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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.

## Broad Brook Congregational Church

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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](mailto:staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org) with announcements or corrections to the weekly Bulletin or the Beacon.

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## Pastor's Paragraphs



Acts 2:1-4 – When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Pentecost Sunday is a sacred day in the Christian calendar, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. As detailed in the New Testament, this extraordinary event occurred nearly fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. It is often referred to as the "birth"; of the Christian Church.

From that day forward, the disciples embarked on a mission to spread the message of love, redemption, and salvation. Pentecost truly symbolizes the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, which continues to guide and shape the lives of believers today.

For Broad Brook Congregational Church, Pentecost Sunday holds deep meaning within our faith and beliefs. It serves as a reminder of the Holy Spirit's constant presence in our lives and the role it plays in strengthening our faith, inspiring our worship, and guiding our actions.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we find comfort, wisdom, and spiritual gifts that help us navigate the complexities of life. We believe that the Holy Spirit equips us with the necessary tools to make a positive impact on society, reinforcing our commitment to community service and fostering unity among believers.

Pentecost also marks the end of the Easter Season. Beginning the next Sunday we begin what is referred to as “Ordinary Time.” Ordinary Time is called “ordinary” not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

For us, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There’s nothing “ordinary” about that!

Likewise, the normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time—for those days when there is no special feast—is green. The green altar cloths (paraments) have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

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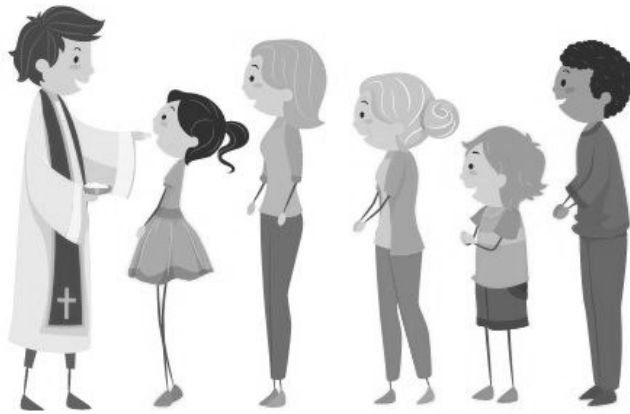
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**FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS**  
*- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons*

*- Betty Stratton*

The Board of Deacons welcomes the organ back into our worship services. It sounds wonderful to hear that sound again. Thank you to the Trustees, especially Rich York, for his prompt attention to the repair of the organ motor. Thank you also to everyone who has donated to the Organ repair fund to help us find the expense.

The Deacons sponsored 2 Lenten lunches of soup and bread during lent. Pastor Brian gave an explanation about the different Christian symbols that are used in Churches. Very interesting!

On April 13, Game Night was held and was well attended. Our thanks to Sue York for her organization and being the MC for the team trivia. It was fun for all.

Maundy Thursday and Easter services were well attended. Thank you to all of those who donated spring flowers to decorate the pulpit on Easter morning.

At the June 2 Communion Service, Ava Goulet will be Baptized and receive her first Communion.

Children's Day will be on June 9 during the worship service and followed by a Church Picnic (pot luck) at the Baeder home. Bring a dish to share, favorite yard game and a chair. In case of rain the picnic will be held at the church.



Easter Sunday was well attended by children this year. Easter baskets were given out with candy and Easter activities.

The Sunday School offered a Communion Class for children in second grade and up to learn what it means to take communion in our church. Ava Goulet will be baptized and take communion on June 2, 2024. Come and support her on this special day.

Children's day will be on June 9, 2024. The children will participate in parts of the service and will also receive certificates. An all-church picnic will be held at 1:00 pm at the Baeder house in Enfield Connecticut. There will be games and activities for children of all ages.

## 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

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(placed within the garden, along the path, on the mulch) (Leave spaces between words and dates)




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(placed onto the Dovecote Pole) (Leave spaces between words and dates)


*Note: allow 4 weeks to produce nameplates and bricks.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number/email \_\_\_\_\_

# Happy CHILDREN'S DAY

Join us for a church picnic on  
June 9th at 1pm at the  
Baeder home.



## **Missions Committee**

In May the Missions Committee will be collecting diapers and wipes for the Five Corner Cupboard. In June and July we will be collecting backpacks and school supplies to fill the backpacks for local children.

We thank everyone who contributed to our Purses and Personals which are being donated to a local shelter.

## **Ways & Means**

The Ways & Means Committee has set a date for the annual Tag Sale. It will be held on Saturday August 17th from 9 to 3 pm. Save that date as we can always use some help getting things outside. At this time, we are asking for donations of items we could sell. With this being spring cleaning time, we all tend to find items we have no need for any longer or have a relative that has passed away. We will start collecting items earlier this year so that we can get a head-start planning our needs for the sale. Pick ups can be arranged by calling Debbie Siekiera at 860-888-7462 or Mike Siekiera at 860-983-7093. Please leave a voicemail if we are unable to answer, we promise to get back to you as soon as we are able. Our fundraisers are vital to the church to help support the church and its operating expenses.

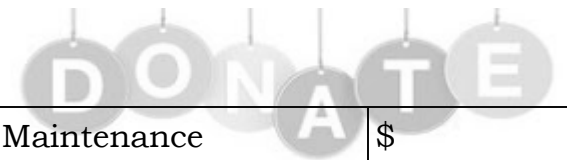
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# Plant Sale

## May 11th

### 9am-12pm

Broad Brook  
Congregational Church  
Saturday, May 11, 2023  
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Building Maintenance	\$
Music Committee	\$
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	\$
Office Supplies	\$
Sunday School	\$
Coffee hour	\$
Historian	\$
Deacon Wish List	\$
Discretionary Fund	\$
Other (Please Specify)	\$
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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



### Black Velvet Cake

It's been awhile since I have chosen a cake for the Recipe Corner. I get to dabble a lot in baking for our community in Florida. Anything chocolate is favored by all here then add Oreos to the cake and you have a guaranteed winner for any occasion. It's an easy from scratch recipe, just follow the tips on measuring the flour, adding the ingredients as per the instructions and use full fat ingredients for best results. This cake is great to make for any occasion. The bonus with this black cake is that there isn't any food dye as opposed to a Red Velvet cake. The black cocoa can be found on Amazon if not found in your favorite store. There's quite a few recipe's that ask for that ingredient so it's a staple in my cupboard as a baker. Enjoy the recipe!

#### Ingredients

- 3 cups All-purpose flour
- 1 tsp Baking soda
- ¾ cup Black Cocoa
- ½ tsp Kosher salt
- 1 tsp Espresso powder
- ½ cup Butter, room temperature
- 1 cup Vegetable oil
- 2 cups Sugar
- 4 Eggs
- 1 tbsp Vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp White Vinegar
- 1 cup Buttermilk

#### Oreo Frosting

- ¾ cup Butter (cold)
- 12 oz Cream cheese (cold)
- 6 cups Powdered sugar
- 2-3 tbsp Heavy cream
- 2 tsp Vanilla extract
- pinch Salt
- 8 Oreo cookies, crushed

## LAY READERS

MAY		JUNE	
5	Dr. James Clark	2	Debbie Signor Pentecost
12	Karla Vince	9	Rich York Children's Program
19	Jan Baeder	16	Wade Signor
26	Rich York	23	Jan Baeder
		30	Mike Siekiera



### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking soda, black cocoa, kosher salt, and espresso powder. Set aside.
3. Add room temperature butter and vegetable oil to a stand mixer with the paddle attachment. Cream together for 3 minutes, until smooth. Then add sugar and continue to mix for 2 minutes.
4. Add eggs one at a time, then add vanilla extract and vinegar and mix until combined.
5. Add half of the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix together until combined. Then add half of the buttermilk. Repeat.
6. Spray 3 8-inch pans with nonstick baking spray. Divide the batter equally among the pans and bake for 30-33 minutes, until a tooth pick comes out clean. Allow the cakes to cool in the pan for 5 minutes, then turn the cakes out onto a wire rack or plate to cool completely.
7. While the cakes are cooling, make the Oreo Frosting. Add cold butter and cold cream cheese to the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Cream together on low speed, increasing to medium speed until smooth.
8. Add powdered sugar one cup at a time, going from low speed to medium speed between each cup to ensure frosting is fluffy. After all of the powdered sugar is added, add heavy cream and vanilla extract and pinch of salt.
9. Fold in crushed oreo cookies.
10. Once the cakes are cooled, place one of the cakes on a cake stand. Level the cake if needed. Spread an even layer of oreo frosting all around the cake then place the second cake on top. Add an even layer of frosting and repeat with the third layer.
11. Place in the refrigerator for 30 minutes so that the icing can set. Then add another layer of frosting on top of the cake.

Tell us how you did; post your results on our Facebook page!  
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# 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
Sylvia Sylvester	15th
Sandy Taylor	18th
Hyla McNeely	19th
Ashley Fuller	20th
Alana (Signor) Curren	21st
Betty Stratton	21st
Dave Merrill	21st
Orissa McMahan	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 McMahan	28th
Jennifer Savoie-Rubin	30th

## Announcements:

The Missions Committee is **collecting gently used purses and personal hygiene items this month for women.** Purses and Personals is our project this month. The purses will then be donated to a local shelter.

**The 2024 Altar flower donation chart is ready for sign-ups.** Please see the back wall of the fellowship hall for the sign up chart on the bulletin board. They are \$25.00. For questions, please see Betty Stratton, Joyce Bonelli or Judy Tetrault. **There are several openings for donations to Altar flowers in July**

**The devotional booklet, "Our Daily Bread"** for March, April and May are available for your use. They are on the table in the narthex and the table in the fellowship hall.

**Church picnic to be held at the Baeder home, 14 Sharren Lane, Enfield on June 9 @ 1pm.** Meat will be provided, every family is to bring a dish to share. See sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. Bring your own chair and favorite yard game.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT-** Communion for May will be May 5th not April 28th. Ava Goulet will receive First Communion and be Baptized on June 2nd (Communion Sunday).

Due to the cost of replacement of the organ motor, a "Save the Organ Fund" has been established to help defray the cost involved. Please donate for this worthwhile venture. We have a goal of \$8,700.

12. Optional: To pipe frosting on top, add leftover frosting to a piping bag with your favorite piping tip and pipe little domes on top of the cake. (I used Wilton piping tip 1A.)

### **Tips**

- I strongly suggest using black cocoa powder but if you don't have any, dark cocoa powder is a good substitute. Your cake may not be black but the inclusion of espresso powder will still ensure a rich dark hue without using food coloring.
- Measure your flour correctly! Flour scooped right out of the bag can typically be more because the flour is compressed. Fluff up the flour and spoon it into the measuring cup or use a kitchen scale to measure the flour for a more accurate measurement.
- Another way to tell if the cake is done is if the cake has a slight bounce to it when touched.
- Before assembling the cake, chill the layers in the freezer for 15 minutes. It will be easier to stack and frost them.



## Calendar

MAY	
5	Communion
7	Deacon's meet @ 10am
11	Plan Sale @9am-12pm
12	Mother's Day
19	Pentecost
JUNE	
2	Communion- Baptism & 1st Communion of Ava Goulet
9	Children' Day Church Picnic to be held @ 1pm at the Baeder home
23	Council Meeting @11:15am
AUGUST	
17	Tag Sale @ 9am-3pm
25	Pastor Brian & Jan away- Stephen Stapleton preaching



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