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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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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.



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 next to
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 860-432-8900

Pastor's Paragraphs



My friends,

As I sit here contemplating the lowest temperatures of the year (so far), I welcome the chance to think about March and April. I eagerly anticipate the return of Spring and warmer weather and the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter.

Before the celebration, though we must endure the solemnity of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

As early as the Third Century, Christians devoted themselves to prepare for the celebration of Easter. In these early generations, two days before Easter were dedicated to the Christian practice of fasting. From the end of the worship service on Good Friday to the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ on Easter—equaling the time Jesus spent in the tomb—Christians would fast. Generations that followed increased the period of fasting to six days which was also the amount of time prospective members spent in humble preparation for the reception of Baptism and the Lord's Supper that they would receive at the Easter service when they would be received as new members.

In the Seventh Century, the western church arrived at a forty day preparation period for Easter. They were fasting for six weeks at six days a week for a total of 36 days. Beginning in that century, they decided to include the four days that preceded the first Sunday of preparation. That first day of Lent, then, was known as Ash Wednesday. These forty days symbolized the forty days that Moses dwelled on Mount Sinai (Exodus 24:18), the forty days that Elijah journeyed to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8), and the forty days that Jesus fasted in the wilderness (Matthew 4:2).

For those interested in knowing where the word Lent comes from (and even for those not so interested) the word comes from the Old English word *lencen* or *lengten*, which means to lengthen.

(Pastoral Passages con't)

This word was applied to the season of the year when the days were lengthening, the season known as Spring. the words Lent and Spring therefore bear similar meanings.

The season of Lent serves as an opportunity for Christians to prepare for the coming celebration of Easter. After these six weeks of dedicated preparation, the Gospel proclamation of Good Friday and Easter Sunday will be that much sweeter and beautiful.

Our preparations lead to the joy of Easter Sunday, which this year falls on April 9, when we will loudly exclaim, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

The English word Easter, which parallels the German word Ostern, is of uncertain origin. One view, expounded by the Venerable Bede in the 8th century, was that it derived from Eostre, or Eostrae, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. But, there is now widespread consensus that the word derives from the Christian designation of Easter week as in albis, a Latin phrase that was understood as the plural of alba ("dawn") and became eostarum in Old High German, the precursor of the modern German and English term.

Fixing the date on which the Resurrection of Jesus was to be observed and celebrated triggered a major controversy in early Christianity in which an Eastern and a Western position can be distinguished. The dispute, known as the Paschal controversies, was not definitively resolved until the 8th century. In Asia Minor, Christians observed the day of the Crucifixion on the same day that Jews celebrated the Passover offering—that is, on the 14th day of the first full moon of spring. The Resurrection, then, was observed two days later, regardless of the day of the week. In the West the Resurrection of Jesus was celebrated on the first day of the week, Sunday, when Jesus had risen from the dead. Consequently, Easter was always celebrated on the first Sunday after the 14th day of the first full moon of spring. Increasingly, the churches opted for the Sunday celebration.

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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Please send your donation to:

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



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(Pastoral Passages con't)

The Council of Nicaea in 325 decreed that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox (March 21). Easter, therefore, can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

I have always found the origin of our faith and traditions to be fascinating. But, now, with all the dry history aside, let us join our hands and hearts and experience our first Lent and Easter celebration together, learning from the past – but looking forward to a bright future.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Brian



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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FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

- Betty Stratton

The Deacons are happy to announce that Jan Baeder has joined the Board of Deacons. She has had experience on the Board of Deacons in other churches before she joined us. She comes with many ideas that may be helpful.

The Officers of the Board will remain the same, Betty Stratton as Chairman and Debbie Siekiera as Secretary for 2023.

The season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday, Feb 22. Our first Sunday of Lent will be Feb. 26. The pulpit will be stripped of the brass items and replaced with wood and baskets to symbolize Lent. The congregation will be asked if any of them wish to be a part of the exchange of the pulpit brass to a dull color during Lent.

Condolences to the family of Roger McCully who passed on Jan, 12, 2023. Roger was a member of Broad Brook Congregational Church for 37 years.

Please **come and join us at our Game Night on March 11 at 6 pm.** There will be much fun for all ages including board games, trivia, Bingo and more. Prizes will be given. Refreshments will be served Susan York will be in charge.

Holy Week services at Broad Brook Congregational Church include:

Palm Sunday on April 2 @ 10 am
Maundy Thursday on April 6 @ 6 pm
EASTER WORSHIP @ 10:00 am

BROAD BROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
WELCOMES EVERYONE!

Important Reminders:

Pastor Brian's office hours are usually on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10AM to 2PM. This may vary depending upon seminars offered by the UCC or meetings with the Hartford East Association. Please call the office at 860-623-4547 before coming to be sure he is available. He may be reached by texting 860-992-9438, emailing brianbaeder@sbcglobal.net or calling (emergencies only please) 860-992-9438.

There are some envelopes in the pew backs for use for the morning offering, please feel free to use one.

There are openings for weekly altar flowers in 2023. The new lists are available. Please sign up on the list hanging on the bulletin board in the Fellowship hall. The cost is \$25.00. They can be given in memory or honor of a loved one. See Joyce Bonelli or Betty Stratton for questions.

BBCC is sponsoring a community Rodeo Themed Game Night for all ages on March 11, 2023 at 6:00pm in our Fellowship Hall. Activities include board games, trivia, Jeopardy, Bingo, Country Music, refreshments and lots of fellowship and fun. Donations are needed for prizes and baked goods.

The flower arrangement pots can be recycled to the Broad Brook Gardens. Please leave them in a box marked "Flower Pot Returns" on the kitchen counter above the dish washer. Thank you.- Flower Committee.

Call to Special Meeting

The Members of Broad Brook Congregational Church are hereby called to attend a special meeting to be held on **Sunday, March 5, 2023** immediately following the worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. VOTE ON the 2023 BUDGET.
2. Conduct any other business thought proper at this time.

Betty Stratton, Clerk-Pro-Tem

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 _____



Sunday School resumed after the Christmas break. We are continuing to use *The Whole People of God* curriculum which follows the Revised Lectionary used in church. Lenten lessons will theme is “Let’s Talk”. Lessons center around conversations in the Bible, inviting us to listen, understand, and let God’s spirit change us.

Each year during Lent, the Sunday School presents a Mission’s Project to church. This year we will collect money and items for adults and children affected by Domestic Abuse. More information will be presented in church each week.

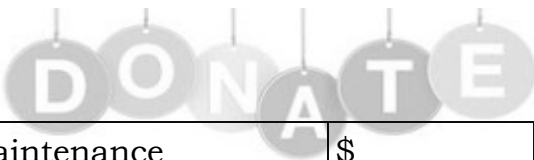
Easter is on April 9, 2023. To remind us of a new life God gives to us, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt after church at 11:15. The community is invited to join us. Bring your young children, grandchildren and friends for a joyful time.

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. We are happy to announce that we have two new members to the committee. Judy Tetrault and Karla Vince have graciously volunteered to help.

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	\$

Check payable to Broad Brook Congregational Church:

Name: _____

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Reason for Donation: _____



Drop in collection plate or mail to:
Board of Trustees
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Broad Brook, CT 06016



Chicken Pot Pie

This recipe is from Linda's kitchen. My husband loves Chicken Pot Pie. I adjusted this receipt when he was put on a low salt diet. It is well loved by anyone I make it for. Linda York

Ingredients

- 1/3 of cup unsalted butter
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 ½ cups no-salt chicken broth
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 2 cups chopped cooked chicken(I bake chicken breasts or use rotisserie chicken)
- 1 10oz package of mixed frozen vegetables, (corn, peas, beans, carrots)-warmed
- 1 large sweet potato cubed and partially cooked
- 1 (15 ounce) package prepared double-crust pie pastry
- 1 egg white

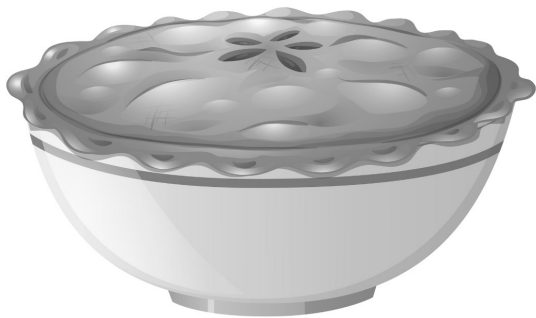


Tell us how you did; post your results on our Facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/BBCongregationalChurch>



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
2. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook and stir onion, flour, and pepper in melted butter until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes.
3. Remove skillet from heat and pour chicken broth and cream into the skillet; bring the mixture to a boil and cook to thicken slightly, about 1 minute.
4. Remove skillet from heat and stir chicken, peas and carrots, and potatoes into the broth mixture.
5. Press one pie pastry into the bottom of a deep-dish pie pan. Pour the broth mixture into the pie pastry. Top with remaining pastry and press edges together to form a seal. Brush top with an egg white wash. Cut several slits into the top pastry. Place pie plate on a baking sheet.
6. Bake in preheated oven until the crust is golden brown, about 30 minutes. Let pie cool and filling thicken at room temperature for 15 to 20 minutes before cutting.





Calendar

MARCH	
5	Communion
11	Game Night @ 6 pm- refreshments
12	Daylight Savings Time begins (Clocks ahead)
26	Council @ 11:15am
APRIL	
2	Palm Sunday- Communion
6	Maundy Thursday service @7pm
7	Good Friday
9	Easter
29	Yard Clean Up/Indoor (kitchen)



LAY READERS

MARCH	
5	Debbie Signor
12	Rich York
19	Joyce Bonelli
26	Karla Vince

APRIL	
2	Wade Signor PALM SUNDAY
9	Joyce Bonelli EASTER
16	Rich York
23	Karla Vince
30	Mike Siekiera

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



March 10th Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Myers

March 17th Mr. & Mrs. Michael Siekiera

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



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