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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH 2026

Celebrating this Holy Season



The Passion Code: STEAM EDITION, Sunday March 15th @ 6 PM. Family. Faith. Science. Mystery. (See pg. 3 for details.)

Palm Sunday JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM, Sunday March 29th @ Coffee Hour: Gather, explore, and discover what it might have been like to be part of the crowds that welcomed Jesus with palms and praise. (See pg. 4 for details.)

Passover Sedar, Thursday April 2nd, @ 6PM join us in Fellowship Hall for a traditional Passover Sedar with Pastor Brian Oxman.

Good Friday Service, April 3rd, @ 7PM, join us for a reading of "The Passion", let us reflect and pray together as we remember that Jesus Christ was crucified for us.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 5th, @ 6AM will be held at the Meeting House at Old Sturbridge Village. This will be an Ecumenical Service, as we celebrate Jesus Christ has risen.

Easter Service, April 5th, @ 10AM, Brookfield Congregational Church, Come Celebrate with us. All are welcome.

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The Pastor's Page

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."

-Matthew 4:1



Hello My Friends,

The definition of temptation is the desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise. We have all dealt with temptation at varying levels in our lives. While sometimes we can withstand them, at other times we give in. Have you ever wondered what we might be able to do to be stronger in moments like these? Well, Jesus provides us an example in Matthew 4.

After Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan river, He is led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Here he fasts for forty days and forty nights putting Him in a weakened and susceptible state. This is when the devil approaches in the scripture.

The devil recognizes Jesus' hunger and tempts Him to turn stones into bread. The devil is preying on Jesus' basic need for food. Jesus does not waver however but responds with scripture regarding man not living by bread alone but by every word from the mouth of God.

The devil then takes Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple and tells Him to throw Himself down if He is the Son of God. If so, the angels will save Him. Jesus responds once again with scripture saying you shall not tempt your Lord your God.

Finally, the devil brings Jesus to the top of a mountain, showing Him all the kingdoms of the world and saying it can all be His as long as Jesus bows down and worships him. Jesus responds with scripture saying you shall worship the Lord your God and Him only you shall serve.

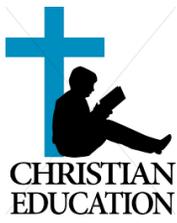
This said, the devil left Jesus. At each step, Jesus was able to deflect the temptations with scripture. However, it is not just the words themselves, it is the message they have embedded into His soul. The scriptures are so much a part of who He is that His words and actions recall them into service when needed as simply as breathing.

Are there scriptures in your life that you live by? "Love one another", "Judge not lest ye be judged", or maybe "Your will be done"? Which ones are you able to employ when temptation arises? If we are able to identify the times and circumstances in our lives where we are most susceptible to temptation we can arm ourselves with scripture to fortify ourselves.

I invite you to explore the scriptures to identify ways to strengthen you through the hard times. If you want to explore this more please reach out, I would love to walk the journey with you. God bless you all.

With much love,

-Pastor Brian



Christian Life Board – February 2026

THE PASSION CODE: STEAM EDITION Family. Faith. Science. Mystery.

Can you decode the greatest story ever told?

Join us for an unforgettable evening designed for **families with children ages 5 and up** as we experience the journey to Easter in a powerful and interactive way. *The Passion Code: STEAM Edition* blends faith and science through hands-on discovery, teamwork, and meaningful reflection.

Families will travel together through **12 interactive Journey to the Cross**, each featuring engaging STEAM-based challenges that connect biblical truth with real-world science concepts. From exploring sound and light to testing strength, structure, and communication, participants will solve clues, complete activities, and work together to uncover a powerful final location & message.

Throughout the evening, families will:

- Engage in hands-on STEAM challenges
- Solve escape-style decoding clues
- Reflect on Scripture in age-appropriate ways
- Experience a meaningful Resurrection reveal

Pizza dinner will be provided, so come hungry and ready to learn, explore, and grow together!

Date: Sunday, March 15th

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: BCC Fellowship Hall

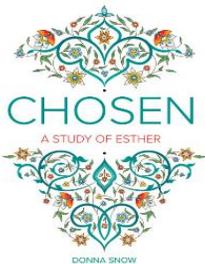
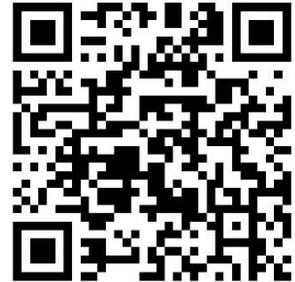
Ages: Families with children 5+

Please RSVP by scanning the QR code

The Cross was not the end. Come discover the hope.

We look forward to seeing your family there!

Questions? Contact ColleenFipps@gmail.com



Women's Bible Study will meet on Friday, March 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Jay residence. The book will be "CHOSEN, A Study of Esther" written by Donna Snow. Please speak with Margaret Aubin for additional details. You can pre-order the book on Amazon.

The Men's Group will resume meeting On Tuesday, March 3, 2026 @ 6:30 PM. Speak with Bill Simpson if you have any questions. All men are invited.



Journey to Jerusalem – Palm Sunday Event

Join us for **Journey to Jerusalem**, a family-friendly Palm Sunday experience similar to our popular *Road to Bethlehem* event in December. Gather, explore, and discover what it might have been like to be part of the crowds that welcomed Jesus with palms and praise.

What to Expect:

- Snacks and Coffee
- Interactive stations along Jesus' journey into Jerusalem
- Palm waving, music, and fellowship

Date: Sunday, March 29th

Time: 11am-12pm Following Service

Location: BCC Fellowship Hall

Questions? Contact ColleenFipps@gmail.com

Step into the story. Celebrate the King. Experience the joy of Palm Sunday!

Attn Seniors: Just a note to check the Council on Aging Board for upcoming events and the calendar. We are also having a very informational seminar from **TRI-VALLEY** on March 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM. They will go over the many services available for you in this area. If you have any questions, it will be a good opportunity to see if the resources you need are offered. If you have any questions, please speak with Darlene Dean.

Estate Planning & Trust Seminar

Speaker: Attny Blaise Berthiaume

(Berthiaume & Berthiaume-North Brookfield, MA)

Thursday – March 5, 2026 @ 10:30 AM

Brookfield Council On Aging

Location: Brookfield Congregational Church

8 Common St., Brookfield, MA 01506

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Reagan & Lindsey Paras would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join our choir. We have recently lost a few people, and are looking to build up our choir for the upcoming Holy Season. If you like to sing, please consider joining us on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary before service for rehearsal. Let us make a joyful noise together in Fellowship.



Would you like to be part of something very special? Please join the Chime Choir. See Karen Hodge for details. We meet Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the Church Sanctuary. Hope to see you there.



THE MOTTO FOR THE DISMAS ORGANIZATION IS: DISMAS IS FAMILY

What better way to spend time with “family than around the dinner table.” On the fourth Thursday of each month members of our church family join the family of residents at the Dismas Family Farm in Oakham. If you are considering joining us on this valuable outreach but have questions, please speak with me at church or feel free to call/email me. 774-200-7571 or

tammy.bccmissionoutreachboard@gmail.com

MENU FOR MARCH 2026:

Cheeseburger Casserole:		Tammy Taquino
Ingredients needed:	Bag of Tator Tots	
	3 lbs.Hamburg	
	Bag of Shredded Cheese	
	Donation of \$\$\$	
Garden Salad:	1 large or	
	2 small	
Dessert	Your Choice	
Pickles	Dill/Sweet	

The menu sign-up sheet will be posted on The Mission Board in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in helping to contribute a dish for the monthly visit. If you are unable to prepare a dish but can contribute \$\$ towards the dinner, please speak with Tammy. Thank you.



Heifer international

I am happy to report your Mission board has received confirmation of our gift of \$2500 to Heifer

International. What is even better is our donation has been doubled in size bringing it to \$5000 due to the generosity of others affiliated with Heifer. What the children decided to send included a hope basket of rabbits and chickens, a gift of clean water, a gift of two water buffalo, a mating pair of cattle, two sheep, a community animal health worker kit, garden seeds, an earth gift basket, which includes a hive of bees and tree seedlings and a woman’s self-help group which provides women, education and support necessary to create better lives for themselves and their families. I want to thank everyone within the congregation and our friends of our church for their interest in this project. We should all be very excited.

Jane Snyder
Board of Missions

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR-TO-DATE REPORT OF INCOME:

BROOKFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Year To-Date Report of Income: January 2026		
Annual Budget		\$167,130.66
Projected Monthly Average		\$13,927.55
<i>Received Income For Month of January</i>		\$10,093.73
Offering	\$8,971.74	
Other Sources	\$1,121.99	
Projected Income Year-To-Date		\$13,927.55
<i>Received Income Year-To-Date</i>		\$10,093.73
Monthly Income Deficit \$3,833.82		

Worship Team Volunteer Schedule for MARCH 2026

	Readers	Children's Sermon	Greeter(s)
3/01/26	Rhys Aubin & Mason Oxman	Communion	Phyllis Day
3/08/26	Art Rousseau	-	Paul & Doreen Blouin
3/15/26	Bill Simpson	Rebecca Morin	Elizabeth Jay
3/22/26	Jessica Safford	Jake Oxman	Debbie Gordon
3/29/26	Gina Mesick	Cheri Carty	Bill & Kate Simpson

Scripture Readings for MARCH 2026:

DATE	SCRIPTURE READING	GOSPEL READING	READER
3/01/26	Psalm 121	John 3:1-7	Rhys Aubin & Mason Oxman
3/08/26	Psalm 95	John 3:22-36	Art Rousseau
3/15/26	Psalm 23	John 4:5-20	Bill Simpson
3/22/26	Psalm 130	John 11:1-45	Jessica Safford
3/29/26	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Matthew 21:1-11	Gina Mesick

**Please note that if you are partaking in a role on the day of service and you cannot make it, we ask that YOU find a replacement and let the office know by Wed. for the bulletin. Thank you in advance.

Deacons for the Month of MARCH: Cathy Farr & Paul Shailer

From the mailbox:

We have received several cards with many thanks to the Spirit Lifters for their wonderful visits and gifts. Pastor John Condon, Pat McInnes, Carol Redmond, Bob & Jan Wilson, Ursula Couture, and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Landine.





CHURCH FUN PAGE

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

5	Matthew Carty	17	Patti Coltey
8	Darla Ackerman	18	Sophia Murray
12	Pat Jones	20	Sharon Collins
15	Tony Aubin	24	Kylee Gold
15	Eleanor Kraner	26	Pat Jeznach
15	Amber Murray	27	Lucas Carty
17	Clifton Safford	28	Raelynn Carty

Lenten Word Search

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CROSS
 STATIONS
 GIVING
 FORTY
 FISH
 PRAYER
 PENANCE
 SEASON
 PURPLE
 ASHES
 SACRIFICE
 FORGIVENESS
 PREPARE
 FASTING
 GOOD FRIDAY
 HOLY WEEK

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 10:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 AM COFFEE HR.	2 COA Fitness 11 AM	3 Chair Yoga 9 AM COA 10-12 Centering Prayer 10 AM	4 AA 7 PM	5 ESTATE Seminar 10 AM COA Fit. 9 AM Faith Foundations Class 9 AM Bible Study 10 AM 6 PM Chime Choir TOPS 6 PM	6	7
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Disclaimer: Dates are subject to change but will be announced accordingly. If you would like your groups event on this calendar, please contact the office at bccucc1857@gmail.com or call 508-867-6262 and leave a message. Thank you.

WEBSITE NEWS:



For the latest information on what's happening in our church please visit our website by entering <http://www.bcc1857.org/> or scan the QR Code.

Watch our Sunday morning services!

Read messages from Pastor Brian Oxman, and

Church Moderator, Matt Mullen

Learn about our church activities!

Visit! Come!



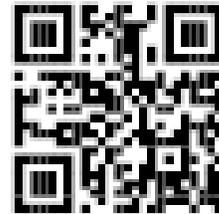
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From the Office

New Church Directories are available, there are a few hard copies on the hutch outside of the church office. One has been sent out by email. The next newsletter deadline is March 20th.

Thank you, Darlene Dean.

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