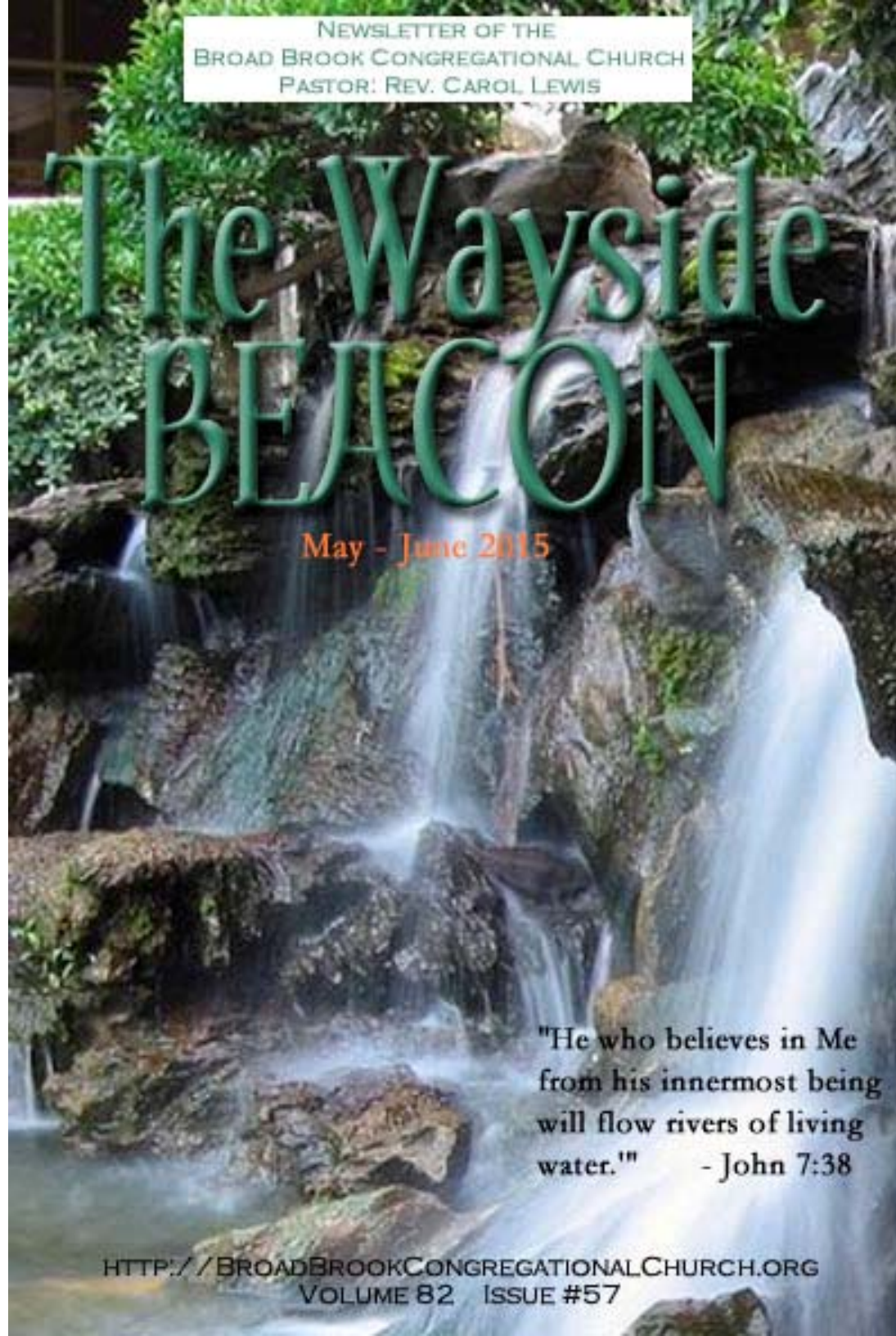




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PASTOR: REV. CAROL LEWIS

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"He who believes in Me
from his innermost being
will flow rivers of living
water.'" - John 7:38

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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



Happy Spring! It is so nice to have the snow gone and new life emerging from the earth. Our Easter celebrations were joyous and life affirming. It was glorious to see all the lilies and the bright and beautiful Alleluia banner the Sunday school had made.

Our Sunday school is going through an uplifting transformation. We have welcomed several new and amazing children into our fold. We even have the makings of a children's choir. All the young ones bring such enthusiasm and energy to our lives. How AWESOME are these gifts from God! Thank you, Holy One.

On a serious note, as pastor I am required to go through boundary training every three years. I am due to attend a training session in May. It is good to be reminded of what is expected in pastor/parish relations. In a similar vein, it is also expected that a church have a safe church policy. This ensures that ALL members, young and adult, know the appropriate behavior that respects everyone in terms of showing affection, care, concern, and comfort.

Our United Church of Christ has a sample policy. We will look at it and adapt it to our particular circumstances. We are working to have a comprehensive safe church policy by June. Until that time we have instituted a single page document that will provide guidelines for involvement with children as well as adults. I have included that document in this issue of the Beacon. A safe church policy will bring us into compliance with the UCC's suggested guidelines. In our church as we welcome everyone, we also want to provide a safe environment for all.

On a "laughing matter" we celebrated our second Sunday after Easter as Holy Humor Sunday. The church was decorated with festive



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A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis continued...

colors and balloons. The children had brightly colored sunglasses; some adults wore unusual clothing! Even the choir joined in the fun as they sang "Amazing Grace" to the tune of Gilligan's Island- it sounded pretty nice! The "sermon" was a barrage of jokes that produced many belly laughs while still rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. I believe our God has a sense of humor and it was good to honor that on Holy Humor Sunday!

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

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

May 6, 13, 20, 27

June 3, 10, 17, 24

Children's Sermons

MAY

3- Communion
10- Dr. James Clark
17- Carol Innes
24- Wade Signor
31- Rev. Carol Lewis

JUNE

7- Communion
14- Children's program
(Linda York)



Jesus loves you more than this. Jes

Lay Readers



MAY

3	Wade Signor	Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31
10	Dr. James Clark	Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98
17	Katherine Mickens	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1
24	Warren Wenz	(Pentecost) Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
31	Bob Cormier	Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29

JUNE

7	Rich York	Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130
14	Mike Siekiera	Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
21	Joyce Bonelli	1 Samuel 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49
28	Katherine Mickens	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Psalm 130

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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This is a message from a young man who came to us while his home was undergoing repairs following a fire. He has since returned to his home and is involved with his former church.

What Church Means to Me

(by Justin Roy Mercier)

What church means to me it's a chance to be able to connect heart to heart with God and to be able to talk about God. I really like church because I am with people who are like family to me. I go to church every Sunday and to almost every church event.

I also like church because it allows me to open my heart to Jesus Christ. My uncle is the one who first led me to Jesus Christ and taught me everything he knows about Jesus.

I would like to thank Rev. Carol Lewis for letting me be a part of the Broad Brook Congregational Church family. I have made a lot of new friends at the church and I hope that more people will join the church so I can become their friend.

Peace be with Everyone!!



Church Bulletin Bloopers



Submitted by Rich York

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered..

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

Submitted by Betty Stratton

Spring seems to have finally arrived. The weather is warmer and the crocus and daffodils are blossoming. Robins are being seen and the frogs are heard. After the hard winter that we had, it is surely wonderful to see the signs of life once again.

Lent and Easter Sunday are in the past, but the spirit of the Jesus remains with us. The Easter Season in Church calendar remains until Pentecost, May 24th.

Congratulations to Anthony Bombard and Angie Carmichael for completing the First Communion Class and receiving their First Communion on Maundy Thursday.

The New Member Reception will be held on Sunday, June 7th during the Sunday Worship. For those who may be interested in becoming a member of Broad Brook Cong'l Church, please contact Rev. Carol Lewis or a Deacon prior to the date. There will be planned a meeting of the new members with the Deacons before the Reception.

The Sunday after Easter on April 12th was **“Holy Humor Sunday”**. It was wonderful to have the Sanctuary decorated with balloons and streamers, the Pastor wearing a humorous hat and colorful vest, the worshippers and children wearing sun glasses and colorful leis. It was a service full of Humor!

We want to thank all of the children for singing on Easter morning. It was a nice addition to the worship service to hear the children's voices once again as a choir. They were great! They also presented to the congregation an **Alleluia** banner that they made. It is being displayed in the front of the sanctuary. Thank you.



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.

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“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

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.



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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>.

FROM THE DEACONS, *continued*

The Children's Program is planned for June 14th during the morning worship. Please come to church and support our Sunday School.

The Board of Deacons has started a "**Wish List**" for items that they wish to purchase for Broad Brook Congregational Church. If you wish to donate to this, please fill out a "Coupon" and write **Deacons wish list** on the slip. One item that is on the list is new curtains for the Balcony.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Betty Stratton, for the Board of Deacons

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Our Calendar

MAY

4-Deacons meet @ BBCC @ 10 am

5- Communion

10- Mother’s Day

Special collection taken for the food pantry

17- Dress down- Clean up day.

23- Plant Sale 9 am to 12 noon

24- Pentecost Sunday (Confirmation)

31- Trinity Sunday

– Jubilee Sunday (foods collected for the food pantry)

JUNE

7- New members Reception

Communion

Council meeting 11:15am

8- Deacons meet

14- Children’s program

Special collection taken for the food pantry

21- Father’s Day

15- Beacon news due

28– Jubilee Sunday (foods collected for the food pantry)

Rev. Lewis office hours Wednesdays 10 am to 1 pm.

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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
Ms. Mary DiMauro	18
Mr. Peter Pippin, III	18
Mrs. Hyla McNeely	19
Miss Ashley Fuller	20
Mrs. Alana Curren	21
Mrs. Betty Stratton	21
Mr. Gregory McNeely	27
Miss Andrea McNeely	28



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

JUNE

Mr. Philip M. Grant	4
Nicholas Allen Owens	5
Ms. Joyce Jordan	13
Miss Aubrianna MacDonald	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 ANNIVERSARIES

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 ANNIVERSARY

Mr. & Mrs. Richard York	28
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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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(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 _____

Our Annual Spring Plant Sale

Join us on Saturday May 23rd for our annual Plant Sale fundraiser from 9 to 12.

Joyce Bonelli is our master gardener again this year with her sister **Julie Cote** assisting her with some great garden delights.



The master chef for our suppers and chairman of Ways & Means is doing his part as he has started some nice vegetable plants in pots. Our church members and friends are weeding out their flower gardens and some are re-potting new growth from their houseplants.

Joyce can always use pots for this sale so if you happen to have some hanging around please drop them off at the church. You may leave them on the grass by the side kitchen door.

Spring has been very shy this year where our vegetation in our yards has been very slow to show themselves making it very difficult to spend needed time with our landscapes. Our plant sale is a perfect time to replace what was damaged from our harsh winter or just add some new color.

Joyce is going to need some help the morning of the sale with moving the plants outdoors and more..... please consider helping! She will have a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall of where you might help.

MORE

Church
Bulletin
Bloopers



This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM . All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. Is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM . The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon



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Appropriate Displays of Affection:

- Side hugs.
- Shoulder to shoulder or “temple” hugs.
- Pats on the shoulder or back.
- Handshakes.
- “High –fives” and hand slapping.
- Verbal praise.
- Pats on the head when culturally appropriate.
- Touching hands, faces, shoulders, arms.
- Arms around shoulders.
- Holding hands (with smaller children in escorting situations).



Inappropriate Displays of Affection:

- Full frontal hugs.
- Kisses on the mouth.
- Touching bottoms, chests, or genital areas.
- Showing affection in isolated areas of the building, such as closets, staff only areas, or other private rooms.
- Staff sleeping in bed with child.
- Touching knees or legs.
- Wrestling with children.
- Piggyback rides.
- Tickling.
- Allowing a child to cling to a staff member's leg.
- Any type of massage given by a child to a staff member.
- Any type of massage given by a staff member to a child.
- Any form of affection that is unwanted by the child or the staff member.
- Compliments that relate to physique or body development.



BBCC's Annual SPRING PLANT SALE



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Sunday School Help

Our Sunday School attendance is growing. There is a great need for extra teachers. Mrs. York has been doing a wonderful job with some assistance from Becky Bonelli as it has been a busy year for them. The age spans between students is making it necessary to separate the older children from the younger ones to better serve each group of children. Please consider making a difference with our youth! All materials will be provided. Please see Linda York if you would like to help.



Helping With Physical Challenges At Our Church

At Broad Brook Congregational Church, we've been working diligently to make our building more accommodating to those with physical challenges. This is what we have done so far:

- We have a chair lift and a helper to get you up/down the stairs to/from the sanctuary.
- We have wheelchairs and walkers available.
- We have portable hearing devices to help hear the service.
- We modified restrooms to be more wheelchair friendly.
- We replaced our side entrance stairs with lower stair risers, a larger landing outside the door and added handrails to both sides of the stairs.



BANANA BREAD BROWNIES

Submitted by Debbie Siekiera

Ingredients:

Banana Bread Bars:

- 1-1/2 c. sugar
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1/2 c. butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1-3/4 (3 or 4) ripe bananas, mashed
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 c. all purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 c. chopped walnuts (optional)



Brown Butter Frosting:

- 1/2 c. butter
- 4 c. powdered sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3 tbsp. milk

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 375F. Grease and flour 15x10-inch jelly roll pan. For the bars, in a large bowl, beat together sugar, sour cream, butter, and eggs until creamy. Blend in bananas and vanilla extract. Add flour, baking soda, salt, and blend for 1 minute. Stir in walnuts.
2. Spread batter evenly into pan. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown.
3. Meanwhile, for frosting, heat butter in a large saucepan over medium heat until boiling. Let the butter turn a delicate brown and remove from heat immediately.
4. Add powdered sugar, vanilla extract and milk. Whisk together until smooth (it should be thicker than a glaze but thinner than frosting). Using a spatula, spread the brown butter frosting over the warm bars (the frosting will be easier to spread while the bars are still warm).