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into God*

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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

122 Main Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016
860-623-4547



Broad Brook Congregational Church

Pastor
Ministers
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Rev. Carol B. Lewis
All Congregation Members
Wade Signor
Robert Cormier
Dr. James Clark
Betty Stratton



<http://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/BBCongregationalChurch>

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.

Rev. Lewis has office hours—due to Covid restrictions, Rev. Lewis is not holding office hours at this time. She can be reached at 860-987-8625.

Please email staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org with announcements or corrections to the weekly Bulletin or the Beacon.

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

Call to Special Meeting

The Members of Broad Brook Congregational Church are hereby called to attend a special meeting to be held on **Sunday, September 26, 2021** immediately following the worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

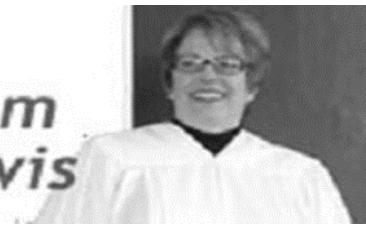
1. VOTE ON Broad Brook Congregational Church becoming an "Open and Affirming" church.
2. Question and answer time will be held prior to the vote.
3. Conduct any other business thought proper at this time.

Betty Stratton, Clerk-Pro-Tem



Mike & Debbie Siekiera are proud grandparents of their first granddaughter Reagan Mae Siekiera. She was born on August 13th at 8:20 am weighing in at 6 lbs 12 oz & 19.5 inches long. Proud parents are Zachary and Jackie Siekiera. She has a very happy big brother Waylon in awe of his new sister. All are healthy and very happy.

A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



Hello friends,

We are moving toward being an ONA (Open And Affirming) church. We are putting our hearts and souls into our mission statement where we say all are welcome. Our vote will be the last Sunday in September. We have educated our congregation and are looking forward to the future.

The following is a prayer by Mother Teresa, India

"Joy is prayer—Joy is strength—Joy is love—Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. She gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and the people is to accept everything with joy. A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. We all long for heaven where God is, but we have it in our power to be in heaven with Him right now—to be happy with Him at this very moment. But being happy with Him now means; loving as He loves, helping as He helps, giving as He gives, serving as He serves, rescuing as He rescues, being with Him for all the twenty-four hours, touching Him in His distressing disguise."

Have A Joyful Fall!

Rev. Carol



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

- Betty Stratton

The Deacons have covered their duty as Deacon on Duty each week during the summer. They assisted at the Memorial Services of: Nancy Nodwell in June, Connie Cormier, Carol Ballard in July and Selma Grant in August and a wedding of Natalie Audinot (Grant) and Michael Lord.

Rev. Carol had 3 weeks of vacation, July 15 to August 5. July 18 and on August 1 Broad Brook Congregational Church was honored to have Rev. Michelle Wiltshire-Clement filling the Pulpit. Her inspiring sermons were enjoyed by all. On July 25- The Deacons with other members filled the Pulpit.

Rev. Carol will be taking a sabbatical leave during the month of October. The Rev. Carla Dietz will be filling the pulpit and covering emergencies. Contact Betty Stratton @ 860-623-2729

Rally Sunday will be September 12th. We are in the need of 2-3 teachers for the young children Please contact Linda York if you are interested @ Lyork76769@sbcglobal.net.

On Sept 26 there will be a BBCC member vote on becoming an Open and Affirming Church at 11:10 am after a time for any questions.

Please come and join us for worship while the children are in Sunday School Class. All are welcome.



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!

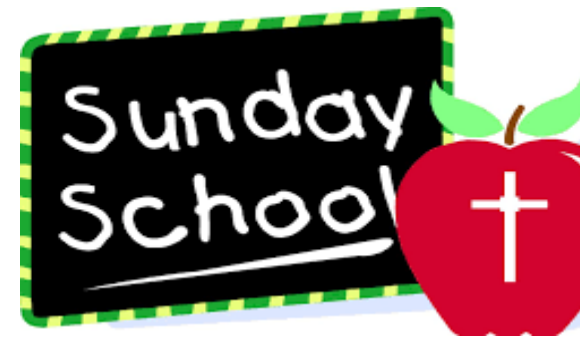


For the children in your life, start the new year off right! Registration is also available online!

Contact us for more information!



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Please Patronize
the stores at
**TOWN CENTER
SHOPS**
next to
Broad Brook
Church
860-432-8900

Broad Brook Congregational Church will hold a Rally Sunday on September 12, 2021, starting at 10:00 am for the opening of the Worship Service and Sunday School. An Ice Cream Social for the whole church will follow during Fellowship Time. Covid-19 protocols will be in place, both in church and in Sunday School. Masks, social distancing, and the use of hand sanitizers are required for all un-vaccinated children/adults and encouraged for all.

In May, the children expressed that they want to learn more about Social Justice. We will use the Shine Current Curriculum that is a new curriculum for the whole church during the Fall. Adults during worship will be talking about the same bible verses, main ideas, and actions as the children are learning during Sunday School. This year we hope to have three classes plus a nursery. Beginning (Preschool-grade 2), Elementary (grades 3-7), and Confirmation class (grades 8 and up). To do this we will be looking for help from the congregation and the community. If you know any high schoolers who are looking to do community service for school requirements, we are looking for nursery care helpers and assistant teachers. We could also use adult teachers, especially those willing to substitute teach.

This fall, we will have a confirmation class for children in grade 8 and above. This class will start with a refresher course so no one will feel uncomfortable if they have missed or forgotten lessons in church.

Sunday School con't

The class will be during Sunday School to begin the year. The pastor will then plan extra classes with her as the year goes on.

We welcome everyone, familiar faces, and fresh faces to join us. Please call or email Linda York with questions (860-716-4395, lyork76769@sbcglobal.net) or contact Pastor Carol Lewis (860-987-8625).

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 missions committee will be meeting soon to give to local needs. Please give your suggestions to Linda York, Carol Lewis, 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.



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:

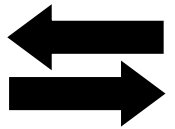
(placed onto the Dovecote Pole) (Leave spaces between words and dates)

Note: allow 4 weeks to produce nameplates and bricks.

Name _____

Contact number/email _____

Ways and Means



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



Our annual tag sale was a huge success by yielding more funds raised with less items and manpower than last year. We are grateful for our successes considering our challenges. Our donations were down and there was less time/help to prep to get ready for the sale so it always amazes us that we did so well. The Lord does provide!

The committee doesn't have anything planned for the fall but that could change with the upcoming Sunday school season and with the end of our congregation enjoying their summer vacations. We will do some brainstorming during our fellowship time on Sunday mornings.

Rally Sunday is scheduled for September 12th, we are looking forward to seeing so many more of our congregation that will be returning from their summer brake. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10 am.



Mr. & Mrs. Jose Velazquez

Sept 5th

Mr. & Mrs. William Easton

Sept 13th

Mr. & Mrs. Luke Bauer

Sept 14th

Mr. & Mrs. John Curran

Sept 20th

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones

Sept 22nd

Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Siekiera

Oct 02nd

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marquis

Oct 15th

Mr. & Mrs. William Vince

Oct 15th



CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER:

5— Communion

12— Rally Sunday— Welcome to
Sunday School and worship

26— Special meeting and vote on
O&A church @ 11:10 am

OCTOBER: Rev. Carol away, Rev. Carla
Dietz will be filling the pulpit.

3— Communion

12— Rally Sunday— Welcome to
Sunday School and worship

Ice Cream Social Follows

26— Special meeting and vote on
O&A church @ 11:10 am

Rev. Carol will be on 1 month sabbatical leave in
October.

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
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Happy Birthday

September



Karla Vince	6 th
Rebecca Bonelli	8 th
Seton Carmichael	9 th
Wesley Velazquez	14 th
Karen Loubier	23 rd
Charlotte Walker	24 th
Richard York, Jr.	27 th
Mark Lemay	28 th
Terri Cruz	28 th

October



Cathy Yodus	1 st
Sheri Brown	3 rd
Jose Velazquez	4 th
Angelina Carmichael	6 th
Robert Cormier	9 th
Craig Arnold	17 th
Nancy Fisher	19 th
Lacey-Jean Temple	21 st
John Ivanisin	22 nd
Dr. James Clark	27 th
Ryan Dannahey	29 th
Donna Roberts	29 th
David Owens	30 th



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Fax: (860) 872-8200
Email: pietrasfhs@att.net



“Seeking Justice Together”

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

**Join us for Ice Cream Sundaes during Fel-
lowship Time following the worship ser-
vice/Sunday school.**

**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

**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
or**

Pastor Carol Lewis 860-987-8625.



Debbie's Kitchen Corner

Mini Zucchini Pizzas

As Fall draws near and so many sports fans are excited for the return of football an basketball and playoff season for baseball, we find ourselves excited by the return of game day recipes. Try this delightful, delicious recipe that is both low carb, veggie based and healthy!

Prep/Total Time 20 min

Makes- about 2 dozen

Ingredients:

1 large zucchini, cut diagonally into
1/4 inch slices

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1/3 cup pizza sauce

3/4 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

1/2 cup miniature peperoni slices

Minced fresh basil



Directions:

Preheat broiler. Arrange zucchini in a single layer on a greased baking sheet. Broil 3-4 in. from heat just until crisp-tender, 1-2 minutes per side.

Sprinkle zucchini with salt and pepper; top with sauce, cheese and

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

Lay Readers

SEPTEMBER:

5- Katherine Mickens
Labor Day weekend

12-Rich York

Rally Sunday

19-Joyce Bonelli

26- Karla Vince



OCTOBER:

3- Wade Signor

10- Dr. James Clark

17- Mike Siekiera

24- Debbie Signor



Broad Brook Congregational Church



guidance
growth
support
fellowship



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.