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Beacon

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

If you have not submitted your pledge card as yet and/or want envelopes for 2018, please see Bill Stratton.

Broad Brook Congregational Church

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INFORMATION**



**If services are cancelled because of weather,
announcements will be on:**

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WTIC 1080 Radio.

Sunday Worship Services are held at 10:00 AM.

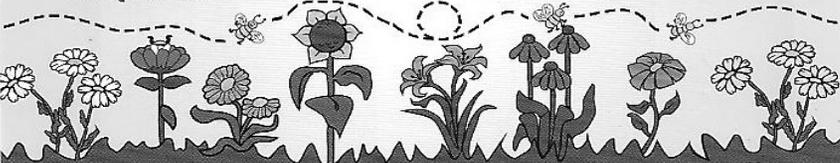
Communion is observed on the first Sunday of each month.

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**



It was great to be back with you during a brief period while awaiting Surgery #2 on my knee. I will miss Lent and Easter this time which makes me very sad. I will return in the Spring as good as new and eager to be back with all of you.

Many thanks for all the cards, phone calls, emails, and prayers you sent my way.

I found this article in an old file of mine and thought it would be helpful in keeping us on "God's Loving Paths" as we embark on our Lenten journey.

The Art of Being

- Be understanding of your enemies.*
 - Be loyal to your friends.*
 - Be strong enough to face the world each day.*
 - Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.*
 - Be generous to those who need your help.*
 - Be frugal with what you need for yourself.*
 - Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.*
 - Be open enough to believe in miracles.*
 - Be willing to share your joys.*
 - Be eager to share the sorrows of others.*
 - Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.*
 - Be a follower when you are shrouded by the mists of uncertainty.*
 - Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.*
 - Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.*
 - Be sure where your next step will fall, so that you will not stumble*
 - Be sure of your final destination, in case you are going the wrong way.*
 - Be loving to those who love you.*
 - Be loving to those who do not love you, and they may change.*
 - But above all, be yourself.*
- Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Saratoga, California.*

Wishing you a productive Lent and a joyous Easter
 See you in the Spring!
 Rev. Carol

From the



**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION
COMMITTEE**

The Sunday School this winter has been learning about God's call to us and encounters with Jesus through stories about Samuel, Jonah, and Jesus healing a distraught man, and Jesus going to the mountain to pray. These encounters turn our ordinary lives into the extraordinary, teaching us that we can encounter God in many different ways and at many different stages in our lives. The children have been busy reading the stories from their Bibles and talking about how God is calling us to respond to the world around us.

On January 21, 2018, Collin Michael Raymond was presented a Bible during the church service.

The season of Lent started on February 14, 2018, helping us to prepare for Easter, the most important day in the Church Year for Christians. 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 from the Book of Genesis about new beginnings and more stories from the Books of Mark and John about Jesus. We will learn how Jesus died and came back to life, what happened at the Last Supper, what communion means to us, and about the power of Jesus. We will work on a Lenten Symbols Banner each week, making visuals to help us remember the messages. We will also begin a special mission's project to earn money toward purchasing blankets for those in need. Other projects include presenting a shadow puppet show to the congregation and participating in Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held after services on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.

- Linda York



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← **Ways and Means** →

The ways & Means Committee has not finalized their fundraising dates for 2018. We are looking into ways to keep things fresh. Although there are some things you can't mess with like the Corned Beef supper, we are getting a jump on it before everyone else which helps! People start seeing signs and advertisements and can't wait to get a taste of one very delicious dinner. For some they only get this meal at this time of year and then that's it! There are those who love it and then there are those that just don't!!! We have ordered the Corned Beef from The Butchery again this year. The meat is so lean and tender and never dry. Let us pray for no snow for that week and weekend! It tends to mess up the roads, walkways and parking lots. Safety is always a concern.

Still on the agenda for this year is our annual fundraisers: Plant sale, Tag Sale, Ecumenical Bazaar and some more suppers such as our Turkey Supper and Pot Roast Supper. It is time to try some other menus such as Pork Roast, Ham & Bean, Pulled Pork or even BBQ Chicken. Please let someone on the Ways & Means Committee your choice of other selections or ones just mentioned. Your input matters.

We are always on the hunt for some fresh ideas for fundraising. Finding different ways to raise funds to support our BBCC activities and missions is a challenge. There are so many things happening during each month and with the many hats each of us wears, our choices are limited. This bares reminding, if at any time you notice a fresh great idea for fundraising.....please do mention it to any of us on the Ways & Means.

Spring is coming Alleluia! We look forward to seeing everyone supporting us throughout the 2018 fundraising year

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Missions Committee

The Missions Committee continues to support the 5 Corner Cupboard with food collections and monthly donations from the congregation. The food bank presently needs diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, Kleenex, feminine supplies, shaving supplies, and cat food. Any donations are highly appreciated. The Missions Committee will be meeting soon to plan for our 2018 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.



Calendar

March

- 3- Corned beef supper
- 11- Hymn Sing Worship @ 10 AM
- Daylight Savings Time begins (clocks forward)
- 25- Palm Sunday @10 AM, children will participate
- 29- Maundy Thursday @ 7 PM



April

- 1- Easter Family worship at 10 am
- Rev. Joanne Myer preaching, Easter Egg Hunt follows



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Easter Egg
Hunt!**



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2018

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I will take the lily arrangement after Easter service.

Yes ___ No ___

Please donate my plant to a homebound member.

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Return to Betty Stratton or Joyce Bonelli by March 25, 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
Miss Kristy (Signor) Easton	20th

April

Lay Readers

March

- 4- Wade Signor
- 11- Mike Siekiera
- 18- Katherine Mickens
- 25- Rich York

April

- 1- Wade Signor
(Easter)
- 8- Warren Wenz
- 15- Mike Siekiera
- 22- Dr. James Clark
- 29- Debbie Siekiera

Childrens Sermons

March

- 4- Communion
- 11- Katherine Mickens
- 18- Wade Signor
- 25- Rev. Carol (Palm Sunday)

April

- 1- Communion Linda York
(Easter)
- 8- Katherine Mickens
- 15- Dr. James Clark
- 22- Carol Innes
- 29- Rev. Carol



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Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Myers	Mar 10th
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Siekiera	Mar 17th
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cormier	Apr 5th
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Stratton	Apr 16th
Mr. & Mrs. Jason DiMauro	Apr 20th



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Mail-In Flower Dedication Form

Name:

Address:

Dedication:

Enclose your check for \$22.00 payable to: *Broad Brook Congregational Church* and mail to us at: Broad Brook Congregational Church, P.O. Box 466, Broad Brook, CT 06016

Crispy Coconut Chicken

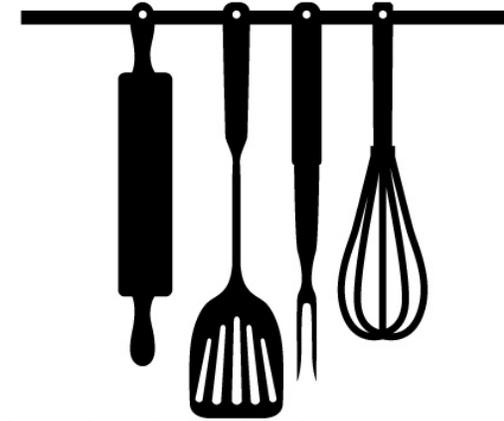
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes
Yield: 4 Servings

Ingredients:

- Vegetable oil for frying
- 1/2 cup cornstarch (instead of flour for gluten free)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper {optional}
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 3 - 4 cups of sweetened coconut flakes (like Baker's Coconut)
- 3 - 4 medium, boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into strips or nuggets

Instructions:

1. In a medium pot, add 2 - 3 Inches of oil. Turn burner to medium and allow oil to get nice and hot. The perfect temperature should be 365°F
2. In a bowl mix cornstarch, salt, pepper & cayenne pepper. Set aside.
3. In a second bowl, add 3 eggs and lightly beat.
4. In a third bowl add coconut flakes.
5. Take chicken and douse in cornstarch mixture. Then dip into eggs and cover well. Then dip in coconut and set aside on a plate. Do this to all chicken.
6. Once chicken is ready, check oil. Place the end of a wooden spoon in the oil. If bubbles form around the spoon the oil is ready. If bubbles do not form around the spoon then the oil is not hot enough.



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

Crispy Coconut Chicken Recipe con't

7. Once oil is hot enough, GENTLY add chicken one piece at a time to oil, ensuring chicken does not touch and stick together upon initial contact into oil.
8. Cook chicken for approximately 4 minutes then flip and allow the other side to cook. Cook second side for an additional approximate 4 minutes.
9. Gently remove golden chicken and set on a paper towel lined plate. Cook chicken in batches if all does not fit into pan.
10. Once all chicken is cooked, serve with your favorite sauce.

We have enjoyed this plain, with honey, with an orange sauce, with ranch dressing and with sweet & sour sauce. Choose your favorite dipping sauce and enjoy!

Notes:

Tips for frying with oil if you have never done it... frying with oil is a serious thing and not to be taken lightly - AT ALL. If you are nervous at all do our baked method below!

Heat oil to 350* - 375°F Use a digital or candy thermometer to determine how hot your oil is. If you don't have one, then place your oil over medium heat - maybe a little lower than medium just to be safe. Let oil heat for 10 minutes. To test to see if oil is ready or too hot, toss a few (FEW) flecks of coconut into the oil. If coconut turns a golden color within 2 minutes you are ready. If your coconut looks the same as it did after 2 minutes your oil isn't hot enough. If your coconut turns black your heat is WAY TOO HIGH and you should turn it down a notch or two and let it cool. Continue with the coconut test until you are confident the oil is ready for your chicken!

If you'd rather BAKE instead of fry follow these directions: Preheat the oven to 400°F. Lay coconut breaded chicken on a baking dish lined with parchment paper, non stick foil or a baking mat. Bake for 15 minutes, then turn chicken over. Bake 10 more minutes (total 25) or until chicken is cooked through. Enjoy!

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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