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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

122 Main Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016
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Broad Brook Congregational Church

Ministers
Moderator
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All Congregation Members
Wade Signor
Rich York
Dr. James Clark
Betty Stratton



<http://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org/>
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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.



Please Patronize the stores at
TOWN CENTER SHOPS
next to
Broad Brook Church
860-432-8900

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.



Join us for Easter Services





- Betty Stratton

The Board of Deacons are happy that Linda York has joined the Board. She will bring to us planning ideas from the Religious Education Committee and be a wonderful addition to the Board.

The Pulpit has been filled and will be filled by Pulpit Supply Pastors through Easter. Thank you to all the supply Pastors who have filled our pulpit during the months of March and April. They are: Rev. Julie Olmsted, Rev. Robert LaRochelle, Rev. Michelle Wilshire-Clement, Rev. Carolyn Young and Rev. Frank Basler.

The Interim Process is again at a standstill. We had interviewed one candidate and found her not a good match for Broad Brook Cong'l Church. Hopefully there will be new interest in Broad Brook Congregational Church with some update information added to our UCC Ministry Opportunities form.

There will be an Open and Affirming flag hanging at the front of the church soon!

Easter Service will be at 10:00 am. There will be a special children sermon for the children. Come and join us as we celebrate "Christ is Risen". The Rev. Carolyn Young will be preaching on this special Sunday. Please come and join us for worship. All are welcome.



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!



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	\$

Check payable to Broad Brook Congregational Church:

Name:

Phone:

Reason for Donation:

Drop in collection plate or mail to:
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 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 Sunday School collected gently used winter clothing and blankets for those in need. Linda York and Debbie Signor sorted the clothes and Debbie Signor brought six large bags full to the town. The town Human Resources department was very grateful and especially liked the homemade hats.

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.





This Winter, we are continuing the thirteen week Shine Current Curriculum called “Seeking Justice Together”. Each week is designed around a key Bible verse and story about Jesus’s teaching. We are learning what Jesus taught about social justice and how we can bring it into our church, town, and personal lives. We will continue aspects of it when we finish the 13 weeks as there are so many things to learn and do with the program.

Confirmation classes began in January. Lyndsie Brown and Lily Raymond are taking their faith journey using a workbook called “Affirming Faith”, A Confirmand’s Journal” and attending UCC Confirmation Enrichment sessions. Linda York is teaching the class with Debbie Signor substituting as needed until we have an interim minister. The Confirmation Service will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022. Please support our confirmands with love, prayers, and faith.

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 _____

Contact number/email _____

← Ways and Means →

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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With the weather outside acting out in typical New England fashion this winter, plans are being made to make more effort in fundraising as the weather gets better. Also, as we learn to live with this crazy virus that keeps interfering in the lives as we knew it, we are attempting to resume with safe gatherings. We have had confirmation that a plant sale will make it's comeback this spring after two years of Covid-19 issues with the date of the sale to be announced in our next Beacon. This sale has traditionally been held in May, but which Saturday depends on the spring weather to set the date as our gardener's need to plant in dirt, not mud or ice!!

Also confirmed was the annual tag sale to be held in August. So let us know if you find some items you wish to contribute to our sales. We have a little room to store items early for once if you can't wait to just get it out of the way.

We have found another avenue to raise funds as we have a member who can bring items to auction. We recently found an item hanging around leftover from previous donations, this member recognized it's value and brought it to auction.

As most of us know, auctions don't always bring the best deal but sometimes it certainly can like in this piece that was recently auctioned off. If you find an item you would like to donate to the church, we can determine where to sell it to help raise the best funds for it. Tag sales are not always the best place to sell a high ticket item. Any monies raised through these generous sales will greatly help our Missions and community outreach projects as well as church programs.

We look forward to moving on with our projects. We hope to announce more activities as the months progress. We are still in the interim minister search as all our paperwork as been completed and submitted. We have a lot of things going on and moving forward despite a lack of formal ministerial leadership. We have had some wonderful guest preachers that have recharged our faith and hope. With God with us, all things are possible. Onward Christian Soldiers! Amen.

LAY READERS



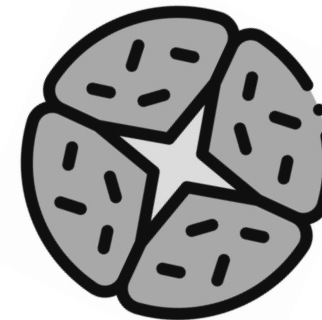
MARCH	
6	Rich York
13	Joyce Bonelli
20	Mike Siekiera
27	Dr. James Clark



APRIL	
3	Karla Vince
10	Mike Siekiera Palm Sunday
17	Karla Vince Easter Sunday
24	Rich York

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Grease or spray a 1.5 qt round casserole dish, set aside.
3. Prepare the soured milk by measuring $\frac{3}{4}$ cups of any grade of milk then add 2 TBSP of vinegar to your milk. (You cannot skip this part). Set aside.
4. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the dry ingredients until evenly mixed. Add the raisins or currents. Stir your soured milk then add it to the dry ingredients. Stir until the dough forms a ball and all the ingredients are incorporated into the dough. If dough is a little dry, add a TBSP of milk or 2 as needed to just moisten the dough to form the ball.
5. Place the dough in the prepared casserole dish.
6. Bake in oven for 40 to 45 minutes. The top should be golden brown.
7. Cool on rack for 10 minutes. Turn the bread out of the dish to finish cooling. Store in an air tight container like Tupperware. The bread is great as a side to your Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner or as a breakfast great hot out of with butter or bread as it is the toaster cream



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

Pat's Irish Bread

The recipe chosen for this issue of the Beacon is an old tried and true family favorite recipe. It was given to me by my very Irish mother-in-law, it was her personal recipe. After she passed away I used to make several extra loaves of the bread to bring to my father-in-law for him to share with his neighbors who were spoiled with this bread this time of year for so many years before she passed. I used to make a dozen of these loaves for when we held our church corned beef and cabbage suppers. I had so many requests for a loaf of their own after sampling it at the suppers, I had to make extras. These loaves are so simple to make and require so little ingredients. The only issue I ran into was running out of the round casserole dishes which gives the bread it's shape. I would have to use round cake pans or cook in stages to get so many breads cooked at once. I have posted the recipe in here before but it's been years since I've shared it and this bread is so worthy of another mention here in the Beacon. Now I need to go bake one of these loaves for my husband. He acts like it's a special holiday when he gets one. It is actually in honor of St. Patrick's Day for our Irish friends and want-a-be's for the day which coincides with our anniversary! No cake for us, just bread!!!!

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour

½ cup sugar

1 tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

¾ cup milk (soured, see instructions below)

2 TBSP white vinegar

1 ½ tsp caraway seeds (optional)

½ cup to ¾ cups golden currants or raisins

Pam Spray



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March 10th Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Myers

March 17th Mr. & Mrs. Michael Siekiera

April 16th Mr. & Mrs. William A. Stratton

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
Broad Brook Congregational Church
122 Main Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016



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

EASTER PLANTS FORM 2022

This year there will be Easter lilies, Tulips, and Hyacinths decorating our pulpit on Easter morning.

PLEASE use a SEPARATE form for each plant and circle the plant you wish to order:

EASTER LILY

\$13



TULIP

\$13



HYACINTH

\$15



GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

or

IN HONOR OF: _____

I will take the plant after the Easter morning Worship Service

YES

NO

Please donate the plant to a home bound member:

YES

NO

Each plant will cost _____. Cash or check made out to the

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Please return this form to Betty Stratton or Joyce Bonelli

On or Before April 3, 2022.

Happy Birthday

March

Richard York III	4th
Debbie Signor	9th
Chelsea Morin	12th
Ashley Marino	19th
Michael Savoie	22nd
Katelyn Curran	24th
Joseph Bonelli	25th
Patricia Savoie	28th
Dylan Brown	31st



April

Victoria Sweet	4th
Patricia Harlan	5th
Katherine Mickens	9th
Soareena Reel-Skinner	12th
Waylon Siekiera	14th
Avery Jones	17th
Chelsea Marquis	18th
Lyndsie Brown	20th
Kristy (Signor) Easton	20th

Calendar

March	
2	Ash Wednesday
6	First Sunday in Lent Communion Rev. Michelle Wiltshire-Clement preaching
9	Deacons meet @ 10 am
13	Rev. Michelle Wiltshire-Clement preaching Daylight Savings Time begins (clocks move ahead 1 hour)
20	Rev. Frank Basler preaching
27	Rev. Michelle Wiltshire-Clement preaching
April	
3	Communion Rev. Michelle Wiltshire-Clement preaching
10	Rev. Frank Basler preaching Palm Sunday
17	EASTER Service at 10:00 am Rev. Carolyn Young preaching
24	Rev. Carolyn Young preaching COUNCIL Meeting @ 11:15 am
30	Clean Up Day @9am-12pm
Upcoming Dates	
May 29	Rev. Robert LaRochelle preaching
June 5	Pentecost Sunday , Communion Confirmation:, Rev. Robert LaRochelle

Broad Brook Congregational Church
ONA Covenant

We wish to welcome everyone from our community, becoming a safe and nurturing place of worship for all. “Everyone” includes all ages, races, and cultures. “Everyone” includes all levels of income and education. “Everyone” includes those who are challenged with physical, hearing, vision, emotional, and other disabilities. “Everyone” includes the LGBTQ community. Everyone includes those recovering from addiction and poor choices. “Everyone” includes everyone, no matter where they are on their spiritual growth journey.



ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE NEATEN THE
PROPERTY AROUND THE CHURCH

Broad Brook Congregational Church Clean Up Day 2022

Broad Brook
Congregational Church
Saturday, April 30, 2022 | 9 AM-12 PM
122 Main St | Broad Brook, CT



Feel free to bring gloves and garden tools you like to use.