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Important Reminders:

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

Thank you.

Betty Stratton, Clerk pro tem

PLEDGE CARDS AND ENVELOPES

PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR 2019 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PLEDGED TO BROAD BROOK CONG'L CHURCH. THEY WILL BE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. AFTER DEC 24th.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE. EXTRA PLEDGE CARDS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX AND ON THE TABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

ANYONE WHO DID NOT PLEDGE AND WOULD LIKE OFFERING ENVELOPES ONLY. PLEASE SEE BILL STRATTON.

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE A RECORD OF THEIR 2018 DONATIONS TO BROAD BROOK CONG'L CHURCH, PLEASE SEE BILL STRATTON.

The 2019 Altar flower donation chart is now hanging on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. There are plenty of Sundays available to sign up for flowers. They are \$22.00 each.

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 with announcements or corrections to the weekly Bulletin or the Beacon.

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A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



Luke 5:1-11

"Put Out Into Deep Water"

This story in Luke is our first introduction to the disciples in his gospel. Jesus is at Lake Gennesaret. The crowd is closing in on him. He is at the edge of the lake when he spots two boats. The fishermen have already emptied their meager catch and are cleaning the nets. Jesus gets in one of the boats and asks Simon to put out a little way from the shore. Simon obeys and Jesus proceeds to teach to the crowds. When he is finished Jesus asks Simon, *Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.* Simon explains that the all night fishing expedition has yielded little in the way of fish. But again, he obeys Jesus. Once they let down their nets the catch of fish is so great the nets start to break. They call for the other boat to come help. Both boats are so full they almost sink. Simon, upon seeing the catch, falls down at Jesus' knees saying, *Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!* Jesus said to Simon "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

Put out into the deep water. We certainly have had a lot of rain this fall and winter. The snow we had a week or so ago and then the spring weather that followed produced some mighty big and DEEP puddles on the road and just off the road. As i was driving in Ellington during that spring day when the temperature outside read 58, i caught a glimpse of something off on the left side of the road. Being a careful driver, I waited until on coming traffic cleared and then looked in my rearview mirror. I saw a huge puddle and at its edge stood a little girl and on her feet were the most beautiful pair of bright pink boots with pink fur at the top. She couldn't have been more than 4 years old. The toes of the boots were just into the puddle. I couldn't see her face but imagined a smile filled her face as she contemplated stomping through the puddle. Not too far but far enough away stood her grandfather with his hand out. I'm convinced he was encouraging her to go around the puddle since he was not dressed for puddle jumping. I didn't think any more about the scene, just tucked it away as a cute grandparent/grandchild outing until I read the story in Luke.

How it speaks to me on a personal level is that sometimes God calls us to put out into the deep water. If we have the pink boots, aka faith in God which means trust in God, then there will be some good things in that deep water. Things we didn't expect. God is there holding out God's hand ready to lift us up when the time is right. God is dressed for puddle jumping and we have the boots to be in the deep water. There is no need to be afraid. Remember how much fun it used to be to play in puddles when we were kids. We didn't worry about how deep the water was. In fact the deeper the water, the bigger the splash.

I also see this scene speaking to our church. We can keep our toes at the edge of the water where its safe and secure. If we do that, we will become the church that an interim minister once thought you should become—a church for those over 50—those who want to keep the church the way they remember it 40 years ago and the church would probably close in a few years.

Or we can put on our boots and put out a little way into the water—make small changes— work like we have been doing and not make much progress and maybe make it 6-7years.

OR we could put on our beautiful boots—whatever color you want—and *put out into the deep water*. Try new things. If they fail, try another new thing. The point is to have FUN trying. To have Fun splashing in the deep water with God. There is a special place for smaller churches and we just need to keep trying until we find what our place is. God is dressed for putting out into the deep water with God's hand held out to us.

Are you ready to put on your boots and put out into the deep water and start catching people? If so say Amen!

I preached this sermon February 10, 2019. Just because some of you are scattered to the four corners of the country or some are close by but unable to to get out and about we'd love to hear from you. Do you have any suggestions that you would like to see incorporated into the BBCC community, either in worship, in various ways of communicating with you, or mission projects, etc. Our contact information is in the Beacon. Anxiously awaiting your thoughts.

*Have a Blessed Lenten and Easter Season,
Pastor Carol*



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Thank you.

From the



**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION
COMMITTEE**

The Sunday School has been busy learning about the Epiphany story, the Fruits of the Spirit, and several scriptures about Love. We finished the "Service to Others" heart and presented it to the congregation on February 10, 2019. We also made mobiles and bookmarks containing 1 Corinthians 13 for valentines to members of the church.

The season of Lent will start on March 6, 2019. We will join the church pancake breakfast on March 3, 2019. Lent is a time to examine ourselves and our world to see where we are not living as God intends, and to make changes or new beginnings. During Lent we will talk about stories about Jesus from the Book of Luke including stories about miracles, healing, friendship, Palm Sunday, the Last Super, the Crucifixion, and Resurrection. We will participate in a mission's program which the children will plan soon. We will also participate in the Palm Sunday and Easter Services. A communion class will be held for children in second grade or above. Please contact Linda York at lyork76769@sbcglobal.net to sign up. First Communion students will participate in the Maundy Thursday service and will receive their first communion during that service. Easter Sunday this year will be on April 21, 2019. We hope to have an Easter Egg hunt after church on that day.



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- *Betty Stratton*

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Contact number/email

Thank you to all those whom have told the children a story during Children sermon time. Also to those who so willingly agree to be lay readers and a greeter each Sunday.

← Ways and Means →

At this time there is nothing to report on for activity. With the winter months upon us, we are all hibernating!! In the meantime our committee is currently researching new avenues for fundraising. We need to come up with some new fresh ideas as we venture forward. We really can use everyones help on coming up with new things. The "same old same old" is not working out as well as it used to. The same amount of work still goes into each event we plan but has been yielding less and less each year discouraging our volunteers to continue. We need to refresh. We hope to have some events planned by the next issue of the Beacon.

In the meantime, we could use your help with fresh ideas. What would you like to see BBCC do? What or how would you be willing to do to help support our fundraising mission? Our fundraising events are not just to support our church bank account. Some of the monies we raise actually go towards local and national charities. We also sponsor a "Touch Another Life Scholarship" given to a graduating EW High School student going off to further their education. We hold weekly collections for food and monetary donations for our local food bank. We put together food baskets for local families in need during the holidays. We sponsor families at Christmas so their children have things to open on Christmas morning. These are just a few examples of our mission work with monies raised via fundraising. We do other things throughout the year with everything our church does within our community including our Sunday services. So put on your thinking caps, let us know your ideas. We are reachable by calling the church and leaving a message for any of us to return your call or by contacting us via our website, address your email to staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org someone will most certainly get back to you. We would LOVE to hear from you.



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!

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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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.

The Missions Committee will be meeting soon to plan for our 2019 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, Warren Wenz, and Katherine Mickens.) We are always looking for new ideas for local, state, national and international projects.



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Calendar

March

3- Communion- Traditional

6- Ash Wednesday

10-Day Light Savings Time Move your clock ahead

First Sunday in Lent

Shove Sunday- pancakes during coffee hour.

17- Deacons meeting @ 11:45am

April

7- Communion- traditional

14- Palm Sunday

Deacons meet @ 11:20 am

18- Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 pm

First Communion Class- Colin Raymond

21- EASTER

28- Council Meeting- light lunch @ 11:20 am

Ash
Wednesday



*“Each of you should give what you have decided
in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

2 Corinthians 9:7

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12/2018



Happy Birthday

March

Mrs. Selma Grant	4th
Mrs. Cyndi LaCross	4th
Mrs. Debbie Signor	9th
Miss Chelsea Morin	12th
Mr. Michael Savoie	22nd
Miss Katelyn Curran	24th
Mr. Joseph Bonelli	25th
Miss Patricia Savoie	28th
Mrs. Amanda DiMauro	29th
Dylan Brown	31st



Mrs. Carol Ballard	2nd
Miss Victoria Ruth Sweet	4th
Mrs. Patricia Harlan	5th
Mrs. Nancy Nodwell	5th
Mrs. Connie Cormier	9th
Ms. Katherine Mickens	9th
Mrs. Judie Nodwell	11th
Miss Soareena Reel-Skinner	12th
Waylon Joseph Siekiera	14th
Mr. Avery Jones	17th
Miss Chelsea Marquis	18th
Miss Lyndsie Brown	20th

April

Lay Readers

MARCH:

3-Wade Signor

10--Rich York

17- Katherine Mickens'

24- Debbie Signor

31- Joyce Bonelli

APRIL:

7- Bob Cormier

14-Wade Signor

21 -Mike Siekiera (Easter)

28- Dr. James Clark



Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Myers

March 10th

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Siekiera

March 17th

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cormier

Apr 5th

Mr. & Mrs. William A. Stratton

Apr 16th

Mr. & Mrs. Jason DiMauro

Apr 20th

Children's Sermons

MARCH:

3-Communion

10-Wade Signor

17-Katherine Mickens

24-Dr James Clark

31- Rev. Carol

APRIL:

7-Communion

14-Carol Innes

21-Rev. Carol or Linda York
(Easter)

28-Rev. Carol



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The Garden of Life

First plant five rows of P's-

Presence

Promptness

Preparation

Perseverance

Purity

Then plant four rows of Turnips-

Turn up for meetings

Turn up with a smile

Turn up with new ideas

*Turn up with determination to make everything
count for something good and worthwhile*

Next plant three rows of Squash-

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash unjust criticism

Finally, every garden should have Lettuce-

Let us be faithful to duty

Let us be unselfish and loyal

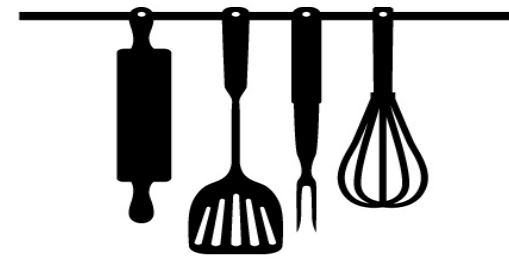
Let us obey the rules and regulations

Let us be true to our obligations

Let us love one another

Triple Lemon Cake

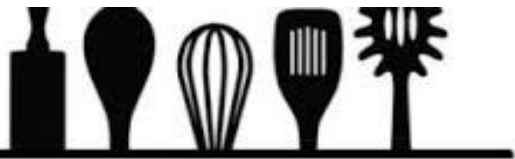
Yield: one 8-inch cake (8-10 servings)



I have chosen a basic homemade from scratch Lemon Cake that is sure to WOW at any function you may find yourself needing to bring a dessert for. I absolutely love all things lemon. This cake is fairly easy to make from scratch but it does require a little work since there are 3 steps to it; the cake batter, the filling then the frosting. But.....it is sooo worth it! Sure you can take the easy way out by buying a box mix and a can of lemon pie filling but it is just not the same. When you want the real McCoy.....this recipe is it!! If you know you you will be planning on making this cake, go ahead and make the filling and frosting in advance to save some time on the bake day, refrigerate till needed. Just remember to remove it from the fridge when starting your baking then re-whip your frosting to fluff it back up before icing the cake, it will spread easier. If bringing it somewhere to impress, add some bling like colored sprinkles, add some rosettes on the top edge border and/or one in the center or just cover the top with some powdered sugar sprinkled evenly with your sifter. Of course there are other options to dress to impress, go and have fun! And ENJOY<3



Tell us how you did; post your results on our facebook page!
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Ingredients:

Cake

2 cups all purpose flour

1 ½ cups sugar

¾ tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

½ tsp salt

3 eggs

2/3 cup oil

2/3 cup lemon juice

¾ cup sour cream

Lemon Curd

1/3 cup fresh lemon juice (about 2 lemons)

2 tsp finely grated lemon zest

1/3 cup sugar

4 egg yolks

3 tbsp butter (I used unsalted)

Lemon Buttercream

1 ½ cups butter (unsalted)

1 ½ cups shortening

12 cups (3 lbs) powdered sugar

3 tsp finely grated lemon zest

6 tbsp lemon juice

1 tsp vanilla

1 to 2 tsp milk - plus more to the consistency you want

Volunteers 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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SUNDAY SCHOOL



Instructions:

Cake

1. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large bowl and whisk together.
2. Add eggs, oil and lemon juice. Beat until smooth.
3. Add sour cream and beat until smooth,
4. Bake at 350 degrees in two 8-inch pans for about 25 minutes or until done.

Lemon Curd

1. Combine all ingredients in a double boiler (or in a metal bowl over a pot of simmering water).
2. Heat while stirring constantly with a whisk.
3. It is done when it's thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. You will be able to tell it has thickened, but I wouldn't say that it's "thick."
4. Refrigerate until cool and thick.

Lemon Buttercream

1. Beat butter and shortening together until smooth.
2. Add 6 cups of powdered sugar, one at a time, beating to combine.
3. Add lemon juice, lemon zest and vanilla and combine.
4. Add the remaining powdered sugar and beat to combine.
5. Add water to get the consistency you want, starting with ½ tsp, beat to combine.

To assemble the cake:

1. Divide the cake into four layers by slicing each cake in half.
2. Fill two layers with lemon buttercream and the other two with lemon curd.
3. Frost the outside of the cake.

