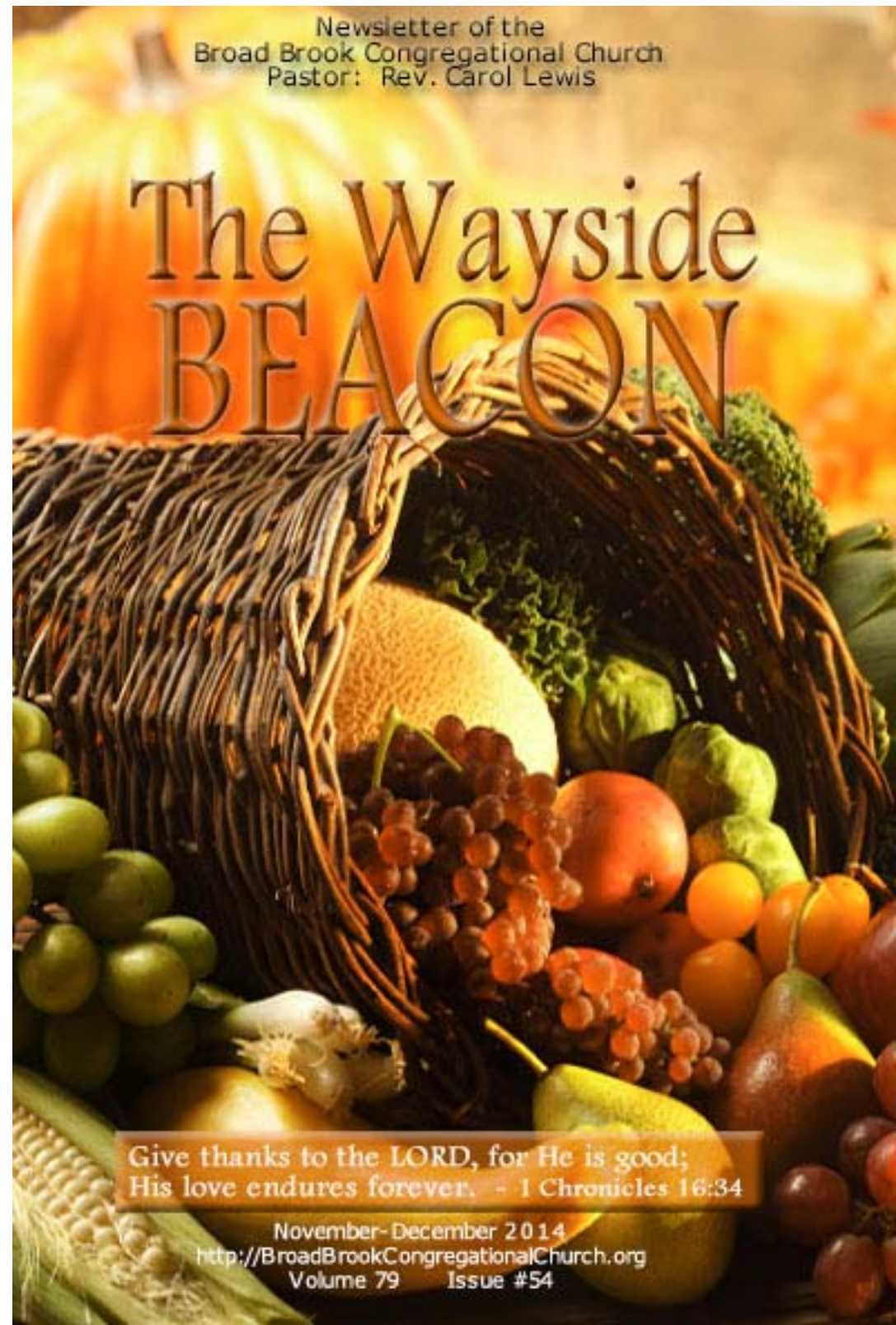


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**Sunday Worship Services** are held at 10:00 AM.

**Communion** is observed on the first Sunday of each month.

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**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.

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# Out of the Mouth of Babes...

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.



Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



Two young boys were staying the night at their grandparents' house.

At bedtime they knelt beside their beds to say their prayers.

The younger brother said in a really loud voice: "I pray for a new bike, a portable TV and a Nintendo!"

The other brother said: "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."

"No, but grandma is!"

## A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



I have just returned from a wonderful visit with David and Barbara, my brother and sister-in-law, who live in Santa Rosa, California. The weather was perfect for sitting out on the patio and viewing the mountains and wildlife. Of course, we couldn't miss the opportunity to visit a couple of wineries and taste the bounty of God's harvest. We also made a trip to the Pacific Ocean, where we were once again treated to beautiful weather, scenery, and fresh seafood. One of the best parts of my visit were the hours spent in conversations around a wide variety of subjects including reminiscing over childhood memories—great fun.

I am rejuvenated and ready to march into the holiday season with a joyful heart. I am reading a book by Quinn Caldwell, a UCC minister now located in upstate New York. The book's title is *All I Really Want*. Lillian Daniel writes the following about the book: "Accept this invitation to a five-week birthday party for Jesus, populated by aggressive cousins, evil dragons, and last-minute shoppers. Your Christmas is about to get hilariously complicated." Martin Copenhaver says this about it: "A wonderful combination of profound and whimsical." I highly recommend it for Advent devotional reading.

But, before we jump ahead to Advent and Christmas, we must thank God for all our blessings. The first way to do that is through our Stewardship season. I invite you to share with everyone how God has blessed you, your family, and our church—blessings of all shapes and sizes. Each Sunday take a moment to look over the past week and see how God's light has shown down on you. During coffee hour there will be paper stars available. Please write your

## A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis continued...

blessing on a star and add it to the board: "God's Blessings Lighting Up Our Lives" located in the social hall. Having taken stock of God's light in your life, contemplate the ways in which you can thank God by giving of your time, talents (everyone has them!), and financial support as you are able.

The second way is to join us on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for our Ecumenical Thanksgiving potluck dinner during which we will have an informal worship service. BBCC is the host church this year. Please join us for great food, lively conversation, and a time to give thanks to God for all our blessings—large and small.

Now for our journey into Advent, which begins on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The content of the sermons will be centered on the following: "Where are you God;" "Messengers of Hope;" "Shouts of Joy;" and "Birthing a Promise."

Happy Thanksgiving!  
A Thought-filled Advent!  
Merry Christmas!

Pastor Carol



**Rev. Lewis' Office Hours**  
**Every Wednesday**

*November 5, 12, 19, 26*  
*December 3, 10, 17*



## Lay Readers



### November

2- Tracey Nieroda  
9- Dr. James Clark  
16- Joyce Bonelli  
23- Rich York  
30- Katherine Mickens

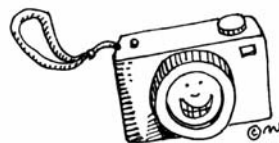
### December

7- Isaiah 40:1-11  
14- Psalm 126  
21- 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
28- Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Wade Signor  
Bob Cormier  
Mike Siekiera  
Joyce Bonelli



A draft of the new Broad Brook Congregational Church Directory is in the fellowship hall on the lectern. Please review your information and make changes or corrections with the red pen that is attached. You may add your cell phone and e-mail if you wish. See Betty Stratton with questions.



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a saviour, which  
is Christ the Lord.  
Luke  
2:11



**Merry Christmas To All  
From Broad Brook Congregational Church.**



**FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS**  
*- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons*

*Submitted by Betty Stratton*

It is now the end of October and fall is in full bloom! It is always nice to see the children back in Church and participating during worship and then going to their classrooms. We thank Linda York for teaching the children.

Rev. Lewis has taken her vacation from Oct. 13 to the 15<sup>th</sup>. She will return to the pulpit on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. We thank Rev. Stuart Charter for filling the pulpit on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>.

On Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, Veterans will be honored during the morning worship service. Warren Wenz, a Navy veteran, will talk to the children "What is a Veteran?" The children will pass out carnations to all the veterans who are worshipping with us. Special music will be sung.

Sunday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> is Thanksgiving Sunday. Broad Brook Congregational Church will be host church for **the Ecumenical Thanksgiving pot luck worship service at 5:30 pm.** Each family attending will be asked to bring a large salad, main dish or vegetable dish. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Advent starts on November 30<sup>th</sup>. This year as in years past we will have a family or an individual light the advent candles and lead a Litany reading.

The Children's Christmas program is planned to be held on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship service.

**The Christmas Eve candle light worship service will be held on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm.** It will include reading of the Christmas story and singing Christmas carols. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Thank you to everyone who during 2014 have so willingly been greeters, those who have been lay readers, and those who spoke to the children during the children's sermon time. These volunteers are very important to the church, they add so much to our worship service.

Have a Happy and safe Holiday season!



## World Communion Sunday

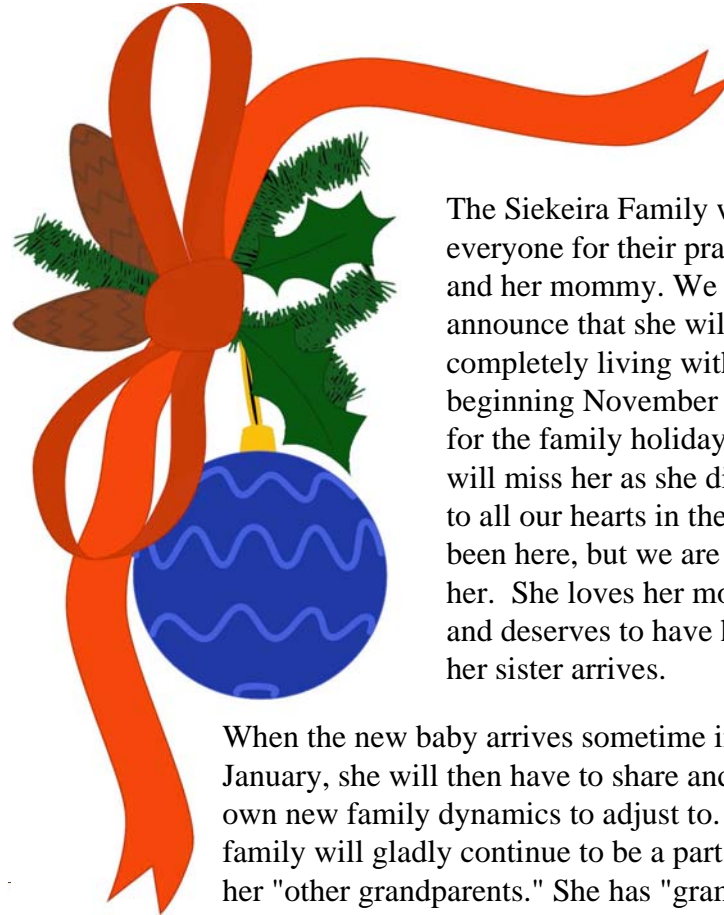
October 5, 2014



After our wonderful communion and worship service, members of the congregation met in the Fellowship Hall and sampled different breads from around the world. As we tasted wonderful bread and shared in fellowship, we were reminded and remembered that we are all connected in spirit.

*Submitted by Debbie Signor*

## *Best Wishes to Aubrianna!*



The Siekeira Family would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Aubrianna and her mommy. We are happy to announce that she will be reunified and completely living with her mom beginning November 25th, just in time for the family holidays. Of course we will miss her as she did totally move in to all our hearts in the short time she has been here, but we are very happy for her. She loves her mommy very much and deserves to have her 100% before her sister arrives.

When the new baby arrives sometime in the middle of January, she will then have to share and will have her own new family dynamics to adjust to. The Siekiera family will gladly continue to be a part of Aubri's life as her "other grandparents." She has "grampa" wrapped around her little fingers and she loves seeing Katie, Anthony and Aiden. Aubri has moved into our lives permanently so we hope to have a lasting relationship with her mother too as she will need help with her little girls. Aubri will come back to visit us when mommy has her little sister. She will enjoy having a baby sister because she likes being around other children and babies. We thank Aubri for bringing a breath of fresh air into our crazy lives for awhile. We wish her well and will continually hold her in our prayers for a very happy life.



# Coupons

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# Our Calendar

## NOVEMBER

- 2- Communion  
Daylight Savings Time ends (clocks back)
- 5- Rev. Lewis has office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 8- Bazaar – Scout Hall – 9:00-2:00
- 9- Veteran’s Sunday  
Stewardship Sunday  
Special collection for the Food Pantry
- 10- Deacons meet @ 11 am
- 12- Rev. Lewis has office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 16- Council meeting @ 11:15am, (light lunch)
- 19- Rev. Lewis has office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 23- Thanksgiving Sunday  
Jubilee Sunday  
Ecumenical Pot Luck/ worship service @ 5:30 pm @ BBCC
- 27- Happy Thanksgiving
- 30- First Sunday in Advent (Hope)

## DECEMBER

- 3- Rev. Lewis has office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 7- Communion  
2nd Sunday in Advent (Faith)
- 8- Deacons meet @ 11 am
- 10- Rev. Lewis has office hours 10 am to 1 pm  
Wedding
- 14-3rd Sunday in Advent (Love)  
Children’s pageant
- 17- Rev. Lewis has office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 21- 4th Sunday in Advent (Peace)  
Christmas Sunday
- 24- Christmas Eve Service @ 7 pm
- 28- Jubilee Sunday
- 31- New Year’s Eve





## **NOVEMBER**

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

## **DECEMBER**

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



## *Happy Anniversary*



### **ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Walker  
Nov. 12



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add/remove a birthday or  
anniversary.

## ***Ecumenical Bazaar***

November 8, 2014

Our next major fundraiser is the annual Ecumenical Bazaar. It is on Saturday, November 8th from 9-2 at the Scout Hall on Abbe Road in East Windsor. Wesley Methodist Church in Warehouse Point will be our host church this year; they are the organizers and will run the food concession stand. There will be some wonderful homemade crafts just like previous years that are great for gift-giving.

New this year for BBCC will be a bigger bake sale. We will be selling cookies and bars individually so you can mix and match your choices to make up some wonderful gift giving trays or personal indulgence!. Also... there will be a good assortment of cupcakes with unique flavors to be bought individually or by the box. There will be pies just in time for your Thanksgiving dinners for those of you who struggle making homemade pies. This will be our third year with this event at the Scout Hall. This location has been a nice change to the yearly tradition of putting on this event. We encourage everyone to stop by to get some early Christmas shopping done. Buy some less commercialized items for the loved ones and support your local churches. We look forward to seeing you there!



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## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship



November 23, 2014

Broad Brook Congregational Church will be the host church this year for the **East Windsor Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Pot Luck Supper on November 23, 2014**. Every family attending should bring a large salad, main dish or vegetable to share. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Time is 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited.

Psalm 95:1-6 – O Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, And a great King above all gods, In whose hand are the depths of the earth; The peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for it was He who made it; And His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.



## Our Community Prayer Project

Sponsored by the Deacons and Rev. Carol - individuals will say a silent prayer and tie a ribbon (provided) onto a wire frame. It will at some point be taken to the sanctuary and become part of a worship service.

## Happy Holiday!



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- Titus 3:4-7



## Christmas Prayer

- Submitted by Betty Stratton

Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wisemen.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all around the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen!


- Robert Louis Stevenson

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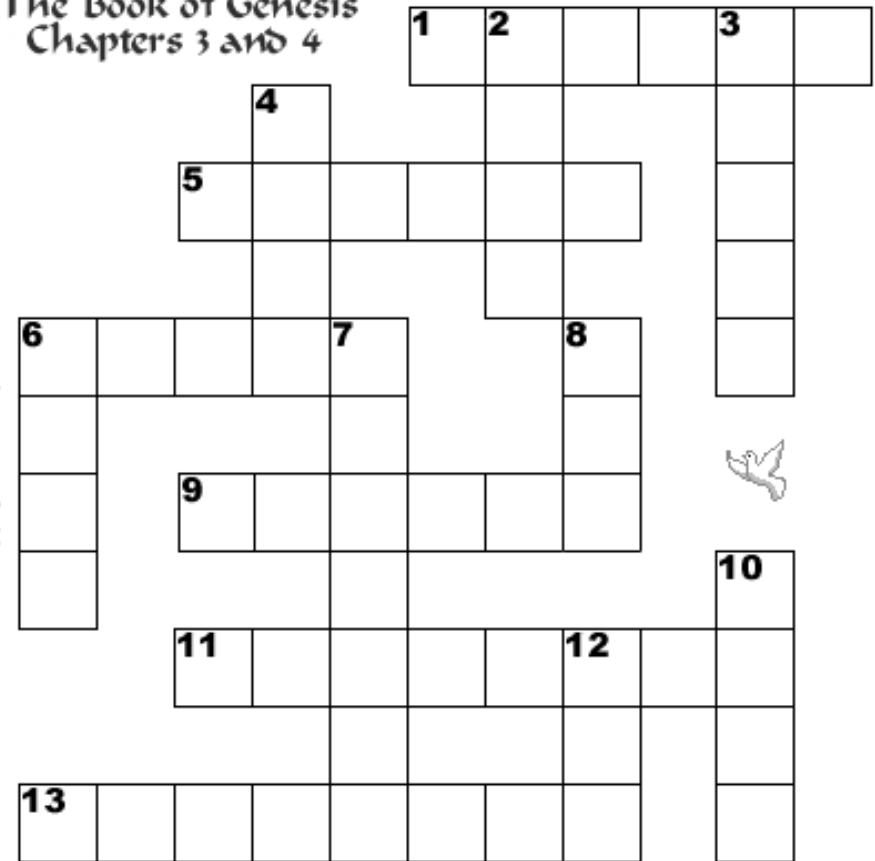
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- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

### Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The \_\_\_\_ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was \_\_\_\_ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a \_\_\_\_ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)

# The World Is Mine

- Submitted by Warren Wenz

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman And wished I were as beautiful. When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle. She had one leg and used a crutch. But as she passed, she passed a smile. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm. I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm. And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind. It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind." Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child I knew. He stood and watched the others play, but he did not know what to do. I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them dear?" He looked ahead without a word. I forgot, he couldn't hear. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go.  
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.  
With ears to hear what I'd know.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

- Author Unknown

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## Time to Order More Hymnals

Our church has been using our new hymnals, "*Hymns For A Pilgrim People*," for a few years now with good response from our congregation. Hymnals were purchased with the Phyllis Bushnell, Anna P. Porter Memorial Funds and funds donated from individuals in honor of or memory of loved ones. We were not able to purchase all the Hymnals needed to fill our pews. We need thirty more to complete our project. Please help us pay for the remaining number in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Each hymnal costs \$20.00. To donate a hymnal to the church, fill out the following form, neatly printing how the front inside cover donation plate should read. Turn in this form and a check for \$20.00 to BBCC, indicating "hymnal fund" in the memo.

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## Eat Your Christmas Tree



Ok, your Christmas tree will probably do better decked out in lights than it would on your plate, but pine needles are indeed edible and they can be a really fun ingredient to play with this time of year. Pine needles have a minty, fresh, and yes, pine-like flavor that make an intriguing component to everything from a roast to a round of cocktails. Have you ever experimented with this ingredient?

The most traditional way to use pine needles is to steep them hot water to make a simple tea high in vitamins A and C. This same pine needle tea can be used to flavor simple broth-based soups, breads, and sauces. Whole pine needles can also be used to infuse braises or in marinades for fish, meats, and other dishes. I could also definitely get behind the idea of cocktails made with pine-infused simple syrup or infused honey.

If you have a pine tree in your neighborhood, you can harvest your own needles. All pine needles are edible, though you may find that you like the flavor of some pines over others. Just be sure the tree hasn't been sprayed with any pesticides or herbicides. Also, younger needles tend to have a milder flavor that works better for cooking. Young needles will be lighter in color and softer (less tough and brittle) than older needles. Also keep your eye out for pine needle tea at natural foods stores and co-ops.

<http://www.thekitchn.com/pine-needles-ingredient-spotlights-181168>

