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NEWSLETTER

Pastor: Rev. Carol Lewis

HAPPY SUMMER!

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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.

Rev. Lewis has office hours on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or by appointment. Calls for the Pastor should be made through the church office at 860-623-4547 or Rev. Lewis' cell phone at 860-992-6755. In the **event of an emergency**, you may reach Rev. Carol at her home at 860-872-4731.

Please email Tomaca, staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org with announcements or corrections to the weekly Bulletin or the Beacon.

One Door Away From Heaven

Submitted by Bob Cormier

One Door Away from Heaven.

We live each day and hour.

One door away from Heaven,

But it lies beyond our Power

To open the door to Heaven

And enter when we choose.

One Door away from Heaven

And the key is ours to lose

One Door away from Heaven

But, Oh, the Entry Dues.

From "The Book of Counted Sorrows"

A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



Greetings from your Pastor. I am sitting in my office looking out on the busy activity of our community. The wind is blowing; the sky has more fluffy white clouds than azure blue patches. There is banging going on across the street at the Dollar Store as a crew works to set a pipe in the ground. I am fascinated watching them work but have no idea what the finished product will be. Guess I'll just have to wait and see.

Waiting and seeing is okay in some cases but in terms of taking care of God's good creation we can no longer wait and see. In a recent sermon I talked about opposing views of how we understand our role—our place—in creation. The world has adopted, for the most part, a consumer attitude and from a faith perspective we are called to be caretakers. We are consuming the earth's resources at a much faster rate than the earth can renew those resources. More importantly some of the resources we consume are not renewable!

From a faith standpoint, our patterns of consumption should reflect values like, peace, fairness, justice, health, community, diversity, and legacy. Availability and access to adequate food, shelter, and security are important for all of God's children.

Congregations are being encouraged to start conversations and the commitments to become Green Congregations. These are conversations I recommend we should endeavor to have. As I said in my sermon, even one small step is a step toward being better stewards of God's amazing gift to us.

So here are a few suggestions that have been put forward by the Environmental Ministries. Some are quirky. Others are worth

A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis continued...

thinking about in terms of whether we are consumers or caretakers. The following are questions that can be used to decide whether it is a good quality purchase or a spontaneous "whim."

- Does this purchase add positive value to my life, my home, or my community?
- Does this purchase harm or help the natural environment?
- Could I do without this purchase?
- What else could I spend this money on or could I save it for the future?

Another suggestion is to put your credit cards in water in the freezer. The reason being that it would have to thaw before using and that would give you time to think about whether or not a purchase is a need or a want.

This is a beautiful time of the year when we see the full effect of God's living creation. Let's not wait and see what will happen to this precious balance of life since doing so may lead to the point of no return. We can make a difference, one small step at a time. Have a wonderful summer and find time to relax and enjoy the beauty that surrounds you!

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

Rev. Lewis' Office Hours Every Wednesday

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

JULY 16th, 23rd, 30th
AUGUST 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th



*Note Rev. Lewis is
on vacation from
June 26th through
July 4th.*

Lay Readers



7/13	Genesis 25: 19-34; Psalm 119:105-112	Mike Siekiera
7/20	Genesis 28: 10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Wade Signor
7/27	Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Debbie Siekiera
8/3	Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Tracey Nieroda
8/10	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Bob Cormier
8/17	Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133	Warren Wenz
8/24	Exodus 1:2-10; Psalm 124	Joyce Bonelli
8/31	Exodus 3:1-15	Rich York

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Daily Devotional from the UCC - sign-up here:
www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/daily-devotional/

Sermon via Email - Subscribe via email at - <http://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org>.

Tag Sale Prep: Workshops to prepare for our TAG SALE on Saturday, August 16th, will be Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7 - 9 pm from July 7th - August 13th. Donations of clean, unbroken items will be accepted during the workshops or by calling Mike or Debbie Siekiera @ 860-627-5181 for pick-up. We have designated an area in the fellowship hall for drop offs. Feel free to rummage through our items that have been priced; the less we have to carry out on tag sale day, the better!! If you find an item that has not been priced, please mark it HOLD and put your name on it until it is.



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.



Color the page and tell someone
a story about the picture.



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

Continued...

Our Congratulations to all of the graduates. From the local high schools were Ethan Jones, Victoria Sweet, and Abigayle Morin and Amanda Bonelli Wallace from U-Conn with a Masters Degree in Business Analytics. Children's Day @ Broad Brook was celebrated on June 8th. It was also Pentecost. Sunday. All the children received a flower, pinwheel and a certificate. A song was sung as a welcome and they performed a skit relating to Pentecost and the Spirit of Jesus Christ under the direction of Linda York. It certainly lifted our spirit. An ice cream social followed in the fellowship hall.

Thank you to Linda York for her dedication to our Sunday School throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to give a children's sermon.

Avery Jones was confirmed also on June 8th. We congratulate Avery for Affirming his Baptism and becoming an active member of Broad Brook Congregational Church.

On June 1 we welcomed 3 new members into the active membership of Broad Brook Congregational Church. They are Rev. Carol B. Lewis, Katherine Mickens and Mary Dimauro. Our congratulation to all of you.

Congratulations to Linda and Rich York on the birth of their grand daughter, Chelsea. Chelsea is the daughter of Rich and Amy York.

There will be a Church Picnic on July 27th at the home of Mike and Debbie Siekiera @ 1 pm. Please bring a dish to share, lawn chair and bathing suit.



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons
Continued...

Looking ahead to Rally Sunday, the beginning of Sunday School, it will be on Sept 15th. The plans thus far include entertainment by the Connecticut Valley Field Music, a Fife and Drum group under the direction of our organist, Dr. James Clark. He founded the group more than 20 years ago. A light lunch is planned. More information will follow as September gets closer.

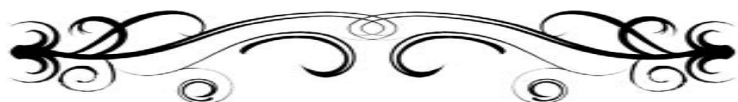
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a Lay Reader throughout the year.

Happy and safe summer to all.

Flower Dedications

Thank you for your flower dedications. They are listed on our website at <http://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org>.

You can sign up for altar flowers given in Memory or in Honor of someone on any given Sunday on the Poster in the fellowship hall or by mail. See the form on page 12.



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

Broad Brook Congregational Church
wishes everyone a



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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* \$22.00.

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 \$22.00 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://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.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 _____



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



JULY

- 2 – no office hours for Rev. Carol
- 6- Baptism- of Emerson Whipple
- 7- Tag sale pricing 7:00- 9:00 pm
- 9- Tag sale pricing 7:00- 9:00 pm
- 13- Missions collection for food pantry- \$1.00 per family
 Council Meeting 11:10 am, lunch provided
- 14- Tag sale pricing 7:00- 9:00 pm
- 16- Tag sale pricing 7:00- 9:00 pm
 Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1pm
- 21- Tag sale pricing 7:00- 9:00 pm
- 23- Tag sale pricing 7:00- 9:00 pm
 Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1pm
- 27 – Church Picnic @ the Siekiera Home
- 28 – Tag sale pricing 7:00- 9:00 pm
- 30- Tag sale pricing 7:00- 9:00 pm
 Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1pm

AUGUST

- 4- Tag sale pricing 7:00- 9:00 pm
- 6- Tag sale pricing 7:00- 9:00 pm
 Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1pm
- 10- Missions collection for food pantry- \$1.00 per family
- 11- Tag sale pricing 7:00- 9:00 pm
- 13- Tag sale pricing 7:00- 9:00 pm
 Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1pm
- 16- Church Tag Sale
- 20- Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1pm
- 27- Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1pm

SEPTEMBER

- 14- Missions collection for food pantry- \$1.00 per family.
- 14- Rally Sunday - Fife and Drum will be playing under the direction of Dr. Jim Clark. Lunch will be served.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

William LaCross	2
Cindy Bedard	2
Mrs. Deborah Siekiera	4
Anthony M. Siekiera-Bombard	5
Mr. Calvin Myers	6
Mr. Kevin M. Nodwell	7
Mr. John Curran	7
Mr. Joseph Ivanisin	7
Mrs. Carolyn Feldman	18
Mrs. Corin Jones	20
Miss Regina McNeely	22
Colin Michael Snow	26



July

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lacross	12
Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Snow	15
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bedard	31

August

Mr. & Mrs. Wade Signor	10
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August

Mrs Katharine Joy Bauer	1
Mrs. Tracy Ann Snow	2
Mrs. Margaret Arnold	2
Mrs. Linda York	4
Joseph Abraham Nicoll	6
Hannah Rushlow	11
Tyler Curran	11
Mr. William A. Stratton	13
Mary Velazquez	13
Mrs. Laura L. Callahan	16
Mr. Bruce Nodwell	20
Mrs. Karen Marquis	21
Mr. Jonathan Scott Prouse	21
Mrs. Jill Cameron	24
Aiden Elliott Siekiera	27
Zachary Adam Owens	30
Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Callahan	31

Call or email Debbie Siekiera at 860-627-5181 or dlsiekiera@yahoo.com if you would like to add/remove a birthday or anniversary from our list or if you don't see yours posted.



Broad Brook Congregational Church

SUMMER

Sale

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Tag SALE

August 16, 2014

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

at

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

FEATURING A WIDE VARIETY OF ITEMS:
furniture, clothing, toys, computers, books, kitchenware,
decorative items, and much more!



*What's Your Favorite
Biblical Quote?*

Email us:

staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org -
tell us your favorite biblical quote and we will
share it in the next Beacon!

“QUOTES”

"I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?" - Psalm 27:1

"Wait for the Lord, take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the Lord." - Psalm 27:14

"Into your hands I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, Lord, faithful God." - Psalm 31:6

"You are my shelter; from distress you keep me; with safety you ring me round." - Psalm 32:7

"How precious is your love, O God! We take refuge in the shadow of your wings." - Psalm 36:8

"Find your delight in the Lord who will give you your heart's desires." - Psalm 37:4

"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Thus we do not fear, though earth be shaken and mountains quake to the depths of the sea, though it's waters rage and foam and mountains totter at its surging. The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob." - Psalm 46: 2-4

