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BROAD BROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
PASTOR: REV. CAROL LEWIS

The Wayside BEACON

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The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will
stand forever. - Isaiah 40:8

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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.

The nursery is available for parents with infants and small children during the service. The sound system in the nursery enables you to hear the worship 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



Greetings,

As I write this letter, the snowflakes and the sun are competing with one another. Rather than one or the other winning we are left with overcast gray skies once again!! This has been an incredibly cold and snowy winter. I have faith and live in the hope that under all that SNOW lie daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and forsythia that will herald the start of spring in a few weeks. I can't wait for the earth to come alive again!

We are in our season of Lent—a time of reflection and walking with Jesus in the wilderness of our lives. It is the 40 days—not counting Sundays—that lead up to Easter. We are encouraged to examine our own lives in light of God's love and the ministry of Jesus. The liturgical color is black or purple—the colors of penitence and mourning. At BBCC we use purple. We will have three Lenten lunches with a short program. Our focus this year will be on health and healing.

The last week of Lent begins with Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015. During this week we will walk with Jesus during his final week on Earth. We begin with his triumphal entry into Jerusalem; his teaching and preaching; his last supper with his disciples, his arrest, trial, and crucifixion; and finally our celebration of his resurrection on Easter.

We will honor our church's traditions with the Service of Tenebrae on Maundy Thursday April 2, 2015. On Good Friday we will share in an ecumenical service with First Congregational Church of East Windsor, Grace

Rev. Lewis' Office Hours
Every Wednesday

March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22

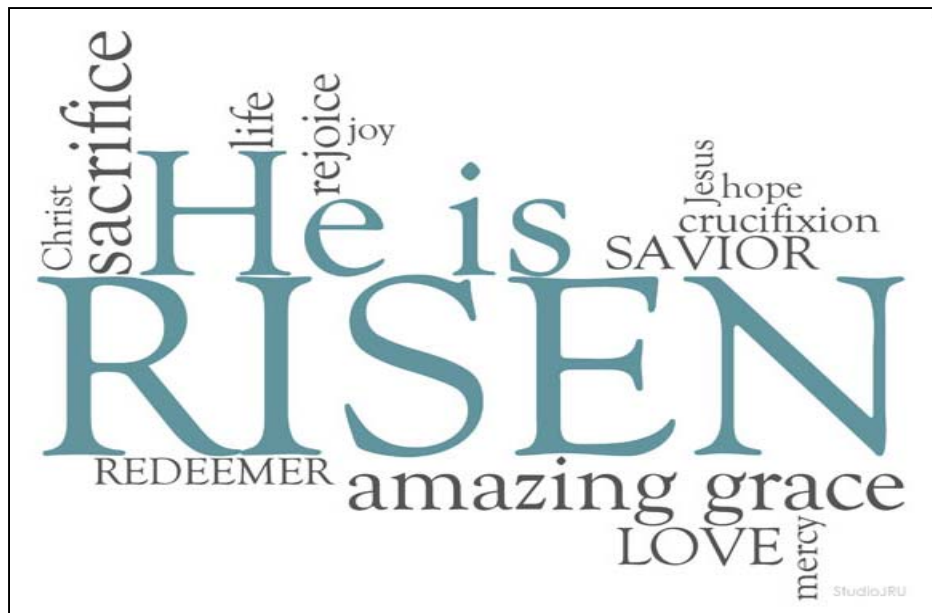
Rev. Carol Lewis, *continued*

Episcopal, and St. John's Episcopal churches. Easter, April 5, 2015, will begin with a sunrise service also an ecumenical worship followed by a hearty breakfast at The First Congregational Church of East Windsor. BBCC will have its traditional Easter worship service at 10 am.

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 12th will be our second annual Holy Humor Sunday worship. This is an extension of the Easter celebration, since Easter is too awesome to be celebrated on just one day!

You are invited to attend any or all of our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter events. We look forward to greeting you and sharing the Good News of the season with you.

Blessings,
Pastor Carol



Lay Readers



MARCH

1	Debbie Signor	Gen 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31
8	Wade Signor	Exodus 20 1-17, Ps. 19
15	Mike Siekera	Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
22	Debbie Siekiera	Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12
29	Rich York	Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

APRIL

5	Tracey Nieroda	Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
12	Warren Wenz	Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133
19	Joyce Bonelli	Acts, 3:12-19, Psalm 4
26	Bob Cormier	Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23

Children's Sermons

MARCH

1- Communion
8- Tracey Nieroda
15- Wade Signor
22- Rev. Carol Lewis
29- Linda York (Palm Sunday)

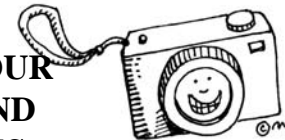
APRIL

5- Communion (Easter)
Rev. Carol Lewis
12- Katherine Mickens
19- Tracey Nieroda
26- Rev. Carol Lewis



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(pets welcome) for inclusion in the Beacon. We also need interesting images for the cover. Email
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*How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- Psalm 36:7*



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.
"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.
"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



Easter Lily Order Form

Please use one form for each plant ordered. Return to Betty Stratton or Corin Jones by March 22, 2015.

Given by _____

In Memory Of _____

Or

In Honor OF _____

I will take the Easter lily after the Easter morning Service:
Yes_____ No_____.

Please give my plant to a home bound member.
Yes_____ No_____.

The cost of each plant is \$ 13.00. Please make checks to Broad Brook Congregational Church.

Thank you.





FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

Submitted by Betty Stratton

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on March 8th!

Our Sanctuary is looking beautiful with its' new coat of paint on the walls and ceiling. Thank you to everyone who helped make this project happen.

The next season in the church calendar is Lent. Feb. 18th was the beginning of Lent. As a visualization of Lent, the Deacons and Rev. Carol stripped the Altar of the brass and replaced it with wooden pieces at the beginning of the morning worship service on Feb. 22nd

During the Lenten season Broad Brook Congregational Church will once again offer Lenten Lunches following the morning worship. Soup will be prepared and served by one of the Deacons on March 8th and 15th and on March 22nd there will be a pot luck lunch. Rev. Lewis will conduct informal classes at each which are an inspiration to all who attend. **All prospective new members and the confirmation class are urged to attend these Lenten lunches. All worshippers are welcome.**

Palm Sunday is March 29th. The children will pass out the palms during the worship service.

Maundy Thursday worship service is on April 2nd at 7 pm. At this service we will remember the final events of Jesus' life through sharing Communion scripture readings and music. The First Communion Class will receive their first Communion.

Easter worship service is at 10 am. Together we will celebrate the good news of Jesus rising from the dead, not even death can separate us from the presence and love of God.



DEACONS ANNOUNCE

Upcoming Events

- May 24th, Confirmation is planned
- June 7th, new members will be joining Broad Brook Congregational Church
- June 14th, the Children's Program is planned

Hymnals Order Form

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. Thank you for your generosity.

Hymnal Donated by: _____

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In Honor of: _____

Please send your donation to:

Music Committee
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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

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(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 _____



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Making a donation as a wonderful way to remember a special anniversary, to say "thank you," celebrate an event, or to donate in memory of a 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"/>	*Discretionary Fund (NEW!)	\$

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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

MARCH

- 1-Communion
- 2- Deacons meet @ 10 am @ The Stratton's
- 8- Special collection taken for the Food pantry
- 1st Lenten Lunch (Soup and bread)/ discussion
- Daylight Savings Time begins (clocks ahead)
- 15-2nd Lenten Lunch (soup and bread)/ discussion
- 22- 3rd Lenten lunch/ pot luck/discussion
- Easter Lily order forms due
- 29- Palm Sunday
- Jubilee Sunday (foods collected for the food pantry)

APRIL

- 2-Maundy Thursday
- First Communion Class will receive First Communion
- 3- Good Friday
- 5-EASTER with Communion
- 12-Special collection taken for the food pantry
- 13- Deacons meet
- 15- Beacon news due
- 19- Church Council meets @ 11:15 (light lunch provided)
- 26- Jubilee Sunday (foods collected for the food pantry)



For we are God's handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do
good works, which God
prepared in advance for us to
do. - Ephesians 2



MARCH

Mrs. Selma Grant	4
Mrs. Cyndi LaCross	4
Mrs. Debbie Signor	9
Miss Chelsea Morin	12
Mr. Michael Savoie	22
Miss Katelyn Curran	24
Mr. Joseph Bonelli	25
Miss Patricia Savoie	28
Mrs. Amanda DiMauro	29
Dylan Brown	31

APRIL

Mrs. Carol Ballard	2
Miss Victoria Sweet	4
Mrs. Patricia Harlan	5
Mrs. Nancy Nodwell	5
Miss Amylee Sinaei	5
Mrs. Esther Chapman	9
Mrs. Connie Cormier	9
Ms. Katherine Mickens	9
Mrs. Judie Nodwell	11
Miss Soareena Reel-Skinner	12
Avery Jones	17
Miss Chelsea Marquis	18
Miss Lyndsie Brown	20
Mrs. Kristy Easton	20
Miss Janis Emmette	26

Your Birth Was Appointed by God

"Your eyes saw my
unformed substance; in
your book were written,
every one of them, the
days that were formed
for me, when as yet there
was none of them." -
Psalm 139:16

Call or email Debbie Siekiera 860-627-
5181 - dlsiekiera@yahoo.com, to
add/remove birthdays or anniversaries.



Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Myers	Mar 10
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Siekiera	Mar 17
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cormier	Apr 5
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Stratton	Apr 16
Mr. & Mrs. Jason DiMauro	Apr 20
Mr. & Mrs. Todd J. Emmette	Apr 26



"I will give you a new
heart and put a new
spirit in you; I will
remove from you your
heart of stone and give
you a heart of flesh.
And I will put my Spirit
in you and move you to
follow my decrees and
be careful to keep my
laws. Then you will live
in the land I gave your
ancestors; you will be
my people, and I will be
your God."
- Ezekiel 36:26-28

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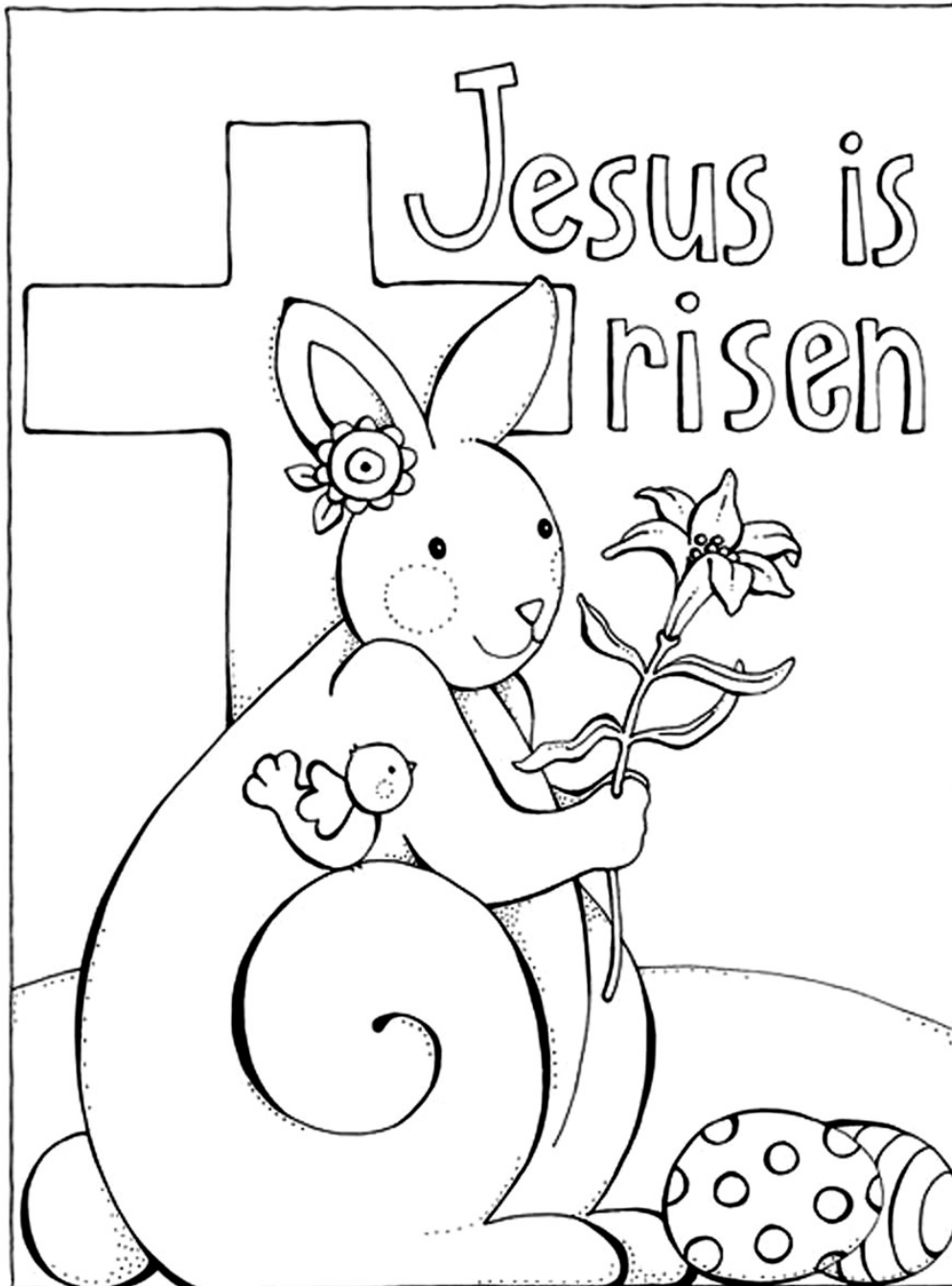
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Children's Page To Color



A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"



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