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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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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 with announcements or corrections to the weekly Bulletin or the Beacon.



Pastor's Paragraphs



Mark 4:35-41 ~ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Jan and I are ready to bid 2023 a fond farewell.

Between falling trees, eye surgery for me, finding a new home, open heart surgery for me and pending thyroid surgery for Jan, 2023 has given us all we can handle. There is a great temptation to cry out, "Why?" to God. To have that question resound daily and feel oppressed and singled-out.

There is that old saying, "God doesn't give us more than we can handle." But God does not test us to have us prove our faith. God does not delight in erecting obstacles and then sitting back saying, "Let's see what they do with this one!"



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TOWN CENTER SHOPS
 next to
 Broad Brook
 Congregational Church
 860-432-8900

Grace and Peace,
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.

Hymnal Donated by:

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

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Music Committee

Broad Brook Congregational Church

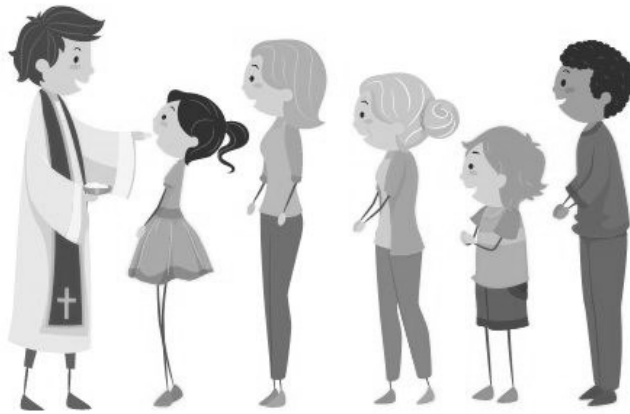
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Thanks to

Broad Brook
Gardens
for our wonderful
flower
arrangements!



Join Us For Communion the first Sunday of every month



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

- Betty Stratton

The Deacons are proud to announce that Pastor Brian has spoken with 8 persons who are interested in becoming members of Broad Brook Congregational Church. The Deacons, Pastor Brian, and new members will meet for a New Members Class on October 8 @ 11:20 am They will be received into membership on Oct 22, 2023.

The Broad Brook Congregational Church will hold a Church meeting on Oct 15 immediately after the worship service to hear the names of the new members and have a vote as per the By- Laws.

In the planning stage is Pastor Brian's Installation as our settled Pastor. This will possibly be held on Oct 15.

Linda York, Sunday School Teacher, has been busy preparing for Sunday School this fall. The theme is "Seeking God Together". The Christmas Pageant will be held on Dec. 10th.

We are again this year participating in the Haunted Highway held at the East Windsor Park on Oct 26. Our theme will be "Noah's Ark."

Our thanks to Kevin Mayo, from the Enfield Congregational Church who filled our pulpit for Pastor Brian while he was recuperating from his surgery.

Prayers are offered to God each Sunday for many members of Broad Brook Congregational Church and the community at large as well as nationally.



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(Deacon’s continued)

All Saints Sunday is Nov. 1- On this Sunday we will Honor those we have lost in the pass as well as those from Broad Brook Congregational Church whom passed in 2023. Families of those from 2023 please join us for this special service.

Our condolences to the family of Russ Marinoni who passed away in June. He was a member of Broad Brook Congregational Church for 32 years and a friend to many.



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)

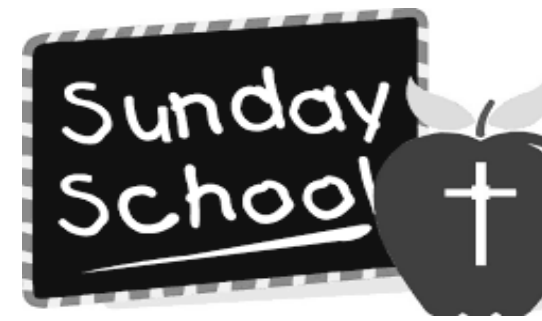
Memorial Garden Nameplate:

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

Note: allow 4 weeks to produce nameplates and bricks.

Name _____

Contact number/email _____



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

Faith Formation Classes (Sunday School) will begin on Rally Sunday, September 17, 2023. Children ages three through High School are invited to attend during the Sunday worship service starting at 10:00 AM. An Ice Cream Social and parent's meeting will follow the services and classes.

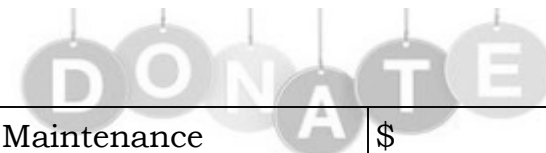
Each Faith Formation session will start with a Bible story and whole group activity. Then the classes will be split to do age-appropriate discussion, work sheets and activities. We will begin the year using the Shine Current Curriculum called "Seeking God Together". This curriculum "explores 13 spiritual practices in interactive, age-appropriate ways that can deepen and transform our relationship with God and others." Extra activities are being planned through the Fall, including participating in the town Haunted Highway on October 26 th , helping to collect items for Thanksgiving families, and participating in our Annual Christmas Pageant. More information will be announced soon.

Please consider helping Linda York in the Sunday School this year as a teacher, assistant, or substitute. The lessons are easy to follow and include all instructions, stories, pictures, and worksheets. Please let Linda know how you can help. (860-716- 4395, or Lyork76769@sbcglobal.net)

Missions Committee

The Mission's Committee continues to support the Five Corner Cupboard with food collections from the congregation and collections in the community. 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 will be meeting soon to give to international, national state and local needs. Please give your suggestions to Linda York, Debra Signor, Karla Vince or Judy Tetrault. The committee thanks everyone for their generosity and time to help others.



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



LAY READERS

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
3	Jan Baeder	1	Mike Siekiera
10	Joyce Bonelli (Rally Sunday)	8	Debbie Signor
17	Karla Vince	15	Jan Baeder
24	Rich York	22	Joyce Bonelli
		29	Karla Vince



Mr. & Mrs. Jose Velazquez	Sept 5 th
Mr. & Mrs. William Easton	Sept 13 th
Mr. & Mrs. Luke Bauer	Sept 14 th
Mr. & Mrs. John Curran	Sept 20 th
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones	Sept 22 nd
Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Siekiera	Oct 02 nd
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marquis	Oct 15 th
Mr. & Mrs. William Vince	Oct 15 th



I cannot believe how fast our summer went by this year, so it seems that way for me. I know we all say that but it's been a reality check for me because I've only been in my pool 4 times so far this summer (to this writing) and that is not like me. I normally make more time for the aquatic exercises my body has come accustomed to plus thoroughly enjoy and is addicted to. I hope to resume that habit once I am comfortably back in Florida. My life here in CT has been way to busy for a semi-retired person.

Our tag sale was held on August 5th and as usual a big successful fundraiser for our little church. It seemed like we had fewer donations of items because the hall was not packed to the ceiling with the little stuff. Instead we had a good amount of bigger ticket items that was bulky. We had a good amount of volunteers to get it all outside in record time. We didn't arrange for a dumpster this year because the items that were donated were in sellable condition. We did have some leftover stuff as always, those items are getting sorted and passed on to other charitable organizations seeking such items. I prefer not to throw things in our landfills if at all avoidable.

Our committee would like to "thank" everyone who helped with the tag sale. I had the usual crew who helped sort and price at the workshops. Then for the day of the sale; our table set-up crew, the lifters and toters to get everything outside, those who helped lay everything out, our cashiers, our sale monitors that helped our customers, our kitchen staff making coffee and prepping our lunch items so our crew could eat, and then to our clean-up crew when all was said and done. Hopefully I didn't miss anyone. It takes a whole church to put on a sale of this magnitude! Thank YOU!



Pumpkin Bread

It's that time of year again folks! Time for everything pumpkin, my personal favorite!!! Most everyone who bakes has a good recipe for Pumpkin Bread but if you don't, give mine a try! I have had this recipe card in my recipe book for at least 40 + years and it looks it (very soiled). The recipe has never failed me in as many years I have made these loaves. I like to make extra breads to keep in the freezer for a quick last minute snack food, when company comes with short notice, or to just make my house smell good. I like my bread fully loaded with raisins and nuts but feel free to try it naked first! The bread is excellent for breakfast too. Slice the bread thick so you can toast it then put butter or cream cheese on it. Oh yum!

Ingredients:

- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 15 oz can pumpkin purée (fresh puree is great but make sure you strain it so it's not watery)
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 cup raisins (optional)
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)



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

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	1st
Pastor Brian Baeder	2nd
Sheri Brown	3rd
Jose Velazquez	4th
Angelina Carmichael	6th
Craig Arnold	17th
Nancy Fisher	19th
Lacey-Jean Temple	21st
Dr. James Clark	27th
David Owens	30th



Announcements:

There are some envelopes in the pew backs for use for the morning offering, please feel free to use one.

The Five Corner Cupboard Food Pantry is in need of of size 2 and 3 diapers, 100% juices and canned meats (hash, chili, spam, ham, etc.) Thanks!!

The flower arrangement pots can be recycled to the Broad Brook Gardens. Please leave them in a box marked "Flower Pot Returns" on the kitchen counter above the dish washer. Thank you.- Flower Committee.

The Deacons are looking for volunteers to be lay readers, reading the scriptures during worship service. This would mean that you would read every 2-3 months on a rotating basis. Please let Pastor Brian or Betty Stratton know if you are interested.

Instructions:

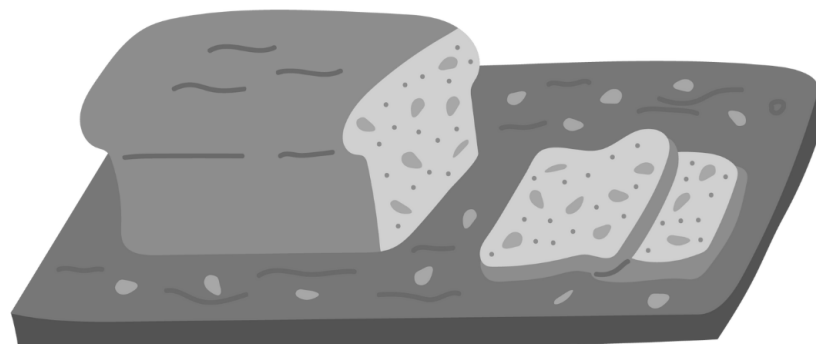
Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 2 - 9x5 loaf pans using butter or non-stick spray. You can also use 3 - 8x4 or 4 to 5 mini loaf pans instead. (don't fill pans higher than 2/3 full)

In a large bowl, whisk all the dry ingredients together, set aside.

Using another bowl, whisk sugar and oil together until blended. Add eggs one at a time mixing after each addition. Add pumpkin purée and water and mix until blended. Gradually add the dry ingredients and stir just until moistened. Stir in nuts/raisins if using. Pour batter into prepared pans.

Bake for 55-60 minutes for regular size pans or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Do not overbake as it will dry out the bread. Let loaves cool for 15 - 20 minutes in pan on wire racks then turn out onto cooling racks.

Note: The smaller loaves should be done in under 45 minutes, check on them after 30 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.





Calendar

SEPTEMBER	
3	Communion
4	Labor Day
17	Rally Sunday (start of Sunday School)
24	Council meeting @11:15am
OCTOBER	
1	Communion/ New member class (Pastor and Deacons) @11:20am
15	BBCC Church meeting @11:05am Installation of Pastor Brian @3pm (tentative)
22	Reception of new members @10am
26	Haunted Highway- East Windsor Park- theme: Noah's Ark

NOVEMBER	
	Communion
5	All Saints Day Day light savings time begins
12	Veterans Day Sunday
19	Thanksgiving Sunday
23	Thanksgiving Day
DECEMBER	
10	Christmas Pageant @10am