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**Rally  
Sunday!**  
ALL ARE WELCOME



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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  
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Broad Brook Congregational Church

Bridge Pastor  
Ministers  
Moderator  
Treasurer  
Organist  
Chair, Board of Deacon

Pastor Brian Baeder  
All Congregation Members  
Wade Signor  
Rich York  
Dr. James Clark  
Betty Stratton



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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](mailto:staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org) with announcements or corrections to the weekly Bulletin or the Beacon.



## Pastor's Paragraphs



Isaiah 61:4 ~ Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins,  
they will raise up the  
former devastations; and they will repair the ruined cit-  
ies, the desolations of  
many generations.

So... Is anyone wondering what a Bridge Pastor is and how long  
I'll be here?

In our modern world, people seem to be insistent that everyone  
and everything have a label; the UCC is no exception. There's  
Settled Pastor, Interim Pastor and Bridge Pastor. Given enough  
time, I'm sure there'll be others!

Taking it one word at a time: Bridge – something that gets you  
from here to there. Pastor: Spiritual guide of the congregation. So,  
a Bridge Pastor is someone who provides spiritual leadership while  
a congregation is in transition.

Now, this sounds like a temporary thing, and most times it's a fill-  
in between a Settled Pastor leaving and the arrival of an Interim  
Pastor, or the departure of an Interim and the arrival of a new Pas-  
tor. But, what's temporary? What's the time frame? Consider  
crossing a small brook; that might take only a step or two. On the  
other hand, there is the Golden Gate Bridge! I guess the length  
depends on where you are and where you're going! Also, when  
you really think about it, all pastors fill a temporary position –  
there has been someone before them, and there will be someone  
after them. The time they spend is their "interim period".

The length of my pastorate here depends on the journey. BBCC  
has had a rocky road the last couple of years, so much so that



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some folks left and those that stuck with it are a bit exhausted. I get it. the first part of the journey involves getting our breath back - and hopefully getting some old members back and attracting some new people, too. We don't need some ticking timer making that more difficult.

Then we need to discover where we are as a church and where we want to be. We'll map a course and get back on the road and continue the journey.

Then there's the eternal question, "Are we there yet?" That's something only we as a congregation can answer. We will know when I've taken BBCC as far as I can, and it will be time to move forward on separate paths. Is that 1 year away; is it 5 years down the road? Is it more or less than that? I don't know. We'll find out together.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor 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.

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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

The months of July and August have been busy. Pastor Brian began his Pastorate at Broad Brook Congregational Church on July 3, 2022.

The Tag Sale was held on August 6 and much time during July was getting ready. All items had to be priced. We thank all the people who helped on the day of the sale.

August 21, the Memorial Service for Bob Cormier our friend and member for 20 years of BBCC. He served as Treasurer and the Investment Committee chairman, for many years. He loved to attend the tag sales and suppers when he would almost always peel the potatoes for the mashed potatoes.

September 25 will be Home Coming Sunday, all former members and friends are invited to come and worship at BBCC. that morning. A pot luck lunch will be served. Each family is to bring a dish to share.

Communion for September will be held on Sept 11 th the second Sunday of September. This Sunday will also be Rally Sunday. An ice cream social will be served during fellowship time.

September 4 the Sousa Children will be Baptized. Mackenzie Ann Sousa and Parker James Sousa are the children of Morgan (Tetro) and Lafaiete Sousa. They reside in Enfield, CT.

A new member Class is being planned. If you are interested in joining Broad Brook Congregational Church please see Pastor Brian or Betty Stratton.



Excitement abounds in church with our new minister, Pastor Brian Baeder. He brings puppets, guitar music, friendship, and moving sermons to our church. The Sunday School looks forward to his ideas and leadership. This year we will follow the lectionary along with the worship service upstairs. This will allow the parents and children to hear the same Bible passages and lessons. Fun games and activities will enhance the message each week. We will start as a multi-age group and then spilt into age appropriate classes as we grow our membership. Please spread the word to your friends and family.

The Sunday School welcomes all children to join us on Rally Sunday, September 11, 2022 to start our year of Faith Formation. The children will start in the church sanctuary with a welcome and special message for children. The children will then go to class downstairs for fun opening activities and a yummy snack. Information and registration forms have been sent to church parents about Rally Sunday. If you did not receive this information, please contact Linda York at 860-623-4287 or at lyork76769@sbcglobal.net. Please also contact Linda if you are interested in helping in the Sunday School. We are looking forward to a great year!

# 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:

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## 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



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### Tag Sale Update

Well, let's start by saying Thank you....Thank you....Thank you!!! What a fantastic day we had, with all the help that showed up to the customers that came and the sales we made! We haven't seen this much activity at this event for years. Even the whole preparation workshops were amazing with all the wonderful donations we received, getting to meet some new people in the community, all the way to the help of time and muscle (even from strangers) to get it all done. Then after the sale was done, everything leftover from the sale came back inside to be sorted, repacked for 3 more donation locations, then the cleaning up of the hall afterwards. We now have a better organized Fellowship Hall. We haven't seen the hall this clean and neat for awhile. Thank you all for your part, it's very encouraging to see the support.

We have to give a huge shout out to USA Hauling for the use of a dumpster. As always, we had some broken items from the sale, items that was at the end of their useful purpose life from both the sale and inside the church, plus tons of extra cardboard and packaging materials. Too bad we didn't have time to tackle the balcony which is equal to attics in most homes! The 2 flights of stairs would have been just too much after tackling the hall and boiler rooms in the timeframe we were working within.

This was our first function sharing the event with our new Pastor and his wife. We are so grateful to have them both. They both bring vitality and such energy to our old ways of doing things. Pastor Brian has been a Godsend for BBCC at this time. He is realigning our Sunday services to what we've been missing for a long time. He brings patience, efficiency, knowledge, musical talent, is a great cheerleader and has a great sense of humor to deal with us old-timers!! We look forward to each and every Sunday so we can reload our Faith gas tanks to guide us through the week being better disciples. Thank you Pastor Brian and Jan for coming into our lives at this time.

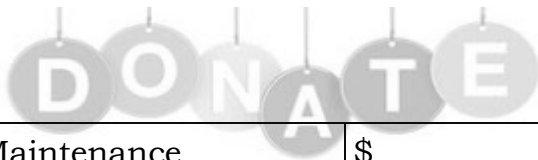
The Ways & Means have a few things brewing for things to do for the Fall/Winter months. We need to meet to discuss plans to pull everything together. Stay tuned for What's Happening at BBCC!

# Missions Committee

Broad Brook Congregational Church selects monthly, local, state, national, and international mission projects to give monetary gifts to. We collect food and money for our local food bank, give out camp and college scholarships, give donations for emergency relief after natural disasters, and collect food, clothing, money, and necessities for church/local families in need.

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. 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 international, national state and local needs. Please give your suggestions to Linda York, Debbie 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.



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	\$

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Phone:

Reason for Donation:



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Board of Trustees  
Broad Brook Congregational Church  
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Broad Brook, CT 06016





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



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## Debbie's Kitchen Corner



### Pumpkin Spice Cookies

Okay, so I am never ready for the fall! I love-love-love the summer months, even the hot ones but not a fan when it's excessively humid though but that's what pools are for! I must admit I do not do a lot of baking during the summer months unless there's a birthday or two! Who needs to heat up their kitchens more. We tend to cook whatever we can on the grill or in the microwave. When not cooking on the grill, we eat simple things like BLT's where we purchase precooked bacon from Costco heated in the microwave along with some corn on the cob or simple omelets on our gas stove because our chickens are generous with their eggs! Desserts are ice cream novelties out of the freezer, freezer pops, refrigerated cold fruit or jello! So with that in mind, I do not get to practice trying out new recipes too often during the summer so I am offering up a favorite recipe I cook in the cooler months. My boys have always been cookie monsters so the jar has to be maintained!! The Pumpkin Spice chips are about to come available since it's almost Everything Pumpkin Spice time. I make sure I buy extra packages of those chips before they disappear after the season is over. After that, cookies made with butterscotch morsels are preferred but anything goes with them as long as there are cookies!

#### Ingredients:

3 cups AP flour  
tsp pumpkin spice  
1 tsp baking soda  
1 tsp salt  
1 cup butter, room temp  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
½ cup white granulated sugar  
2 eggs, room temp  
2 tsp vanilla extract  
2 cups white choc chips  
1 cup pumpkin spice chips





1. Preheat oven to 375° F. Line your sheet pans with parchment paper.
2. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, pumpkin spice, baking soda and salt. Set aside.
3. With your mixer on medium speed, cream together the butter, brown sugar and the white sugar until light and fluffy (approx. 5 min). Be sure to scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula to incorporate all the batter.
4. Add in the vanilla and then the eggs just until incorporated.
5. Turn the mixer to low and slowly add in the flour mixture. Fold in the white and pumpkin chips until evenly combined.
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7. Scoop the cookie dough by tablespoon onto the prepared cookie sheets leaving space for expansion during cooking.
8. Bake for 10 - 14 minutes for large scoops, 8 - 10 minutes for medium scoops, or 6 - 8 minutes for small tsp scoop. Bake until slightly golden brown on the edges.

Note: Serving size depends on the size of your scoops. I like to make smaller cookies so I can yield close to 5 dozen cookies.

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

## LAY READERS

SEPTEMBER	
4	Debbie Signor- Labor Day Weekend
11	Rich York- Rally Sunday
18	Joyce Bonelli
25	Karla Vince



OCTOBER	
2	Wade Signor
9	Dr. James Clark
16	Mike Siekiera
23	Debbie Signor
30	Karla Vince All Saints Day

## **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](mailto: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 September and October.** 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.

### **REMINDER~~~~COUNCIL MEETING**

There will be Council meeting on Sunday, September 18, @11:15 am. The Pastor, All Board and Committee chairmen are requested to have a written report to read and given to Chinue at the meeting. Any items to add to the agenda, please send to Wade Signor @ [wwsignor@yahoo.com](mailto:wwsignor@yahoo.com) before September 14. Thank you.

Betty Stratton, Clerk pro-tem

### ***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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\_\_\_\_\_ (please provide a proper email address)

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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](mailto:staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org)

Please return this survey by **November 27, 2022**

mail to: Broad Brook Congregational Church  
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# Happy Birthday

## September

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



## October

Pastor Brian Baeder	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sheri Brown	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jose Velazquez	4 <sup>th</sup>
Angelina Carmichael	6 <sup>th</sup>
Craig Arnold	17 <sup>th</sup>
Nancy Fisher	19 <sup>th</sup>
Lacey-Jean Temple	21 <sup>st</sup>
John Ivanisin	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lacey-Jean Temple	21 <sup>st</sup>
Dr. James Clark	27 <sup>th</sup>
Donna Roberts	29 <sup>th</sup>
David Owens	30 <sup>th</sup>



## Calendar

SEPTEMBER	
4	Baptisms of Sousa Children Labor Day Weekend
11	Communion- Rally Sunday (start of Sunday School) - Ice Cream Social
18	Council Meeting @ 11:20am
25	Home Coming Sunday- Pot Luck Lunch
OCTOBER	
1	Meet & Greet Pastor Brian & Jan @2-4pm
2	Communion
9	New Member Class w/Pastor Brian, Pastor's Appreciation Sunday
11	Deacons meet @ 10:00am
23	Church meeting to vote on new members
30	New member reception