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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.

Out of the Mouth of Babes...

Submitted by Warren Wenz

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."



After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up." "That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service, "And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us."

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me." "Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

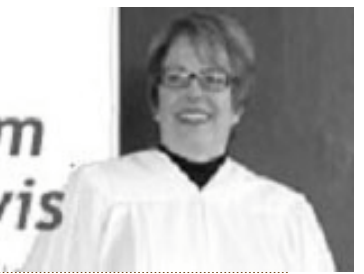


The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No ma'am," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."



A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. She leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



Wow! I can't believe summer is over. But, I am excited that fall is upon us. We start up our activities having been regenerated by the warm sun, slower pace and extended daylight of summer. Autumn is my favorite season. The bright fall colors that are captured by the eye and committed to our memory to be recalled during the barren landscapes of winter are a pleasing sight. The cooler air, the rustling of leaves, and the dappled sunshine add even more beauty to our walks. We quicken our steps and catch glimpses of the squirrels as they scamper to find the perfect hiding spot for the nut that bulges in their cheeks. Overhead we spy the flocks of birds as the perfect "V" formation that signifies their retreat southward morphs every time there is a change in leadership. They take with them the joyful songs that have been music to our ears. Yet, those same songs linger in our memory, also and can lift our spirits during the cold silence of winter. Another reason autumn is a favorite season of mine is related to the holidays that fall within it. Halloween is such a fun day. I go all out with my decorations. I love that my grandchildren share my excitement over the holidays and am thankful that we share this together. That brings me to the other holiday that is important to me, which is Thanksgiving. It is a time to give thanks not just for bountiful harvests but also for all the ways God has blessed us—not just the joys of life but also the struggles.

In August, we looked in Genesis at Joseph whose story brings God's providence and forgiveness together beautifully. Joseph had times of struggle and times of peace. Joseph was willing to take a hard look at his life and realize the presence of God working in it. Walter Brueggemann writes that Joseph was

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willing to embrace the "hidden, inscrutable, unresolved purpose of God for his life that is beyond his control...[and] trust a purpose for his life that is larger than his own horizon" ("Taking a Second, Painful Look" in The Threat of Life: Sermons on Pain, Power, and Weakness). In our season of Thanksgiving let us rejoice in the hidden, inscrutable unresolved purpose of God in our lives. Let us trust in a God of forgiveness and love who works behind the scenes for the good in our lives. Let us give thanks for a life lived with God as a real and vital part of it—life with a God who loves us and forgives us and who leads us beyond ourselves to give and forgive, to create life we could never have imagined!

Sunday November 30th is the first Sunday in Advent. Oh my goodness!

In the greatest of hope,
Pastor Carol



Rev. Lewis' Office Hours

Every Wednesday

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24

Oct. 1, 8, 29

Vacation 10/13-25

Lay Readers



SEPTEMBER

7- Katherine Mickens
14-Mike Siekiera (Rally Sunday)
21- Wade Signor
28- Joyce Bonelli

OCTOBER

5- Tracey Nieroda
12- Rich York
19- Debbie Siekiera
26- Rich York

*Thank you so much to everyone who helped
make our Tag Sale a Success!*



... the Mouth of Babes...

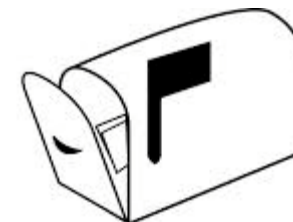
Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane. She asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The Flight to Egypt," was his reply.

Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!"

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?



We are updating the Church Member Directory.

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 to be sure we have your email address.

Front Cover Feature



Dr. James Clark & Connecticut Valley Field Music

Dr. James Clark, BBCC's Minister of Music for Broad Brook Congregational Church, is president of the Connecticut Valley Field Music, which is a band that plays traditional fife and drum music. They have performed in Europe and throughout New England. They have also performed previously for BBCC and are back again for Rally Sunday 2014!

Jim Clark is a multi-instrumentalist and plays piano, organ and drums. He has played drums for almost 50 years and is a former state champion competition drummer. He has a BA in History from Central CT State University, a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from Wesleyan, a Master of Arts in Music History from the New England Conservatory, and a PhD in Music History and Theory from UConn.

Jim's book, "Connecticut's Fife and Drum Tradition" is available on Amazon.com or by sending an email to JimClark@CVFM.us.

For more on Conn. Valley Field Music, visit ctvalleyfieldmusic.com.



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

Submitted by Betty Stratton

Fall is coming upon us faster than most would like to see. Where did the summer go?

If you have not been in Church recently and met Rev. Lewis, please come. We miss you and I am sure that you will like Rev. Lewis. She gives worship excitement, spiritual enrichment and brings to the congregation the Good News of the Bible.

Rally Sunday will be Sept 14th. Rally Sunday signifies the beginning of the Sunday school and the Church season. We welcome all children into our Sunday school. Linda York, a professional teacher from Tolland, is our dedicated Sunday school teacher. Parents are welcome to attend our church worship while the children are in Sunday school. 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 the 2014-2015 Sunday school year.

On Rally Sunday, the Deacons will have available a "wire fence" for prayers. Different colored ribbons will be tied onto the wire fence when a prayer is said for someone. A light lunch will be served after Our worship service.

Rev. Lewis will be on vacation October 13th until October 25th.

The Deacons are updating the 2014 Broad Brook Congregational Church Directory. If you have a change of address or telephone please contact me, Betty Stratton.



**FAMILY & FRIENDS ARE HIDDEN TREASURES
SEEK THEM AND ENJOY THEIR RICHES
- WANDA HOPE CARTER**

BBCC's Famous
Turkey Supper
October 25, 2014



MENU INCLUDES:

**Turkey Breast, Real Mashed Potatoes, Gravy
Stuffing, Butternut Squash, Tossed Salad
Cranberry Sauce, Bread & Butter
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Iced Tea
Choice of freshly made assorted desserts**

Please join us at 4:30 pm or 5:45 pm
Take out orders available after 5:00 pm

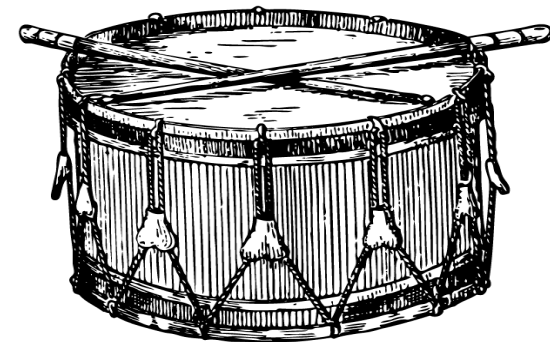
Adults: \$12 - Children: (6-12) \$5 - Children 5 and under
FREE

**Please call for reservations:
Warren or Alice at (860) 623-5912**

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www.BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org

Join us for Rally Sunday!

September 14, 2014
At Broad Brook Congregational Church



The Webster Dictionary's definition of the word *rally* is "to recall to order" and "to come together again to renew an effort." Sunday School classes begin and the Church season for 2014-2015 will begin.

Broad Brook Congregational Church feels very strong about having children involved in the Sunday school and being part of the Sunday worship. Everyone is welcome and if you haven't met Rev. Carol Lewis, this is an ideal time! We look forward to seeing everyone on the 14th!

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Our Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 1- Labor Day
- 3- Rev. Lewis office hours 10am to 1 pm.
- 7- Communion
- 10- Rev. Lewis office hours 10am to 1 pm.
- 14- Rally Sunday- Sunday School begins, light lunch served
- 17- Rev. Lewis office hours 10am to 1 pm.
- 20- Deacons meet @ 9am
- 24- Rev. Lewis office hours 10am to 1 pm.

OCTOBER

- 1- Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 5- Communion
- 8- Rev. Lewis office hours 10 am to 1 pm
- 11- Deacons meet @ 10 am
- 12- Pastor Appreciation Day
- 13-25 - Rev. Lewis is on vacation
- 19 - Rev. Lewis away - no office hours
- 25-Turkey Supper
- 31- Halloween

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.*





SEPTEMBER

Mrs. Karla Vince	6
Ms. Rebecca Jill Bonelli	8
Seton Carmichael	9
Mr. Wesley Velazquez	14
Mrs. Karen Loubier	23
Mrs. Melissa Tatro	23
Miss Charlotte Sophia Walker	24
Mrs. Irene Signor	27
Mr. Richard York, Jr.	27

OCTOBER

Ms. Sheri Townsend	3
Mr. Jose Velazquez	4
Miss Angelina Carmichael	6
Mrs. Heather Emmette	6
Mr. Robert Cormier	9
Mrs. Veronica Barlow	9
Mr. Warren Wenz	15
Mrs. Karen Marquis	15
Mr. Craig W. Arnold	17
Ms. Nancy Fisher	19
Lacey-Jean Temple	21
Mr. John D. Ivanisin	22
Dr. James Clark	27
Mr. Ryan Dannahey	29
Ms. Donna Roberts	29
Miss Abigayle Morin	30
David Owens	30



SEPTEMBER

Mr. & Mrs. Jose Velazquez	5
Mr. & Mrs. Luke Bauer	14
Mr. & Mrs. John Curran	20
Mrs. Nancy Nodwell	21
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones	22

OCTOBER

Mr. & Mrs. Philip M. Grant	07
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Nodwell	12
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marquis	15
Mr. & Mrs. William Vince	15

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.

Touch Another Life Scholarship Awards



Abigayle Morin, Rev. Carol, Victoria Sweet

The Missions Committee is very pleased to announce that two Touch Another Life Scholarships were awarded this year during church service on August 3, 2014 to Victoria Sweet and Abigayle Morin. Both girls are active members of Broad Brook Congregational Church and are highly recommended for their intelligence, work ethic, and interpersonal skills.

Victoria graduated from East Windsor High School with honors and will be attending Paul Smith's College in New York in the fall, majoring in Baking and Pastry Arts. We all know that she already has a special gift in that area after eating many of her treats during coffee hour and church suppers. Victoria earned her Bronze Award in Girl Scouts, and has participated in Band, Grange, Library

Scholarship Awards, cont'd.

activities, and Broad Brook Congregational Church worship and activities. She has earned High Honors, an Outstanding Student Award, and two separate awards recognizing her excellence and dedication to the culinary arts. She is described as “someone who is kind, hardworking, self-motivated, a good student, and who is incredibly nice to everyone she meets”.

Abigayle graduated from the Metropolitan Learning Center with honors and is attending Goodwin College, majoring in Nursing. She has been an active member of Broad Brook Congregational Church, especially serving at the church suppers. She also participated in Drama Club, Girl Scouts, and National Junior Honor Society. Her goal of working in the healthcare field is supported by her “warm demeanor, her caring personality, and her desire to improve the lives of others around her”.

Congratulations to Ethan Jones on completing Fireman's School!



Congratulations on the birth of William Andrew Wallace, born July 29, 2014, to Andrew & Amanda (Bonelli) Wallace. He is the grandson of Joyce & Joseph Bonelli and Rob & Debbie Wallace of Ellington.



BE STRONG
AND OF A GOOD
COURAGE;
BE NOT AFRAID,
NEITHER BE THOU
DISMAYED:
FOR THE LORD
THY GOD SHALL
LEAD THEE
WITHersoever
THOU GOEST. JOSHUA 1:9

*Isaiah 40:31 -
but those who
hope in the LORD
will renew their
strength. They
will soar on wings
like eagles; they
will run and not
grow weary, they
will walk and not
be faint.*

James 1:2-4 - Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

***Introducing Aubriannna** - the newest addition to the Siekiera household. She is a wonderful good natured little 15 month old girl. She will be loved and cared for by the Siekiera family while her Mommy gets better. Aubrianna gets to see Mommy twice a week and is a very lucky girl. She will be getting a new little sister in the middle of January. The Siekiera's are asking for prayers for Aubrianna during her separation time from her mommy. Also for her Mommy and for a healthy new baby sister.*

