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Pastor: Rev. Michael J. Ader

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**We look forward to seeing you on
Sunday. Join us and bring a friend!**

How in the World Will We Ever Find Our Next Pastor?

On Sunday, November 11 at Social Hour, Rev. Mike, invites all BBCC members and friends to a presentation and discussion on this topic. He will share with us impressions after few months on the job and point out challenges ahead as we begin planning our future. Mike will clarify his role and the congregation's in the coming months. Since everyone has a vested interest in the outcome this time of transition, make every effort to carry your coffee or tea cup and "goodie" and be seated at one of the discussion tables. The planned program is sixty minutes in length.



*Visit us on the web. Learn
more about BBCC and its
programs and services!*

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The 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.

Nursery supervision is provided for infants and children ages 5 and under during Sunday morning Service.

The **Choir** meets every Sunday at 8:45 AM from September through June. Adults and young adults are welcome even if you don't consider yourself a strong singer. Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Calls for the Pastor should be made through the office at 860-623-4547.

Please email Tomaca, info@TGovan.com with announcements or corrections to the Beacon.

For mailing label corrections call Debbie Siekiera @ 860.627.5181.

Our Event Calendar

10/31	Rev. Ader has office hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Halloween
11/3	Holiday Bazaar – Scout Hall
11/4	Communion Daylight savings time ends (turn clocks back) Nov. 4- Daylight Savings Time ends, Clocks back
11/6	Vote
11/7	Rev. Ader has office hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
11/11	Church Discussion 11:15 am – 12:30 pm Stewardship Sunday Veterans Day
11/13	Council Meeting
11/14	Rev. Ader has office hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
11/17	9:00 am Deacons Meeting
11/18	Thanksgiving Sunday E.W. Ecumenical Thanksgiving pot luck service at St. John's Episcopal Church @ 6 p.m.
11/21	Rev. Ader has office hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
11/22	Thanksgiving Day
11/25	Lunch Discussion 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
11/28	Rev. Ader has office hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
December	
12/1	Pot Roast Supper
12/2	Communion First Sunday in Advent
12/5	Rev. Ader has office hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
12/12	Rev. Ader has office hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
12/15	9:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting
12/19	Rev. Ader has office hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
12/24	Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.
12/25	Christmas Day – Happy Birthday Jesus
2013 – January	
1/1	Happy New Year

It's been just over three months since I arrived as your Transitional Pastor. I had to "hit the ground running." Perhaps you did too, as you tried to orient me in the intricacies of BBCC , and I am very thankful for that effort.

Pastoral Passages

from
Rev. Mike Ader



From the first day, I have reminded you that your congregation is in transition. I embody a transition that you will bring about over the coming months. So as we enter the New Year, it is important to review ways that congregations typically undergo transition between pastors.

There are five *developmental tasks* of a church's transitional time that are the whole church's responsibility, ***not just the Transitional Pastor.*** My job is to help you stay focused on your work, to help you to do it well. This should feel more like encouragement to do more than just talking about the church, but to get it on track to becoming the church of your hopes, dreams and prayers.

The first phase, *Telling the Story: Coming to Terms with History*, builds on the congregation's desire to understand where it is coming from and how it got where it is. The good things from the past need to be intentionally celebrated and preserved kept. The not-so-good things need to be identified, not avoided. We can learn valuable lessons from them, and we build upon them. We began this during our first after-worship conversation about "hopes for BBCC to keep" and "must continue in the future."

The second, *Discovering A New Identity*, recognizes that a congregation tends to see itself as it was under its previous minister(s). Perhaps there was even a unique set of circumstances that was the reason for that pastoral call. After a particularly unique time in the life of a congregation, a church has an obligation to review whether its self-image is still accurate. A new identity may

Pastoral Passages, *contd.*

need to be built around the new reality in which the church finds itself if a congregation is to be authentic and effective in the years to come.

The third, *Acknowledging and Accepting Shifts in Leadership*, reflects that there are opportunities in times of transition for changes in lay, volunteer leadership in the congregation to occur. Some of that has already been witnessed. Former leaders may recede into the background. Sometimes they were very close to the former pastor and now need time to figure out a new relationship with the church. Others may be "burned out" and need a break. New leaders may emerge. A change in leadership style and volunteer patterns should be acknowledged and even expected. This process is neither good nor bad, but simply part of a church in transition.

The fourth, *Renewing Denominational Ties*, reminds us just how close a church's covenant with its denomination can become. It has been just twelve years since you searched for a new pastor. The Deacons, Council and yet to be formed Search Committee will be introduced to the resources that they will need to begin the most effective pastoral search process possible. The search process will involve staff and resources from the Connecticut Conference who assist the Search Committee in identifying pastoral candidates.

The fifth, *Commitment to New Leadership and a New Future*, is the basic purpose of this transitional period. Loren Mead writes, "It is one thing to hire a new pastor. It is quite another thing for a congregation to enter a commitment to a new ordained leader and to the possibility of new tasks and missions." The more we strengthen ourselves the completing the tasks of our transitional time together, the stronger our focus will be ability to move forward as God's people.

But a word of caution. These tasks usually do not occur in sequence. Sometimes we will focus on one task, then on another and back again. But their knowledge helps us become intentional about what we do, and understand why we are doing it.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustee's are looking forward to new doors and windows downstairs. Work will start soon so if you drive by and there is a stranger's car in the driveway, please don't be alarmed.

The humidifiers have served us well, no new mold has been detected in the restrooms.



Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall or contact as follows:

Lay Readers, Greeters, Children Sermons	<u>Betty Stratton</u> 860-623-2729
Ride to Church	<u>Rich York</u> 860-623-4287
Refreshments	<u>Selma Grant</u> 860-623-3542
Notes of Cheer, etc.	<u>Nancy Nodwell</u> 860-623-6045
Flowers	<u>Corin Jones</u> 860-654-1877

To add news and information in the next Wayside Beacon, email Tomaca- info@Tgovan.com The deadline is October 15th.

BBCC WEBSITE!

Our website is a very handy tool in these ever changing times. It offers visitors much insight to see what BBCC is all about. It shows our viewers how to contact us, tells them what programs we offer, shows them our calendar of events, mentions what types of fundraising we do, lists the mission programs we support, has The Wayside Beacons for download, the minister's sermons and so on.



It also helps past members, friends and families from afar keep in touch with us. Any BBCC member/committee can utilize this tool by adding something to help show our viewers what we are all about. Contact anyone on the website sub-committee: Mike Siekeira, Debbie Siekiera, both at (860) 627-5181 and Bob Cormier (860) 292-6848.



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship Service

This sacred day is usually spent with friends and family. As has been an East Windsor tradition, that hospitality extends to Christians from many other congregations who gather for a meal of thanksgiving and interspersed with worshipful remembrance Our Lord. This year's pot luck dinner will be held on November 18 at 5 PM at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 92 Main Street (Main + Oak Streets), East Windsor (Warehouse Point). To balance out our meal, each church has been assigned a course for table. As you sign up for the meal in fellowship hall, please note what BBCC has been assigned to prepare.

Pastoral Passages, *contd.*

I invite your questions and your observations on our process and on any other aspect of our transitional time at a second after-worship conversation on Sunday, November 11 at 11:AM.

Let love guide us on our paths.

All blessings,
Rev. Mike

Questions? Call Rev. Mike at BBCC at 860.623.4547 or send an email to RevMike@BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org.



ANNOUNCING ELECTRONIC SERMON DELIVERY



If you would like a copy of Rev. Mike's sermons emailed to you or anyone else, please send an email to RevMike@BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org. You will be added to the weekly Sunday Sermon Email List.



DON'T FORGET YOUR ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS! 2012

Entertainment Books are available! "Out of area" copies available also. Get them as gifts for family or friends who live anywhere in the USA! Books are only \$30 each and you will save much more than that in coupons and discounts. Call Warren at (860) 623-5912.



Support the Friendship Committee

There are openings for coffee hour host/ hostess. Please check the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to see which weeks are available.

BOARD OF DEACONS



- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

The Fall Worship Season is again upon us. It was certainly nice to see some children in the Church and participating during their worship time and going to their classroom.

Veteran's Sunday will be on Veteran's Day Nov. 11th. All the Veterans will be honored during the morning worship service. The children will pass out carnations to all the Veterans present. Special music will be sung.

The 2nd Church Discussion will be held on Nov. 11th at 11:15am to 12:30 pm. The title will be "The Transitional Time". Light snacks will be served by the Deacons.

The Deacons were pleased to see so many people attending the 1st Discussion on Oct. 14th. Thank you to all of those in attendance.

Looking ahead:

The 1st Sunday in Advent is Dec. 2nd. Advent is a time for preparing for the Birth of Christ. During Advent there will be the families/ individuals lighting the Advent candles and leading a Litany reading.

The Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, held at 7 pm, will include reading the Christmas story and singing of Christmas Carols. Everyone is welcome.



BBCC Sunday Sermons

Rev. Ader's sermons are available on our website: <http://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org> under the **Pastoral Passages** heading.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

As Jesus said "Let the children come...."

BBCC welcomed back their Sunday School students on Oct. 14th. We are always excited to welcome back our students as they breathe so much life to our programs. We are very pleased to announce that we have new enrollments in the Pre-k and Kindergarteners' class. Our children are our legacy to God's word and plans. This is an exciting time for them as they learn more about God, Jesus, the Bible and eventually life's rules, the 10 Commandments, which will effect them and follow them for the rest of their lives. It is also an exciting time for BBCC as we experience so much youthfulness from children so young. They have such innocent hearts and see the world differently. Our students are a vital part of this world. May God provide us the guidance we need to prepare them for a life of service to Him and others in christian faith. WELCOME!

Children's Sermons

November 4- Communion

11-Wade Signor (Veteran's Day)

18- Tracey Morin

25- Rev. Ader

December 2- Communion

9- Dr. James Clark

16- Children Program (tentative)

23- Wade Signor

30- Rev. Ader



Lay Readers

NOVEMBER

4- Katherine Mickens

11- Debbie Siekiera

18- John Curran

25- Mike Siekiera

DECEMBER

2- Warren Wenz

9- Bob Cormier

16- Dr. James Clark

23- Rich York

30- Joyce Bonelli

A Dog's Purpose - From A 6-Year-Old

submitted by Warren Wenz

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and

offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure as they felt that Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him.

Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him.

What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live.



Warren Wenz's Life With Broad Brook Congregational Church



Alice and I joined BBCC about 15 years ago. I have been on the Board of Trustees for the last 10 years. I also do the mass mailings for the church which includes the Beacons and dinner notices. I pick up the trash once a week from BBCC and I pick up the mail daily.

I am a member of the East Windsor Veterans Commission and have been for several years. They put a barrel in the Broad Brook Post Office and the Book store in town to collect food for the 5 Corner Cupboard (food bank) in town. I deliver this food to the food bank every Tuesday. I believe that as a member of BBCC each of should do what is necessary to keep our church active in the community.

Alice and I have been married since May 1, 1988 - almost 25 years. I was in the U.S. Navy for 4 years and I worked for The Fuller Brush Company both as a door to door salesman and also for the Industrial Division of Fuller Brush for 19 years. I then worked for a distributor here in Connecticut until I retired in December 1995.

Acts 2:38

Submitted by Warren Wenz.



A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!' (Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: 'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.'

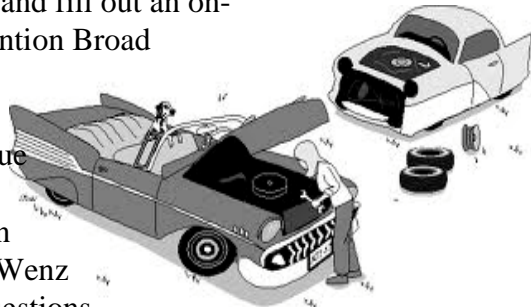
'Scripture?' replied the burglar. 'She said she had an Ax and Two 38's!'

Knowing scripture can save your life - in more ways than one!

DONATE YOUR OLD CAR and help needy families. *How? Easy!* Call 603.595.9272 or go on

line to <http://CarsForHelp.com> and fill out an on-line application. Be sure to mention Broad Brook Congregational Church.

The church will receive 25% of the proceeds so it can continue its kind deeds in our own community. Cars in ANY condition are accepted. Contact Warren Wenz at 860-623-5912 if you have questions.



A Dog's Purpose - From A 6-Year-Old

submitted by Warren Wenz

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?"

The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them;
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride;
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy;
- Take naps;
- Stretch before rising;
- Run, romp, and play daily;
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you;
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do;
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass;
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree;
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body;
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk;
- Be loyal;
- Never pretend to be something you're not;
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it;
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently;.



There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good, so, love the people who treat you right. Think good thoughts for the ones who don't ~ life is too short to be anything but happy.

RECIPES FROM BBCC

From Debbie Siekiera

With Thanksgiving drawing nearer, our church chef thought it would be nice to share his recipe for preparing a mouth-watering juicy turkey for your special family fun-filled day. Remember, this is just a basic guide, you may play it up with some of your own special seasonings. This recipe also works on a whole turkey.



Brined Turkey Breast

For the brine:

16 cups water

2 cups sugar

2 cups coarse salt

5 cloves garlic, crushed

1 TBSP pickling spices

For the turkey:

1 Fresh turkey breast, 9-11 lbs, deboned

6 TBSP unsalted butter, melted

Black pepper

2 cups chicken broth

1. Combine the brine ingredients in a large pot. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, until sugar and salt dissolve. Cool to room temperature.
2. Rinse the turkey breast, discarding excess fat. Place in a deep bowl or pot, breast side down. Pour the brine mixture over the breast and refrigerate, loosely covered, overnight.
3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Remove the turkey from the brine 30 minutes before roasting. Line a shallow roasting pan with long pieces of heavy-duty aluminum foil.
4. Place turkey in the pan. Brush with 4 Tbsp of melted butter; season with pepper. Gather foil loosely on top and bake for 1 1/2 hours. Open the foil and bake for 2 1/4 hours more, basting every 30 minutes with broth and the remaining 2 Tbsp of butter, until the turkey is golden brown and a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part reads 165 degrees F and the juices run clear.
5. Transfer the breast to a cutting board; let rest for 15 minutes before carving. Reserve pan juices for gravy.

Birthdays

November

Mr. Robert Jones	2
Mr. William Vince	3
Mr. Kevin G. Yosky	7
Mrs. Tracey Morin	8
Mr. James Stoughton	9
Mrs. Janice Lang	10
Miss Brianna Cadence York	10
Mrs. Theresa Drolett	14
Mr. Wade Signor	16
Ms. Katherine Adams	24

December

Miss Hannah Townsend	1
Mrs. Marilyn Yosky	2
Ms. Debra Duffy	5
Mrs. Diana Walker	5
Mrs. Susan Golden	5
Mrs. Veronica Pippin	12
Makayla Ivanisin	16
Ms. Deborah Breton	18
Mr. Frederick Winkley	27

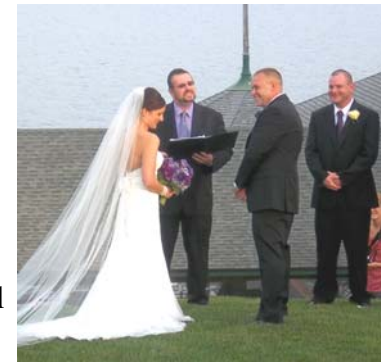
Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. James Stoughton

Nov. 11

Wedding Announcement

Congratulations to newlyweds Katie and Luke Bauer. They were wed on 9/14/12 in Lake George, NY. The day couldn't have been more perfect for the weather in September, it was in the 80's! The backdrop was of course the beautiful lake itself. The bride and her wedding party looked beautiful as was the setting they chose. Proud parents of the bride are Joseph and Joyce Bonelli. Congratulations to the happy couple and to their families!



Birth Announcement

BBCC congratulates parents Diana & Aaron Walker on the birth of their beautiful daughter on 9/24/12. **Charlotte Sophia** made her way into this world on Diana's lucky number 24, but just barely as she was born at 11:27 PM! She weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 3/4" long. The proud grandparents are Linda and Richard York. Congratulations to the entire family on your new addition to the family!



WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Debbie Siekiera

Turkey Breast Supper:

Our Turkey Breast Supper was warmly received by all. The people came to eat and the help was plenty, thank you all for supporting us! Our chef prepared and cooked over 100 lbs of turkey breasts, 2 bushels of butternut squash, 10 gallons of turkey gravy, extra stuffing than originally planned, plus 75 lbs of mashed potatoes which he came close to running out of! Don't forget the sides of the usual salad, bread/butter and cranberry sauce. This supper prepares us for the upcoming holiday with a sampling of what we will see at Thanksgiving on our own tables. Pies were our feature dessert this time, the variety was plenty where it made it difficult for our guests to decide which one to have!!! After the 2nd seating some of the guests were allowed 2 desserts as a bonus as we had plenty extra for once. We profited over \$850.00 on this supper which is real good these days with food so expensive.

Ecumenical Bazaar:

Planning for this years Ecumenical Bazaar is in full swing. Planning meetings with the other churches involved with this bazaar have been held. Mike, our everything guy and chef, has been working on making up extra yard signs to strategically place on our church members yards that live on major roads. The items that have been stored up in the balcony from previous years have come down for inspection, re-packing and possibly a new price. New pieces are getting priced and added to the the buckets to be transported to the Scout Hall where the Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 3rd. Advertising for the Bazaar has been sent to all our local papers and some radio stations. A food list along with the menu has been planned with a shopping list to be purchased in the near future. We are praying the weather will make up for last year's snowstorm resulting in the event getting cancelled.. Now all we need is extra help to work that day and the day to come and go!!!

Ready...set...go!!! We are almost there! We hope to see you all there!

To the Glory of God...



**The Flower Committee thanks
everyone for their flower dedications!**

September - October 2012

- Sep. 2 Phillip and Selma Grant in memory of Clyde and Lois Grant
- Sep. 9 Dave Conant & Joyce Jordan, in Celebration of Jacob's 15th Birthday
- Sep. 16 Mrs. Deborah Breton, In Memory of Her Mother, Althea H. Lane & Husband, Normond E. Breton
- Sep. 23 Carolyn Feldman, in Memory of Her Husband Walt Feldman & Their Anniversary
- Sep. 30 Siekiera Family, in Memory of Verna Gardimer & Gordon Cahoone
- Oct. 7 Sharos & Mara Families, In Memory of Parents & Grandparents, Rdell & Tom Sargent
- Oct. 14 Karen Loubier, in Memory of Ronald Osborn
- Oct. 21 Bligh & Jones Families, in Memory of Our Brothers, Jon & Bill
- Oct. 28 Laura & Joe Callahan, in Memory of Her Father, Leland L. Macrander

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

We have some openings remaining for this year. Don't delay! If the date you would like is taken, we will do a double dedication. To arrange to have flowers any Sunday, contact Corin Jones at 860.654.1877. The arrangements are *only* \$17.50. Your check should be made payable to Broad Brook Congregational Church.



Mail-In Flower Dedication Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Dedication: _____

Enclose your check for \$17.50 payable to: **Broad Brook Congregational Church** and mail to us at: Broad Brook Congregational Church, P.O. Box 466, Broad Brook, CT 06016

Cut out the coupon above and send in your flower dedication. We list the dedications in the Sunday Bulletin and on our website at <http://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org>.

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

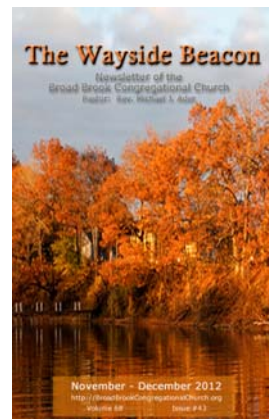
Pot Roast Supper:

This supper is a little ways out but since we do a bi-monthly publication, I thought it would be worth a mention. So save the date! It is scheduled for Saturday, December 1st. This will be our last supper for the year. We will have the usual "cut-it-with-a-fork" tender Pot Roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, salad, bread/butter and assorted desserts (which is our bakers who make the desserts choice!). This is another well received meal weather permitting of course.



The 5 Corner Cupboard

We are always collecting donations of food and basic toiletry needs for our local food bank, The 5 Corner Cupboard. Please leave your donation in the labeled bin found in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen door. Thank you. - Missions Committee



Submit your photos to be considered for The Wayside Beacon cover! Be creative! Email photo to Tomaca - info@tgovan.com

Remember to check our website for volunteer listings! We list who has signed up for Greeters, Deacons, Lay Readers and Children Sermons.

<http://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org>



CUT-A-COUPON

Making a donation as a wonderful way to remember a special anniversary, to say "thank you," celebrate a special event, or to make a donation in memory of a special loved one or a friend who has passed away. Check the appropriate box below to tell us where you would like your donation to go.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Building Maintenance.....	\$
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Office Supplies.....	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday School.....	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coffee Hour.....	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historian (storage containers).....	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please Specify).....	\$

Total Amount of Donation \$ _____

(Please make check payable to **Broad Brook Congregational Church**)

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reason for Donation: _____

Send your request to: Board of Trustees
Broad Brook Congregational Church
P.O. Box 466
Broad Brook, CT 06016



RECIPES FROM BBCC

From Debbie Siekiera

This Pumpkin Pie recipe is from the kitchen of our favorite blue ribbon apple pie baker Carol Innes. Carol shared this recipe with me as we were talking about not having a particular ingredient on hand. So I tried her recipe as given and sure enough....it was fantastic! Give it a whirl in your own kitchen.



Pumpkin Pie

1 - 9" pie crust of choice	1 tsp cinnamon
2 eggs, beaten	1/2 tsp ginger
15 oz can of pumpkin puree	1/2 tsp allspice
3/4 cup sugar	1 cup whole milk, or 2% ok
1/4 tsp salt	

Put all ingredients in a mixing bowl, blend well until all ingredients are moistened. Pour the batter into the prepared by crust. Bake at 400 degrees F for 45 minutes. Cool on rack. Store pie in refrigerator until ready to use.



ELECTRONIC SERMON DELIVERY!

Enjoy the convenience of receiving Sunday sermons via email. Put your email address on the yellow pad in the narthex or give it to Rev. Ader.

Baby Food Jars Still Wanted

2 ounce glass baby food jars are needed for craft projects. If anyone knows of a source or has some hanging around, please call Debbie Siekiera @ 860-627-5181.



Don't forget to like BBCC on Facebook!

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_____

Poinsettia Order Form



Use a separate form for each order.

Return to Betty Stratton or Corin Jones by Dec. 9th.

Given by_____

In Memory Of _____

OR

In Honor of_____

I will take the poinsettia after services on Christmas Eve.

Yes___ No___

Each plant is \$13.00. Make checks payable to:

Broad Brook Congregational Church.

Return to Betty Stratton or Corin Jones in church by Dec. 9th.
Or mail to:

Broad Brook Congregational Church.
122 Main Street, Broad Brook, CT 06106





SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Pot Roast Dinner

CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Saturday, December 1st, 2012

**BROAD BROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
122 MAIN ST., BROAD BROOK, CT**

Directions: From I-91, exit 45 to Rt.140 east, to intersection of
Rt.191/Main St. (Right at light!)

All you can eat!!!

MENU INCLUDES:

**POT ROAST, REAL MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY GREEN
BEANS, TOSSED SALAD, BREAD & BUTTER,
CHOICE OF HOT & COLD BEVERAGES
ASSORTED DESSERTS**

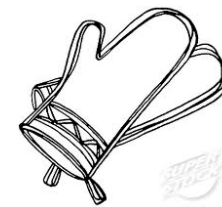
Join us at 4:30 pm or 5:45 pm
Take out orders available after 5:00 pm

Adults: \$12 - Children: (5-12) \$5 - Children 4 and under **FREE**

Call for reservations: Warren or Alice at 623-5912



Come visit
Broad Brook Cong'l Church
at the Annual
Ecumenical Bazaar



Saturday, November 3rd, 2012
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Held at the Scout Hall Youth Center
28 Abbe Road (off Rte 5)
East Windsor, CT

Some of the items you can expect to find there are: home baked
goodies, pillows, lap throws, blankets, hats/scarves/mittens, pet items,
ornaments, gift baskets, children items and so much ore...

Stop on by to see what is new this year!

Come hungry.....As Mike, our Master Chef, will be in the kitchen!

A Lunch Menu & Refreshments will be available and for sale

As Always, parking & admission is FREE!

Option: Bring a canned good or toiletry item to benefit
the 5 Corner Cupboard.

Note: we moved from the East Windsor High School one mile south
to the Scout Hall Youth Center located on Abbe Road, off of RT 5.

Abbe Road is located across the street from the new
Dunkin Donuts at the light on RT 5.

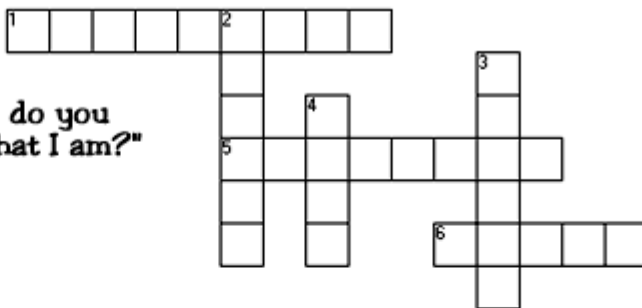
Call Mike or Debbie with questions or directions: 860-627-5181

BBCC Kids' Page

Pictures you can color.



"Who do you say that I am?"



ACROSS

1. The followers of Jesus were called _____.
5. Others thought Jesus was one of the Old Testament _____.
6. "You are the Christ," answered _____.

DOWN

2. Jesus asked what other _____ were saying about him.
3. Jesus said Peter's answer came from the heavenly _____.
4. Some people thought Jesus was _____ the Baptist.

Words used in the puzzle.

disciples	John	Peter
people	prophets	Father

Our Church Is . . .

Submitted by Rev. Mike

After worship on October 14, 16 church members and friends gathered over coffee and snacks for a conversation on "What is Our Church?"



Broad Brook Congregational Church

Rev. Mike began with a sobering, but real, statement: "When a church is in transition, many members stay

and work hard to make the church stay alive and grow. Others say, "Why bother?" and find another church or take a vacation until things stabilize. A congregation in survival mode does not attract new people. Without a permanent pastor, people may not want to 'try. When a new pastor comes, reorientation will have to take place all over again." Note that Rev. Mike is our transition pastor; he has not been called as our permanent pastor

Activities helped the group identify and then prioritize what were the most important aspects of our church. The group named things they hoped would not change in our church in the near future as "Hope to Keep" items such as: Coffee Hour/ Fellowship, Choir, Organist/Music, Being Welcoming/Friendly, Sunday School, Being Cooperative/Working Together, Personally Supporting Others, Fundraisers, Missions Support, Local Community Support, Appropriate Maintenance of Building/Grounds (including Memorial Garden), Weekly Worship, Open Communications, New By-laws and Committee Structure. A long list inspired by a great deal of thought.

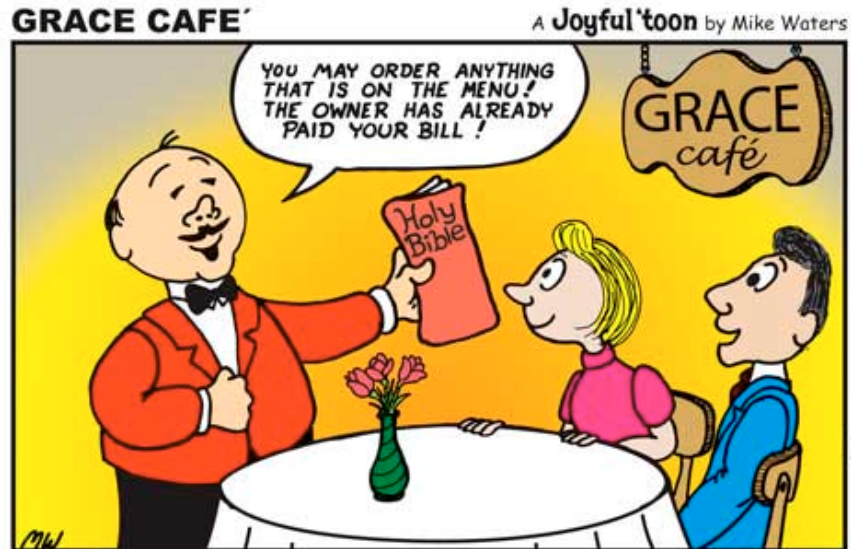
Then a second easel drew from the first list narrowing it with the statement: "What Our Church MUST DO No Matter What." In no particular order of importance, these were selected: Coffee hourr/ Fellowship, Organist/Music, Being Welcoming/Friendly, Sunday School, Being Cooperative/Working together, Personal Support of Others, Missions Support, Local Community Support, Weekly Worship, Open Communications, New By-laws and Committee Structure finished the list.

Our Church Is . . . *cont'd.*

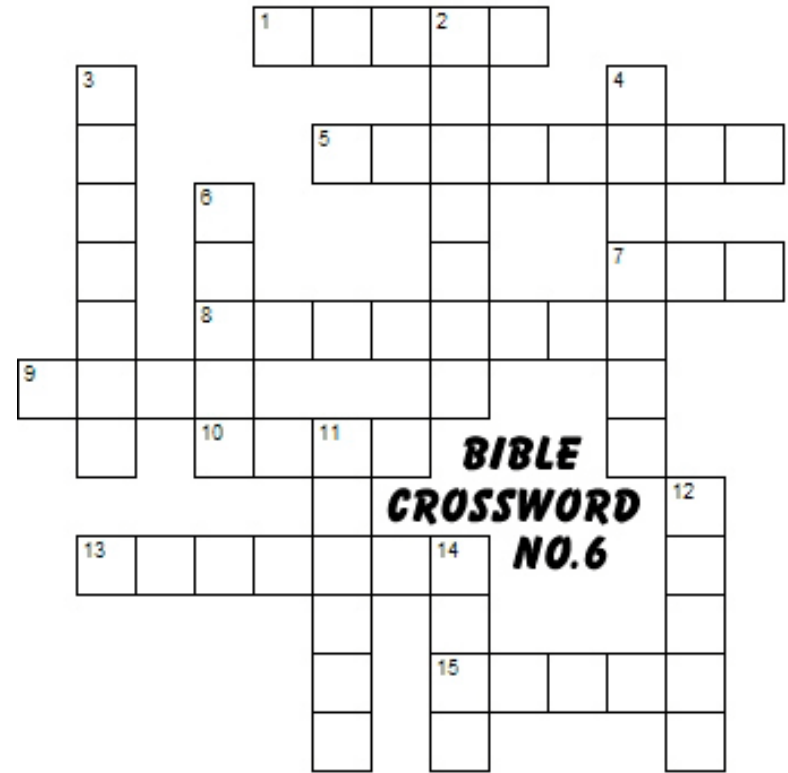
Which items have scriptural support? This was the third category. Interestingly enough, all but the Bylaws. There were no governing or supporting groups when the church was first started

What was useful about the conversation was that hopes and dreams were combined and narrowed down to the essentials, the “must do’s.” Now the mission statement of BBCC must be checked to affirm whether our activities are true to our beliefs. We will see what needs to stay in our focus in the transition and gives a benchmark for our future.

We look forward to a November 11 conversation after worship about congregations in transition.



For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.
- 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20 NIV



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ACROSS

- 1 Noah found ____ in the eyes of the LORD. (Gen 6:8) KJV
- 5 God made a ____ with Noah after the flood (Gen.9:9)
- 7 Second son of Noah (Gen.7:13)
- 8 God caused the flood because the earth was filled with ____ (Gen.6:13)
- 9 The last bird Noah sent out to search for dry land (Gen.8:10)
- 10 God asked ____ to build an ark (Gen.6:14)
- 13 Noah brought all the ____ into the ark two by two (Gen.6:20)
- 15 How many people were on board the ark? (Gen.7:13)

DOWN

- 2 The waters ____ all the mountains in the world (Gen.7:20)
- 3 God put a ____ in the clouds as a sign of no more floods (Gen.9:13)
- 4 Third son of Noah (Gen.7:13)
- 6 The first bird Noah sent out to search for dry land (Gen 8:7)
- 11 The ark came to rest on the mountains of ____ (Gen.8:4)
- 12 How many days did it rain during the flood? (Gen.7:17)
- 14 First son of Noah (Gen.7:13)