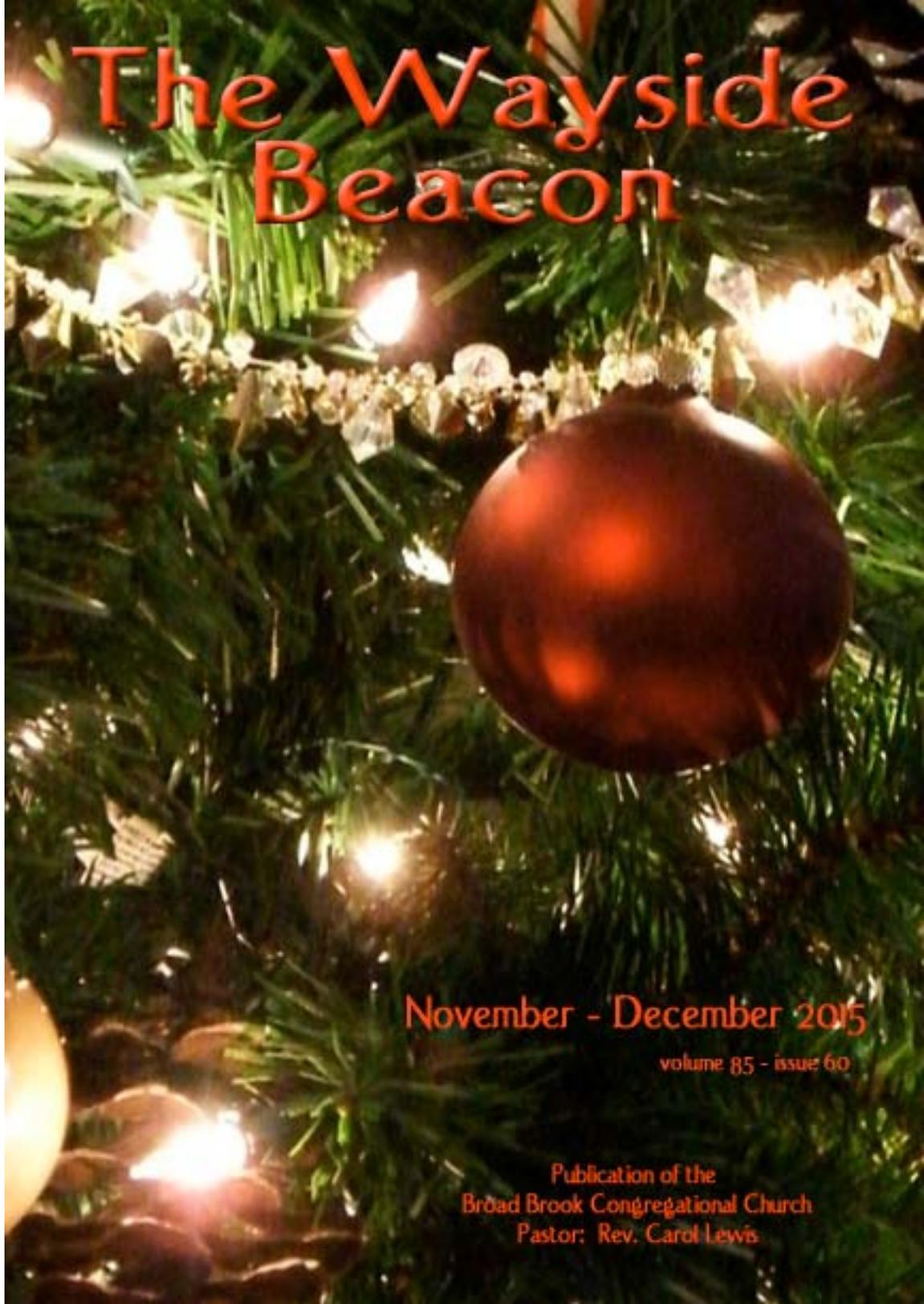


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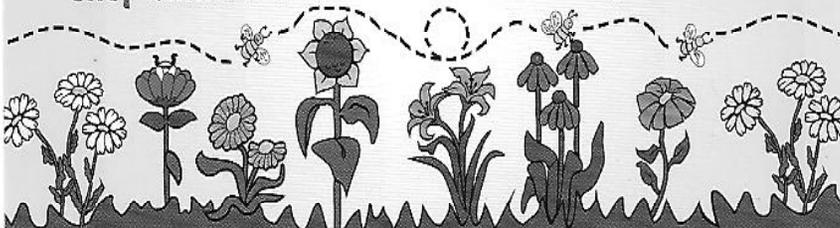
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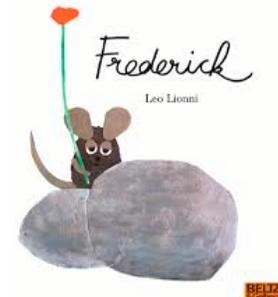
## A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



Greetings one and all,

I have been enjoying my favorite time of year—Fall; although, I am not looking forward to the time change. The vibrant colors of the trees this year have been a real treat. I am reminded of one of my children's favorite books, *Frederick* by Leo Lionni, when they were little. Frederick is a little field mouse. His siblings are busy gathering nuts, corn, straw, and wheat for the long winter. However, Frederick did not appear to be working like the others. He sat on the stonewall while the other field mice worked diligently.

When they accused Frederick of not working he said, "I do work." He gathered sunrays for the cold of winter and colors for the winter is gray he told his brothers and sisters. When the supplies were almost gone and they were shivering in the cold they remembered Frederick's



supplies and they asked if he would share them. Frederick said; "Now I send you the rays of the sun. Do you feel their golden glow?" and like magic the little mice began to feel warmer. Then they asked about the colors. Frederick said, "Close your eyes again." He told them of the red poppies, the green leaves of the berry bush, the blue periwinkles, and the yellow wheat. The mice saw the colors as though they had been painted in their minds. It was Frederick's gifts that helped the field mice through the cold gray winter. So it is with God's gifts to us. God's grace, mercy, forgiveness, and blessings help us through the "winter" times of our lives. We

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

may scurry through daily life doing what we need to do to survive and are blind to the presence of God working for and around us. Frederick is a reminder for us to close our eyes and think of all the ways God warms our hearts with God's love.

From now until January things will become busy with the Holidays. Be sure and check the calendar for all the wonderful opportunities to thank and praise our God in the weeks to come.

Happy Thanksgiving  
Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year

Pastor Carol



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

*November 4, 11, 18, 25*  
*December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30*

## From the Christian Education Committee

*Submitted by Linda York*

Sunday school started on September 15, 2015 for children age five to fourteen. We are using a new curriculum called "Seasons of the Spirit" which follows the Common Lectionary. The enthusiastic children are planning a children's choir, a missions project, a Christmas Pageant, science projects, and other fun activities. New children are invited to join us to lean and grow in Christian love.

A Halloween party was held for all church members and friends on October 25, 2015. Children and adults enjoyed making crafts, carving pumpkins, playing fun games, going on a scavenger hunt, visiting a "Haunted House," eating donuts hung on strings, and getting lots of prizes and treats.

The annual Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015 during the 10:00 church service. Adult volunteers are invited to join us. A special coffee hour will be held after the service.





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## Broad Brook Congregational Church

### Safe Church Policy

The United Church of Christ Council recommends that all churches have a Safe Church Policy which clearly states appropriate and inappropriate behaviors on church grounds. This is for the safety and comfort of all on our church property.

#### Inappropriate Displays of Affection:

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

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- Side hugs
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- Handshakes, hand slapping or "high fives"
- Verbal praise
- Touching hands, face, shoulders or arms
- Holding hands (with smaller children in escorting situations)

\*\* The term "Member(s)" is described as any individual of any age on BBCC's property.

Please discuss any concerns to the minister of inappropriate behavior either witnessed or by direct involvement in a timely manner. The minister will deal with the matter in an appropriate manner, in private.

Safe Church Policy presented to the Broad Brook Congregational Church, Septe



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## **Children's Sermons**

### **NOVEMBER**

- 8 – Dr. James Clark
- 15 – Carol Innes
- 22 – Tracey Nieroda
- 29 – Rev. Carol Lewis

### **DECEMBER**

- 13 – Wade Signor
- 20 –
- 27 – Rev. Carol Lewis



## **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 with all of its colors; the children have returned to school and Church school. It is always nice to have them back in Church.

We thank Linda York for teaching the children. Chelsea Morin is helping her and Debbie Signor is the substitute. We thank you both.

Our church honored Rev. Carol on October 11<sup>th</sup> with a coffee hour brunch for Pastor's Appreciation Sunday. We thank her for all that she does for our church and the community.

Communion was served to the residents of Fresh River and Touch Point Convalescent Homes on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

On Oct 18<sup>th</sup> The Blessing of the Animals was held. The pets who came to be blessed received treats. This is in honor of Francis of Assisi who today is a patron saint for ecologist- a title honoring his love for animals and nature.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

\*Veterans Sunday -Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have special music and the children will pass red carnations to all of the Veterans who are worshipping with us.

\* Thanksgiving Sunday worship - Nov. 22 @ 10 am.

\*Advent starts Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a reading of an Advent Litany and lighting of the candles at the beginning of the worship services.

\*The Children's Program will be Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> during the service.

\* The Christmas Eve candle light worship service on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm will include the reading of the Christmas story and the singing of carols. Everyone is invited.

Thank you to everyone who has served as greeters, lay readers, and speakers during Children's Sermon time. Our volunteers are very important to the church. They add so much to the worship service.



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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
Rev. Carol B. Lewis	29

**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	
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**Ways & Means** *(continued)*

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A huge thank you goes out to our supper helpers. The food may be fantastic but with out your help, this all would not work. We appreciate the time you donate doing whatever it is you did to help make this supper the success it was. As a reminder to our seniors in high school looking for community service to get points to graduate.....this is a fun and yummy way to earn those points. Just give us a call to get the details at 860-627-5181.

**Ecumenical Bazaar**

Saturday, November 7th is our Ecumenical Bazaar held at the East Windsor Scout Hall on Abbe Rd. Come check out what is new this year. As always.....we will have a baked goods table so our readers might attend just to pick up some wonderful homemade pies for Thanksgiving. They freeze well so they will hold up nicely till the big day with the families. There is a wide array of homemade goodies just perfect for the holidays and for gift-giving. There will be 6 churches offering their wares. A perfect place and time to start your holiday shopping. If you get hungry....our host church Windsorville Methodist, will be running a snack bar with chili, hot dogs, sandwiches and such to eat. All for a bargain price. Come support our local churches in our little town.



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# WAYS & MEANS Committee Report

*submitted by Debbie Siekiera*

## Pulled Pork Supper

This supper was amazing! Our first attempt at Pulled Pork. Our Chef Mike did not use BBQ sauce to flavor it because it was so tasty without it. He did however, purchase 3 varieties of favored BBQ sauces to use if desired. Most opted without because that was how good it was. Move over Kentucky Fried Chicken as he nailed it on the Cole Slaw too. His cornbread muffins were a welcome addition to the bread basket. The ladies did a phenomenal job on their desserts to cap off the meal. This supper has made the do again list because it was soooo good. We'll select a better weekend next time as the competition for this supper was the 4 Town Fair and the Big E plus other local happenings. The rave reviews from our guests is our motivating factor.

## Turkey Supper

Wow! That is an understatement to this meal. Each meal Chef Mike puts out just wows our crowds and always seems better than the last. This was a sold out meal. The help got squash, potatoes and gravy for dinner because they ran out of meat! Our guests came, ate their meals, then turned around and ordered take out meals to take home for leftovers. Now that was a new one on us!



Due to the success of the last 2 meals.....Chef Mike is all pumped for the next one. Save the date of Saturday December 12th for our Pot Roast Dinner. He will wow you again with the fall apart melt in your mouth meat and the usual sides. Our ladies will once again bake up a storm providing the crowning glory to the meals with their desserts. So mark your calendar so you may join us and get the best meal in town.

## Lay Readers



### NOVEMBER

- 1 Tracey Nieroda (All Saints Day)  
Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9, Psalm 24
- 8 Joyce Bonelli (Stewardship Sunday) Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17;  
Psalm 127
- 15 Rich York 1 Samuel 1:4-20, Psalm 16
- 22 Wade Signor Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93
- 29 Katherine Mickens (1st Sunday of Advent) Jeremiah 33:14-16,  
Psalm 25:1-10

### DECEMBER

- 6 Bob Cormier Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11
- 13 Rich York Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6
- 20 Joyce Bonelli Micah 5:2-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10
- 27 Mike Siekiera I Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148



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## Sunday School Help

Our Sunday School attendance is growing! We need teachers. Mrs. York has been doing a wonderful job with assistance from Becky Bonelli. We would like to separate the older children from the younger ones to better serve their needs. Please consider making a difference with our youth! All materials are provided. Please see Linda York if you would like to help.



## *Hello Fellow Holiday Bakers!*

*Submitted by Debbie Siekiera*



The baking season is fast approaching with the two major feasting holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is where we all wind up going back on diets due to all the abundant goodies that pop up from now till the end of the year and just beyond! The recipe I chose to submit is an all time favorite at our church suppers. For the most part....I make the recipe as printed and make 2 pies so I double the filling recipe.

The fun part is there is always room to dress the pie up for the seasons! For example at Thanksgiving....who doesn't enjoy a decadent chocolate cream pie? You could add colorful fall sprinkles or caramel drizzle to the top. You could crush some miniature Reese's Peanut Butter cups and add them to your crust and topping. For Christmas there are endless possibilities there as well to dress it up. Add some crushed Andes' candy to your crust with some crushed red and white peppermint candies sprinkled as a topping. These are just basic ideas of what you can do to this flexible recipe.

Most of you have already tried this pie and know firsthand that it delivers a fantastic wow factor in appearance to make you want to eat it. Most often the tasting of the pie yields the same wow factor with the flavor. It is related to the Death by Chocolate Trifle dessert!!!

I have modified the recipe for you so that you can cheat by using a brownie mix for the crust. If you have a favorite by-scratch recipe....you can use that instead. When using a box mix, the package will make 2 bottom pie crusts or one pie crust plus one 8x8 pan of brownies. Try not to use the whole package for one pie crust as the pie is very rich as it is. This pie is like a cheesecake where you need to slice it in thinner slices. It is best when made a day in advance.

Have fun making the pie as it is first and then try adding embellishments the next time. The compliments will fly!



## OUR EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 1-Communion, All Saints Day
  - Daylight Savings Time (clocks back)
  - Clean up day – dress down!
  - Stuff letters for stewardship
- 7- Holiday Bazaar @ Scout Hall, Abbe Road.
- 8- Veteran's Sunday
  - Stewardship Sunday
  - Nominating Committee meets during coffee hour.
- 22- Thanksgiving Sunday
- 26- Thanksgiving Day
- 29- First Sunday in Advent
  - Happy Birthday, Rev. Carol

### DECEMBER

- 6- 2nd Sunday in Advent, Communion
  - Council Meeting
- 12- Pot Roast supper
- 13- 3rd Sunday in Advent
  - Children's Program
- 15- Beacon news due for Jan & Feb edition
- 20- Christmas Sunday, 4th Sunday in Advent
- 24- Christmas Eve candlelight service @ 7 pm
- 25- Merry Christmas
- 31- New Year's Eve
  - Happy, Healthy & Safe 2016



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Those are just some of the items you can expect to find there. Stop on by to see what is new this year!

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# History and Symbolism of the Poinsettia Flower

The correct term for Poinsettia is *Euphorbia pulcherrima*. A German botanist noticed the plant pushing its way through a crack in the floor of his greenhouse and called it *Euphorbia pulcherrima* which means beautiful. Its common name Poinsettia comes from Joel Robert Poinsett, who was the first United States ambassador to Mexico. He also founded the Smithsonian



Institute, found that the plants naturally bloom in the short days near Christmas in southern Mexico and brought them to the United States in 1825. Now December 12 is National Poinsettia Day set aside to mark the date of Poinsett's death by enjoying these hush plants.

The Poinsettia's history goes back much further than Poinsett. The Aztecs used the bountiful plant when they reigned in southern Mexico to make a red dye. The white sap stored in the red bracts, which is commonly and incorrectly considered poisonous to humans, was used by the Aztecs as medicine for fevers. Also, the legendary Montezuma ordered caravans of the red and green plants delivered to Mexico City where the climate and altitudes were too high to grow the plants.

Mexican legend surround the Poinsettia which is known as Flores de Noche Buena-Flowers of the Holy Night. In Mexican tradition, a young girl wished to present a present to baby Jesus, but had no money. The girl, Pepita, could only pick weeds along the road as she went to visit the Christ Child. But as she

# History and Symbolism of the Poinsettia Flower

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neared the alter in the church to present her Christmas gift, the simple weeds suddenly transformed into the vibrant, beautiful Flores de Noche Buena. It is also known as the Mexican Flame Leaf and the White Rose.

Mexicans also view the Poinsettia as a symbol of the holy Star of Bethlehem. In the Christian tradition, the Star of Bethlehem led the Magi many miles across the desert on their journey to visit the Christ Child. It also announced the holy birth to the shepherds and others. The yellow flowers at the center are surrounded by the brilliant red bracts, or leaves that resemble large stars.

Poinsettias represent different symbols to different cultures. The Aztecs originally considered them symbols of purity, the Mexican people later viewed them as the holy star, and modern symbolism for the plant includes a wish for good cheer, success and celebration. Poinsettias are the birth flower for December babies and also come in white and pink varieties.



*Article was published by Amanda Herron on yahoo.*

*Look for our Christmast Poinsettias Order Form on the next page!*

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