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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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Broad Brook Congregational Church

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Rev. Carol B. Lewis
All Congregation Members
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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—due to Covid restrictions, Rev. Lewis is not holding office hours at this time. She can be reached at 860-987-8625.

Please email staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org with announcements or corrections to the weekly Bulletin or the Beacon.

Important Reminders:

Rev. Carol has a new church cell phone line. By calling this number Rev. Carol will be able to answer it at any time. So instead of calling the old BBCC number, please call: 860-987-8625. Thank you

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.

A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



Greetings,

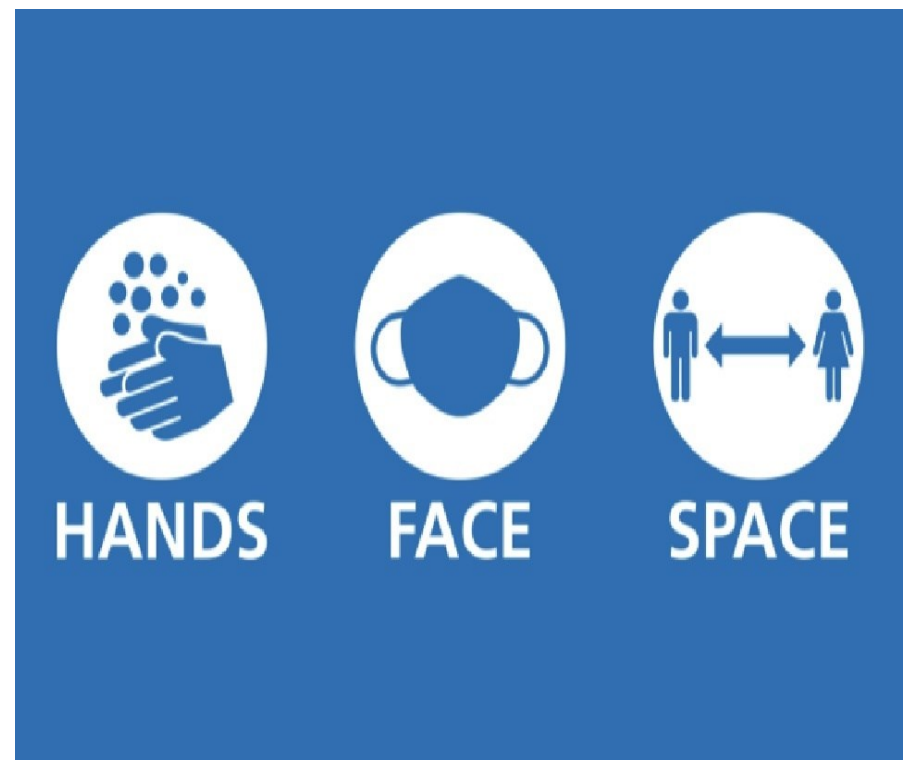
We are beginning to emerge from the Covid-19 Pandemic. It is wonderful to be back in our sacred space for worship. We are still abiding by the Governor's and the CDC's recommendations for masks and social distancing. We have children who are too young to be vaccinated and others who have medical conditions that could be compromised. Thus, we want to make everyone feel comfortable about returning and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

This has been a difficult time for me as I try to balance hope for the future while trying to heal a grieving congregation. Sunday May 30th we celebrated the lives we have lost while having to be closed. I will use this spot to lift the names: those saints and include a sentence or two about why they will be missed.

There is so much more that can be said about each of these saints that now watch over us from their eternal home but there just isn't enough room.

I'm sure all of you who knew these saints will have memories of your own that will be a source of joy to you.

Have a restful summer and be safe. Fall will be here before you know it so take advantage of the time when schedules are put on the back burner and enjoy God's beautiful creation.



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!



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

Contact us for more information!



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE



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the stores at
**TOWN CENTER
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Broad Brook
Church
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FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS
- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

- Betty Stratton

The Deacons have been holding regular monthly meetings by either Zoom or in-person.

Broad Brook Congregational Church opened its doors on May 2nd. We have been wearing masks and social distancing. We have not been singing but listening to the wonderfully played music on the Organ and piano by Dr. James Clark. It certainly feels wonderful to be once again worshipping in the sanctuary and seeing everyone in person once again.

The celebration of life service for Mary Melissa Tatro was held on Friday May 14th. Mary Melissa was a member for 42 years and sang in the choir for many years. She was a member of the Missions and stewardship Committees and more recently was seen behind the counter serving vegetables at the suppers. Our condolences to all the family.

We are scheduling other Memorial Services throughout the summer. See the calendar for dates.

Broad Brook Congregational Church on Memorial Day May 30 will be honoring our 2020-2021 Saints with a special service.

Our Congratulations to all the graduates of high school, Emma and Isabelle McMahon and Elizabeth Lewis all from Ellington High School and college, Chelsea Morin from the Southern CT State University (New Haven) as a RN.

Rev. Carol will be on vacation from July 15 through August 4. We do not have a Pulpit Supply Pastor or Lay Person as yet to fill the Pulpit. If you would like to or know of someone whom might like to do it, please contact one of the Deacons, Betty Stratton, Rich York or Debbie Siekiera or Rev. Carol.



It was wonderful to welcome the children back to church and Sunday School on May 2, 2021. They have all grown so much in all areas. We are now following the worship theme used in church called "Dare to Dance Again". We have learned about people who have made a difference by dreaming big dreams for a better world and then worked to make it happen. We have talked about our dreams and talked about small things we can do to make them start to happen. Children's Day will be on June 13th. We will read scriptures on that day and participate in the service. An Ice Cream Social will follow the service.

The children have chosen to do a unit about Social Justice in the fall. We will also be having a confirmation class for students in eighth grade and up. This class will start with a refresher course so no one will feel uncomfortable if they have missed or forgotten lessons in church. Stay tuned for more information about the fall. Please contact Linda York with any questions.
(Lyork76769@sbcglobal.net)



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



Building Maintenance	\$
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Coffee Hour	\$
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Deacon Wish List	\$
Discretionary Fund	\$
Other (Please Specify)	\$
Total Amount of Donation	\$

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Name: _____

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Board of Trustees

Broad Brook Congregational Church

PO Box 466

Broad Brook, CT 06016



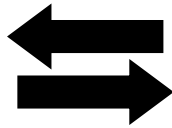
Missions Committee

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 especially at this time of need for many families. This is true also for the many organizations on the front line keeping us safe and meeting basic needs. We thank Wade 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 recently met and decided to use our missions money this year for local needs. A \$500 "Touch Another Life" scholarship will be given to an East Windsor High School graduate who is not receiving any other scholarships. In this way, we do touch another life. We will be meeting soon to give to other local needs. Please give your suggestions to Linda York, Carol Lewis, Debra Signor, or Katherine Micken. 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.



Ways and Means



A tentative date has been set for Saturday August 7th 2021 from 9 am to 3 pm for our annual Tag Sale. We will start collecting donations in June. An area with a table will be set up in the old nursery to receive incoming donations. The fellowship hall needs to stay clear of clutter due to a few Memorial Services scheduled in June and July. The sale will be held outdoors again this year in the driveway. Workshops will be held in July with actual date/time to be announced at a later time. Mike & Debbie Siekiera will be willing to pick up your donations, please call our cell's Mike's at 860-983-7093 or Debbie at 860-888-7462 to make an arrangement or if you have any questions. We hope to have the necessary information posted on our website once the dates and times have been confirmed.

Please remember Broad Brook Congregational Church still needs you. Donations in any amount helps supports various programs BBCC supports in our community locally, state wide, nationally and internationally. BBCC most recently provided resources to support a scholarship to a 2021 graduating EW high school student. BBCC still supports the 5 Corner Cupboard by collecting food plus extra funds to purchase items they are in need of for the food pantry. With so many still in need of extra help, the need is real. So please check out the coupon page to see where your donation can be applied. Every gift is a blessing and much appreciated. So please do so out of the goodness of your heart or in loving memory of someone special to you. Thank you!! Have a safe and fun summer.

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.

Hymnal Donated by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please send your donation to:
Music Committee
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CALENDAR

June:

- 6- Communion
- 8- Deacons meet @ 1 pm on Zoom
- 12- Nancy Nodwell's Memorial Service
@10am
- 13- Children's Day (Ice Cream Social
after service)
- 20- Father's Day
- 27-Council Meeting Zoom and
in-person @ 11:15am

July:

- 4- Communion
- 5-Independence Day Observed
- 11- Memorial Service for Carol Ballard
@ 1pm

August:

- 1- No Communion (Rev. Carol away)
- 28- Selma Grant's Memorial Service

Rev. Carol will be on vacation July 14-August 4.
She will also take 1 month sabbatical leave in
October.

THE DEACONS ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO
PREACH DURING REV. CAROL'S ABSENCE. IF YOU ARE
WILLING TO DO SO OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO MAY
LIKE TO DO SO , PLEASE REFER THEM TO ANY OF THE
DEACONS, BETTY STRATTON, DEBBIE SIEKIERA OR
RICH YORK.

ENJOY AND HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!



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**

Hi All,

We had a very productive and smooth outdoor cleanup at BBCC last Saturday with terrific teamwork from four EWS and four SWS volunteers along with Mike, Betty, Bill, Orissa, Rev Carol, Linda, Rich, and Wade. (with prior consultation from Joyce)

The plants and shrubs in the front, back and sides of the Church look so pruned and healthy. The Memorial Garden is peaceful, walkable and ready for visitors thanks to all the pruning, raking and weeding. Our front sign has been updated to "Welcome Back for Sunday services at 10 AM."

Grateful to all the volunteers,
Debbie Signor



3. In a large bowl place strawberry Jello, add ½ cup boiling water and stir to dissolve completely. Whisk in 1 cup strawberry Greek yogurt until combine. Add 4 cups whipped cream and mix until combine evenly. Pour the mixture over cream cheese layer and smooth the top.

4. Refrigerate for 2-3 hours until set.

5. Spread 2 cups whipped cream on top.

6. To make the curls, carefully draw a vegetable peeler across the broad surface of the bar of white chocolate at room temperature. Sprinkle curls on top. Refrigerate for 2 more hours before serving, or overnight.

7. Store in the fridge.

Notes: For whipped cream you can use thawed whipped topping like Cool Whip (you'll need about 22 oz.). For homemade whipped cream, beat 3 ½ cups chilled heavy whipping cream with 2 teaspoon vanilla until soft peaks form. Add powdered sugar to taste and continue mixing on high speed until STIFF PEAKS form.



Happy Birthday

June



Philip M. Grant	4th
Karen Cahoone	4th
Nicholas Owens	5th
Joyce Jordan	13th
Aubrianna MacDonald	13th
Amber LaCross	17th
Kristen Dannehey	18th
Kristin Curran	18th
Mariann Ivanisin	19th
Dylan Nodwell	20th
Ethan Jones	24th
Rebecca Griffin	25th
Ashley McMahon	28th
Jennifer Savoie-Rubin	30th

William LaCross	2nd
Cindy Bedard	2nd
Adrienne Burrell	3rd
Deborah Siekiera	4th
Anthony Siekiera-Bombard	5th
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

July

Happy Birthday August



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



Mr. & Mrs. Richard York	June 28th
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lacross	July 12th
Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Snow	July 15th
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bedard	July 31st
Mr. & Mrs. Wade Signor	August 10th

No Bake Strawberry Jello Lasagna

For Oreo Crust:

- 36 Golden Oreo cookies
- ½ cup unsalted butter-melted

Strawberry Cheesecake Layer:

- ½ cup unsalted butter-softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 8 oz. cream cheese-softened
- 1 ¼ cup whipped cream
- 1 1/3 cup diced fresh strawberries

For Strawberry Jello Layer:

- 3 oz. strawberry flavored gelatin (like Jello brand)
- ½ cup boiling water
- 1 cup strawberry Greek yogurt
- 4 cups whipped cream

Topping:

- 2-3 cups whipped cream
- 4-5 oz. white chocolate bar (I prefer to use Ghiardelli brand to make the curls)

Instructions:

1. To make the crust ground whole Oreo cookies with the filling in a food processor to make fine crumbs. In a bowl stir together ½ cup melted butter with Oreo crumbs until evenly moistened, then press the mixture in the bottom of 9 x 13" dish, set in the freezer to firm while making cheesecake layer.
2. In a bowl cream together ½ cup softened butter, 8 oz. softened cream cheese and 1 cup powdered sugar until smooth and creamy. Add 1 ¼ cup whipped cream and mix to combine. Using a rubber spatula, gently fold in diced strawberries and spread the mixture over chilled crust. Place in the fridge.



Debbie's Kitchen Corner

I think we are in for a hot summer (sincerely really hope this) so I can enjoy my afternoons in our pool and take the motorcycle out for many spins!! Thought that an easy make ahead dessert that's sure to please would be appropriate for all your entertaining and cookouts you may attend. I found it on Pinterest, with of course there's many variations. This one came out so nice for me that here's the recipe I tried that was a huge hit in my house. We have been alternating between trifle dishes with different puddings and fruit, ice cream and this no bake fruity lasagna. We are in love with pudding and Jello desserts lately as they are fairly simple to make and so worth it. I tend to substitute lower fat and lower sugar ingredients as needed for our diets, the lower fat/calorie version is still fantastic. Who wants to spend the summer heating up the kitchen, I don't!! Next trip to the store, get the ingredients to have on hand, then when you get that invite, you are already.



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

Lay Readers



JUNE:

6- Mike Siekiera

13- Debbie Signor Children's Day

20- Joyce Bonelli Father's Day

27- Katherine Mickens

JULY:

4- Karla Vince 4th of July Weekend

11- Mike Siekiera

18- Wade Signor

25- Linda York

AUGUST:

1- Dr. James Clark

8- Joyce Bonelli

15- Rich York

22- Wade Signor

29- Debbie Signor

CONGRATULATIONS:

Isabelle and Emma McMahon will graduate from Ellington High School on June 11. They both intend to start their college education at Manchester Community College. They are the twin daughters of Carol and Mark McMahon and grandchildren of Bill and Betty Stratton of Broad Brook.

Chelsea Morin of Broad Brook graduates from Southern Connecticut State University (New Haven) May 19, 2021. She is finishing with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, with a Minor in Psychology, and a Certificate in Spanish for Health Professionals. Chelsea has been hired to work at Yale New Haven Hospital as a medical surgical nurse and has a short-term goal of becoming both a Labor and Delivery and Postpartum nurse. One day, after many years of experience, she hopes to be able to use her skills as a travel obstetrics nurse. Her family is very proud of her. We wish her the most success in her endeavors.

Elizabeth Lewis will be graduating from Ellington High School and continuing her education at the University of Rhode Island. She is the daughter of Aimee and Charles Lewis and granddaughter of Rev. Carol Lewis.

