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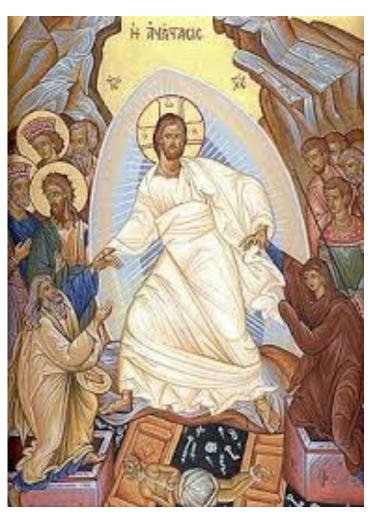
Broad Brook Congregational Church

122 Main Street, Broad Brook, CT 06016 United Church of Christ



## The Wayside BEACON

May-June 2019



Publication of the Pastor: Reverend Carol Lewis

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#### **Important Reminders:**

#### 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 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

122 Main Street Broad Brook, CT 06016 860-623-4547



Pastor

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Moderator

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Rev. Carol B. Lewis

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Wade Signor Robert Cormier

Dr. James Clark

Betty Stratton



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

A Stone In My Pocket by David L. Banks (brother of Rev. Carol)

One warm sunny day in April, weeding amongst the daffodils, I paused to rest awhile to enjoy the warm fresh air carried north by a southerly breeze.

The warmth from the sun must have caused me to doze, for I had a most vexing experience, that left me puzzled, and to this day I have yet to explain.

I dreamed I was walking on the beach where the sand and the ocean meet. I altered my course to avoid some stones, when I spotted a very pretty one... quite flat and perfectly round.

It was still wet from a wave, and all shiny and black, and I wanted it for my own. While bending down to pick it up, I heard it say, "Please don't take me away; This is where I belong!"

I replied..."But you're so pretty
I'd like to keep you and bring you home."
And the pretty little stone replied,
"If you take me away from where I belong,
I'll not be pretty again!"

And no one else shall ever get to see the beauty of my friends and me, right here where we belong; upon the sand at the ocean's edge with waves to keep us company."

I thought this ridiculous, that a stone... should tell me what to do. So I picked it up without a thought and put it in my pocket. I continued my walk, while in the trees, a squirrel was ranting noisily.

Realizing the absence of trees on the beach, I immediately awoke...to a gentle, soft blowing, southerly breeze, that carried the sound of a nearby squirrel chattering loudly up in the trees.

I noticed a daffodil there in my hand, That was badly wilted and dying. And seeing the beauty of those in the garden, I thought...letting it fall to the ground... I should have listened to the stone.

I proceeded to weed the daffodils with a greater sense of value... the joy they bring to all who see them, now revealed at full potential in the garden where they belong!

what's most unusual about my story, is later I found that stone in my pocket; all dull and gray, and not very pretty.

To this day, I'm really not sure if I had a dream, or actually walked on the beach that day.

But I carry that stone with me all the time, to remind me never to be tempted... to take something pretty to keep for myself, but to leave it for all to see and enjoy in the place where it was intended.

In this glorious springtime take time to see the beauty of God's creation come alive again in the places in was intended!

Rev. Carol

#### **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



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COMMITTEE

The seasons of Lent and Easter have been busy for the Sunday School. During Lent we prepared for Easter by reading stories about Jesus and applying them to our daily lives. Our curriculum focused on Holy Communion as we helped one student prepare for his first communion. Collin Raymond attended five lessons about communion and helped the deacons set up and serve communion. He took his First Communion surrounded by his family on Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019.



Our Lenten mission's project this year was to collect needed items for the homeless. The children planned what to gather and stuffed four T-shirts with donations from the congregation and Sunday School children. Items included a towel and face cloth, soap, tooth brush and toothpaste, wipes, socks, snacks, a water bottle, and other needed items.

#### **Christian Education Committee con't**

On Easter Sunday we sang a song called "He is Risen" during the church service and then shared our candy with adults after the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The Sunday School will continue to be busy this Spring learning about the joy and discovery experienced by Jesus' followers. Emphasis will be on exploring the parables of Jesus and hearing God's call. We will participate in the Pentecost service sharing the joy of the Holy Spirit. Our Sunday School Year will end on June 10, 2018, with the celebration of Pentecost on June 9, 2019. A church picnic will follow the worship service.



#### **Easter Egg Hunters**





- Betty Stratton

From the Board of Deacons

**Betty Stratton** 

Lent and Easter are both in the past, but the spirit of Jesus remains with us. We are in the Easter season until Pentecost on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

On Maundy Thursday, Collin Raymond received his First Communion. He was prepared for receiving First Communion by Linda York. Thank you, Linda.

On June 9 Broad Brook Congregational Church will be celebrating Children's Day followed with a Family Picnic at the church. There will be Hamburgers, hotdogs, each family will be asked to bring a dish to share. There will be a sign- up sheet posted June 2. Games will be directed by Susan York. Face painting and water balloons will be available. There will be fun for all.

Thank you to Rev. Joanne Myer for filling the pulpit on April 28. Rev. Carol will be taking some Bereavement time after the passing of her brother. Rev. Carol and her family are most certainly in our prayers.

#### **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)

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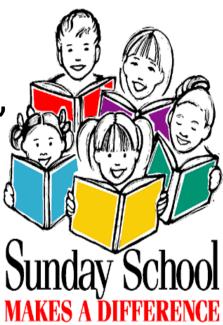
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Note: allow 4 weeks to produce nameplates and bricks.

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For the children in your life, start the new year off right! Registration is also available online!

Contact us for more informatin!



#### **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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122 Main Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016



#### **←** Ways and Means ■

#### Plant Sale

Our annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday May 18th from 9 am to 12 pm in the driveway of our BBCC. Rain or shine!! Hopefully there will be more "shine" from the sun this year than more rain! Every year it always tends to be rainy on this day. Our plants may like the dampness but not us humans!! It's been so wet again this spring it is making it difficult to get much done in the yard work or gardens. Most of us would like a few consecutive dry days in a row to accomplish the tasks at hand. Joyce Bonelli is running the show once again with a lot of help from her sister Julie. They are gardening wonders to us who always have a million questions on where, size, color, how, when, etc.... They always have an answer!!! As in past years there will be healthy perennials ready to be transplanted into your landscape as well as some annuals plus herbs and vegetable plants for the gardens. Stop on by to find some interesting varieties.

#### Tag Sale

Our popular annual tag sale is on the agenda again for this year. As you find yourself spring cleaning and de-cluttering areas of your home, please set aside unwanted items. Consider donating it to our fundraising efforts here at the church. Then after the sale is done, what is left over will be donated to other causes, as it will be a donation that will keep on giving. Our landfills are overloaded so if it's not broke, donate it!! This year the annual Tag Sale will be held on Saturday August 10th, rain date the 18th, from 9 am to 3 pm. Workshops to organize, clean and price will be held early on Monday and Wednesday evenings all through July up until the tag sale date in August. More info will be in the next issue of the Beacon. Pick-ups will be available by appointment through Mike and Debbie Siekiera. If at all possible...... please hold onto the donations until June. We like to wait until after our Sunday school program and picnic has been completed before cluttering up the fellowship hall.

#### Ways and Means con't

#### New Fundraising Ideas

Our Chef has decided to hang up his apron for awhile. His *honey-do* list has grown to epic proportions limiting his spare time to practically no time! As a result future supper fundraisers have been put on the back burner leaving us with needing new ideas of raising money to help support church programs. To offset losing our suppers, new fundraising needs to be implemented, so we could use some fresh ideas. We have a few ideas kicking around but some suggestions would be helpful. Please feel free to send us a message at

<u>staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org</u>. if you have a suggestion.

In addition to losing the suppers we are looking at uncertainty for the future of our Ecumenical Bazaar that has traditionally been held in November with other town church's. The closing of Grace Episcopal Church has brought the number of church participants down to 4. Our congregations are aging and they are feeling the strain on maintaining the yearly tradition. An organizational meeting needs to be held to decide it's direction necessary to take steps towards the future. Stay tuned to future announcements here in the Beacon as we learn more about what has been decided.



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#### MAY:

- 4- Clean Up Day @ 11am-2pm
- 5- Communion
- 12- Mother's Day
- 18-Plant Sale 9am-12pm
- 30- Memorial Day

#### JUNE:

- 2- Communion- by Intinction
- 9- Children's Day program

Picnic and Games-@ 11:20am @ BBCC

Water balloons, lots of games, Hamburgers and hotdogs, salads Lots of fun!!

16- Father's Day



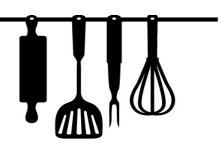
Join us on June 9th for our Children's Day Program and kick off to summer!

#### Missions Committee

The Missions Committee continues to support the 5 Corner Cupboard with food collections and monthly donations from the congregation. All non-perishable food, paper goods, personal items, and baby item donations are highly appreciated. We also sent a \$100.00 donation in March to the East Windsor Panther Pack Program to help stock their new food cabinet for needy students.

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.





#### Slow Cooker Cream Cheese Crack Chicken Chili



prep time: 5 mins cook time: 6 hour

Total time: 6 hrs & 5 mins

#### **Ingredients:**

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 (11 or 15-oz) can corn, drained
- 1 (15-oz) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (10-oz) can diced tomatoes and green chilies, undrained
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup cooked, chopped bacon
- 1 (1-oz) packet Hidden Valley Ranch Original seasoning & salad dressing mix
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 Tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 (8-oz) package cream cheese

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

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



May 4<sup>th</sup> Clean Up Day!

May 18<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm





May 30th

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Mr. David Conant	12t
Ms. Carol Lynn Innes	13t
Mr. Alex Velazquez	14t
Ms. Mary DíMauro	18t
Mr. Peter Píppín, III	18t
Mrs. Hyla McNeely	19t
Míss Ashley Fuller	20t
Mrs. Alana (Signor) Curren	215
Mrs. Betty Stratton	215
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#### **Lay Readers**

May: JUNE:

5- Wade Signor 2- Debbie Signor

12- Rich York 9- Rich York

19- Joyce Bonelli (children's program)

26- Bob Cormier 16- Katherine Mickens

(Memorial Day Week- 23- Linda York

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#### **Children's Sermons**

MAY: JUNE:

5-Communion 2-Communion

12-Wade Signor 9-Children's program

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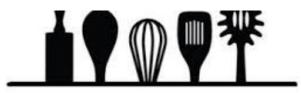
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26- Rev. Carol



Thanks to

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#### Instructions:

- 1. Place chicken at bottom of slow cooker.
- 2. Add corn, black beans, diced tomatoes and green chilies, chicken broth, cumin, chili powder, onion powder ranch seasoning and bacon. Stir together. Place cream cheese on top of chicken.
- 3. Cover with lid and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours. Remove chicken from slow cooker and shred with 2 forks. Return to slow cooker. Stir cheddar cheese into chili.

(Because we found this meal to be saucy, we tend to serve it over something such as noodles, linguine, edamane noodles, quinoa or even any kind of rice. Your choice is endless going by your diet preference. A side of corn bread is a perfect mate too!)





### Thank you to all the parents and the work you have done on behalf of our youth and communities!



#### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION FORM

Name		
Dedication:		

Date for when flowers are to be dedicated:

Please give this form to Betty Stratton.

Payment can be made via check to:

Broad Brook Congregational Church
or via paypal:
staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org

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Mr. & Mrs. Warren Wenz	May Ist
Mr. & Mrs. Craig W. Arnold	May 6th
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bonelli	May 7th
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McNeely	May 9th
Mr. & Mrs. John D. Ivanisin	May 12th
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Walker	May 16th
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Nodwell	May 24th
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Savoie	May 29th
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Cameron	May 30th



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**Purchase fundraiser items** 

**Donate flowers for church service** 

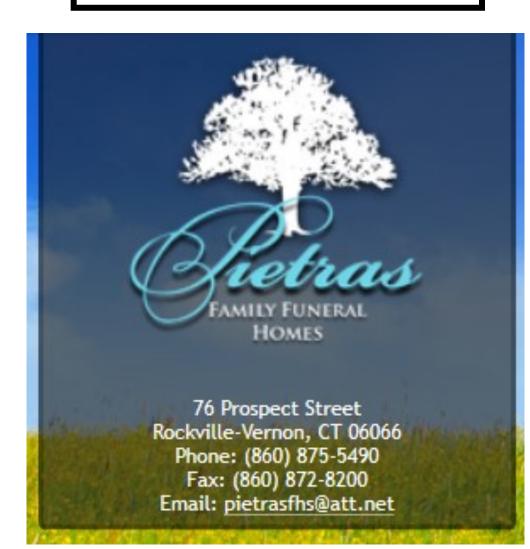
**Church pledges** 

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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





#### **Communion Sunday**





