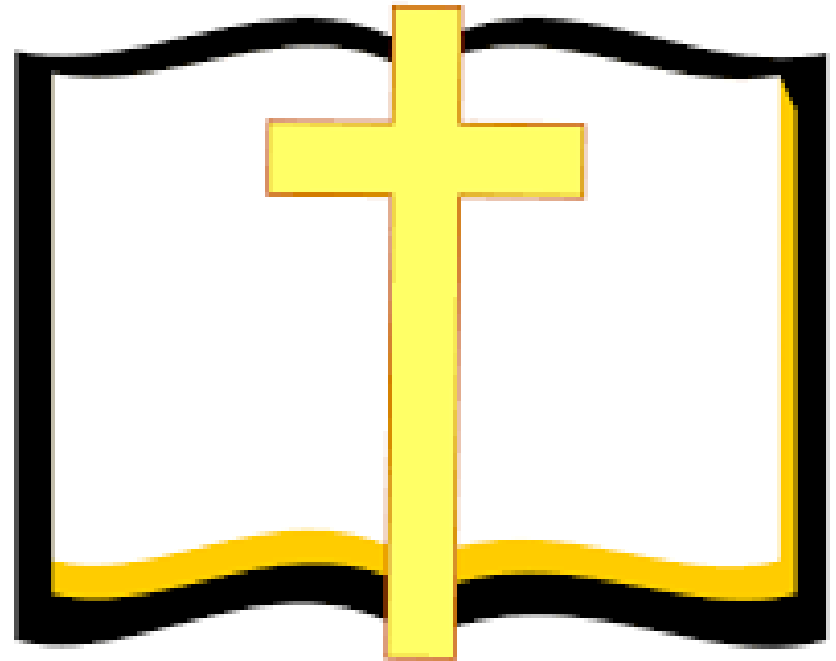


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BBCC Mission Statement



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.

Rev. Lewis has office hours on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or by appointment. Calls for the Pastor should be made through the church office at 860-623-4547.

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

Important Reminders:

Beacon

Articles and reports due on the 10th of each cycle. Final requests for changes due by the 20th.

Thank you.

REMINDER:

Donations or Pledges may be paid by mailing them to Broad brook Congregational Church, attention Bill Stratton.

*A Message From
Rev. Carol Lewis*



**A prayer from Ted Loder's book:
*My Heart in My Mouth; Prayers for Our Lives***

Hover Over Us

God of passionate patience and lively waiting, in whatever way you choose, be with us in our eagerness and in our uneasiness as we balance on the edge of a newness disguised as familiar, a mystery lurking in the taken-for-granted, a discovery waiting in the common, a love fevering to be expressed, a hope waiting to be born out of pain, and the wonder of it all as it hushes our hearts and disquiets our certainties.

God, without you we are truly scared stiff of making mistakes, of being ridiculed or rejected or missing out in our always fumbling uncertainties.

So we pray that your Spirit will hover over us to enable us to separate, with you, the light from the darkness in the change that seeks to shape us, and which we seek creatively to shape.

We pray that your Spirit lift us and encourage us to keep getting up and going on, no matter how many times we have tripped up and fallen crying down.

Words From Rev. Carol, con't

*We pray that your Spirit empower us to crack
the smothering crust of deadening habits and
goad us to set out after fresh dreams.*

*We pray that your Spirit liberate and lead us in
laboring for healing for the broken, justice for
the exploited, chances for the oppressed, peace
for the violated and the violent of the earth.*

*So move in and among us that we may grow in
your Spirit, rejoice in your kingdom, and live
with passion this amazing life that, by your
grace, is in us and that we are gratefully in.
Amen*



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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)

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 _____



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

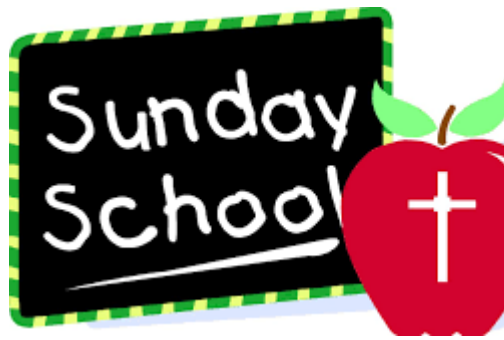
- Betty Stratton

There continues to be no church service in the Church. We miss not worshiping in person

The Zoom meeting that is held each Sunday Morning @ 10 am is a time for us to get together for a time for worship and Fellowship electronically.. You can join us on the Computer, ipad or smart phone.

Please see the information given in this Beacon on joining the Zoom meetings.

Rev. Carol will be on vacation September 2 until September 16. There will be coverage for emergencies- Please call Betty Stratton at 860-623-2729 during her vacation time.



The third Sunday in September is typically Rally Sunday. This year, due to the virus, we are not having Sunday services in person. Services have been and will be on Zoom until it is safe to return to church. The Sunday School has a few options including Zoom Sunday School, online lessons completed at home, and some in-person masked and socially distanced sessions. Mrs. York will be calling parents for preferences and will design a program that meets the needs of our students. It has been too long since we have been together, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again. Stay safe.



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: _____

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Drop in collection plate or mail to:

Board of Trustees

Broad Brook Congregational Church

PO Box 466

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:
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Broad Brook Congregational Church
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Missions Committee

The Missions Committee continues to support the 5 Corner Cupboard with food collections and monthly monetary donations from the congregation. The last list of needed items included: coffee, sugar, flour, meal helpers, instant potatoes, granola bars, corn, canned fruit, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, Kleenex, soap, toothbrushes, denture cleaner, feminine supplies, shaving items, and kitchen trash bags. 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 fighting this virus and keeping us safe. We thank Wade 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 plan for our 2020 Missions Giving and special projects. If you would like the church to support a worthy project or organization, please let the minister or a member of the committee know. (Linda York, Carol Lewis, Debbie Signor, and Katherine Mickens) We are always looking for new ideas for local, state, national and international projects.

The Missions Committee thanks everyone for their generosity and time to help others.

← Ways and Means →

Our BBCC annual tag sale was held in August. The weather was very favorable that day, a reprieve from the very hot, dry conditions. We did very well considering that 80% of the items were leftover from the previous year's sale. We had a few small donations come in from reliable, healthy households with no large ticket items. Workshops were held weekly, as we have with the past sales to ready price and sort like items together. Breakfast and lunch refreshments were provided to the workers. Gloves, face masks, face shields and hand sanitizer were made available for anyone to use as needed. Our shoppers were all kind enough to wear their masks and use our hand sanitizers left available on tables amongst the items for sale. We once again have remaining items left over in which they will be sorted and donated to appropriate causes. Thank you to all my volunteers and donors; the sale wouldn't have been so successful without your help. In addition to raising some beneficial yields to benefit the church's general fund, we were able to raise close to \$35.00 in separate funds for the town's food bank. Our guests were very generous.



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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**

CALENDAR

September:

- 6- Rev. Carol on vacation—
No Zoom Meeting
- 7- Labor Day
- 13-Rev. Carol on vacation—
No Zoom meeting
- 20- Zoom meeting 10 am
- 27- Zoom Meeting 10 am

October:

- 4- Zoom Meeting /Communion 10 am
- 11- Zoom Meeting 10 am
- 18- Zoom Meeting 10 am
- 25- Zoom Meeting 10 am



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!**



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

**Contact us for more
information!**



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. Bruce Nodwell	Sept 21st
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones	Sept 22nd
Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Siekiera	Oct 2nd
Mr. & Mrs. Philip M. Grant	Oct 07th
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marquis	Oct 15th
Mr. & Mrs. William Vince	Oct 15th



**Remember,
you are never
walking alone.**



This recipe chosen for this issue is in memory of this years BigE which has been canceled due to the COVID – 19 pandemic. I acquired the recipe from the Cabot Cheese booth in the Vermont building. We usually attend the BigE event every year and make it a point to purchase their special BigE cheese from the booth. This recipe is very good and it automatically shaved down the fat content from the recipe. We use our own marinara sauce made from our abundant garden fresh tomatoes (that gets put up yearly in September). We like to serve these stuffed shells with Italian style chicken sausage and fresh green beans or asparagus. We've also added spinach to the cheese mixture. With the fall approaching, this recipe is perfect to warm your kitchen and permeating the air with the most awesome aroma. Another recipe worth trying with no regrets!!



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

Happy Birthday

September

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



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

October

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION FORM

Name _____

Dedication (in memory or honor of):

Date for when flowers are to be
dedicated:

Please give this form to Betty Stratton. Payment can be
made via check to: Broad Brook Congregational Church
or via paypal:
staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org

***Please note, though we are not meeting
in person for church at this time, any
altar flower dedications/donations
will be held in reserve for when church
resumes in person. You can also donate
and help us build a reserve fund.***



Baked Pasta Shells

- 1 cup fat free ricotta cheese
- 2 oz 1/3-less-fat cream cheese, softened
- 8 oz Cabot 50% reduced fat Cheddar Cheese, shredded and divided
- 1 large egg, slightly beaten
- 16 large fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 16 large dried pasta shells, cooked until al dente
- 1 26 oz jar marinara sauce

Instructions:

1. Place ricotta and cream cheese in a bowl and mash together. Stir in 1 cup shredded cheese, egg, chopped basil and garlic. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg, set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 400° F.
3. In large pot of boiling water, cook pasta until al dente, or barely tender. Drain well, making sure to empty shells of any remaining water; set aside to cool briefly.
4. Spread about 1/2 cup marinara sauce over bottom of large baking dish. Spoon ricotta mixture evenly into all the shells and arrange in dish. Pour remaining sauce over top of shells. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover dish, sprinkle with remaining shredded cheese and bake for an additional 10 minutes.
5. Remove from oven and garnish with fresh basil.

Makes 4 servings

Nutrition analysis: Calories – 396, Total Fat – 13g, Saturated Fat – 6g, Sodium – 383gm, Carbohydrates – 42g, Dietary Fiber – 5g, Protein - 28g, Calcium – 550mg