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Broad Brook Congregational Church
Pastor: Rev. Carol Lewis

The Wayside BEACON

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
Psalm 95:3

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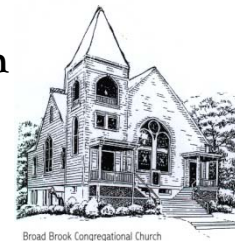


*“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all
the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his
glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds
among all peoples.”*

Psalm 96: 1-3

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Pastor	Rev. Carol B. Lewis
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Moderator	Wade Signor
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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.

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

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A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



Happy New Year one and all! Have you made your New Year resolutions? As I write this article the New Year is still two weeks away. I will think about my resolutions on January 1st. I know one I should make and that is to get my Beacon article in on time. I am two days late and somehow I don't think I'm the only one that is tardy. We all have such good intentions and then life happens.

I want to give my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Broad Brook Congregational Church for their overwhelming support of my ministry. Your comments on the survey touched me deeply and gave affirmation to my calling. I love being your pastor and look forward to an exciting year ahead.

I have some ideas to introduce in the coming year that you hopefully will find worshipful, fun, exciting, and enriching. I don't want to let the cat out of the bag just yet. I will be announcing some of them in my annual report. Rest assured that I will keep you informed; so, be on the lookout as we move into the year ahead. If any of you have some ideas that you would like to see take place, please send them to me via email. I would love to hear from you!

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

Rev. Lewis' Office Hours
Every Wednesday

January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18, 25



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

Submitted by Betty Stratton

At the time of my writing this article we are in the 3rd week of Advent. We are now preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ. At the beginning of each worship service we have a Litany reading and advent candle lighting. A different family each Sunday and Christmas Eve will lead the Litany and light the candles. The families taking part are: Christine Marschall with Ella and Avery, Jennifer Rouleau with Kaitlyn, The Siekiera Family, Katherine Mickens, and Becky Bonelli with Seton and Angie. We thank you all.

The Sunday school put on a delightful Christmas Pageant. The children acted out the story of "Listen to the Silent Night" a book by Dandi Daley Mackell. Linda York read the story and directed the pageant. We thank you Linda and Children.

Looking ahead: Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent is Feb. 18th. The plans for our Lenten Lunches have not as yet been discussed; therefore please watch the bulletin and website for information. Anyone interested in becoming a member of Broad Brook Congregational Church, please try to attend our Lenten program and Lunches.

Easter is on April 5, 2015. Our Maundy Thursday worship service will be on April 2nd at 7:00 pm. Maundy Thursday is the night of the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples. We also serve our First Communion Class First Communion.

Betty Stratton, Board of Deacons. ❖

"You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance." Psalm 65:11

Lay Readers



January

4- Dr. James Clark
11- Debbie Signor
18- Wade Signor
25- Katherine Mickens

February

1- Tracey Nieroda
8- Bob Cormier
15- Joyce Bonelli
22- Warren Wenz



Children's Sermons

January

4- Communion
11- Rev. Carol Lewis
18- Katherine Mickens
25- Wade Signor

February

1- Communion
8- Carol Innes
15- Dr. James Clark
25- Rev. Carol Lewis



The 2015 BBCC Telephone Directory

is available on the table in the narthex and the table in the Fellowship hall. Make sure you pick up a copy!

SEND YOUR NEWS AND PICTURES



(pets welcome) for inclusion in the Beacon. We also need interesting images for the cover. Email
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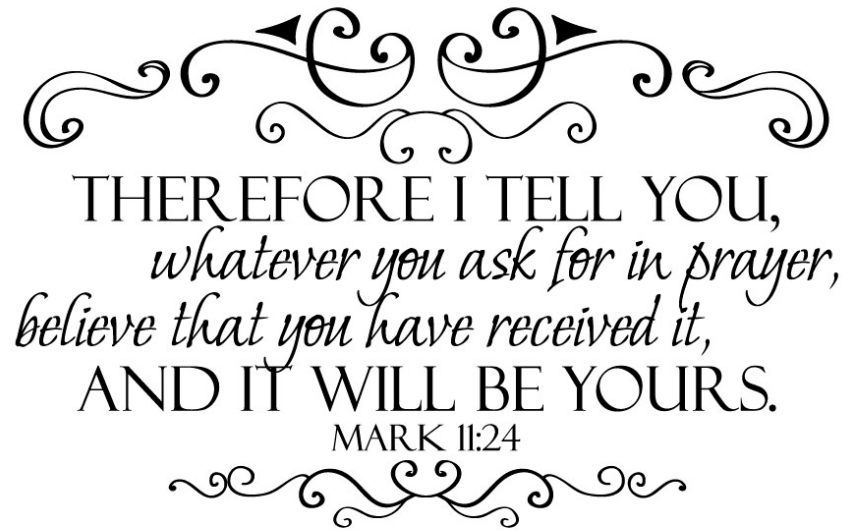
Hymnal Donations



The Music Committee wishes to acknowledge the recent donations of Hymnals.

- Allen Foster in memory of: The Foster Family.
- Beverly H. Michaelian in memory of: Nicolas and Estelle Hansen.
- Beverly H. Michaelian in memory of: Barbara Jean Hansen.
- Beverly H. Michaelian in memory of: Paul J. Jorgensen.
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- Children & Grandchildren in memory of: Loving Rdell & Tom Sargent.
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- Broad Brook Congregational Church in honor of: Reverend Carol B. Lewis.

The donated Hymnals are placed in various pews doing God's work through music and song.



It's all in there. Everything that you need to create a dynamic, fulfilling life is already in you. When you were born, God made sure that you had everything you needed. Things like your gifts, your talents and love are natural and included. Don't look to anyone else or to the outside to fill your inside needs. God is inside of you. Keep Him inside of your heart and your thoughts always and He will guide you to the lessons that you need to learn in order to grow and develop more fully into the magnificent BEing that you were born to be.





Thank you to all who donated poinsettia plants to make our sanctuary look so beautiful for the Christmas worship services.

- The Flower Committee,
Betty Stratton & Corin Jones.

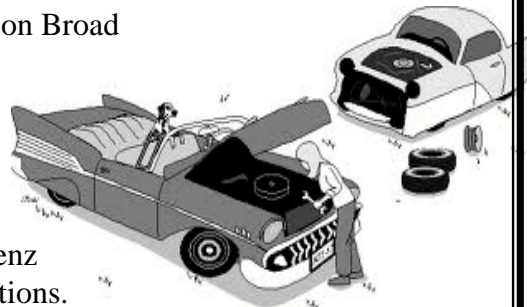
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line to <http://CarsForHelp.com> and fill out an on-line application. Be sure to mention Broad Brook Congregational Church.

The church will receive 25% of the proceeds so it can continue its kind deeds in our own community. Cars in ANY condition are accepted. Contact Warren Wenz at 860-623-5912 if you have questions.



The Train Ride



Submitted by Warren Wenz

At birth we board a train and meet our parents. We believe they will always travel by our side. However, at some station, our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train, and they will be significant - siblings, friends, the love of your life, children, and many others. Some will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we won't realize they vacated their seats.

The train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, good-byes, and farewells. A successful ride requires having a good relationship with all passengers. We must give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is, we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey.



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:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	*Discretionary Fund (<i>NEW!</i>)	\$

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*The Discretionary Fund is handled by Rev. Carol Lewis and is overseen by our Board of Deacons. There is an increasing need for "emergency help." Please check this box if you would like to help.



Our Calendar

JANUARY

4- Communion

10- South Windsor Community Chorus Concert @ 7 pm

Some of our choir members sing in this chorus. See them for tickets or you can purchase them at the door.

11-Special collection taken for the food pantry

Annual reports due

12-Deacons meet @ 10:00am and Betty's

25- ANNUAL MEETING @ 11:15am (Lunch served)

Jubilee Sunday (food goods collected for food pantry)

FEBRUARY

1- Communion

8- Special collection taken for the Food Pantry

9-Deacons meet @ 10 am

15- Beacon news due

18- Ash Wednesday

22- First Sunday in Lent

MARCH

1-Communion

8- Special collection taken for the Food pantry

9- Deacons meet @ 10 am

29- Palm Sunday

APRIL

2-Maundy Thursday

First Communion Class will receive First Communion

3- Good Friday

Rev. Lewis holds office hours every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Happy Anniversary



ANNIVERSARY

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

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

Call or email Debbie
Siekiera 860-627-5181,
dlsiekiera@yahoo.com,
to add/remove a birthday
or anniversary.



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.*

Always find a way to help the homeless, the needy, the hungry.

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The Annual Meeting

will be held on Sunday
January 26 after worship in
the fellowship hall. There
will be a pot luck lunch at
11:15 am. Each family
attending will provide a main
dish, salad or vegetable.
Beverages and dessert will
be provided.

“May he give you the desire of
your heart and make all your
plans succeed.” Psalm 20:4

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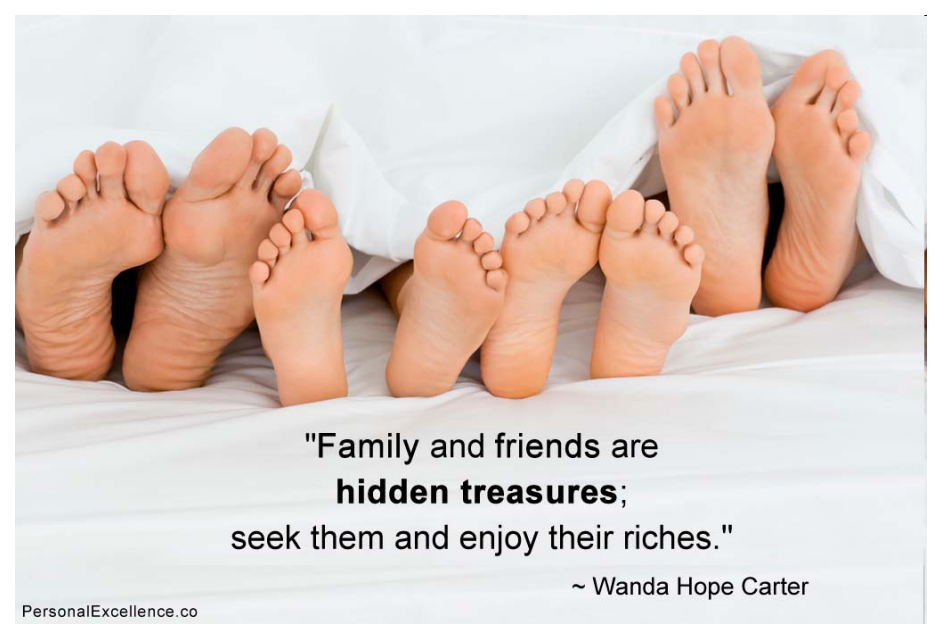
Pastoral Relations Committee Summary of Rev. Carol Lewis Evaluation

We are very pleased with the results of the survey answering the UCC's standard criteria questions. Pastor Carol Lewis's marks were very high on all of the questions posted. The survey results fulfilled the wishes and high standards of the Pastoral Search Committee.

Added comments by respondents mentioned Pastor Lewis being an inspiration and a committed minister to BBCC. Compassionate, patient, humorous, biblically versed, caring, and uniting are a few of the descriptions used to identify the strong traits of BBCC's pastor. Her warmth, willingness to listen, and joining in BBCC's activities, further cements her high standing with her congregation.

We feel this is just the start of a long, fulfilling and enriching ministry.

The Pastoral Relations Committee,
Betty Stratton, Karla Vince, Richard York
December 11, 2014



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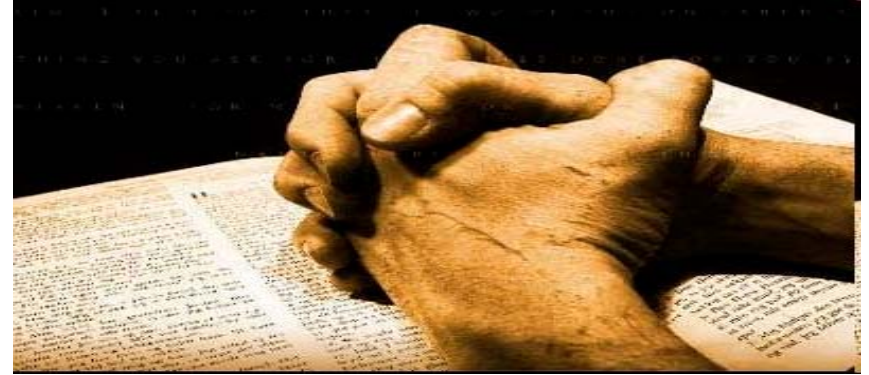
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Children's Page To Color



What do you pray for when you pray?



BIBLICAL QUOTES FOR THE NEW YEAR

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

“...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.” Isaiah 40:31

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.” Lamentations 3: 22-24

“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.” Ecclesiastes 3:11

“One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:28-31

Time to Order More Hymnals

Our church has been using our new hymnals, “*Hymns For A Pilgrim People*,”⁹⁹ 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”⁹⁹ in the memo.

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In Honor of: _____

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Music Committee
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“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven” – Ecclesiastes 3:1

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” Isaiah 43:18-19

“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” Psalm 90:12

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

“In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.” Proverbs 16:9

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:13-14

“You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.” Psalm 65:11

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17