

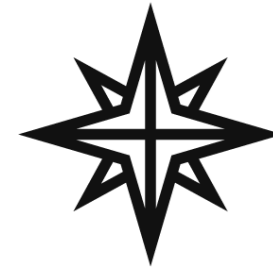
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BBCC Mission Statement



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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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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Pastor's Paragraphs



"Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake- not choosing nor refusing, liking or disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will." John Wesley

This Thanksgiving, take the time to pray. Pray with a grateful heart. Pray to offer praise to God for life and for loved ones. Pray for God to lead you in the path of God's choosing.

People have been so deeply affected this year as we emerge from COVID-19, experience disasters and violence in our country and around the world. Pray for healing and work that must be done to restore lives and property. Pray to help people who are hurting. Pray so that the prayers are not just words but a call to action.

God provides us with true blessings in abundance. We have joy and laughter; we have courage in the face of fear, hope where there is doubt, comfort when we have tears and sadness. God is with us in all things. John Wesley believed in the love and blessings of God. Even on his death bed, he said, "Best of all, God is with us.

Pray for our community as we seek to strengthen and grow in Christ. Pray for me and the leaders who work to make ministry meaningful. Pray for all the people who serve and provide resources for ministry to take place. Pray for our church as we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

And once Thanksgiving has passed, Advent and Christmas will be upon us.

Advent begins on November 27th this year, and marks not only the beginning of the preparation for the Birth of Christ, but also the start of a new church year. We will be into Lectionary Cycle A.

During Advent we will be incorporating the lighting of the Advent Wreath on each of the four Sundays in Advent. I invite our congregation to "sign-up" to help with this by performing short readings and lighting the candles. This can be done by at least two people, and it can be a family or friends who want to team up!

(Pastor's Paragraph con't)

Christmas Eve service will be held on Saturday, December 24th at 6:00 PM. 2022 is a special year, because Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. Our Christmas Day Service will be at 10:00 AM (our usual time) and will definitely provide a joyous welcome to the Christ Child and is a wonderful way to start the day!

So, let us be thankful and prayerful as we put 2022 behind us and celebrate a Happy, Prosperous and Welcoming 2023.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Brian



Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Walker Nov 12th



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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



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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!



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

- Betty Stratton

Broad Brook Congregational Church is fortunate to have Dr. Rev Ned Parker as our Pulpit Supply on November 6. Pastor Brian will be recuperating after minor surgery.

On October 30 we were honored to have 6 new members join us, Pastor Brian Baeder, Janice Baeder, Sandy Taylor, Christopher Couillard, Gary Tetrault, and Judy Tetrault.

The Clock will be turned back for Day Light Savings Time on November 6.

There will be no Communion on November 6, it will be held on November 13.

On November 13 BBCC will Honor our Veterans. Rich York will say a few words on Stewardship at Broad Brook Congregational Church. Stewardship pledge cards are also due and are to be passed in today.

Our next Council meeting will be held on November 20. We will also celebrate Thanksgiving with a large cornucopia on the Communion Table in front of the Sanctuary. Let's be thankful.

ADVENT begins November 27th; come and join us during Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

The Christmas Pageant will be December 11th. Come and join us as the congregation celebrates the story of the birth of Jesus.

Our Christmas Eve Service (Saturday Dec, 24) will begin at 6:00 pm. There will be a church service on Christmas Day, (Sunday, December 25) come and join us as we celebrate Jesus' birthday!

(Deacons report con't)

All Saints Sunday was held October 30. In addition to all of those Saints whom we have celebrated in years past and will remember today we will celebrate those whom we lost in the past year: Marilyn Yosky, Katherine Mickens, Robert Cormier and Carol-Anne (Stratton) McMahon. All of whom we miss very much.

Please come and join us at one of our upcoming services.



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yes_____ no _____

Please donate my plant to a homebound member:

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Each plant is \$15.00. Make a check payable to Broad Brook Congregational Church and return to Betty Stratton or Joyce Bonelli before December 11, 2022. They can also be mailed to:

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Contact number/email

In December 2021, we presented an all-church pageant involving the entire congregation to act out the Christmas story. Everyone gave positive feedback on their experience. This year we would like to do that again even though we do not have an active Faith Formation program. The program will be on Sunday December 11, 2022 during the normal 10:00 morning worship service. Linda York is re-writing the program called "Listen to the Sounds of the First Christmas". The congregation will act out the story as Mary, Joseph, town people, animals, angels, shepherds, wisemen, and a star. There are no speaking parts other than making the sounds of the characters. Costumes and props are provided by the church starting at 9:30 that morning. The narrator will tell the story and direct the action. A special refreshment time will follow with holiday treats and fellowship. Please come and experience this fun family time to make the story of the first Christmas come alive in our hearts, bringing joy and peace to all who attend. Feel free to bring your children, grandchildren, and friends. Contact Linda York at 860-716-4395 or lyork76769@sbcglobal.net for questions or special needs. All are welcome.

← Ways and Means →

Our Church fall months have been pretty busy since the start of the new church school year. We have had 2 Baptisms, held Rally Sunday with an ice cream social, a Memorial Service, a Homecoming Sunday which included a potluck lunch, plus a Meet & Greet held for our new Pastor and then held a special reception for our new members. We also participated in the Haunted Highway event that was held in the Reservoir Park in Broad Brook for the youth in our town. Almost something every weekend! Because we've been so busy with planning/organizing these events and as a result, plans have not been firmed up for November December for holding any kind of fundraisers. More ideas are in the works for the November and December services, our members and friends have been dedicating themselves to help support our programs and our new Pastor. We are still in the honeymoon stage of learning more about our Pastor and vice versa. He and his wife have been very supportive of our church, it's history and some of the traditions we have maintained through the years. The Pastor brings a breath of fresh air to our services and we welcome making needed small changes to help us thrive and move forward in this new era of providing services to everyone no matter where they are in their faith journey.

The Ways & Means Committee may not be able to hold special events just yet for fundraising so we would like to encourage our readers to consider supporting your church with donations in Memory of loved ones. We will be honoring our Saints and Veterans in November plus asking for donations of gift cards to grocery outlets with any amount to give to our food pantry for Thanksgiving & Christmas helping families in our town. Check out the donations form in this Beacon and consider making a donation to help where ever touches your heart the most. We would also like to encourage you to consider attending a few more church services to see what we are doing and see why we are all so passionate and dedicated to upholding and preserving the service this historic church provides in this community. It's time to get back to church! Hope to see you there.



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Deacon Wish List	\$
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LAY READERS

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
6	Debbie Signor	4	Karla Vince
13	Dr. James Clark Veteran's Sunday	11	Debbie Signor Children's Program
20	Joyce Bonelli Thanksgiving Sunday	18	Joyce Bonelli Christmas Sunday
27	Rich York 1st Sunday in Advent	25	Wade Signor

Here is a picture from our booth at the "East Windsor Haunted Highway". This was a town event held at East Windsor Park. We distributed candy to the families who drove through to look at the decorations and celebrate Halloween. We were one of only two town churches participating. While Halloween is not typically a Christian day, it is a fun time and certainly a community event and important to acknowledge.



Missions Committee

The Mission's Committee continues to support the 5 Corner Cupboard with food collections from the congregation and collections in the community. Any donations are highly appreciated. 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 Mission's committee is incredibly sad to lose a long-time member, Katherine Mickens, who passed on September 3, 2022. Katherine had wonderful ideas and a giving spirit. She organized a collection each month for the food bank to buy needed personal items. Katherine is missed.

East Windsor Social Services is in need of turkeys for Thanksgiving, hams for Christmas, and \$25 grocery gift cards to support income/asset qualified families for the holidays. Donations can be dropped off at East Windsor Social Services, 25 School Street, East Windsor, CT or brought to the church and we will bring them to Social Services. They are also collecting new and gently used coats and new mittens and hats.

The Mission's committee will be meeting soon to give to international, national state and local needs. Please give your suggestions to Linda York or Debbie Signor. The committee thanks everyone for their generosity and time to help others. We invite new members to the committee. Please let Linda or Debbie know if you are interested in being a member of the Mission's Committee.



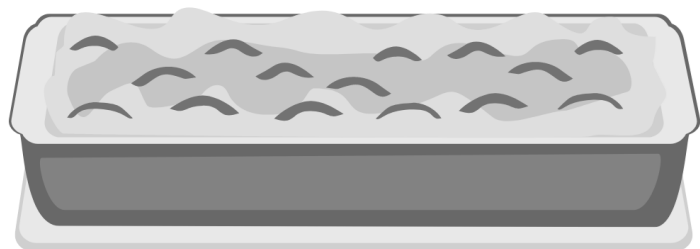
Debbie's Kitchen Corner

Grandma Pat's Cabbage Casserole

This month's recipe is fairly an easy one to make. This recipe was recently made and served at our last Potluck meal held at our church on Homecoming Sunday. Mike had several requests for the recipe so we thought this was a good place to share it. The recipe was given to me from my mother-in-law when we first got married. She shared quite a few family recipes but this one has been a favorite continually made and served for over 40 years. Our children and grandchildren have all enjoyed this recipe many times. Mike told me he likes to add a splash of vinegar to the cabbage when it's cooking to add a slight tang to the cabbage. We like to pair the meal with beets, applesauce and pickles.

Ingredients

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 lb. ground pork
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 2 cups water (or chicken broth)
- salt & pepper to taste
- 1 10.75 oz can of tomato soup
- 1 1 lb. head of cabbage, shredded
- 1 stick butter or margarine



PLEASE HELP US by taking our *Survey!*

The Publications Committee is taking a survey from our readers in regards to how they would like to receive their bi-monthly Beacon in the future. It has come to our attention that many of our publications are being returned due to "unable to forward" notices from the Postmaster. Sadly, we have lost some of our followers during Covid. We are required to maintain a minimum count to continue to mail these by bulk. If the number drops significantly, it may be cost prohibitive to mail them individually. We have learned that we are behind the times with change. We are asking our readers their preference as we go forward. Please help us by marking the appropriate line below:

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The committee will continue to post this survey for a few issues before reviewing the responses. A decision will be made by the church council by the end of 2022. We will post the results of the survey once we have enough responses. Please send your responses to the church either by mail, see address below or email us at staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org

Please return this survey by **November 27th**

mail to: Broad Brook Congregational Church
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Happy Birthday

November

Robert Jones	2 nd
William Vince	3 rd
Kevin Yosky	7 th
Tracey Nieroda-Outlaw	8 th
Brianna York	10 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



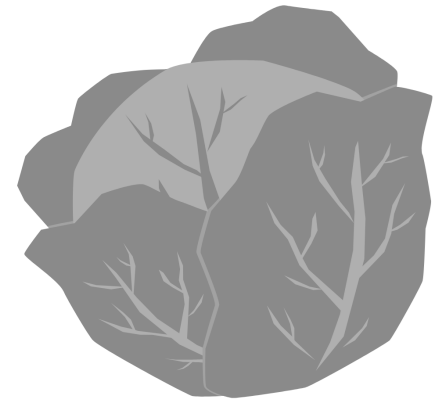
December

Hannah Townsend	1 st
Diana Walker	5 th
Susan York	5 th
Avery Marschall	7 th
Deborah Breton	18 th
Genevieve Callahan Cameron	27 th

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 5 X 9 loaf pan (or a 1.5 qt or 2 qt casserole dish) with a nonstick cooking spray.
2. Brown the meat together with the onion in a large sauté pan, stirring occasionally. Drain off all fat when fully cooked.
3. While the meat mixture is still cooking, make the rice. Place the rice, water (or chic broth), and the salt & pepper in a microwave safe casserole dish, stir to combine. Microwave the mixture on high until rice is soft, approximately 20 to 23 minutes.
4. Add the rice to the meat mixture, stir to combine mixture.
5. Chop or shred your cabbage. Cook the cabbage in a covered pan with 1 stick of butter or margarine. Add a little salt & pepper. Cook until soft. Add the undiluted tomato soup to the soft cabbage. Stir to incorporate the soup throughout the cabbage.
6. Spread a third of the cooked cabbage on the bottom of the casserole dish, add all of the meat mixture, then the last of the cabbage on top of the meat.
7. Bake for 45 minutes.

Makes 6 to 8 servings



Tell us how you did; post your results on our Facebook page!
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Important Reminders:

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

The Five Corner Food Pantry needs the following items: 100% juices-apple, orange, grape, cranberry, and cran/whatever. Thanks everyone!

The Devotional booklets "Our Daily Bread" for the months of September, October and November are available in the table in the Narthex and in the fellowship hall. Please help yourself.

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.

Welcome to our new members:

Pastor Brian Baeder
Janice Baeder as Associate Member
Sandy Taylor
Christopher Couillard
Gary Tetrault
Judy Tetrault

Welcome to each of you

The Deacons

Calendar

NOVEMBER	
6	Rev. Dr. Ned Parker Preaching (Daylight Savings Time ends)
13	Communion, Veteran's Sunday, Stewardship Sunday
20	Council Meeting @ 11:15am, Thanksgiving Sunday
27	First Sunday of Advent
DECEMBER	
4	Communion- 2nd Sunday in Advent
11	Christmas Pageant 3rd Sunday in Advent
18	Christmas Sunday 4th Sunday in Advent
24	Christmas Eve service 6:00pm
25	Christmas Day @ 10:00am Happy Birthday Jesus
JANUARY	
1	Happy New Year 2023