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Pastor: Rev. Carol Lewis

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For God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world, but to save the world
through him. John 3:17

The Wayside Beacon

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

The Broad Brook Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

122 Main Street, P.O. Box 466

Broad Brook, Connecticut 06016

860.623.4547

Pastor	Pastor Rev. Carol Lewis
Ministers	All members of the Congregation
Church Clerk	Kristin Curran
Assistant Clerk	
Treasurer	Robert Cormier
Organist	Dr. James Clark
Chair, Board of Deacons	Betty Stratton
Chair, Board of Trustees	Corin Jones
Sunday School Superintendent	
Chair, Bd. of Christian Education	
Moderator	Wade Signor
Secretary	Tomaca Govan
Bulk Mail Manager	Warren Wenz

<http://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org>

email: Info@BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org

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.

OUR EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER



- 1- Pastor Carol Lewis begins Ministry at BBCC
- 2- Turkey Supper
- 3- Communion
- Daylight Savings Time (clocks turn back)
- 6- Rev. Lewis will have office hours 9am to noon
- 9- Deacons will meet @ 9 am
- 10- Veteran Sunday
- Stewardship Sunday
- 13- Rev. Lewis will have office hours 9am to noon
- 16- Ecumenical Bazaar Bazaar at the Scout Hall, Abbe Rd. East Windsor
- 20- Rev. Lewis will have office hours 9am to noon
- 24- Thanksgiving Sunday
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving pot luck/ worship service @ St. John's Episcopal Church in Warehouse Point.
- 27- Rev. Lewis will have office hours 9am to noon
- 28- Thanksgiving Day

1-First Sunday in Advent

Communion

- 4- Rev. Lewis office hours 9am to noon
- 7- Pot Roast Supper
- 11- Rev. Lewis office hours 9am to noon
- 15- Children's Program
- 15 - Beacon News due
- 18- Rev. Lewis office hours 9am to noon
- 21- Deacons meet @ 9am
- 24- Christmas Eve worship service 7pm
- 25- Christmas

DECEMBER



If Sunday worship services should need to be cancelled because of inclement weather, please listen to WTIC 1080 AM radio or watch WFSB Channel 3 TV for the cancellation announcement.

BBCC Welcomes Rev. Carol Lewis!

By unanimous vote, Rev. Carol Lewis was elected to be our new Pastor. She conducted her first Sunday service with us on October 27, 2013.

Here is a little bit about her:



It was in North Carolina that I could no longer ignore God's knocking at my door – actually I think God was banging on it by that time. (I had begun to hear God's calling when my children were teenagers but felt they needed me more than the church did during those years.) After much time in conversation with my pastor and my husband and a great deal of time in prayer and silent listening, I began my pursuit of ordination.

I am exhilarated, passion-filled and energized when I am ministering in community – a community of committed disciples eager to embrace new opportunities for enriching their faith and putting that faith into action. My ministry is shaped by offering a radical welcoming to the stranger, by inclusivity of thought, word and action, by giving a voice to the powerless and by bringing issues of social justice to the fore.

Another of my passions is biblical study. The Bible for me is not God's inerrant word but rather a treasure trove of God's interaction with humanity and all creation. I listen as our still-speaking God brings to life the ancient texts as the Holy Spirit opens the "ears" of my heart to hear the voices of the people, both past and present. As I lead a group of seekers, I rejoice when new revelations are experienced.

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BBCC Welcomes Rev. Carol Lewis!, *contd.*

I love to preach and my preaching comes from the heart. My inspiration for preaching typically comes from the Revised Common Lectionary. However, I will readily seek other Scripture if there is an issue of importance to my congregation that needs attention. I am eager to bring the Good News to my congregation.

For my gifts to thrive, the best setting is within a parish. Worship has and is a priority in my life. It becomes the springboard for making the connection between faith and daily life in a secular world. Because I have always found worship to be a nourishing, fulfilling, life-affirming encounter with the sacred, I want to share that passion I feel with my congregation.

Carol Lewis is widowed. She lives with her son Chuck and daughter-in-law Aimee in Elington, CT and her two grandchildren Charles and Elizabeth. Her daughter lives in Halifax, MA with her husband Ken and their two girls Kaelin and Amada.

She was born in New London, CT, grew up in Niantic and attended the Joseph Lawrence School of Nursing, Master Divinity Yale Divinity School and received a B.A. from Greensboro College.

Rev. Lewis' special interests include sewing, quilting, knitting, reading, watching moves, little league baseball, gymnastics, elementary school programs, local fairs, parades and UCONN Women's basketball.



God's Wisdom

- Continued

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.

-Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.

-Each orange has an even number of segments.

-Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

-Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

-Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

-The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

-All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundred fold all even numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed.

Our lives may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if you will only entrust Him with your life. If you try to regulate your own life, it will only be a mess and a failure. Only the One who made the brain and the heart can successfully guide them to a profitable end.



"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point."



BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org

Our website offers visitors insight into BBCC. It includes our contact info, lists our programs and calendar of events, our fundraising and lists the mission programs we support. Readers can download The Wayside Beacon and read the minister's sermons. 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.

God's Wisdom

- Submitted by Warren Wenz

How Great is our God?

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs.

For example:

- the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days;
- those of the canary in 14 days;
- those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;
- The eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days;
- those of the mallard in 35 days

The eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(Notice, that the numbers are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

**We hope you Join Us at BBCC for our
Fundraiser Suppers!**

TURKEY SUPPER

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 2nd**

MENU

Boneless Turkey Breast, Stuffing, Real Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Butternut Squash, Tossed Salad, Bread & Butter, Choice of Hot & Cold Beverages, Freshly Made Assorted Desserts



POT ROAST SUPPER

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 7th**

MENU

Pot Roast, Real Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Bread & Butter, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Choice of freshly made assorted desserts



Both meals are:

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Start time: 4:30 pm OR 5:45 pm

Take out orders available after
5:00 pm

Adults: \$12

Children: (5-12) \$5

Children 4 & under FREE

Call Warren or Alice Wenz for reservations (860) 623-5912

BROAD BROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
122 MAIN ST., BROAD BROOK, CT



The Fall Worship Season is upon us. It is always nice to see children back in Church and participating during worship time and then going to their classroom. Thanks to Linda York for her teaching of the children.

On Oct 20th Rev. Mike Ader said “good bye” in his sermon to us as a Congregation. A reception was held during the coffee hour. We thank him for his time he spent with us as our Interim Pastor.

Nov. 3, will be Communion Sunday and also will be the first Sunday that our new settled Pastor, **Rev. Carol Lewis**, from Ellington will be sharing the elements with us. After an 8 month search, the Search Committee presented Rev. Lewis to the congregation on Oct 27th. A Church meeting was held after the worship service. It was held for the purpose of voting Rev. Carol Lewis in as our settled part time pastor.

Nov. 10 is Veteran’s Sunday. All the Veterans will be honored during the morning worship service. Red roses are displayed in the brass vases on the Communion Table. The children will pass out carnations to the Veterans in the Congregation. Special music will be sung.

The Deacons have begun their review of the active membership list and will complete it at their Nov. meeting. The review is done every 2 years according to the Constitution and By- Laws. The number of active members is reported to the UCC and a fee is charge per active member. Those members who have been moved to the inactive list can at any time become active



On Behalf of
Broad Brook Congregational Church -



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.



You can also download the **Wayside Beacon** at
www.BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org

Entertainment Books are available now through December 10th. The cost is only \$25! Contact Warren Wenz - (860) 623-5912 - to obtain copies for you and for gifts!



**Final Passages
from the Interim
Minister**

**Pastoral
Passages**

from
Rev. Mike Ader



*"In a little while I
will be gone, and
you will see me no longer" (John 16:16)*

This will be my last letter in the "The Wayside Beacon." My fifteen-month interim ministry with Broad Brook Congregational Church is at an end with the selection of your new settled pastor.

Saying "good-bye" is something most of us would like to avoid altogether, or at least substitute for it a more ambiguous, "See you around." But the fact is, I won't see you around after November 1. Even though I live just fifteen miles up the road in Coventry, I will be worshipping at my home church there, and then will begin seeking other ministry options. I won't be coming back - not even for special events. It's not because I don't want to be with you (your church suppers are among the best I've ever eaten, not to mention your plant sale in the spring), it's because you will be in the early and wonderful stages of designing a new ministry with your new pastor. I represent the old.

But no matter how short or long our time together has been or has felt to you, I have still been your pastor. I have had the rare privilege of being part of some very important moments in your lives.

I will take memories with me as I leave you: the Christmas Eve worship service, weekly Bible study at Mill Pond Village and without a doubt Betty's corn bread. I will treasure these memories and many more, keeping them as special blessings from God. But memories of me will also remain here with you in your homes and families, in the Broad Brook Congregational Church, in your family of faith.

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Every holy rite and sacrament performed, every pastoral prayer uttered, every sermon preached, every visit or prayer at a bedside and every counseling session conducted will remain as part of the living spiritual history of this congregation. The blessing and power of these deeds will remain in this covenanted community of Christ as they remain a part of me. Your lives are part of the fabric of my life and the mutual spiritual tapestry we have woven together.

It's important to remember that on the other side of every "good-bye" to something familiar there is always a "hello" to something new. These are two faces of the same coin. In the coming weeks you will say "hello" to a new pastor who will work with you to fulfill your ministry. Your "good-bye" to me will begin to fade. Memories will begin anew with new covenant you will make with your pastoral leader. The work of Jesus Christ, through this church will continue. Praise be to God!

In closing, thank you for allowing me into your hearts and lives. I am blessed to have known you.

Rev. Mike



- Linda York

Sunday School started on September 15, 2013. Lectionary based lessons have been planned for each week for children age preschool through fourth grade. It is hoped that an intermediate class will be formed soon to explore the Bible and learn more about the church.

Our **Annual Children's Christmas Program** will be held on December 15, 2013 during the Sunday Church Service. Children of all ages are invited to join us to tell the story of Christmas. Please call Linda York, 860-623-4287, if you would like to help plan this year's program. ☒



Collecting Baby Food Jars

2 ounce glass baby food jars are needed for craft projects. If anyone knows of a source or has some hanging around please call Debbie Siekiera @ 860-627-5181.



Share Your Talent With Us!

Please consider helping the Sunday School this year. Volunteers are needed for the



following positions: teachers, substitutes, Christian Education Committee members, nursery care, and helpers for special events. The children this past year provided lots of excitement and new learning that made it a pleasure to work with them. Please share your talents with us. Contact Linda York at 860-623-4287, with your interest in helping the Sunday School or with any questions that you might have.

Children's Sermons

Nov. 3- Communion

10- Wade Signor (Veteran's Day)

17- Katherine Mickens

24- Rev. Lewis (Thanksgiving)

Dec. 1- Communion

8- Tracey Nieroda

15- Christmas Program

22- Rev. Lewis (Christmas)

29- Carol Innes

Lay Readers

NOVEMBER

3- Tracey Nieroda

10- Bob Cormier

17- Joyce Bonelli

24- Rich York

DECEMBER

1- Debbie Siekiera

8- Katherine Mickens

15- Dr. James Clark

22- Mike Siekiera

29- John Curran

Poinsettia Order Form

Please use a separate form for each order.



Given by _____

In Memory Of _____

OR

In Honor of _____

I will take the poinsettia after services on Christmas Eve.

Yes___ No___

Each plant is \$13.00. Make checks payable to:

Broad Brook Congregational Church.

122 Main Street, Broad Brook, CT 06016

Mail form to us or give to Betty Stratton or Corin Jones in church by Dec. 15th.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Mr. Robert Jones	2
Mr. William Vince	3
Mr. Kevin G. Yosky	7
Mrs. Tracey Morin	8
Mr. James Stoughton	9
Mrs. Janice Lang	10
Miss Brianna Cadence York	10
Mrs. Theresa Drolett	14
Mr. Wade Signor	16
Ms. Katherine Adams	24



Happy Anniversary!



Mr. & Mrs. James Stoughton	11
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Walker	12

DECEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

Miss Hannah Townsend	1
Mrs. Marilyn Yosky	2
Ms. Debra Duffy	5
Mrs. Diana Walker	5
Mrs. Susan Golden	5
Miss Avery Mary Marschall	7
Mrs. Veronica Pippin	12
Makayla Ivanisin	16
Ms. Deborah Breton	18
Miss Genevieve Callahan Cameron	27

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE



Submitted by Debbie Siekiera

The Ways & Means Committee is in full swing with fundraising this fall. Our schedule is a little tighter this time of year as we needed to complete our fundraising schedule even though there

is so much happening in our church. As some of you are aware, we have found a suitable candidate to be our new pastor at BBCC. There will be a lot of preparation and transitioning going on to make our new pastor feel welcome and make her comfortable in her new surroundings.

First, we started out with a Pork Roast Supper on September 28th, which was very successful. We thank everyone for their help in making it the success that it was.

Warren Wenz is selling this year's edition of the Entertainment Books through to December, see his announcement in this issue of the Beacon and Warren to purchase this money saving book.

The next supper is our Stuffed Turkey Breast which will be on Saturday, November 2nd. The date was changed to accommodate the Meet & Greet for our next new pastor. Chef Mike will need extra help for this supper as Debbie will not be able to be there. See our ad in this issue of the Beacon.

Just 2 weeks after the supper, the annual Ecumenical Bazaar will be held on November 16th at the Scout Hall on Abbe Rd in East Windsor from 9-3. This is our second year at the new location. There are 6 churches participating in this event. Stop by to see what each church has been preparing. There will be something there for everyone along with some GREAT Christmas presents! A lunch menu of good tempting food along with some beverages will be available for sale while you shop. Our BBCC booth will be in the same location opposite the food court. We look forward to seeing you there.

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BOARD OF DEACONS

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members again. An Active Member of Broad Brook Congregational Church is one who is:

1. Actively involve in the Church
2. Supports the church financially
3. Supports the Church Spiritually
4. Attends church regularly.

Advent starts on December 1st. This year as in years past we will have a family or individual light the advent candles and lead a Litany reading.

The Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, held at 7 pm, will include reading the Christmas story and singing Christmas Carols. Everyone is welcome. ☒



BBCC FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Dedicating a flower is a wonderful way to honor someone you love and respect. To arrange to have flowers any Sunday, contact Corin Jones at 860.654.1877. The arrangements are *only* \$17.50.



Your check should be made payable to Broad Brook Congregational Church. We also do double dedications if the date you want is taken.

Mail-In Flower Dedication Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Dedication: _____

Enclose your check for \$17.50 payable to: **Broad Brook Congregational Church** and mail to us at: Broad Brook Congregational Church, P.O. Box 466, Broad Brook, CT 06016

Cut out the coupon above and send in your flower dedication. We list the dedications in the Sunday Bulletin and on our website at <http://BroadBrookCongregational Church.org>.

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 _____

Coupons

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"/>	Building Maintenance.....	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Music Committee.....	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies.....	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Office Supplies.....	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday School.....	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coffee Hour.....	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historian (storage containers).....	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please Specify).....	\$

Total Amount of Donation \$ _____

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

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reason for Donation: _____

Send your request to: Board of Trustees
Broad Brook Congregational Church
P.O. Box 466
Broad Brook, CT 06016

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Cont'd.

The last fundraiser for the year will be our Pot Roast Supper. This is scheduled for Saturday December 7th. See the ad in this Beacon for more information. As always with all our fundraising efforts, your participation is very important to our success. Sign up sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall to show where the help is needed for each event. Don't forget that attending and purchasing a dinner or an item counts as participating.

We appreciate each and every one of you no matter how big or small your role seems to be in these events. We couldn't do them without you. We are very blessed to have you all in our circle of friendship, may you always feel God's Blessings as we do.



BBCC @ the East Windsor Ecumenical Bazaar

Saturday, November 16th, 2013
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Some of the items you can expect to find: home baked goodies, pillows, lap throws, blankets, hats/scarves/ mittens, pet items, ornaments, gift baskets, children items and so much more...

Stop by to see what's new this year!

Lunch Items & Refreshments also for Sale.
Parking & Admission is FREE!

Call Mike or Debbie with questions or directions 860-627-5181

At the Scout Hall Youth Center
28 Abbe Road (off Rte 5), E. Windsor, CT
Grace Episcopal Church is the Host Church this year.