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The Wayside Beacon

For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk
in them. - "Ephesians 2:10

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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.

Nursery supervision is provided for infants and children ages 5 and under during Sunday morning Service.

The **Choir** meets every Sunday at 8:45 AM from September through June. Adults and young adults are welcome even if you don't consider yourself a strong singer. Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Calls for the Pastor should be made through the office at 860-623-4547.

For mailing label corrections call Debbie Siekiera @ 860.627.5181.

Please email Tomaca, info@TGovan.com with announcements or corrections to the Beacon.

To add news and information in the next Wayside Beacon, email Tomaca- info@TGovan.com The deadline is June 15th.

OUR EVENTS CALENDAR

May

- 1 - Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 8- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 11- Plant Sale
- 12- Mother's Day
- 15- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 18- Deacons meet @ 9 am
- 19- Confirmation service during worship service.
- 22- No office hours-Rev. Ader is on vacation
- 26-Rev.Ader on vacation-Eileen venditti preaching
- 29- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm

June

- 2- Church Discussion "Casting Our Future" @ 11:15am
- 5- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 9- Children Day
- 12- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 16- Father's Day
- 19- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to 1 pm
- 30- Rev. Ader vacation-Eileen Venditti preaching

July

- 7- NO Communion
Eileen Venditti preaching
- 14- Rev. Nanette Pitt preaching
- 21- Warren Wenz preaching
- 28- Rev. Nanette Pitt preaching



Pastoral Passages

from
Rev. Mike Ader



Easter has passed, and Spring is here - even though some dirty, crusty snow lingers in the crevasses on the north side of my yard at this writing. Besides the green tips of daffodils poking through the leaves, we can a final goodbye to "ole man winter."

A surer sign of Spring is that outdoor eateries have begun to put tables, chairs and even umbrellas out on the sidewalks. I have come to frequent one hot dog joint in Willimantic. It became familiar because I passed it frequently on my way to serve interim church pastorates south of my home in Coventry. I considered McHenry's as "THE" hot dog establishment" in eastern Connecticut for my tastes.

I was heading to a volunteer recognition supper for the local no-freeze emergency shelter and, as luck would have it, I was driving right by, and I noticed that it was open. I fantasized about the aroma of hot dogs, onions and sauerkraut on the grill. It filled my mind with memories of the Pittsburgh Pirates' games of my childhood. McHenry's had the kind of effect on me that the Sirens of Greek mythology had must have had on the sailors in the Adriatic. I didn't just want a hot dog. I decided that I needed a hot dog. Right then! I rationalized my way into stopping even though there was an upcoming dinner: They never have enough food anyway at those events. Why not have a snack to hold me over until I get there?

I stopped. But what to order? The menu was painted on the wall. I settled on a regular foot-long hot dog - regular, that is, with piles of sauerkraut, onions and that not-to-be-missed special sauce. And what's a hot dog without a side of fries? And since fries are salty and hot dogs are spicy, I added a large root beer to wash it all down. I was stuffed, but somehow I felt much better.

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Pastoral Passages, *contd.*

I arrived at the home of the gathering. The hosts had prepared a wonderful meal. It was probably the best meal I didn't enjoy. I was so full; I even left food on the little plates. Suddenly, that hot dog didn't seem worth it.

The parable – this is a story of how the greatest enemy of most of us is always not the worst thing, but can be the best thing. Our lives are full of hot dog stands, easy and pleasant detours along the road to that “best.” They leave our spirits stuffed and our souls crammed, not with the Bread of Life, but with spiritual junk food. There is so much to read and so little time. There are thousands of books are published every month. Some may feed me, yet most will leave me stuffed, but empty; entertained, but not enriched. All of us are hungry for what's permanent, substantial and true. We crave food that does not spoil and endures to eternal life” (John 6:27). In a time when our lives are consumed by so many less than noble ventures, it may be time get beyond quick-read best sellers and magazines. It may be time for fewer, but better ones and older ones, too. Better is often harder. Less can be more in this case.

Why older? We need the perspective that only the “old” can provide. We need to remember that others have walked these paths before us. C.S. Lewis observed: we “need to keep the clean breeze of the centuries blowing through our minds.”

Why harder? Because if we are to expand in our minds and spirits, we need to wrestle with ideas and language that challenge us. John Piper says in God's Passion for Glory, “Raking is easy, but all you get is leaves; digging is hard, but you might find diamonds.”

For our church in transition, the easy answers aren't necessarily the ones that will fill its spirit. Our congregation needs to take a look at the really hard issues that it faces: communication, openness and understanding. There is always the seduction of filling our emptiness with spiritual fluff, or we can do the hard work, the

THE COMPUTER IS DOWN

Two priests died at the same time and met Saint Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "I'd like to get you guys in now, but our computer is down. You'll have to go back to Earth for about a week, but you can't go back as priests. So what else would you like to be?"



The first priest says, "I've always wanted to be an eagle, soaring above the Rocky Mountains."

"So be it," says St. Peter, and off flies the first priest.

The second priest mulls this over for a moment and asks, "Will any of this week 'count,, St. Peter?"

"No, I told you the computer's down. There's no way we can keep track of what you're doing."

"In that case," says the second priest, "I've always wanted to be a stud."

"So be it," says St. Peter, and the second priest disappears.

A week goes by, the computer is fixed, and the Lord tells St. Peter to recall the two priests. "Will you have any trouble locating them?" He asks.

"The first one should be easy," says St. Peter. "He's somewhere over the Rockies, flying with the eagles. But the second one could prove to be more difficult."

"Why?" asketh the Lord.

"He's on a snow tire, somewhere in North Dakota." ❖

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Our website is a very handy tool in these ever changing times. It offers visitors much insight to see what BBCC is all about. It shows our viewers how to contact us, tells them what programs we offer, shows them our calendar of events, mentions what types of fundraising we do, lists the mission programs we support, has The Wayside Beacons for download, the minister's sermons and so on. It also helps past members, friends and families from afar keep in touch with us. Any BBCC member/committee can utilize this tool by adding something to help show our viewers what we are all about. Contact anyone on the website sub-committee: Mike Siekeira, Debbie Siekiera, both at (860) 627-5181 and Bob Cormier (860) 292-6848.



ELECTRONIC SERMON DELIVERY!

Enjoy the convenience of receiving Sunday sermons via email. Put your email address on the yellow pad in the narthex or give it to Rev. Ader.

Children's Sermons Volunteers

May- 5- Communion 12-Carol Innes 19-Wade Signor 26-	June 2- Communion 9- Children's Program
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Pastoral Passages, *contd.*

digging, to find the diamonds beneath the surface. There's nothing to say we won't get sidetracked by a hot dog and wonder why we feel stuffed but not full. On the other hand we could fill ourselves with the Spirit and do great things.

For my part, I may still snack on the occasional light reading, but I plan to make more challenging fare as a regular part of my literary diet this summer. I'm going to take set my table with more substantial soul food. Maybe a little Emily Dickinson. Or Thornton Wilder. Yes, even the Bible too.

All blessings be with you on your journey to summer. ☒

Rev. Mike

Mother's Day Plant Sale

Saturday
May 11, 2013



BOARD OF DEACONS



- Betty Stratton, Chair of the
Board of Deacons

Lent and Easter worship are past, but the spirit of Jesus remains among us. The Easter season in the church calendar remains until Pentecost, May 19th.

I was the Deacon today when I went with Rev. Mike to the convalescent homes in Warehouse Point. Thank you Rev. Mike for leading a service for the patients in Kettle Brook and Chestnut Point Convalescent homes whereby all the patients could be involved. Not only did the patients receive Communion, they had a chance to add to the conversation and sing. Rev. Mike asked the patients what they remember about Easter, some of the answers were the symbols of Easter, (the egg, Easter bunny, chocolate, cross, dinner with family, ham were some of the answers.) He related them all to Easter. It was nice to see the patients open up, smiling and join in the conversation. They enjoyed singing or just listened to the singing of Hymns including Jesus Loves Me and Amazing Grace. It was a nice afternoon!

Rev. Ader will be taking one week vacation May 20th until 27th. If an urgent matter should arise and a Pastor is needed, Please call Alice Wenz at: 860-623-5912.

On May 19, Pentecost Sunday, Broad Brook Congregational Church will hold its Confirmation Service. Kayla Sauer will be confirmed. She is the daughter of Jennifer (Edwards) and Michael LaBianca. She has studied hard with Rev. Mike since February. Congratulations Kayla. ☒

BBCC Kids' Page

A picture you can color and write a little story about.





A Life of Teaching **MRS. LINDA YORK**

BBCC's Featured Artist



- Submitted by Richard York

When I was asked to write an article about Linda, I was both gladdened and terrified to do so. Gladdened in the sense of recognizing Linda for all the achievements accomplished and terrified I might miss any one accomplishment more important in her eyes.

To describe Linda in simple terms: She is a kind, caring, loving, and passionate person with a strong faith in God. She loves to read, sing, swim, spend time with our family, learn new skills, and teach. She is a wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, active church member, community chorus member and parent educator. She is the person I have been blessed to be married to for the last 38 years come this June.

Linda has three children; Richard, III, Diana, and Susan along with two grandchildren, Brianna and Charlotte. She has been married to Richard York Jr. since 1975. She is the daughter of Frances and Harold Sheldick, sister to Eileen, Paul and Bruce. She grew up in South Windsor and was an active member of the Sunday School and PYF at Wapping Community Church. Graduating from South Windsor High School with honors, she furthered her education by earning her Bachelor of Arts degree at Central Connecticut State College and her Master's degree from Southern Connecticut State College. Both degrees were accomplished while earning high honors.

Linda began her 35+ year teaching profession in Windsor in 1974 in the only job available - preschool special education. She soon fell in love with this age group and returned to preschool in Tolland after taking a break to raise her own preschool children. In Tolland, she built a strong intervention program for children with special needs, which has had lasting positive effects for her students. She wrote



Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall or contact as follows:

Lay Readers, Greeters & Children Sermons -

- Betty Stratton 860-623-2729

Refreshments - Selma Grant 860-623-3542

Flowers - Corin Jones 860-654-1877

Ride to Church - Rich York 860-623-4287

Notes of Cheer, etc. - Nancy Nodwell 860-623-6045

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grants to obtain materials and equipment, helped to write a grant to create Tolland's Family Resource Center, wrote curriculum, served as the special education program leader, taught parent education classes, taught in the summer school program, and volunteered to help on many PTO and Family Resource Center functions. Recently she started Tolland's ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis) program for children who need intense individual programs to be successful in school. Her accomplishments lead her to be named Tolland's Teacher of the Year for 2013. Even with this honor, Linda believes her greatest contribution to education is the work she does every day with children to help them reach high achievement in all areas of development, by including them in their regular classroom/school curriculums, providing family resources, and facilitating social friendships and involvement in their community.

Linda has been an active member of BBCC since 1982. She sings in the choir of BBCC and with the South Windsor Community Chorus. She has been chairperson of the Missions Committee for the last 18 years. Being an educator, she has been part of BBCC's Christian Education and Sunday School since the first day she joined BBCC serving many roles including child care, teaching, being Superintendent, and helping on many special projects. Friendships made at BBCC and the church itself has been an important part of her life.

Linda has a favorite quote from Charles Swindoll which seems to describe Linda's outlook on life as well as how she deals with life's trials and tribulations. **"Life is 10 percent of what happens to you and ninety percent of how you react to it."** She has quoted this saying many times to help myself and our three children through many a real or perceived catastrophes. She is our family's rock and strength. I thank God each day for bringing Linda and I together as husband and wife and pray we have at least another 30 plus years together.



LAY READERS & SCRIPTURES		
May 5	John 14: 23-29 Revelation 21: 10, 22: 1-5	Warren Wenz
May 12	2Kings 4: 8-26; 27-37	John Curran
May 19	Acts 2: 1-21 2 Corinthians 9: 6-10	Katherine Mickens
May 26	Psalms 61	Tracey Nieroda



June Lay Readers

2- Rich York
9- Debbie Siekiera
15- Joyce Bonelli
23- Bob Cormier
30- Warren Wenz



**We proudly honor our Mothers who are
serving. You are not forgotten!
Happy Mother's Day.**



STAY IN TOUCH!

Please notify Debbie Siekiera at 860-627-5181 or Betty Stratton at 860-623-2729 if you have a new address or telephone number. We would also like your email address.

Hummingbirds!, *Cont'd.*

Here are plants that attract hummingbirds. Choose varieties in red and orange shades.



Beard tongue	Desert candle
Bee balm	Flag
Butterfly bush	Flowering tobacco
Catmint	Foxglove
Clove pink	Lily
Columbine	Lupine
Coral bells	Petunia
Daylily	Pincushion flower
Larkspur	

Red-hot poker	Soapwort
Scarlet sage	Summer phlox
Scarlet trumpet honeysuckle	Verbena
	Weigela



Mother's Day had its origins in the peace-and-reconciliation campaigns of the post-Civil War era. During the 1860s, at the urging of activist Ann Reeves Jarvis, one divided West Virginia town celebrated "Mother's Work Days" that brought together the mothers of Confederate and Union soldiers. In 1870, the activist Julia Ward Howe issued a "Mother's Day Proclamation" calling on a "general congress of women" to "promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, [and] the great and general interests of peace." Mother's Day became a commercial holiday in 1908, when--inspired by Jarvis's daughter Anna, who wanted to honor her own mother by making Mother's Day a national holiday--the John Wanamaker department store in Philadelphia sponsored a service dedicated to mothers in its auditorium. Thanks in large part to this association with retailers, who saw great potential for profit in the holiday, Mother's Day caught on right away. In 1909, 45 states observed the day, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson approved a resolution that made the second Sunday in May a holiday in honor of "that tender, gentle army, the mothers of America."

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Warren Wenz	1
Mr. & Mrs. Craig W. Arnold	6
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bonelli	7
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McNeely	9
Mr. & Mrs. John D. Ivanisin	12
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Walker	16
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Nodwell	24
Miss Andrea McNeely	28
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Savoie	29
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Cameron	30

Birthdays

Mrs. Alice Wenz	1
Mrs. Mary Myers	3
Mr. Michael Siekiera	3
Mr. William Morin	3
Miss Abigael Nodwell	10
Miss Mikaela Nodwell	10
Mr. David Conant	12
Ms. Carol Lynn Innes	13
Alex Velazquez	14
Mr. Peter Pippin, III	18
Mrs. Hyla McNeely	19
Miss Ashley Fuller	20
Mrs. Alana Curren	21
Mrs. Betty Stratton	21

Birthdays

Mr. Philip M. Grant	04
Nicholas Allen Owens	05
Ms. Joyce Jordan	13
Miss Amber LaCross	17
Ms. Kristen Dannehey	18
Mrs. Kristin Curran	18
Mrs. Mariann L. Ivanisin	19
Mr. Dylan Nodwell	20
Mr. Ethan Jones	24
Mrs. Jean Bishop	25
Miss Jennifer Rae Savoie	30

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Richard York	28
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Don't forget to like
BBCC on Facebook!

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Debbie Siekiera

Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper

This supper was amazing once again! Our master chef and his helpers did a phenomenal job in the kitchen, our servers were very good to get the food to our guests plus clearing away the dirty dishes as needed, our dessert makers tied everything up with a bow! Thank you all for your help as it was another very successful fundraising dinner. The best part of all this is the fellowship time spent working with all of you.

Plant Sale

Our Spring Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 11th from 9 am to Noon. Joyce Bonelli has once again agreed to spearhead this fundraiser for the church. We know that the spring season has not been a very warm one so far but it doesn't stop us from getting out doors a little at a time. We haven't seen the usual rush on our local gardening stands and our spring plantings are a little behind in the budding and flowering department! I guess you can't complain though when you hear that snow is still falling out west and there is flooding going on in other areas of the country. We'll take it, the late spring that is! We will just be more ready to put more flowering plants in our yards to be enjoyed for years to come. Call Joyce Bonelli if you have any plants you would like to donate to the sale.

Tag Sale

The Tag Sale is back!!! (Yay!!) It will be held Saturday August 10th from 9 to 4. We will start accepting items once Sunday School is finished for the season in June. Pricing will begin in July, on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm. Debbie Siekiera will be the person in charge of this fundraising event. Call 860-627-5181 to arrange for a pick-up.



May Means Hummingbirds!

They are the tiniest of all birds, weighing less than an ounce and measuring only 3 inches long. Their brightly-colored, iridescent feathers and quick movements make them appear as living sun catchers—hence their nickname, flying jewels.

They have a unique ability to fly in any direction, even backward, with their wings beating up to a blurring 80 beats per second. They can hover in midair when sipping nectar from brightly-colored flowers with their long, slender beaks.

Hummingbirds expend so much energy that they must eat at least half of their body weight each day to replace the 12,000 calories that they can burn up. This means eating almost constantly from sunrise to sunset and visiting over a thousand flowers every day.



The key to attracting hummingbirds to your yard is to plant lots of flowers and provide the habitat that will give them shade, shelter, food, and security. Herbs, flowering shrubs, dwarf trees, and vines all can be used to create an ideal tiered habitat from ground level to 10 feet or more. Provide lots of space between plants to give hummingbirds enough room to hover and navigate from flower to flower. Hummingbirds love water, especially if it is moving. A gentle, continuous spray from a nozzle or a sprinkler hose is perfect for a bath on the fly. Hummingbirds do not have a keen sense of smell and rely on bright colors to find their food. They are particularly fond of red and are often observed investigating red plant labels, thermometers, and even red clothes on a gardener. Brightly-colored flowers that are tubular hold the most nectar, and are particularly attractive to hummingbirds. These include perennials such as bee balms, columbines, daylilies, and lupines; biennials such as foxgloves and hollyhocks; and many annuals, including cleomes, impatiens, and petunias.

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CUT-A-COUPON

Making a donation as a wonderful way to remember a special anniversary, to say "thank you," celebrate a special event, or to make a donation in memory of a special loved one or a friend who has passed away. Check the appropriate box below to tell us where you would like your donation to go.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please Specify).....	\$

Total Amount of Donation \$ _____

(Please make check payable to **Broad Brook Congregational Church**)

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Phone Number: _____

Reason for Donation: _____

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Dads Are Our Greatest Heroes.



We proudly honor our dads who are serving in the military.

Happy Father's Day!

On July 19, 1910, the governor of the U.S. state of Washington proclaimed the nation's first "Father's Day." However, it was not until 1972, 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official, that the day became a nationwide holiday in the United States.

Our Condolences



To the families of:

Veronica Barlow. She was a member of Broad Brook Congregational Church since 1948.

Frederick Winkley, a member since 2007. We will certainly miss his smile.