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BBCC Mission Statement



Our Mission Statement

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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.

A Message From the Five Corner Cupboard

We at the pantry and East Windsor Social Services are thinking ahead to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We are asking for donations of frozen turkeys (10-15 lb) and hams. The hams will be given out at Christmas. If you are planning to donate, we need the turkeys by Nov 16th as we are giving them away the next day. The hams will be given out Dec 15th so we need them by the 14th. We will be giving strictly turkeys or chickens on Thanksgiving. Hams or turkeys or chickens will be given for Christmas.

Instead of the "fixins" for each dinner we will give out gift cards to local grocery stores so the folks can select what they like to go with their main meat. We are seeking \$25 gift cards.

The residents and businesses of East Windsor have always been so generous-we know you will come through for us. God bless.

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.

We are looking for donations of items to decorate our cornucopia on Nov 21st Sunday morning worship service. Please leave your donation on the kitchen counter near the fellowship entrance. before Nov. 20th. There can be pumpkins, winter squash, of many sizes and shapes, carrots, nuts, walnuts, & grapes.

Thank you, Joyce and Betty



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

- Betty Stratton

After receiving the resignation of Rev. Carol Lewis on Sept 3rd the Deacons have been busy filling the pulpit for Sunday mornings.

I want to thank all of those who have filled the pulpit for us during the vacancy. Dr. James Clark, Rev. Michelle Wiltshire-Clement, Rev. Carla Dietz, Rev. Marilyn Kendrix, Richard York, Linda York and Members of the BBCC Congregation.

For the Interim Minister Search the Deacons have asked Wade Signor, Moderator, Joyce Bonelli and Karla Vince, Mike Siekiera, Trustees and Linda York and Debbie Signor both on the Religious Education to join with this process. Richard York is both Deacon and Assistant Treasurer.

We felt that the "team" from BBCC is better than just the Deacons of 3 people making a decision this large. We have met with SNEUCC (Southern New England UCC) on Wed. Sept 15th, the Rev. Rhonda Myers, (who was the temp. SNEUCC Minister for Broad Brook Congregational Church) who informed us of the process ahead; there were forms to fill out, so that those who are searching will learn what we want from an Interim Minister and also what the ministers searching will be able to see what we have to offer them.

Then on Oct 14 we met with The Rev. Isaac Lawson. He just started employment with the SNEUCC on Oct 1 st as the SNEUCC MINISTER for Broad Brook Cong'l Church. He had reviewed our forms and made some suggestions to better them. He will be available for any questions that come up. The forms should hopefully be able to be sent by Oct.20th .



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!

Calendar Highlights



*All Saints Day
November 1st*

*November 25th
Thanksgiving Day*



*December 25th
Christmas Day*

Deacon News, con't

The Church meeting held on Sept 26 Broad Brook Congregational Church held a vote on becoming an Open and Affirming Church. This passed unanimously.

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Condolences to the Family of Carolyn Feldman who passed on Sept. 13, 2021. Carolyn was a member of Broad Brook Congregational Church for 65 years.





The Broad Brook Congregational Church held Rally Sunday on September 12, 2021, An Ice Cream Social for the whole church followed during Fellowship Time. Covid-19 protocols continue in place, both in church and in Sunday School. Although still a small group, the students are enthusiastic and bring wonderful ideas to our lessons.

This Fall, we are using the thirteen week Shine Current Curriculum called "Seeking Justice Together". Each week is designed around a key Bible verse and story about Jesus's teaching. We are learning what Jesus taught about social justice and how we can bring it into our church, town, and personal lives. One of the things we will be doing is collecting gently used winter clothing and blankets for those who need them. If anyone has gently used clothing they are not using, please bring them to church or contact Linda York (860-716-4395) for pick-up. If anyone needs warm items, please let us know.

The holidays are quickly approaching. Plans will be announced soon for holiday activities. We welcome new creative ideas.

We are hoping to have a new interim minister who will lead us through the holidays and help us to create a confirmation class. Students in grade eight and above are now refreshing their Bible knowledge and participating in church life.

We welcome everyone, familiar faces, and fresh faces to join our Sunday School. Please call or email Linda York with questions (860-716-4395, lyork76769@sbcglobal.net).



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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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Memorial Garden Nameplate:

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

[illegible]

Note: allow 4 weeks to produce nameplates and bricks.

Name _____

Contact number/email

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 especially at this time of need for many families. This is true also for the many organizations on the front line keeping us safe and meeting basic needs. 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 Sunday School is collecting gently used winter clothing and blankets for those in need. If anyone has gently used clothing they are not using, please bring them to church or contact Linda York (860-716-4395) for pick-up

The missions committee will be meeting soon to give to local needs.

Please give your suggestions to Linda York, Debra 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.



Ways and Means

Our church will be going through some transitioning in the coming months. We have our Thanksgiving time approaching where we will continue to support some local families less fortunate with food, blankets and clothing. We will treasure, give thanks, and share the gifts we have received from the fruits of our labor. There is no greater reward than to help our neighbors in need.

The season of Advent starts right after Thanksgiving where we will prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior. With such a blessed event to prepare for, we will have our hands full. The season of Advent is such a busy time for so many that we tend to forget the reason for the season. It may even cause some resentment to celebrate. Join us as we support each other during all this transitioning.

The Ways & Means Committee will have a few gift giving items available for sale in the Fellowship Hall to help raise extra funds for our town food pantry. Anyone wishing to donate some money towards our mission without a purchase can send in a check. Send it to the church with the “DONATE” form found in this Beacon stating “Food Pantry” under reason for donation. You may also see other ways you may like to support us.

If there is one thing our little church is real good at, is that we warmly welcome everyone who comes to worship with us. We gather together after the service for some refreshments and to share conversation and support for each other. This time is the glue for most of us after hearing a good sermon we can take with us for the coming week.

May the coming holidays be healthy and happy. We are Blessed, as our faith in our new born king will guide us through the roughest times. The Lord does provide, just be ready to accept it in whatever means it may come.



Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Walker Nov 12th



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

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Broad Brook, CT 06016



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.

Hymnal Donated by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please send your donation to:
Music Committee
Broad Brook Congregational Church
122 Main Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016



Thanks to
Broad Brook
Gardens
for our wonderful
flower
arrangements!

Calendar

NOVEMBER

1- All Saints Day (Monday)

7- Communion,

Daylight Savings time end- clocks back

14- Council meeting @ 11:15 am

21- Thanksgiving Sunday

25- Thanksgiving Day

28- First Sunday in Advent

DECEMBER

25- Christmas Day

Happy Birthday November



Robert Jones	2 nd
William Vince	3 rd
Kevin Yosky	7 th
Tracey Nieroda-Outlaw	8 th
Janice Lang	10 th
Brianna York	10 th
Theresa Drolett	14 th
Wade Signor	16 th
Katherine Adams	24 th
Emma McMahon	26 th
Isabelle McMahon	26 th
Rev. Carol B. Lewis	29 th

December



Hannah Townsend	1 st
Marilyn Yosky	2 nd
Debra Duffy	5 th
Diana Walker	5 th
Susan York	5 th
Avery Marschall	7 th
Veronica Pippin	12 th
Deborah Breton	18 th
Genevieve Callahan Cameron	27 th



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“Seeking Justice Together”

**A curriculum for the whole church,
Bringing children, youth and adults all together in worship and learning! Explore Biblical justice, wholeness for humanity and all of creation.**

We will follow Covid-19 protocols. Masks, social distancing, and hand sanitizers are required. We want to worship and learn together safely.

Questions? Call Linda York 860-716-4395

**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**



Debbie's Kitchen Corner

With the fall months approaching and comfort foods from the ovens making it's come back, I chose this recipe as eggplant is still growing in some gardens due to the lack of frost. I had 2 very nice size eggplants given to me by my farmer friend who grows them for markets. My husband (the cook) absolutely loves anything eggplant but rarely makes this himself! I thought I would treat him by making him 2 dishes. Plus I wanted to have a tried recipe for this Beacon. One dish made was a traditional Eggplant Parmesan dish and the other a combined version of Eggplant Rollatini (combined due to the coating process). The eggplant was prepared the same way with the same coatings and air fried, I just sliced them differently. For the Parmesan dish I sliced the eggplant in round discs, the rollatini lengthwise. I used my air fryer to cook up all of the slices in batches then prepared each dish. The sweet thing about doing it this way, one meal was frozen for another time. The work was done in one day! The ingredients were bought in bulk and divided per recipe and our chickens provided all the extra eggs needed. These 2 meals were very low budget for us! Since there are only the 2 of us, each meal kept on giving!! Plus I had a few extra air fried eggplant discs remaining, so my husband reheated them and dipped them in some marinara sauce for a lunch. Both meals were fantastic, not soggy or greasy. I will admit that spending a whole day just preparing and making the 2 meals together is not ideal timewise but we sure did get many great meals in a pinch after that. Hope you give it a try! YumYum!!

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

LAY READERS

NOVEMBER:

7-Debbie Signor All Saints Day

14-Dr. James Clark Veteran's Sunday

21-Joyce Bonelli Thanksgiving Sunday (11/25)

28-Mike Siekiera 1 st Sunday in Advent


DECEMBER:

5- Karla Vince

12-Debbie Signor Children's program

19-Joyce Bonelli Christmas Sunday

26-Wade Signor



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Eggplant Rollatini (Air Fryer Method)



Note: While the eggplant is being salted, prepare your dredging dishes for each: flour, beaten eggs and the combined breadcrumbs mixture. Have a cookie sheet lined with parchment or wax paper ready for the coated slices and another after they are baked. Spray a 9 X 13 or 10 X 15 baking dish with the Olive Oil cooking spray, set aside. If you have an air fryer you can preheat, set the temperature to 380 degrees.

Ingredients

Eggplant

- 1 large eggplant or 2 Small (sliced lengthwise, about 1/8" thick, approx 20 pcs)
- 1 tablespoon salt for salting eggplant

Coating

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 5 lg eggs beaten with 2 TBSP water
- 3 cups seasoned bread crumbs combined with:
 - 1/4 cup parmesan cheese
 - 1 tsp garlic powder
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - Freshly ground black pepper

Extra Virgin Olive Oil Cooking Spray

Filling

16 ounces ricotta
8 ounces shredded mozzarella
1/2 cup grated Parmesan (or Pecorino Romano)
1/4 cup chopped parsley
2 lg eggs, lightly beaten
Optional: pkg of frozen spinach, thawed and drained

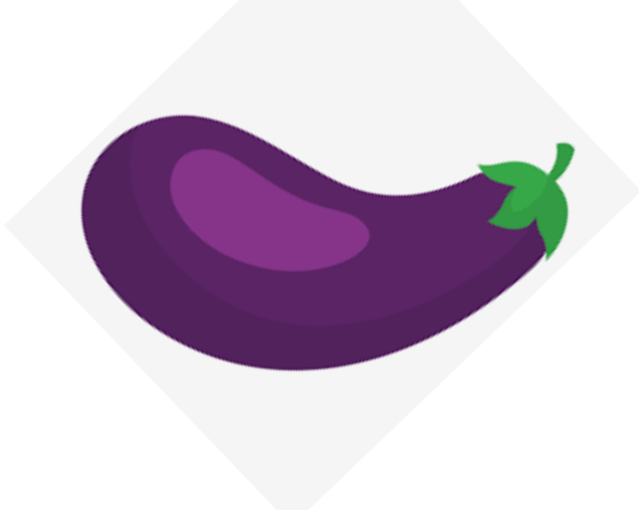
Topping

3 cups pasta sauce (or Marinara Sauce)
4 ounces mozzarella, shredded
4 tablespoons grated parmesan, (or Pecorino Romano)

Prep Instructions

Peel and slice eggplant into 1/8" thick pieces. (A mandolin really helps keep it uniform in size!) Salt the eggplant pieces and layer in a large colander over a plate. Let the slices sit for approx 1 hour, then rinse eggplant to remove excess salt. Thoroughly pat dry the eggplant pieces with a paper towel. Place on the cookie sheet until ready to coat.

Next, dip eggplant pieces (1 by 1) into flour and shake off excess. Then dip into egg and shake off, and finally the seasoned breadcrumbs. Place breaded eggplant pieces on a parchment paper lined tray. Once all the pieces have been coated.



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Open and Affirming

(From the UCC website)

Resolution “Calling on UCC Congregations to Covenant as Open and Affirming”

85-GS-76 VOTED: The Fifteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution now titled “Calling On UCC Congregations to Covenant As Open and Affirming.”

Calling on UCC Congregations to Covenant as Open and Affirming

WHEREAS, the Apostle Paul said that, as Christians, we are many members, but we are one body in Christ (Rom. 12:4), and Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mk. 12:31) without being judgmental (Mt. 7:1-2) nor disparaging of others (Lk. 18:9-14).



Do you have a child or grand child that would benefit from our wonderful Sunday school experience?

Contact Linda York at 860-716-4395 for information.

Air Fryer Instructions

If possible, line your fryer pan with foil. Place as many slices single layered in your pan, spray the slices with your Olive Oil Cooking Spray, cook 4 to 5 minutes until a light golden brown on one side then flip and do the same for the second side. Cook all the remaining slices in batches until they are all golden brown, place the cooked slices on your prepared cookie sheet.

Place a ¼" layer of sauce on the bottom of your prepared baking dish.

Prepare your filling in a large mixing bowl until all ingredients are well combined.

Place 2-3 tablespoons of the ricotta mixture onto the eggplant slice about an inch in from the edge, smearing a little down the middle of the length of the slice, then roll. Place all the filled eggplant rollatini seam side down into the prepared baking dish.

Lightly spoon some sauce on top of each piece of rollatini (don't drown them with the sauce!!) Lightly sprinkle the top with grated mozzarella and parmesan/Romano cheeses.

Notes

- I prefer to use a marinara sauce but you may make your own or use any store-bought version you like.
- You may need to use the larger of the 2 baking dishes to fit all of the rollatini.
- A mandolin speeds up and makes the slicing process far easier for this recipe, but a sharp knife can 100% be used with success.
- Salting the eggplant can be skipped, but removing the water from the eggplant helps with achieving a better fry, taste, and texture.
- Leftovers can be saved for up to 3 days and can be reheated in the oven at 325F until warm or in the microwave.
- Extra sauce is helpful to serve on the side or on the bottom of individual plates since the eggplant rollatini can get dry from the coating/baking process.

Recent Saints of Broad Brook

Congregational Saints 2020-present

Warren Wenz

Selma Grant

Nancy Nodwell

Tyler Morin

Carol Ballard

Connie Cormier

Mary Melissa Tatro

Carolyn Feldman

Dorothy Pease

Gordon Shortman



Did you know? The United Church of Christ updated their logo and mission in 2016. Their new logo and mission statement are below. For more information, please visit: <https://www.ucc.org/mission/>



Mission

These statements were overwhelmingly affirmed by the UCC Board of Directors at their fall business meeting, October 20-22, 2016.

Purpose Statement (from the Gospel of Matthew):

To love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves.

Vision Statement:

United in Christ's love, a just world for all.

Mission statement:

United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.