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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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 Congregational Church
 860-432-8900

Pastor's Paragraphs



Proverbs 1:8-9 - Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

As we approach May and June, our thought turn to Summer, vacations and cook-outs; but we also remember our parents. We honor Mom in May and Dad in June.

Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis to honor her mother in 1908, although she became disgusted with the commercialization of the day and eventually tried to end it.

Jarvis likely got the idea for Mother's Day from her mother. In 1876, she heard her mother recite the following prayer: "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial Mother's Day commemorating her for the matchless service she renders to humanity in every field of life," and that's likely when the seed for Mother's Day was planted.

After gaining financial assistance from a Philadelphia businessman and department store owner named John Wanamaker in May 1908, Jarvis organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at her church in Grafton. That same day thousands of people also attended a Mother's Day event at one of Wanamaker's retail stores in Philadelphia. The store did great business and it's likely is where the commercialization of the day began.

By 1912, many cities, states, and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis created the Mother's Day International Association to help promote Mother's Day across the country. All of her hard work paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation establishing the second Sunday each May as Mother's Day.

Jarvis never profited from Mother's Day, despite the opportunity for her to do so. She went broke fighting the commercialization of the day and died penniless in poor physical and emotional health at the age of 84 in 1948.

Father's Day was inaugurated in the United States in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fathers, fathering, and fatherhood.

Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. After hearing a sermon about Anna Jarvis's Mother's Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors of the Spokane Ministerial Alliance did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June.

It did not have much success initially. In the 1920s, Dodd stopped promoting the celebration because she was studying in the Art Institute of Chicago, and it faded into relative obscurity, even in Spokane.

A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, fearing that it would become commercialized. US President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation. Two earlier attempts to formally recognize the holiday had been defeated by Congress. In 1957, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus "[singling] out just one of our two parents".

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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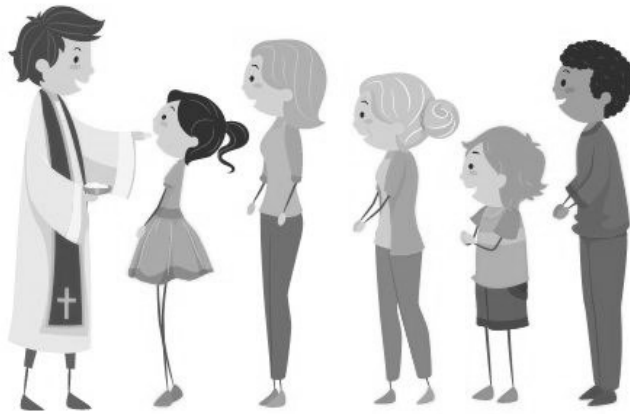
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In Honor of: _____

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



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In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

Grace & 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



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

- Betty Stratton

Kevin Mayo from Enfield filled the pulpit on April 16 while Pastor Brian and Jan were on a well-deserved weeks' vacation. We thank Kevin very much for filling the pulpit that morning,

On Easter Sunday morning there was a good attendance worshipping at Broad Brook Congregational Church. The friendship committee had a nice Easter brunch after worship. Many people told me, "What a nice treat". Thank you to the Friendship Committee.

On Easter the pulpit was filled with beautiful Easter flowers, (Easter lilies, tulips, and hyacinths). Thank you to everyone who donated a plant or plants to help make this a beautiful Easter sight.

A new member class is planned for June 4th. If interested please contact Pastor Brian or a member of the Deacons. More information to follow.

An addition to the Broad Brook Congregational Church sign is in the progress of being made. It will add Pastor Brian's name.

The Church will sponsor a Church Picnic on June 11 after worship service. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided, Every family will provide a dish to share (pot luck style). See you there Games will be provided for all.

Happy Summer to all! Don't forget our Sanctuary is air conditioned! Please join us when you are able.

Betty Stratton and Deacons, Debbie Siekiera, Rich York, Linda York and Jan Baeder,

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 _____

Important Reminders:

Pastor Brian's office hours are usually on Tuesday from 10AM to 2PM and Wednesday 12PM to 4PM. 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.

The Five Corner Cupboard Food Pantry is in need of 100% juices, coffee, sugar and canned meats (not chicken). Thanks All!

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

MANY THANKS to all the person's and families whom donated Easter plants to decorate the sanctuary. It looked lovely. We had a total of 35 plants (lilies, hyacinths and tulips).- The Flower Committee (Betty Stratton, Joyce Bonelli and Judy Tetrault)



Sunday School continued through Lent and celebrated Easter. A community Easter egg Hunt was planned for Easter Sunday and supported by many members of the church. The side yard looked so festive with a blooming white flowering tree and Easter Eggs all up and down the hill. Although we did not have small children attend, the youth helped collect the candy and give some to the adults. Many took home candy, coloring books, sticker books and bracelets for their grandchildren. All enjoyed discovering the many different treats in each egg.

This spring we are collecting items for adults and children affected by Domestic Abuse. The children chose to collect pillows, snacks, wipes, and flashlights with batteries. We will collect one item a week starting with pillows on April 30th. More information will be presented in church each week. A list of all the items wanted is posted on the bulletin board near the coffee hour window.

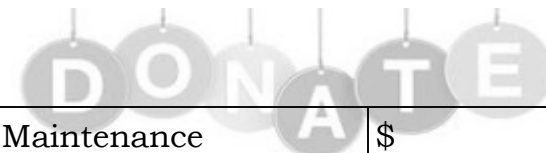
Children's Day will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Certificates of Participation and flowers will be given to the children and teachers. A church picnic cookout will follow the service.

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 also collected food on Game Night to add to the boxes. 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. In May, we are giving a \$500.00 "Touch Another Life" scholarship to an East Windsor High School student who is worthy of receiving a scholarship but has not received any other scholarships.

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:

Phone:

Reason for Donation:

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





BEAUTIFY YOUR HOME AND YARD WITH SOME NEW
PLANTS THIS SPRING!

Plant Sale

May 13th

9am-12pm

Broad Brook
Congregational Church
Saturday, May 13, 2023
122 Main St | Broad Brook, CT



Way and Means

With this issue of the Beacon, we the Fundraising Committee for the church, are happy to point out a few Fundraisers that have been scheduled. Our fundraising efforts are vital to BBCC as we help out our Missions responsibilities.

The first fundraiser will be our Annual Plant Sale happening again on May 13th from 9 am to 12 pm!! Our happy gardeners Joyce Bonelli and her sister Julie Cote always seem to dig up some wonderful flowering perennials' that seem to thrive in their transplanted new locations. Every year we find something new to add to our gardens. There are other gardeners in our church with green thumbs that bring in assorted houseplants and garden delights to contribute to the sale. There will be some young Produce plants for those who would like some for their vegetable gardens as well. Please stop on by at the church at 122 Main Street, Broad Brook between the hours of 9 to 12 on May 13th to see what you can add to your gardens.

Also happening again this year is our Annual Tag Sale. The date for this will be Saturday August 5th held from 9 to 3 in the driveway of the church. Any donations of household items to be sold can be brought into the church in boxes marked "Tag Sale". We have a small amount of space to store these boxes until pricing workshops begin in July. Please donate all clothing items to other organizations seeking such items. Please call Debbie Siekiera @ (860) 888-7462 to schedule any large (or small) item pick-ups. *Please* leave a message if you get her voicemail, she *will* return your call. (Just a Note) Her phone may not recognize your phone number so it may direct you straight to her voicemail so please leave a message. As mentioned, workshops for preparing items for sale will begin in July, the days and times will be announced in June.

(Ways & Means con't)

BBCC appreciates your donations for those of you who use our coupon page. There are several items on that page where you can support our church by making a donation in memory of a special loved one. We also have a fresh flower arrangement every week where it is placed on our pulpit table. This flower arrangement is most often donated in memory of a loved one commemorating a special date or occasion. The cost of the arrangement is \$25. Our arrangements are freshly made by Broad Brook Gardens and gorgeous every week. If you cannot take the arrangement after the service, we like to bring them to someone on our prayer list or home-bound friends. Read through our publication to see where you

Happy Birthday



May

Alice Wenz	1st
Tomaca Govan	1st
Mary Myers	3rd
Michael Siekiera	3rd
Christopher Walker	5th
Lily Raymond	9th
Abigael Nodwell	10th
Mikaela Nodwell	10th
David Conant	12th
Carol Innes	13th
Ella Marschall	14th
Alex Velazquez	14th
Sandy Taylor	18th
Hyla McNeely	19th
Ashley Fuller	20th
Alana (Signor) Curren	21st
Betty Stratton	21st
Dave Merrill	21st
Orissa McMahon	25th
Amelia Walker	25th
Gregory McNeely	27th
Andrea McNeely	28th



June

Karen Cahoone	4th
Nicholas Owens	5th
Judy Tetrault	10th
Joyce Jordan	13th
Aubrianna MacDonald	13th
Kristin Curran	18th
Dylan Nodwell	20th
Ethan Jones	24th
Ashley McMahon	28th
Jennifer Savoie-Rubin	30th

LAY READERS

MAY		JUNE	
7	Dr. James Clark	4	Joyce Bonelli (Pentecost Sunday)
14	Jan Baeder (Mother's Day)	11	Rich York (Children's Day)
21	Joyce Bonelli	18	Karla Vince (Father's Day)
28	Mike Siekiera	25	Jan Baeder

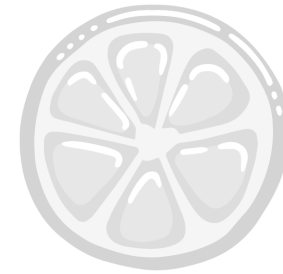


Mr. & Mrs. Craig W. Arnold	May 6th
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bonelli	May 7th
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McNeely	May 9th
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Walker	May 16th
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Nodwell	May 24th
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Savoie	May 29th
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Cameron	May 30th
Mr. & Mrs. John Wilkerson	June 14th
Mr. & Mrs. Richard York	June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

Debbie's Kitchen Corner



Heavenly Lemon Oreo Dessert



This month's recipe is a simple common dessert I found on Pinterest. I had volunteered to make a dessert to be sold at our Bingo night here in our Florida 55+ community but it was way too warm a day to heat up the oven! I had originally signed up for my famous Lemon Bars and wasn't willing to heat up the kitchen in the process so I quickly found this recipe by asking for lemon desserts. So glad I did because now I have something awesome to make during the hot days of summer no matter where I am. The CT weather can get pretty hot during the summer months which makes it undesirable to crank out something to bring to a cookout. The reviews were absolutely all positive at Bingo (but of course they were) who doesn't like Oreo cookies no matter what flavor! They made a perfect crust paired with a creamy cheesecake-like layer then a lemon pudding layer ending in a total thick layer of cool whip. I must admit that I used a larger container of cool whip for the last layer to give it more height not that it really needed it but my house loves whip cream no matter what form!! The cool whip is so light and airy that it makes the dessert. As the write up for this dessert says; "It's sweet, creamy and has the perfect hint of refreshing lemon flavor!" What more can you ask of from a dessert. Move over Lemon Bars, a cooler flavorful version has been found for a refreshing warm weather dessert.

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



Prep Time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Servings: 12

Ingredients

- 1 package (14.3 ounces) Golden Oreo cookies
- 1/2 cup salted butter, melted
- 2 packages (3.4 ounces, each) **instant** lemon pudding mix
- 3 1/4 cups milk (your choice)
- 2 containers (8 oz, each) Cool Whip, thawed
- 1 8 oz pkg cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar

Instructions

1. Crush all Oreo cookies in a food processor or crush with a rolling pin in a large Ziploc bag. (They can be as thick or fine crumbs as you prefer.) Reserve 3/4 cup of the crushed Oreos for the topping.
2. Pour the remaining crumbs in a 9×13-inch baking dish; spreading out evenly. Pour the melted butter all over the crumbs. Mix together and then press this down into the bottom of the pan to create the crust.
3. In a medium bowl, mix together both lemon pudding mixes and the milk. Whisk well to combine. Cover bowl and place in the fridge for 5 minutes to thicken.
4. In a separate bowl, place the cream cheese inside. Blend the cream cheese until smooth. Then blend in the powdered sugar until combined. Fold in **one** container of cool whip. Spread this mixture very gently and evenly all over the Oreo crust. Spread the lemon pudding evenly over the cream cheese layer. Then spread the remaining container of cool whip over the top. Sprinkle the remaining crushed Oreos all over the top. Cover and chill in fridge for 2 hours before serving. Cut into squares and enjoy!



Calendar

MAY	
2	Deacons meet @10am
6	Memorial Service @11am
7	Those interested in Membership meet with
13	Plant Sale 9am to 12pm
14	Mother's Day
21	BBCC Meeting for List of New Members at
28	Pentecost Sunday
29	Memorial Day (Monday)
JUNE	
4	Communion BBCC New Member Reception
12	Recognizing our Children- Church picnic- hamburgers & hotdogs