th
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
Amanda DiMauro	8th
Colton McNeely	9th
Tyler Curran	11th
William Stratton	13th
Mary Velazquez	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

June

## Debbie's Kitchen Corner



For this issue of the Beacon I chose an old favorite recipe that I have shared many years ago. It was given to me by a very dear friend almost 40 years ago at camp. I would make this recipe to bring with us on our vacation, I would always make extra to bring because we would see our friends (where I got the recipe) there every year. It's unfortunate that they had to stop going to camp due to medical reasons. I continued to set aside some for a few years after but found it difficult to get it to them. She reached out to me last year for the recipe as they had missed it so much, she had lost her original recipe due to a flood. We recently saw them and the conversation of the recipe came up. They now make it every year in May for the summer and very grateful that I had kept it safe.

So, on that note, this recipe is worth repeating to encourage making/trying it out. It's very appropriate for the summer months and for those who grill year-round no matter the weather. It keeps very well in the refrigerator. we used this homemade BBQ sauce for when we used to hold BBQ chicken suppers here at the church. For those of us still staying home and social distancing possibly trying out new recipes as I have, give this one a try. I tend to double even triple the recipe to share in mason jars when we were invited to cookouts, we got rave reviews every time.

One more good thing about this recipe is its versatility. You control the ingredients that goes into it. I recommend trying the basic recipe first then make any flavor modifications after that. Some like a smoke flavor, less sweet, others like it spicy or with a zing to it etc. The other modification can be using your slow cooker or Instant Pot, in which I have not done yet!! This recipe came about when we did not have such modern conveniences!! I love the smell it projects as it cooks in my kitchen.

### Nancy's BBQ Sauce

1 cup tomato puree (or favorite ketchup)  
¼ cup white vinegar  
1 cup water  
½ cup chopped onions  
1 cup sugar (brown or white)  
dash of garlic powder and cinnamon

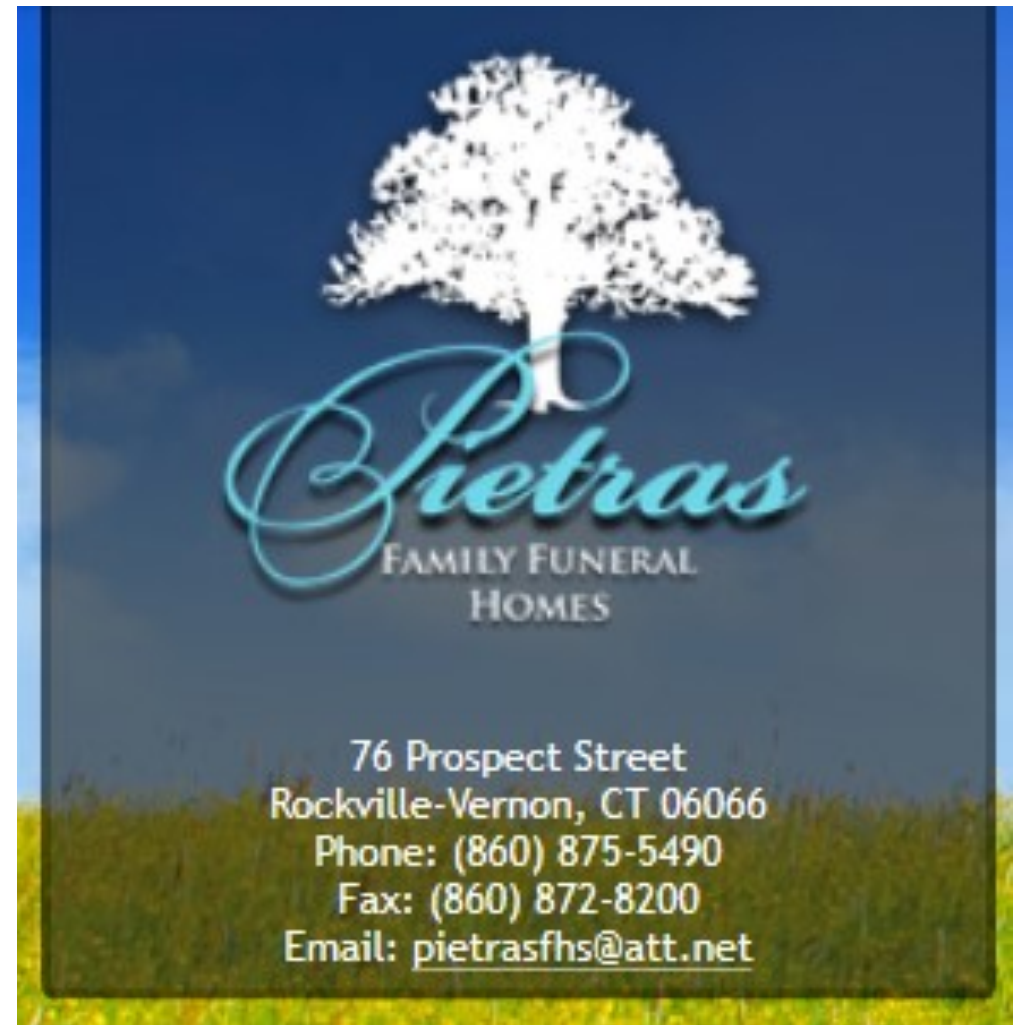
Place all ingredients in a sauce pan, bring to a slight boil, reduce heat then simmer until thick, stirring occasionally, approximately 1 ½ hours. Note: it will simmer to almost half the original volume.

Remove from heat let cool for 10 minutes then transfer into desired container, I use quart size mason jars. It is easier to transfer while the sauce is still warm. Let cool completely then store in refrigerator. The sauce will continue to thicken as it cools and is refrigerated.

Note: When grilling, it is best to pre-baste lightly with the sauce then use a heavier concentration of the sauce when almost ready to remove from



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



**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**

## Sunday worship via Zoom! 10 AM

### Join Zoom Meeting via computer, iPad, or smart phone

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7180014244?pwd=U0dDYlIPYndmamRrTFBkTktoOWwwZz09>

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If you join this way and your device has a camera then you'll get the full experience. If a camera isn't available you can hear and be heard, just not seen.

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Meeting ID: 718 001 4244

Password: 9878625

If you join using your smart phone you can see us and we can see you if your phone has a camera. If it doesn't then you can hear and be heard but you can't see or be seen.

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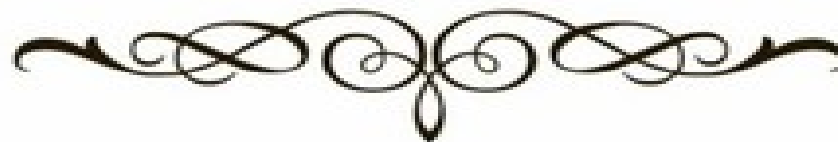
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Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lacross	July 12th
Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Snow	July 15th
Mr. & Mrs. Wade Signor	Aug 10th



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

**For the children in your life, start the new year off right! Registration is also available online!**

**Contact us for more Information about the Fall semester.**

## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION FORM

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