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Broad Brook Congregational Church
Pastor: Rev. Carol Lewis

The Wayside Beacon

Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with
my righteous right hand.
- Isaiah 41:10

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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
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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.



Email staff@broadbrookcongregationalchurch.org
with announcements or corrections to the Beacon.
Deadline is April 15th.

EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY

- 1- Bible study 1-2pm @ home of Katherine Mickens
- 3- wedding of Tracie McGill and Chris Leishman @4pm
- 4-Communion
of Broad Brook Congregational Church (1851-2014)
New members will meet with the Deacons @ 11:15am
- 8- Bible study 1-2pm @ home of Katherine Mickens
- 15- Bible study 1-2pm @ home of Katherine Mickens
- 17- Meeting of the Confirmation class for all day retreat
PLANT SALE 9am to noon.
- 18-Church meeting for names of new members @11:05 am
- 22- Bible study 1-2pm @ home of Katherine Mickens
- 29- Bible study 1-2pm @ home of Katherine Mickens

JUNE

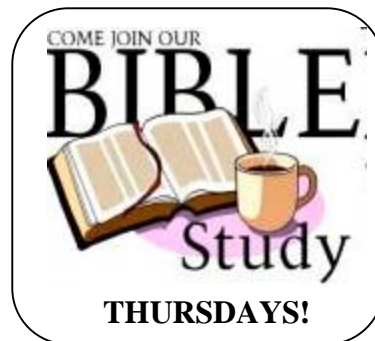
- 1-Communion
New Member Reception
- 5- Bible study 1-2pm @ home of Katherine Mickens
- 8-Children's Day
Confirmation (Pentecost Sunday)
- 12- Bible study 1-2pm @ home of Katherine Mickens
- 17- Confirmation Class meet for "all-day retreat"
- 19- Bible study 1-2pm @ home of Katherine Mickens

Rev. Lewi's Office Hours

Every Wednesday

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

MAY 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
JUNE 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th



A Message from Rev. Carol Lewis



Wow! I can't believe I have been with you six months already. Time flies when you're having fun, and I am having fun! April 6th was my installation at Broad Brook Congregational Church. It was a wonderful occasion and I am grateful for the outpouring of affection and support. Alice Wenz and her helpers put on an amazing reception and everyone said how extraordinary the food was. Tomaca's design for the bulletin was beautiful and I appreciate all the extra work she has had to do these past few weeks.

Letters went out to those young people who are eligible for Confirmation. It is my hope that they will have conversations with their parents and decide if Confirmation is something they desire. I want to make this just a one-day commitment. In addition I welcome ideas from the confirmands, as new members, about how we can include them in the work of the church. Confirmation is not the end of a faith journey—it is just the beginning. Confirmation Sunday is June 8th.

By the time this issue has reached you, Easter Sunday will have come and gone. I am looking forward to spending my first Easter with you. I am also excited about our embracing Holy Humor Sunday. We will spend the month of May and the first Sunday in June walking through the Easter Season, which will culminate on June 8th with Pentecost.

Pentecost Sunday (June 8th) will be a joyous time. We will celebrate the arrival of the "Comforter" (Holy Spirit). It will also be the day we welcome the confirmands into the fold and celebrate Children's Day. Sunday School parents please make a note of this date. It will be important for the children to be present as often as possible during the month of May so that we can have enough time to plan the celebration.

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A Message from Rev. Carol Lewis

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As I sit and look out my window today, I see grey skies and wind driven rain. I am reminded of the saying - *April showers bring May flowers*. I am eagerly awaiting those May blooms and their riotous colors!

In the greatest of hope,

Pastor Carol



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MAY 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

JUNE 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Isaiah 40:6-8

A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all human faithfulness is like the flowers of the field."

Children's Sermons

May 4- Communion

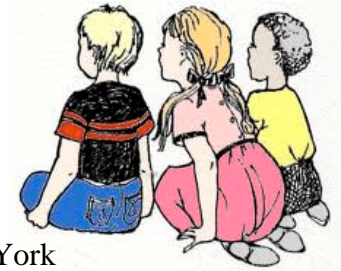
11- Carol Innes

18- Wade Signor

25- Rev. Carol Lewis

June 1- Communion

8- Children's Day Program- Linda York



Lay Readers

MAY

4-Mike Siekiera

11-Joyce Bonelli

18-Rich York

25-Katherine Mickens



JUNE

1- Tracey Nieroda

8- Wade Signor

15-Warren Wenz

22-Bob Cormier

29- Joyce Bonelli

*Phil 4:13: I can do
everything through Him
who gives me strength.*



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.

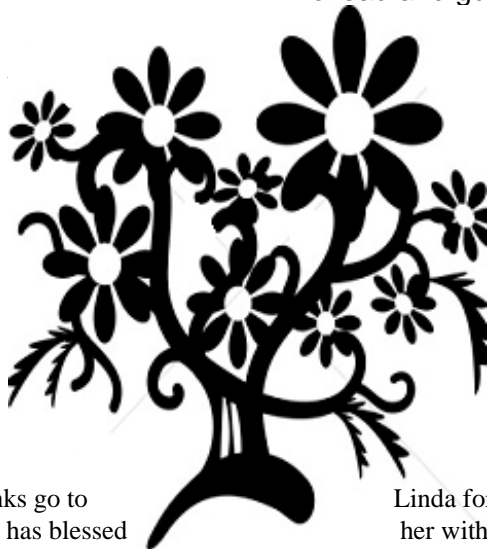
A Song of Faith

From Rev. Lewis

I was thrilled when Linda asked if I would like a special song for my Installation Service. She not only wrote it but also sang it as a solo on April 6, 2014. It is a beautiful expression of what is happening at Broad Brook Congregational Church. We are walking together and growing our faith with God as our ever-present guide. Linda gave me a framed copy of the song, which hangs in my office. It is a constant reminder of our covenant with one another and with God. May this tiny seed grow into a blossoming faith enriched by all who walk the path.

A Song of Faith, By Linda York

A tiny seed so very small, was planted inside us today by God.	And our hearts are filled with love, With God's spirit from above.
A tiny seed not big at all, But inside us is growing strong.	And our faith will guide us on, to learn the will of God.
That seed is faith in our God, in our church, in our lives.	Thanks be to God, for our faith, for his love, for his strength.
That seed is faith, to do God's work, to spread his love to all the earth.	Thanks be to God in our lives, To lead and guide us always.



My heartfelt thanks go to Linda for this wonderful gift of song. God has blessed her with a creative mind and the voice of an angel. Thank you for sharing those gifts with me and with the congregation!

BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons



Spring seems to have arrived. The crocus have blossomed and the daffodils are blossoming, robins have been seen around for some time and the temperature is definitely warmer. **SPRING HAS SPRUNG!**

Lent and Easter worship are past, the spirit of Jesus remains among us. The Easter Season in the Church calendar remains until Pentecost, June 8th.

On June 1st, the New Members Reception is scheduled during the worship service. It is the day new members officially are received as members of the church. These individuals will meet the Deacons after worship @11:15am on May 4th to meet the Deacons and learn a little more about Broad Brook Congregational Church.

Rev. Lewis will be meeting with the prospective Confirmation Class on May 17 for an "all day retreat" at the Church. These young people will be Confirmed on June 8th.

The Sunday worship service after Easter, April 27th, was called "Holy Humor Sunday". It was a wonderful worship service full of humor and laughs!

Rev. Carol and I visited the convalescent homes in Warehouse Point in March. I want to Thank Rev. Carol for leading the service for the patients in Kettle Brook and Chestnut Point. Some received Communion and sang their favorite Hymns with us. They enjoyed singing and taking part in the conversation with Rev. Carol. Rev. Carol is scheduled to do this every three months as it is shared with three other East Windsor Pastors.

Come and visit with us any Sunday, we would love to see you. Rev. Carol can be reached at the Church office on Wednesday mornings.

- Betty Stratton, Deacon



We miss you!
Come to church and meet our new Pastor.



Flower Dedications

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

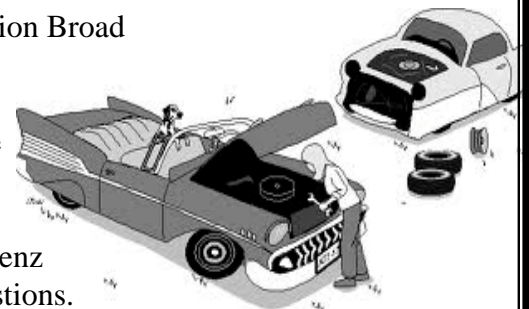
You can sign up for altar flowers given in
Memory or in Honor of someone on any given
Sunday on the Poster in the fellowship hall
or by mail. See the form on page 12.



Just going to church
doesn't make you a Christian any more
than standing in your garage makes you
a car. ~G. K. Chesterton

DONATE YOUR OLD CAR and help
needy families. How? Easy! Call 603.595.9272 or go on

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"I'm gonna say my prayers, Daddy.
Do you have any requests?"

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://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.....	\$
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<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
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A Woman That Loves God Loves Everybody



A good woman knows God.

A good woman is proud of herself.

She respects herself and others.

She is aware of who she is.

Only God defines her.

A good woman is hopeful.

She is strong enough to ask God for help.

She does not live in fear of the future because of her past.

She is quite capable of articulating her needs to God.

A good woman knows how to love, therefore, she gives love.

She recognizes that her love has great value.

A good woman has a dash of inspiration and a dabble of endurance.

She embraces life.

A good woman inspires others to reach the potential God has given them.

She has patience and she listens.

A good woman knows her past, understands her present, and moves towards the future.

She understands that her life experiences are merely God-given lessons.

A good woman loves unconditionally the way God loves the world.



Read by Katherine Mickens at Rev. Carol's Installment Ceremony on April 6, 2014.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May

Mrs. Alice Wenz	1
Mrs. Mary Myers	3
Mr. Michael Siekiera	3
Mr. William Morin	3
Miss Abigail 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
Miss Andrea McNeely	28

June

Mr. Philip M. Grant	4
Nicholas Allen Owens	5
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

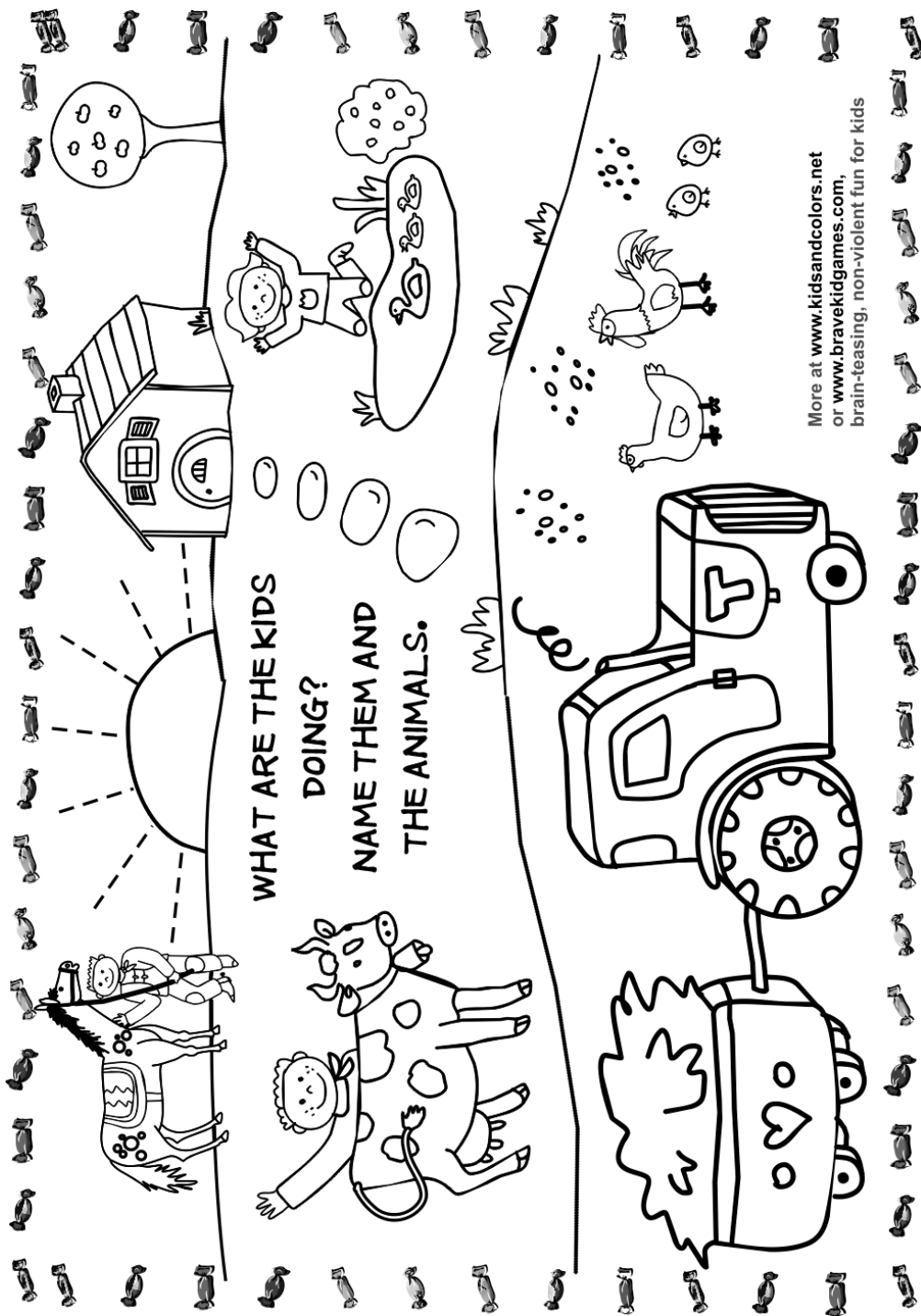
May

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
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Savoie	29
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Cameron	30

June

Mr & Mrs. Richard York	28
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Happy Anniversary



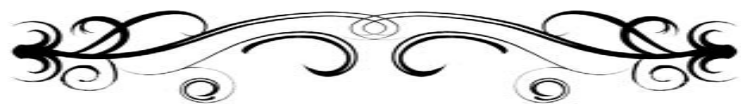
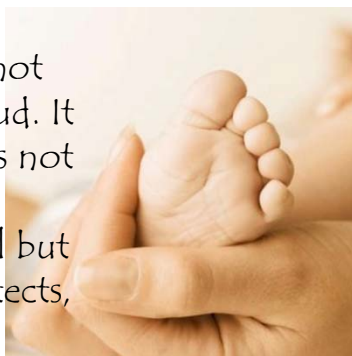
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"The moment a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never. A mother is something absolutely new."
--Rajneesh

Happy Mother's Day

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

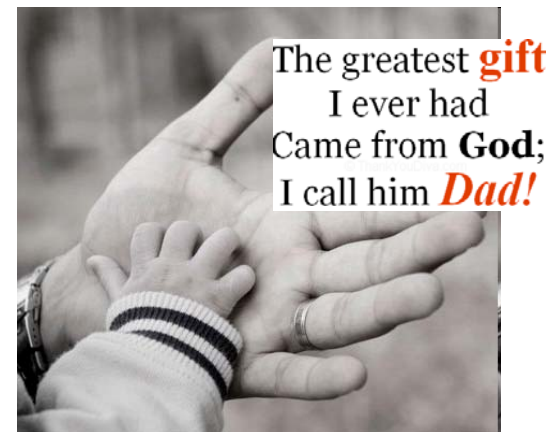


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A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."
-- Billy Graham

Proverbs 23:24

The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him.



1 Corinthians 16:13

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.



Happy FATHER'S DAY

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The Bird Cage

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One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting. "Yes, sir, I just caught a world full of people down there. Set me a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got 'em all!"

"What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked.

Satan replied, "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to hate and abuse each other, how to drink and smoke and curse. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!"

"And what will you do when you are done with them?"

Jesus asked.. "Oh, I'll kill 'em," Satan glared proudly.

"How much do you want for them?" Jesus asked.

"Oh, you don't want those people. They ain't no good. Why, you'll take them and they'll just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and kill you. You don't want those people!!"

"How much? He asked again.

Satan looked at Jesus and sneered, "All your blood, tears and your life."

Jesus said, "DONE!" Then He paid the price.

The preacher picked up the cage and walked from the pulpit. ❖

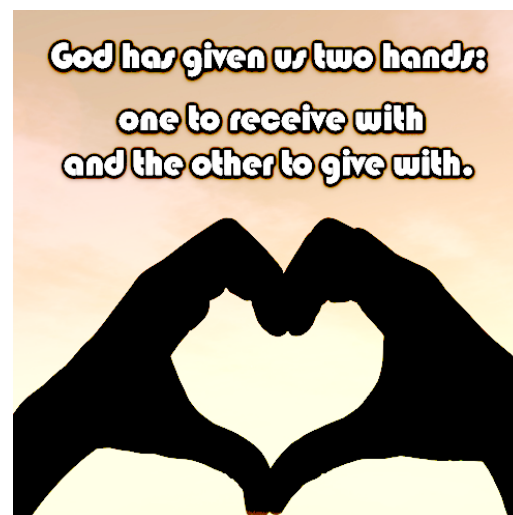


EVERY THURSDAY
At the Home of Katherine Mickens

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

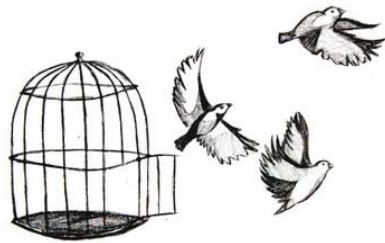
May 1st, 8th, 15th, 18th

June 5th, 12th & 19th



The Bird Cage

One Sunday morning the preacher came to church carrying a rusty, bent old bird cage, and set it by the pulpit. Eyebrows were raised and, as if in response, the Preacher began to speak.



"I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me swinging this bird cage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild birds, shivering with cold and fright.

I stopped the lad and asked, "What do you have there, son?"

"Just some old birds," came the reply.

"What are you going to do with them?" I asked.

"Take 'em home and have fun with 'em," he answered. "I'm gonna tease 'em and pull out their feathers to make 'em fight. I'm gonna have a real good time."

"But you'll get tired of those birds sooner or later. What will you do then?"

"Oh, I got some cats," said the little boy. "They like birds. I'll take 'em to them."

"How much do you want for those birds, son?" the preacher asked.

"Huh?? !!! You don't want them birds, mister. They're just plain old field birds. They don't sing. They ain't even pretty!"

"How much?" the preacher asked again.

The boy sized up the preacher as if he were crazy and said, "\$10?"

The preacher gave him \$10 and carried the cage to a tree and a grassy spot. He opened the cage door and by softly tapping the bars persuaded the birds out, setting them free. Then the preacher began to tell this story:

2014 Spring Plant Sale



**Saturday
May 17**

**BROAD BROOK
CONGREGATIONAL
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**9:00 am
til Noon**

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