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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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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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Words From Pastor Baeder



Hello Broad Brook!

My name is Brian Baeder and I have been called to be your Pastor. I am very happy and excited to have this opportunity to walk with you on this Faith Journey. We will have good times together as we discover where God is leading us!

I am a native of Connecticut, raised in the suburbs of Waterbury: Prospect and Oakville. I graduated from W. F. Kaynor Technical High School and continued in the technical field with an AAS degree in Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgy major.

I think it was the day I graduated from Waterbury State, that I received my draft notice, and spent two years in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. This was during the Viet Nam conflict, and I was fortunate that Texas was the only foreign country I visited.

It was right after Basic Training that my wife Jan and I were married. Our lives have been blessed with two children: Our son Jeffrey who along with his wife Stacey and children Jacob and Sydney live in Agawam, MA. Our daughter Heather and her husband Greg (Luterman) live in Madison, AL.

After being discharged, we moved to East Providence, RI (Jan's hometown) and I began working full time while attending college at night. I received my BS in Industrial Engineering from Roger Williams College and moved on to the MBA program at Bryant College.

We moved to Enfield in 1977 when I started working in the aerospace manufacturing field and spent more than 40 years as an Engineer, Engineering Manager, Quality Manager and General Manager.

Soon after moving to Enfield, we joined the Enfield Congregational Church and became involved in committee work and church leadership.
Pastor Brian

I began to feel God calling me to ministry, but not toward ordination. I felt called to better identify with the Laity and spread the Word as someone “just like them” who could inspire them to do likewise.

I completed the Hartford East Association Lay Minister Program in 1985 and became licensed for Pulpit Supply (and Short Term “fill-in”). This while continuing my full-time employment.

One of my short-term assignments was only for 2-3 months while a church determined what to do after their pastor resigned. The short term turned out to be ten years as I was called as their settled pastor.

After serving that congregation in West Woodstock, CT, I supposedly retired. The Area Conference Minister (and God) had other ideas, and I then served the congregation in West Stafford, CT for three years.

I look forward to meeting each of you personally and learning your stories. I also look forward to sharing the gifts that God has given me with Broad Brook Congregational!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Brian

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



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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!



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS
- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

- Betty Stratton

The Board of Deacons is proud to announce that we have called Pastor Brian Baeder to be the Bridge Pastor of Broad Brook Congregational Church starting July 3, 2022.

Please join us on Sunday, June 26, 2022 worship service when Pastor Brian will be preaching and there will be a special welcome reception following during Fellowship time. Pastor Brian and his wife Janice will be available to meet and greet all the parishioners. Plans are for a more formal celebration in the early fall.

The Deacons have been busy with Easter preparations as well as preparing the contract for Pastor Brian during the past few months.

I want to thank all the supply pastors that we had during the past 6 months. Rev. Julie Olmsted, Rev. Robert LaRochelle, Rev. Michelle Wiltshire-Clement, Rev. Frank Basler, and Rev. Carolyn Young we thank you all. In May and June we will be honored to have Ned Parker from Andover Newton Seminary and Rev. Jack Zappulla from Windsor, and Rev Bob LaRochelle.

There will be 2 young ladies Confirmed on June 5. Lily Raymond and Lyndsie Brown were prepared by Deacon and Religious Education Chair., Linda York, we thank her for her dedication. The Dr. Rev. Robert LaRochelle will be the Confirming Pastor.

Broad Brook Congregational Church extends our Condolences to the family of Marilyn Yosky who passed on April 4, 2022. Marilyn was a member of Broad Brook Congregational Church for 48 years, serving on several committees throughout the years.



This Winter/Spring, the Sunday School finished the Shine Current Curriculum called “Seeking Justice Together.” We then completed a Lent and Easter unit about Walking with Jesus. We will finish the year with reading Letters to the Churches in the Bible about becoming disciples. Children’s Day will be on Sunday, June 12, 2022. We hope to have a family picnic to celebrate the church school year.

Pentecost Sunday, will be very special this year for our church. Lyndsie Brown and Lily Raymond have fulfilled the requirements of our confirmation program and have expressed a desire to unite with us as members of our church. They will be confirmed during the Pentecost Service on June 5, 2022. Please support our confirmands with love, prayers, and faith. A reception for both girls will follow the service. We thank Linda York and Debbie Signor for leading them through the confirmation classes.

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:

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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 _____

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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Yaaaay! Springtime is finally here! As always the weather is still iffy but it holds promise of nicer days ahead. This means spring clean up. Our yards and homes need a little sprucing up and weeding to rid of the extra debris collected inside and out over the colder months. To help you with this, BBCC has two events planned to hopefully help you in your sprucing up!

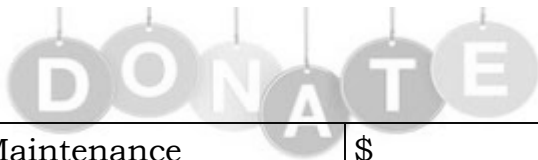
The first is our annual Plant Sale. The date has been set for Saturday May 21st from 9 am to noon. Our master gardener's will have some new plants ready for your gardens. Some are annuals, some perennials. There will be some sun loving plants, some shade in both categories. There will be some produce plants such as tomato's and herbs available. Come on by to see what's available this year.

The second event is our annual TAG SALE. Oh boy do we have some stuff for you! Collections have started early and the stuff is coming in! The sale will be on Saturday August 6th from 9 am to 3 pm with a half price sale starting right at 3 as the clean up crew readies the leftover merchandise to be packed up. All leftover items will be donated to other charities so those donated items keep on giving. We are collecting donations from now until the end of July. Workshops will be held during the week to prepare all the items for sale, probably Monday and Wednesdays as in the past but not sure of the time yet. The decided dates and times for the workshops will be announced in June. In the meantime, call Debbie Siekiera to arrange for any pick up or a drop-off at the church. My cell #860-888-7462. If by chance I can't answer my phone (I might be at work running around!), please leave me a voicemail, I will return your call as soon as possible. Happy Spring Everyone!!!

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. 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 gave a \$100.00 gift to the UCC Ukraine relief fund in March. They also voted to give a \$400.00 “Touch Another Life” scholarship to East Windsor High School for a student who is not receiving other scholarship money but is working hard to continue their education. 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.



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	\$

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Drop in collection plate or mail to:
Board of Trustees
Broad Brook Congregational Church
PO Box 466
Broad Brook, CT 06016



Mr. & Mrs. Craig W. Arnold	May 6th
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bonelli	May 7th
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McNeely	May 9th
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Walker	May 16th
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Nodwell	May 24th
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Savoie	May 29th
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Cameron	May 30th
Mr. & Mrs. John Wilkerson	June 14th
Mr. & Mrs. Richard York	June 28th

Debbie's Kitchen Corner

Crab Stuffed Mushrooms

The recipe for this month is a wonderful tasty appetizer treat. My husband makes us stuffed mushrooms often that was worth one point each on WW when we followed the program. They were excellent as a side item as a filler along with another vegetable, meat of choice and a high-fiber carb item. This recipe doesn't stray far from the other recipe except it adds real crabmeat. Because real crabmeat is generally much pricier, these mushrooms usually only appear on the special holidays or events. If you have a special event coming up, be sure to try a batch of these to wow your guests or serve them up at your next special family gathering, or just spoil yourselves as we do once in awhile. Be sure to make it known that there's crabmeat in them in case of seafood allergies or those who snub seafood in general LOL (there's always a few!) Just more to go around! You could always make a few on the side without the seafood. In general, working for a wedding venue that serves a lot of hors d'oeuvres, stuffed mushrooms are extremely popular, with or without the seafood. They are so easy to make. Bon Appetite!

Ingredients:

12 large white button mushrooms, cleaned w/stems removed
(finely chop the stems)
Olive Oil Spray
8 oz cream cheese, softened
½ cup fresh breadcrumbs
2 cloves garlic, minced
½ TBSP Worcestershire Sauce
½ cup finely chopped green onions
½ cup freshly grated Parmesan Cheese
2 - 3 TBSP fresh chopped Parsley
1 cup cooked shelled crab, finely chopped



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Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Precook your mushrooms for 2 to 3 minutes by arranging the mushrooms cap side down on a cookie sheet, don't overcook them, remove from heat. Use a fork to gently flip the caps to drain and cool.

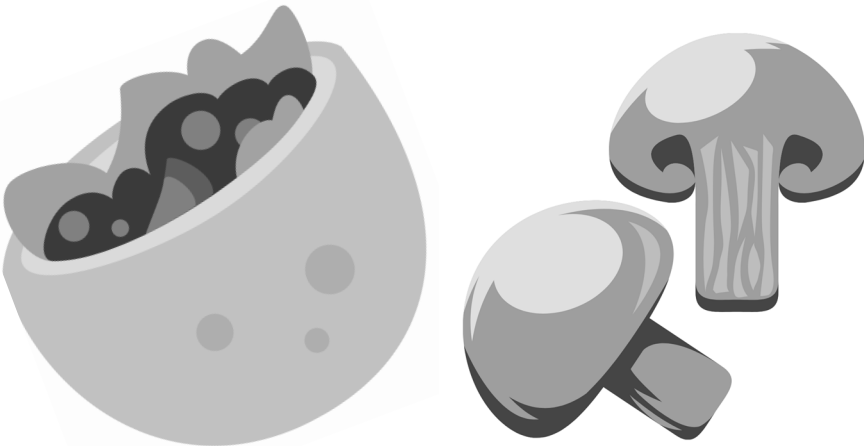
Once they have cooled and drained, wipe down the excess moisture from the cookie sheet then flip the caps back over, lightly spray the mushrooms with the olive oil spray.

In a large bowl; mix together all the ingredients, including the finely chopped stems, until mixture is evenly combined.

Scoop about 1 ½ TBSP of filling into each mushroom.

Bake for 20 minutes. Turn the broiler on the last minute of cooking to lightly brown the tops. "Watch" this process so you don't burn the tops.

Note: For added kick you may add ¼ tsp cayenne pepper or crushed red pepper.



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

LAY READERS

MAY	
1	Joyce Bonelli
8	Wade Signor, Mother's Day
15	Karla Vince
22	Dr. James Clark
29	Debbie Signor



JUNE:	
5	Mike Siekiera, Pentecost Sunday
12	Debbie Signor, Children's
19	Joyce Bonelli, Father's Day
26	Karla Vince

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.

Announcements

Broad Brook Congregational Church has called a Bridge Pastor to be our Pastor. Pastor Brian Baeder plans to start July 3, 2022. He lives in Enfield with his wife, Janice. You will be hearing more about the call and them in coming weeks.

Flowers Committee

Thank you to all persons who donated Easter plants to beautify the sanctuary on Easter. There were 25 plants. Lilies, tulips and hyacinths.

Betty Stratton

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.



Happy Birthday

May



Alice Wenz	1st
Tomaca Govan	1st
Mary Myers	3rd
Michael Siekiera	3rd
William Morin	3rd
Christopher Walker	5th
Abigael Nodwell	10th
Mikaela Nodwell	10th
David Conant	12th
Carol Innes	13th
Alex Velazquez	14th
Mary DiMauro	18th
Peter Pippin, III	18th
Hyla McNeely	19th
Ashley Fuller	20th
Alana (Signor) Curren	21st
Betty Stratton	21st
Orissa McMahon	25th
Amelia Walker	25th
Gregory McNeely	27th
Andrea McNeely	28th

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
Dylan Nodwell	20th
Ethan Jones	24th
Ashley McMahon	28th
Jennifer Savoie-Rubin	30th

Calendar

May	
1	Communion Ned Parker preaching
8	Ned Parker preaching Mother's Day
15	Rev. Frank Basler preaching
17	Deacons meet @10am
21	Plant Sale
22	Rev. Jack Zappulla preaching
29	Rev. Bob LaRochelle preaching
June	
5	Communion, Pentecost , Confirmation Rev. Bob LaRochelle preaching
12	Children's Day - Church picnic Frank Basler preaching
19	Father's Day Ned Parker Preaching
26	Pastor Brian Baeder preaching Reception follows
July	
3	Pastor Brian Baeder preaching Communion