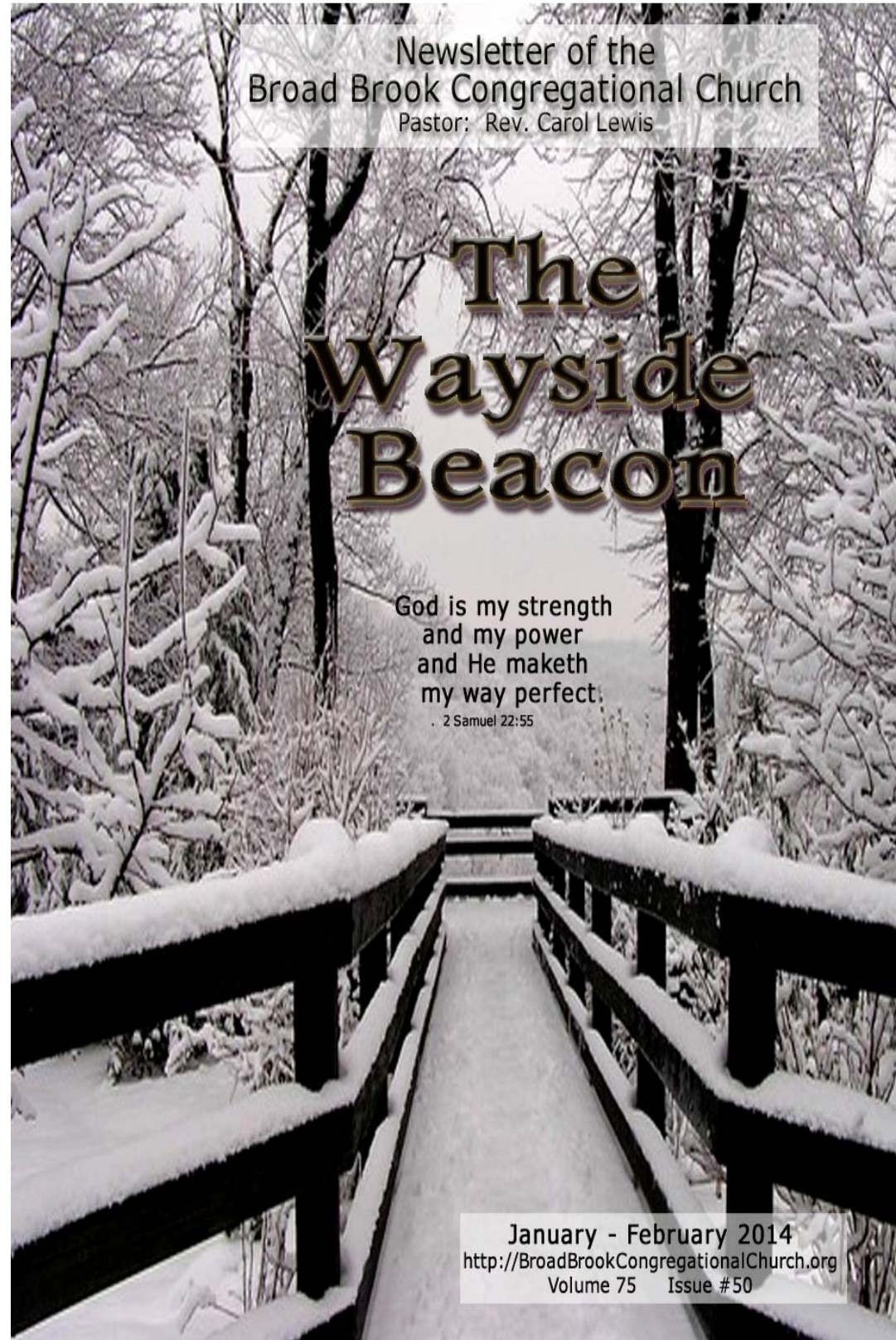




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God is my strength
and my power
and He maketh
my way perfect.

. 2 Samuel 22:55

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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.

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OUR EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY



- 1-Happy New Year
- 4- Community Choral Concert @
the South Windsor High School
-7pm.
- 5- Communion

- 8- Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 12- Ordination of Rev. Carol Lewis @ S. Glastonbury
Cong'l Church @ 3pm.
- 15- Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 18- Deacons meet @ 9am
- 22- Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 26- Annual Meeting- light lunch provided
- 29- Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1 pm



- 2-Communion
- 5-Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 12-Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 14- Happy Valentine's Day
- 15- Deacons meet @ 9am
- 19-Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 26- Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1 pm



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.

A Message from Rev. Carol Lewis



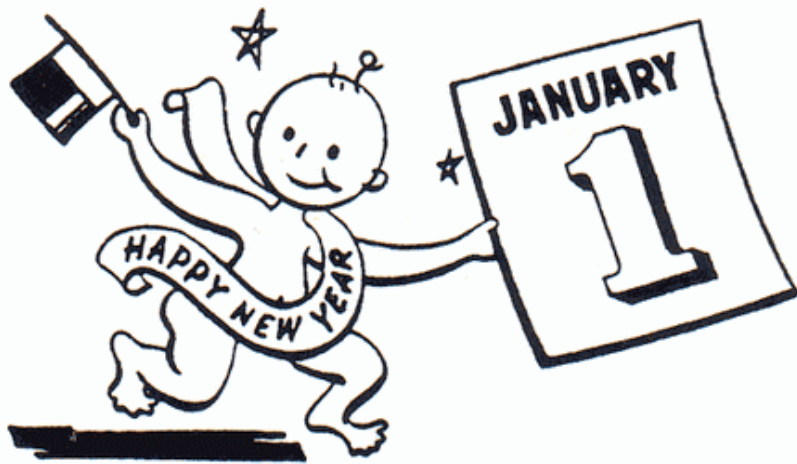
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have now been your pastor for 2 months. I am over-joyed by the welcome you have extended to me. I also deeply appreciate your patience with me as I navigate your traditions sometimes with ease and sometimes faltering a bit. We are walking this path together and with God's continued help we will become an even stronger congregation who will be a beacon of light to all who wish to join us on this journey.

As we begin a new year and make New Year's resolutions, I would invite you to make the following your top two resolutions: 1) Love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. 2) Love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12: 29-31).

In response to the second New Year's resolution may we keep in mind 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." Let us joyfully embrace our diversity and learn from one another. I like to think of our diversity as a colorful patchwork quilt. Each colorful swatch of fabric enriches the overall splendor of the quilt. How dull and boring it would be if we were all alike!

Grace and Peace to you all,
Pastor Carol



VERSES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Ezekiel 36:25-27

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. And I will give you a new heart with new and right desires, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony heart of sin and give you a new, obedient heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so you will obey my laws and do whatever I command.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

God Said "NO!"

- Submitted by Warren Wenz

I asked God to take away my habit.
God said, No.
It is not for me to take away, but for you to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.
God said, No..
His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.
God said, No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations; It isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.
God said, No.
I give you blessings; happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.
God said, No.
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.
God said, No.
You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.
God said, No.
I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.
God said... Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.



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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.



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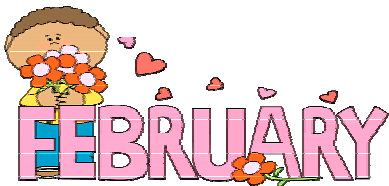
Birthdays & Anniversaries



Mrs. Beth Siekiera Walker	6
Mr. Zachary Siekiera	9
Mrs. Janice Lang	10
Ms. Katie Siekiera	30



Rev. Dr. Joseph & Laura Callahan	Jan 10
Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Curren	Jan 28



Mrs. Joyce Bonelli	1
Mr. Tyler Morin	11
Mr. Jason DiMauro	12
Mr. Jerry Marquis	14
Mrs. Penny Savoie	18
Arthur Sweet	20
Miss Amanda Bonelli	23
Miss Brittany Townsend	28



Our Condolences to the family of
Katheryn Zeuschner. Kaye was a long time
member of Broad Brook Cong'l Church.,
becoming a member in 1974. She was
named Deacon Emeritus after she spent 26
years on the Board of Deacons. She was a
friend to all of us. Her spirit will certainly
remain a part of BB Cong'l Church.

Condolences also to Dr. James Clark, our Organist. Jim
lost his dear Aunt Rita Clark in November.

BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the
Board of Deacons



The Deacons are now preparing for the birth of Christ. During Advent as in previous years a different family is selected each week to read the Advent Litany and light the candle/s. This year we thought that the Congregation should take part also. The Litany is printed in the bulletin for the congregation to respond. The families taking part include, Joyce Bonelli and family, Christine Marschall and family, Jennifer Rouleau and family, Tracey Nieroda, David and Nicholas Owens. Thank you all.

Rev. Carol is offering an Advent Devotional booklet, "Behold" to everyone who may wish to have one. They are available on the table in the narthex and on the counter in the fellowship hall.

Christmas Eve service will again be at 7 pm on Dec. 24th. The candlelight service will be a service of lessons and carols. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this candle light worship service as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Carol will be having her Ordination on January 12 @ 3pm at the South Glastonbury Church in Glastonbury. Her Instillation will be at Broad Brook Congregational Church on a date to be set by the Council.

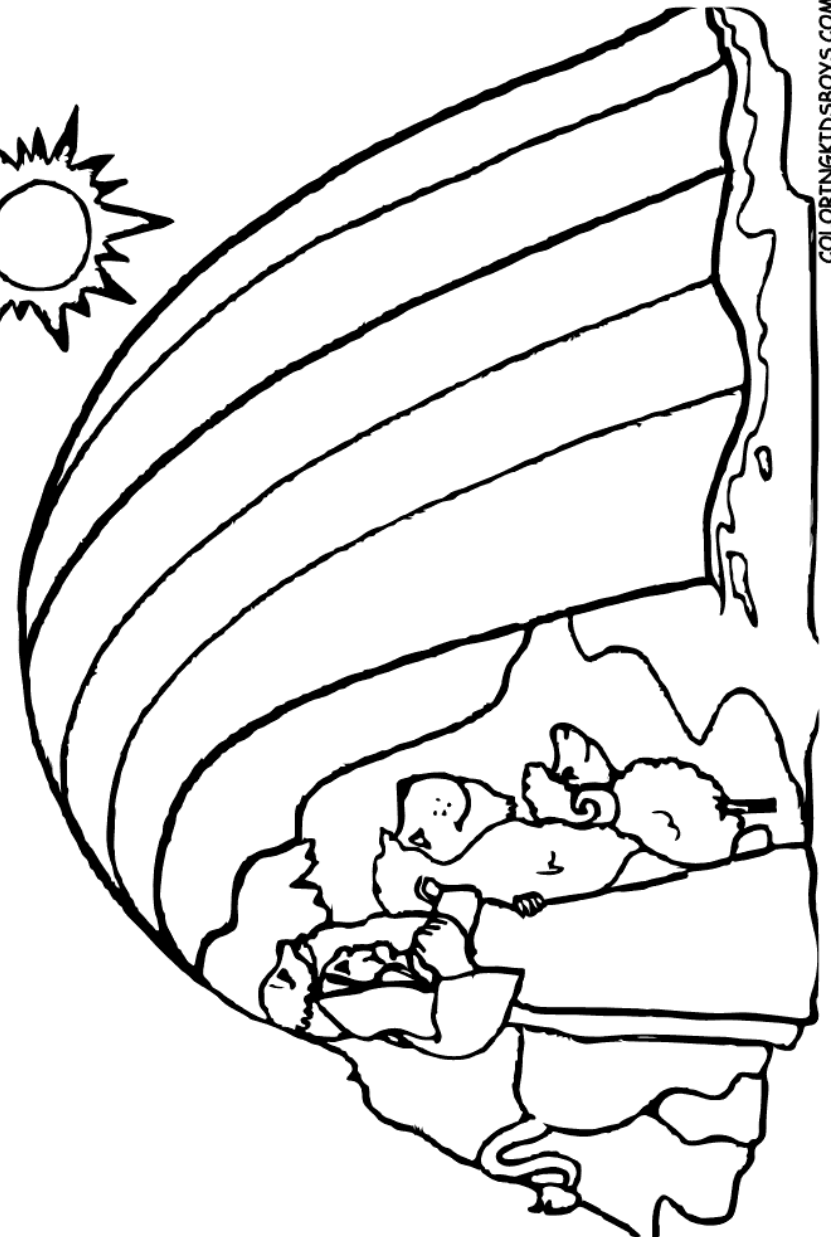
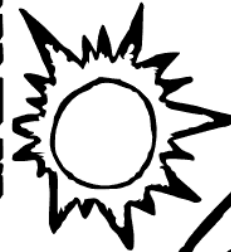
Looking ahead---- Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is February 5th. During Lent the Deacons will plan to hold Lenten Lunches. Homemade soup is served by one of the Deacons and served with bread. The topics of discussion will be decided upon by Rev. Lewis and the Board of Deacons. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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BBCC Kids' Page

A picture to color.

GOOD'S RAINBOW OF MERCY



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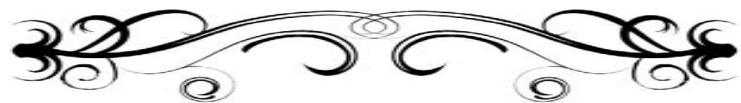
HONEST JON

by Jon Clark



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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A Veteran Died Today

Submitted by Warren Wenz

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' **Joe** has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Veteran died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a Veteran died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.



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Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young,
But the passing of a Veteran
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Veteran,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-
out, with his ever-waffling stand?



Or would you want a Veteran
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Veteran,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Veteran,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his likes again.*

For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Veteran's part,
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.



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Children's Education Committee

- Linda York

The Sunday School worked hard this Fall learning more about Jesus and God. They started the new church year by presenting a Christmas play called "**Twinkles, the Christmas Star.**" Despite being delayed a week by the snow storm, the children were very excited to play their roles to tell the Christmas Story. We thank the choir and other adults who helped by being stars, Joseph, and Wise men. The play was enjoyed by all.

Sunday School will begin again on January 5, 2014. Come and join the fun!



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.

DEACON NEWS ,Cont'd.

Anyone interested in becoming an Active member of Broad Brook Congregational Church is urged to attend the Lenten Lunches. More information will be published at a later time.

Easter is on April 20th, therefore our Maundy Thursday Worship Service will be held on April 17th. Maundy Thursday is the night of the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples.

Happy and Healthy New Year to All.

Children's Sermons

Jan. 5- Communion

12-Wade Signor

19-Dr. James Clark

26-Rev. Carol Lewis

Feb. 2- Communion

9- Tracey Nieroda

16- Katherine Mickens

23-Rev. Carol Lewis

A Veteran Died Today

Cont'd.



If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
**"OUR COUNTRY IS IN
MOURNING, A VETERAN
DIED TODAY."**



JANUARY

5 Jeremiah 31: 7-14 (page 679)

Warren Wenz

12 Isaiah 42: 1-9 (page 622)

Debbie Siekiera

19 Isaiah 49: 1-7 ((page 629)

Wade Signor

26 Isaiah 9: 1-4 (page 593)

Tracey Nieroda

FEBRUARY

2-Bob Cormier

9- Joyce Bonelli

16-Mike Siekiera

23-Kristin Curran



Psalms 18:31-36 For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?—the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless. He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights. He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great. You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip.

WAYS & MEANS

Submitted by Debbie Siekiera

We ended our year with a delicious Pot Roast Supper. Although this wasn't a sell out event as we have had in the past, we still raised money to put towards our general fund which is always welcome

(says our treasurer) where every little bit helps! We have a fun time putting on these meals and we get to eat well ourselves so it is was a win - win situation no matter how many people we fed. We very much enjoyed the meal the very next day for our lunch before a council meeting there was after GE our Sunday service. The food was just as fantastic!

Our Ecumenical bazaar was held the third weekend in November, which turned out to be a better weekend for everyone. The consensus was that it was more successful for all the churches involved this year. Our sales were much better for sure. We had so much stuff again we did not have enough room on our tables. We had some nice new home made items donated again this year. Our baked goods went over well with the balance being sold the next day at church after the bazaar. We had set-up a table in the fellowship hall when we brought everything back to the church. It was up for the Pot Roast Supper where more items were sold. We are thinking the new location at the scout hall will improve as it did this year as we continue to hold our bazaar there. We certainly had a lot of help getting there, setting up and breaking down, for that we are grateful. Your support of our efforts is heartwarming.

As we close the 2013 year of fundraising, our committee would like to express our gratitude to all those that supported us throughout the year. We cannot do this without your help. We all do make a difference in the activities in our church.

Your participation also makes it that much more enjoyable, where the fellowship time with you is priceless.

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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Cont'd.

We will be preparing a new list of fundraising events for 2014. We'd like to try some new ideas to freshen things up, we are open to suggestions if anyone has any they would like to suggest. Just let anyone on our committee know. For 2014, we are still planning to include at least 5 dinners throughout the year, our plant sale in the spring, the Tag Sale in August and then our Ecumenical Bazaar in November. We will put our thinking caps on to come up with something to new to freshen things up.

Our best to you for a great and fabulous 2014!

The Ways & Means Committee:

Debbie & Mike Siekiera

Alice Wenz

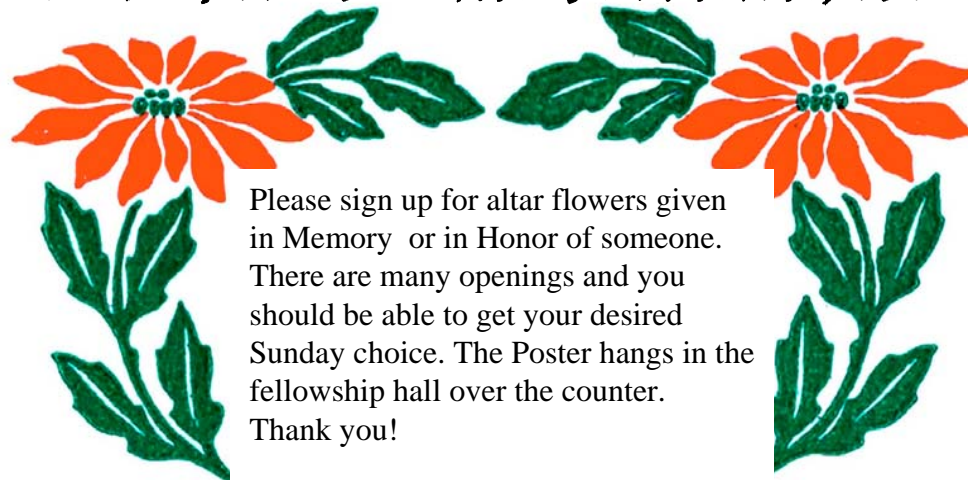
Joyce Bonelli

Debbie Signor

Corin Jones



2014 Flower Chart Available!



Please sign up for altar flowers given in Memory or in Honor of someone. There are many openings and you should be able to get your desired Sunday choice. The Poster hangs in the fellowship hall over the counter. Thank you!

Flower Committee

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

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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"/>	Music Committee.....	\$
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Phone Number: _____

Reason for Donation: _____

Send your request to: Board of Trustees
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Poinsettia Dedications 2013

- Joyce & Joseph Bonelli in Memory of Justine & Irving Fellows
- Joyce & Joseph Bonelli in Memory of Joseph A. Bonelli Sr.
- Warren & Alice Wenz in Memory of Loved ones
- Bill & Betty Stratton in Memory of her parents, Ruth & Earl Camp.
- Bill & Betty Stratton in Memory of his parents, Ruth & Ashley Stratton.
- Katherine Mickens in Memory of her Mother, Father & 4 siblings
- Andrea Hutchinson in Memory of her parents, Bill & Gerry Arnold
- Sandy & Tom Mara and Sheila & Charlie Sharos in Memory of Aunt Lillian Lasbury
- Sandy & Tom Mara and Sheila & Charlie Sharos in Memory of their parents Rdell & Tom Sargent
- Nancy Nodwell in Loving Memory of Gerry & Bill Arnold and Pat & Bob Nodwell
- Carol Ballard in Memory of her parents, Mabel & Frank Donahue and her sister Lorraine Fortuna
- Richard & Linda York in Memory of Loved ones
- Richard & Linda York in Memory of Harold, Frances and Bruce Sheldick
- Robert & Phyllis Jones in Memory of Jonathan Jones
- The Bligh & Jones Families in Memory of Billy Bligh
- The Jones Family in Memory of Jonathan Jones
- John, Kristin, Tyler & Katelyn Curran in Honor of Kristin's parents
- John, Kristin, Tyler, & Katelyn Curran in Honor of John's parents
- Karen Loubier in Memory of Michael R. Loubier
- Karen Loubier in Memory of Sarah Loubier & her son Ronnie
- Karen Loubier in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Osborn & their son Ronnie
- The Siekiera Family in Memory of Patricia Siekiera
- The Siekiera Family in Memory of Gordon Cahoone
- Allen Foster in Memory of Grace & Lester Foster
- Carolyn Feldman in Memory of her husband, Walt
- Sally Easton in Honor of Wade and Debbie Signor

