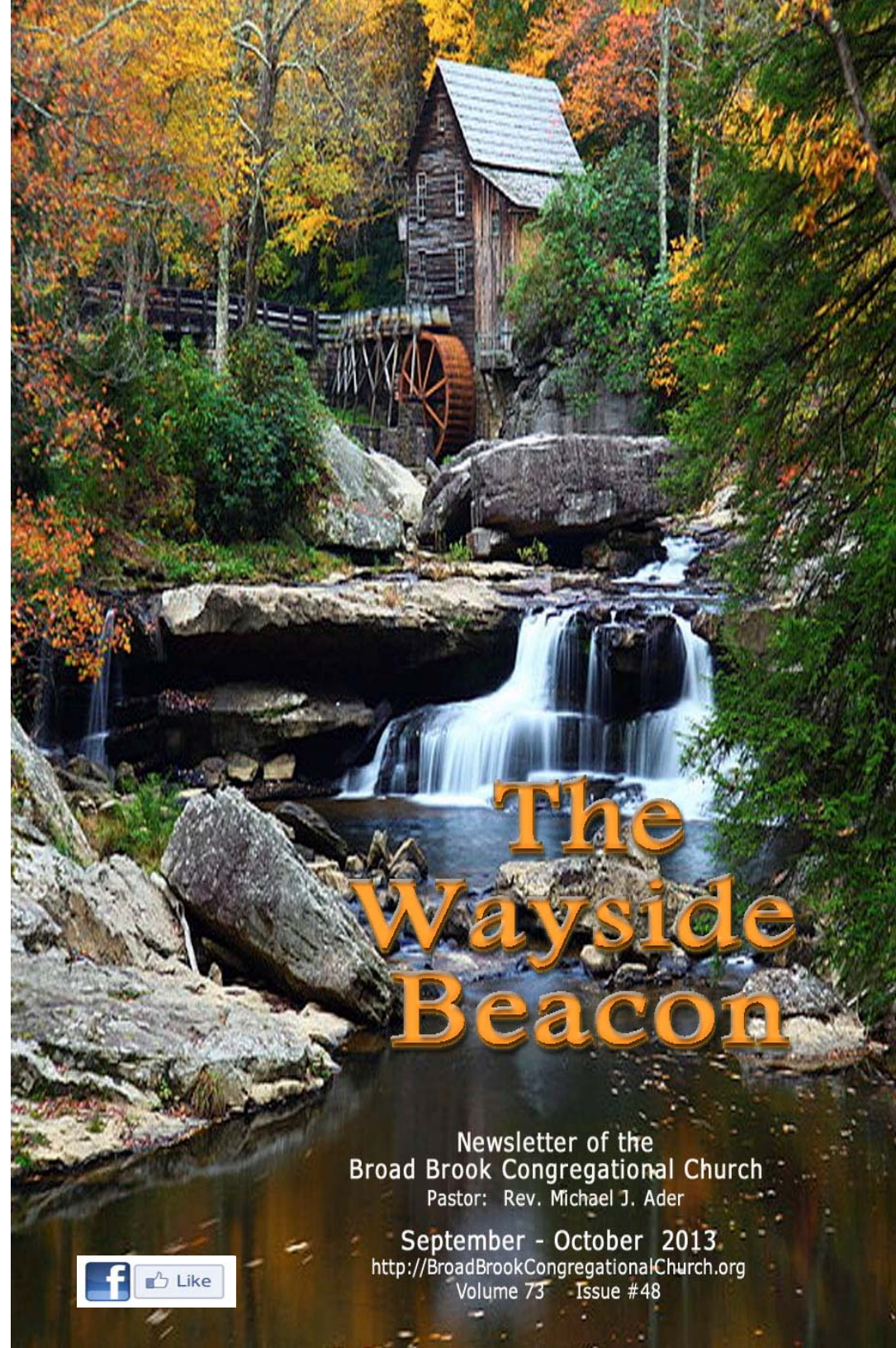


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The Broad Brook Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

122 Main Street, P.O. Box 466

Broad Brook, Connecticut 06106

860.623.4547

Pastor	Pastor Rev. Michael J. Ader
Ministers	All members of the Congregation
Church Clerk	Kristin Curran
Assistant Clerk	
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Organist	Dr. James Clark
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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

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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.

OUR EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER:

- 1-Communion
- 2-Labor day
- 4- Rev. Ader office hours 9am to noon
- 11- Rev. Ader office hours 9am to noon
- 15-Rally Sunday
Sunday School starts
- 18- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to noon
- 21- Deacons meet @ 9am
- 22- COUNCIL MEETING- lunch served@ 11:20 am
- 25- Rev. Ader office hours 9am to noon
- 28- **Church Supper- Pork Roast Supper**



OCTOBER:

- 2- Rev. Ader office hours 9am to noon
- 6- Communion
- 9- Rev. Ader office hours 9am to noon
- 15-Beacon News Due
- 16- Rev. Ader has office hours 9am to noon
- 18 & 19- UCC Annual meeting @ Asylum Hill Cong'l
- 19- Deacons meet @ 9am
- 23- Rev. Ader office hours 9am to noon
- 26- **Turkey Supper**
- 30- Rev. Ader office hours 9am to noon



NOVEMBER:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3- Communion
Daylight Savings Time
(clocks turn back) 6- Rev. Ader office 9am to noon 10- Veteran Sunday
Stewardship Sunday 13- Rev. Ader office 9am to noon 16- Deacons meet @ 9am
Ecumenical Bazaar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20- Rev. Ader office
hours 9am to noon 24- Thanksgiving Sunday 27- Rev. Ader office
hours 9am to noon 28- Thanksgiving Day |
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DECEMBER:

- 7- **Pot Roast Supper**



**Pastoral
Passages**
from
Rev. Mike Ader



Where Have They All Gone?

The pictures in our memories stretching back ten, twenty, thirty years or more recall that the Sunday school classes were huge. So where have the young people gone today?

Their absence in our worship services and church schools is due to three factors. First, decline in birthrate. We have fewer young people because, until just recently, there were fewer children being born. This is still true for European-American families. This is not true for Hispanic and African American families.

Secondly, Baby Boomers who may have attended church in great numbers as children, stay away from the church as with most other institutions as adults. They are averse to institutions and joining them. The children of these Boomers, therefore, are young people who have had little exposure to the church and are unfamiliar with the basics of worship, the Bible or Christian doctrine for that matter.

Finally, the young are absent from our churches because of a cultural divide between the generations. Without this foundation or familiarity, presenting the Gospel and integrating these individuals into the congregation is difficult. Time-honored worship traditions such as the Doxology or Gloria Patri don't make sense.

So where have the young people gone? On Sunday mornings, they may have gone to work, to the park, fishing, to the golf course, taking their kids to soccer practice, leisurely reading the Sunday "Times" or just sleeping in.

Pastoral Passages, *contd.*

But there are some things that we can do.

- Clarify our church's mission. **Remember tradition is not our mission.** Mission is about the future.

- Make decisions based on this mission rather than

"the way we've always done it." Let's not serve ourselves first, but learn to do things to meet the needs of people who aren't members.

Let's learn about the needs, lifestyles and issues facing people under thirty. They want answers to their life problems as we all do. They may be unfamiliar with basic worship practices so when we speak to them other words need to be used. Acceptance must be guaranteed regardless of how many tattoos or earrings may be showing.

Let's make a promise to connect our church with younger people in the community. Perhaps we could set aside every month that has a fifth Sunday as one that would meet for worship at a different time and use new forms of celebration of God.

And let's not forget to pray. The absence of young people didn't happen overnight nor will it be so reversed. Remember that the mission of this church is about tomorrow--the place where we will all be living. If we want change, it must begin with us. It must begin now.

Just some thoughts as we begin our new church year. Place this on the agendas of our committees. Talk with me if you find you would like my help in addressing this challenge.

Summer's blessings into Fall,



Rev. Mike



Some Cautionary Advice

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station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

CELL PHONES - A woman's handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. 20 minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says 'I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago.' They rushed down to the bank to find that all the money was withdrawn. The thief used her cell phone to text 'hubby' in the contact list and got hold of the pin number.

- Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avo Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc.
- Don't ask for sensitive info via texts Call only.
- When you're texted by friends/family to meet them somewhere, call and confirm that the message came from them.

PURSE IN THE GROCERY CART - A lady went grocery-shopping and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf. Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the store to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by store personnel that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were calling from the store, they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarize it.



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.

Some Cautionary Advice

- Submitted by Warren Wenz

LONG TERM PARKING - Some people left their car in the long-term parking at San Jose while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home and robbed it. If you are going to leave your car in long-term parking, do NOT leave registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener.



GPS - Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car had their GPS mounted on the dashboard and garage door remote control. The thieves used the GPS to guide them to the house and the garage remote control to gain entry. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game; they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. If you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it. Put a nearby address (like a store or gas

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JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

PORK ROAST SUPPER

Saturday, September 28th, 2013

Broad Brook Congregational Church
122 Main Street, Broad Brook, CT

Our Menu

- ♥ Pork Roast
- ♥ Mashed Potatoes
- ♥ Gravy
- ♥ Green Beans
- ♥ Tossed Salad
- ♥ Bread & Butter
- ♥ Assorted Desserts

Choice of Hot or Cold Beverages



Please join us at 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

Call Debbie Siekiera (860) 627-
5181 for corrections to mailing list



- Betty Stratton, Chair of the
Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons
would like to thank all who

have willingly served as Lay Reader and those whom have given a children's sermon during the 2012-2013 year. Thank you to those who filled the pulpit while Rev. Ader was away: Eileen Vendetti from the East Windsor Congregational (Scantic) Church, Warren Wenz, member of Broad Brook Congregational and Rev. Nanette Pitt from Avon. Rev. Pitt recently took a position as assistant Pastor at the First Congregational Church in West Hartford.

Rally Sunday on Sept 15 signifies is the beginning of Sunday School. Our Church season is also beginning. We welcome all children back to Sunday school and their parents to Church. The children and their participation in the church is one of the beauties of Broad Brook Congregational Church.

Please see the article written by Linda York for more information on Rally Sunday and the 2013-2014 Sunday School.

In October, the Board of Deacons will be reviewing the Active membership list.

This is done every 2 years according to the Constitution and By-Laws. The list of Active members will be reviewed. Based on the following criteria membership may be changed from active to inactive. The change is never final because membership may at any time be returned back to Active.

As an Active member of Broad Brook Congregational Church-

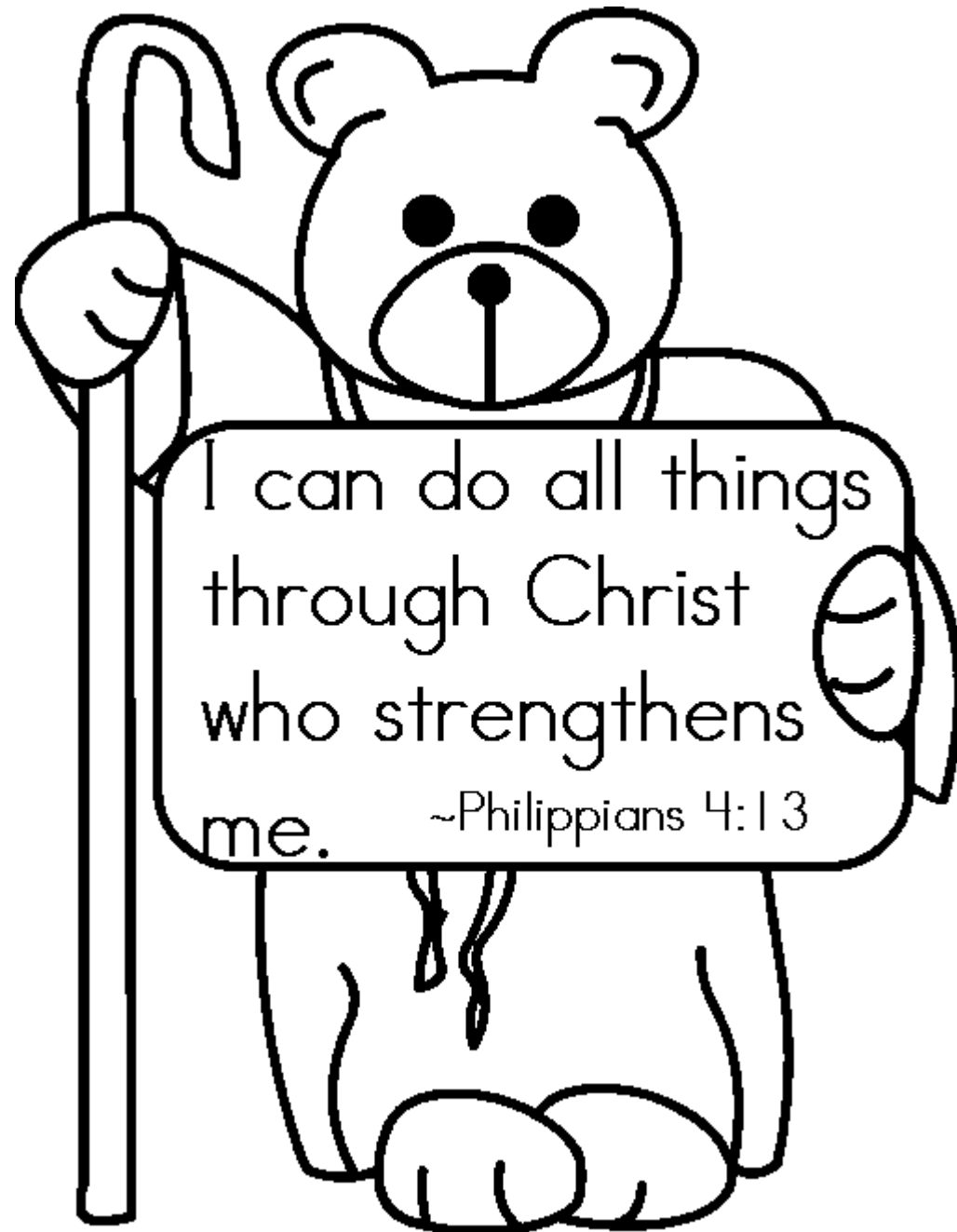
1. One must be actively involved in the Church,
- 2 Support the Church Financially,
- 3 Support the Church Spiritually,
- 4 Attend church regularly (if physically able) (can be 1-2 times a year).

Please see Betty Stratton if you have any questions.

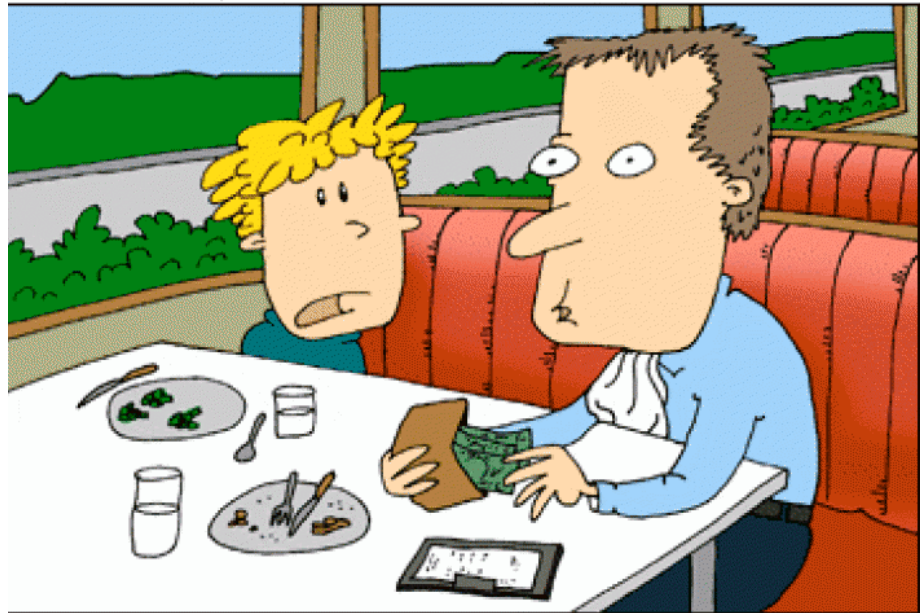


BBCC Kids' Page

A picture to color.



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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

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.



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BBCC Sunday Sermons

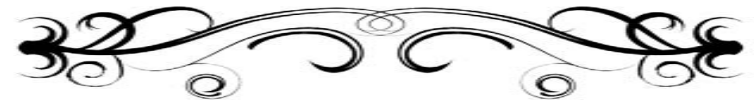
Rev. Ader's sermons are available on our website: <http://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org> under the **Pastoral Passages** heading.

Our Secretary **TOMACA GOVAN**

BBCC's Featured Artist



Tomaca (*pronounced to-may-sha*) started working at Broad Brook Congregational Church two years ago. As secretary, she types up and copies our weekly bulletins, the annual reports and bi-laws and she puts together the bi-monthly Wayside Beacon. Tomaca also put BBCC on the world wide web by constructing the church's website and helped us join a lot of our friends, near and far, by setting us up on facebook..



I have a passion for sharing inspiration and have two magazines on the internet to facilitate that.

WomenMovetheSoul.com is my favorite publication and is women inspiring women. Women are interviewed and their stories are shared. There are articles posted on women-related topics. We recently added an "Ask Susan" column which allows readers to ask for suggestions from a professional therapist from London, Susan Jane Smith. WMTS is growing rapidly and we get over 5,000 international hits a month on our site. I am really proud of this work and hope it inspires many to move beyond the limitations of their own minds and to achieve the things that are in their hearts.

IndieSpiritMagazine.com is a publication with the same concept, only it features interviews with artists who talk about their art, their life and inspirations.

Underneath it all, I am a singer. My website is <http://Tomaca.net>.

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Our Secretary TOMACA GOVAN

BBCC's Featured Artist

I am grateful to be working with BBCC. I really enjoy doing graphics, desktop publishing and layouts. Working on the Wayside Beacon is fun and allows me to be artistic and creative.

I thank Debbie Siekiera, Betty Stratton and Rev. Mike for being effective teammates. Big ups to Debbie for being a trooper and managing the facebook page!

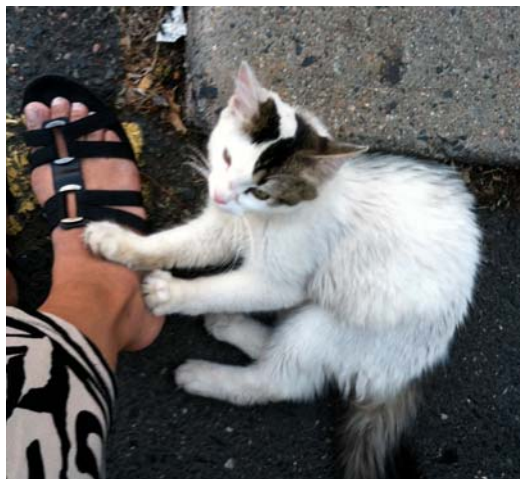
And, I have a couple of requests:

- I'd love to have a volunteer to maintain a google calender for the church that would feed the website. It's really, really easy and I will work with you to get you started.

- Second, it would be great to have church event pictures to include in the Beacon, on the website and on facebook. Email pictures to me at info@tgovan.com.

Lastly about me, I am a mother of three grown children and live with my youngest son, my guy, two turtles, including 25-year-old "Corky" and our newly rescued cat, Sakar.

Sakar was begging for food outside of a Chinese restaurant in Hartford. She was starving and dirty. She came running to me and curled herself around my feet. How could I not bring her home? She is now a very happy and content being.



Save an animal whenever you are presented the opportunity. You may think you are rescuing them, but in reality, they are rescuing you!



Children's Education Committee

- Linda York

A CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

The Sunday School ended the school year in June by presenting a play called "Buzz, Buzz, Buzz" to the congregation during the Children's Day worship service. The children sang three songs as part of the play. All had great fun while presenting the message to Love One Another. The children were then given certificates of participation for the year. During Coffee Hour, the congregation had fun eating ice cream sundaes to celebrate as great job by all.

RALLY SUNDAY 2013

Sunday School will begin again this year on **Rally Sunday, September 15, 2013** during the 10:00 morning worship service. We hope to have two classes: one for three to seven -year-olds and one for eight-year-olds and up. We will follow the common lectionary that is used upstairs for the church service. That way, families will be learning the same stories and scriptures each week. Letters will be sent out to church families with more details. If you know of anyone who is interested in finding a Sunday School, please let us know.

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 Schedule

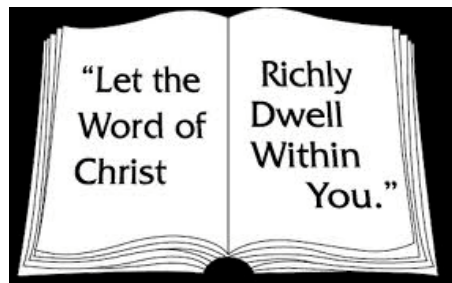
Sept. 15-Rally Sunday- Linda York 22- Wade Signor 29- Rev. Ader	Nov. 3- Communion 10- Wade Signor (Veteran's Day) 17- Katherine Mickens 24- Rev. Ader (Thanksgiving)
Oct. 6- Communion 13- Jim Clark 20- Carol Innes 27- Rev. Ader	Dec. 1- Communion 8- Tracey Nieroda 15- Christmas Program 22- Rev. Ader (Christmas) 29- Carol Innes

Lay Readers & Scriptures

September -1	Psalm 128; Luke 10: 1-12	Joyce Bonelli
8	Jeremiah 18: 1-11; Luke 14: 25-33	Katherine Mickens
15	Psalm 51: 1-10; Luke 15: 1-10	Debbie Siekiera
22	Luke 16: 1-13; 1Timothy 2: 1-7	Warren Wenz
29	Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15; 1Timothy 6: 6-19	Mike Siekiera

October

6- Wade Signor
13- Linda York
20- Rich York
27-Kristin Curran



Birthdays & Anniversaries

September

Mr. & Mrs. Jose Velazquez	Sept 05 Anniversary
Ms. Rebecca Jill Bonelli	Sept 08 Birthday
Seton Carmichael	Sept 09 Birthday
Mr. & Mrs. Luke Bauer	Sept 14 Anniversary
Mr. Wesley Velazquez	Sept 14 Birthday
Mr. & Mrs. John Curran	Sept 20 Anniversary
Mrs. Nancy Nodwell	Sept 21 Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones	Sept 22 Anniversary
Mrs. Karen Loubier	Sept 23 Birthday
Mrs. Melissa Tatro	Sept 23 Birthday
Miss Charlotte Sophia Walker	Sept 24 Birthday
Mrs. Irene Signor	Sept 27 Birthday
Mr. Richard York, Jr.	Sept 27 Birthday

October

Ms. Sheri Townsend	Oct 03 Birthday
Mr. Jose Velazquez	Oct 04 Birthday
Miss Angelina Carmichael	Oct 06 Birthday
Mrs. Heather Emmette	Oct 06 Birthday
Mr. & Mrs. Philip M. Grant	Oct 07 Anniversary
Mr. Robert Cormier	Oct 09 Birthday
Mrs. Veronica Barlow	Oct 09 Birthday
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Nodwell	Oct 12 Anniversary
Mr. Warren Wenz	Oct 15 Birthday
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marquis	Oct 15 Anniversary
Mrs. Karen Marquis	Oct 15 Birthday
Mr. Craig W. Arnold	Oct 17 Birthday
Ms. Nancy Fisher	Oct 19 Birthday
Lacey-Jean Temple	Oct 21 Birthday
Mr. John D. Ivanisin	Oct 22 Birthday
Dr. James Clark	Oct 27 Birthday
Mr. Ryan Dannahey	Oct 29 Birthday
Ms. Donna Roberts	Oct 29 Birthday
Miss Abigayle Morin	Oct 30 Birthday
David Owens	Oct 30 Birthday

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Debbie Siekiera

TAG SALE REVIEW:

Well the end results was a very pleasant surprise this year. The day of the tag sale we raised \$1100. We were determined not to be overwhelmed with bringing in too much stuff and we did it! A lot of very nice stuff came in and was sold! We managed to sell off most of the big ticket items which left the usual picked through leftovers. The morning started out where it was easier to get things set-up with less stuff which was good because we had less help, which we knew going into the sale! At the end of the day, we had a very nice gentleman come and haul away ALL of the leftover items that was boxed up, he even gave us a \$40.00 donation towards the stuff! It couldn't have been easier than that! My headache in arranging to rid of the leftovers because I re-box everything and send certain items on to the next organization in need of the certain items was eliminated. This generally takes awhile. Thank you to all who donated items and to those who helped us with the sale, we couldn't have done it without you.

New to the Tag Sale this year was selling refreshments. In the past we have had customers looking for drinks and refreshments as we have provided them free for our workers. Then I read an article about selling refreshments at an event such as ours, it went on to mention that the customers will linger longer and spend more. Who could resist buying some homemade goodies from our church ladies!!! Well....it did work! I want to thank everyone who baked for this as we did tempt many bellies, what a great assortment we had to tempt with! Most of the baked goods sold out. We didn't sell as much beverages as anticipated but I think it was because it wasn't really that hot outside as we did have perfect weather that day! Usually it is much hotter and at times humid or muggy. Either way, the refreshment sale was a great addition to our tag sale and will more than likely be a part of the next one.

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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

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year, we offered our assistance to this years host, Grace Episcopal Church, with help in the kitchen. Our new venue at the Scout Hall is all new territory for each of our churches that were used to using the High School's cafeteria and kitchen. The menu has been streamlined and simplified to provide a simple lunch to our workers and customers but still offers an opportunity for extra fund-raising for the host church.

Mark your calendars as a reminder, then come visit the Ecumenical Bazaar for some early Christmas shopping! BBCC is currently in planning mode for this Fall event. We have some new items planned for this year. Joyce Bonelli and Debbie Siekiera are the contact people for BBCC, so see them for more information. Crafter's within BBCC, we hope that you can join in with a donation of your specialty. Anyone wishing to try their hand at making dog/cat beds this year, please see Debbie Siekiera for the pattern.



To the Glory of God



**The Flower Committee thanks
everyone for their flower dedications!**



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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Broad Brook Congregational Church
P.O. Box 466
Broad Brook, CT 06016



WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Cont'd.

There are 2 other new thing we are trying this year to increase fund-raising. We are going to attempt selling the extreme collectibles we received through donations on eBay this year. We had some bronze statues donated that were valued way above what we could get at the tag sale. We are trying our hand at auctioning these items off. We are also trying our hand at listing one very heavy item on Craigslist as it is too large and heavy to ship. If this works, we have found another avenue of fund-raising! Wish us luck!!

SUPPERS:

The first supper planned will be held on Saturday, September 28th. We will feature very tender Roast Pork with gravy, real mashed potatoes, green beans and all the usual trimmings we include with the meal. See the "Save the Date" ad in this edition of the Beacon for more info. Watch for the sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall for our usual wish list of help and items needed. Please help where you are able. As always we welcome our children and young adults with serving our guests.

The next suppers planned will be a Turkey dinner on Sat. October 26th and then to end the year a Pot Roast dinner on Sat. December 7th. Flyer's will be sent to all on our mailing lists once the dates are confirmed with our Master Chef.

ECUMENICAL BAZAAR:

This years Ecumenical Bazaar event will be held on Saturday November 16th at the East Windsor Scout Hall Youth Center located at 28 Abbe Road, East Windsor. For directions to the Scout Hall or for more information visit them on the web at <http://www.scouthall.com/>. Although we are not the host church this

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