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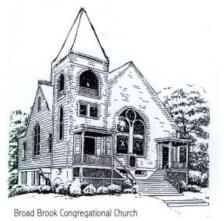


The Wayside Beacon "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace." Ecclesiastes 3, 1-8: September - October 2015 volume 84 - issue 59 Publication of the **Broad Brook Congregational Church** Pastor: Rev. Carol Lewis

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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.



Thanks to Broad Brook Gardens for our wonderful flower arrangements!





A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



1.

Some habits are easier to break than others. Quitting smoking, I have heard many people tell me, is a habit that is very difficult to break. Trying to start a new healthy habit, like exercise, is difficult also. Excuses abound: "I don't have enough time," "It's boring," "I can't afford a gym membership," "Me run, you must be kidding!" One habit that seems easy to break is that of going to church and it is even harder to start back if you have been away from the church.

Folks, I get it. Life is complex and busy. Life happens and our best intentions get pushed aside. Also, church as an institution is not perfect. But before you give up on church entirely, I invite you to read the top ten reasons why you should be coming to church. They come from the book *Real Good Church* and were shared by a Presbyterian minister.

- **10.** Coming to church doesn't mean you have no doubts about God or faith or religion. It means you have a place you can share with people who have their own doubts.
- **9.** Bad stuff is going to happen in your life. It just is. A church community cannot be everything to everyone in times of crisis, but when the bottom falls out of your world, it's great to have a community to lift you back up.
- **8.** Bad stuff is going to happen in your life, part two. The time to build a relationship with God is not when life turns ugly, and you've run out of all options. Attending worship regularly helps build a relationship with God and others that will give you a solid foundation when the winds blow and the storms come.
- **7.** Not all churches are anti-something. Most of us are for people, for acceptance, for hospitality. Really, we're out there. We just don't get good press.

A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis continued...

- **6.** Any church worth its salt has really good food on a regular basis.
- **5.** Churches offer paint-by-number opportunities to serve. Many people would like to help the poor, the hungry and the homeless, but they don't know how to get involved, how to make the time to be involved, or what they can do to really make a difference. Churches offer you ways to plug in to help those who need it most.
- **4.** You've got a gift. Probably two or ten of them. Becoming involved in the ministry of a church will help you discover and use gifts you never even knew you had.
- 3. Not all churches are after your money. Good churches want you to have a healthy relationship with money. Sure churches need to pay the electric bill and the pastor and any other employees, but money and the church is more about you than it is about the church. It's about your own relationship with money. World events have proven that it's much better to put faith in God than in a bank account. Church can help you with that.
- 2. Taking a break from our hectic lives to come to church is accepting the gift of Sabbath. Wayne Mueller says "[Sabbath] dissolves the artificial urgency of our days, because it liberates us from the need to be finished." We don't take Sabbath and come to worship because we have time and have finished up everything that needs to be done. We take Sabbath because it is time to stop, and we are designed to stop, rest and reflect. Those who don't are destined to crash and burn.
- **1.**<u>Jesus is really cool</u>. Even if you don't know if you can believe in the whole Son-of-God thing, even if you refer to the

Submitted by Linda York

A Celebration of Learning

The Sunday School ended the school year in June with the children's choir singing "All Things Bright and Beautiful." A banner including the children's artwork illustrating the song was a back drop to the choir. Certificates of participation during the year were given out. All enjoyed an ice cream sundae social after the service during Coffee Hour.

Rally Sunday 2015

Sunday School will begin again this year on **Rally Sunday, September 13, 2015** during the 10:00 morning worship service. We hope to have two classes: one for three to six -year-olds and one for second grade and up. Our new curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, follows the common lectionary that is used upstairs for the church service. Families will be learning the same stories and scriptures each week. We will also incorporate ways for the children to participate in the morning worship service, including a children's choir, short plays and puppet shows, greeting and helping with the worship service, and participating in mission projects. Letters will be sent out to church families with more details. If you know of anyone who is interested in finding a Sunday School, please let us know.

Please consider helping the Sunday School this year. Volunteers are needed for the following positions: teachers, substitutes, Christian Education Committee members, nursery care, and helpers for special events. The children provided lots of excitement and new learning that made it a pleasure to work with them. Please share your talents with us. Contact Linda York at 860-623-4287, with your interest in helping the Sunday School or with any questions that you might have.



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Music Committee	\$
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	\$
Office Supplies	\$
Sunday School	\$
Coffee Hour	\$
Historian (storage containers)	\$
Other (Please Specify)	\$
Deacon Wish List	\$
Discretionary Fund	\$

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A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis continued...



resurrection as the Zombie Jesus event and even though those of us already in church often do a lousy job of following him, come to church to get to know Jesus. The more you get to know him, the more you'll understand why people call his way The Way.

-Rev. Anne Russ, Pastor, Argenta Presbyterian Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas

--Rev. Carol Lewis



Rev. Lewis' Office Hours Every Wednesday

September 16, 23, 30 October 7, 14, 21, 28

Rev. Carol will be away August 27- Sept 12.

(Have a great vacation Rev. Carol!)

If you have an emergency matter that needs the attention of a Pastor, call the church at 860-623-4547 or the Deacon on Duty, Debbie Siekiera @ 860-627-5181.

THE LAST CAB RIDE

I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes I honked again. Since this was going to be the last ride of my shift I thought about just driving away, but



instead I put the car in park and walked up to the door and knocked.

'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. And after a long pause, the door opened.

A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like someone out of a 1940's movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said.

I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness.

'It's nothing', I told her. 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated.'

'Oh, you're such a good boy, she said.

When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?'

'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly.

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.

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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://BroadBrookCongregational Church.org.



Children's Sermons

SEPTEMBER

13 – Linda York

20 – Wade Signor

27 - Rev. Carol Lewis

OCTOBER

11 – Katherine Mickens

18 – Tracey Nieroda

25 – Rev. Carol Lewis

Helping With Physical Challenges At Our Church

We've put a lot of time and effort into making sure our church is physically accessible. We have:

- chair lift and a helper to get you up/down the stairs to/from the sanctuary.
- wheelchairs and walkers available.
- portable hearing devices to help hear the service.
- wheelchair friendly restrooms







Submitted by Betty Stratton

Fall is coming upon us faster than most of us would like to see! Here it is August and soon we will be seeing the school buses taking children to and from school.

Rev. Carol Lewis will be on vacation from August 27th through Sept 12th. She will return to the pulpit on Rally Sunday Sept 13th. On Aug. 30th, we will be honored to have Dr James Clark, our organist, give the morning message and Warren Wenz leading the worship service. On Sept. 6th, Katherine Mickens will give the message and Bob Cormier will lead the worship service. I want to thank them all.

If during the time that Rev. Carol is away, you have an emergency matter that needs the attention of a Pastor, please call Broad Brook Congregational Church telephone number @ 860-623-4547 or contact the Deacon on Duty, Debbie Siekiera @ 860-627-5181.

Rally Sunday, the start of the new Sunday School season, is Sept 13th. We welcome all children into our Sunday School. Linda York, a professional retired teacher, will be teaching the children. Parents are welcome to attend Church while the children are attending their class. Please see the Sunday School News written by Linda York for more news of the new year.

We send our Condolences to the family of Esther Chapman. She passed in early July. Esther has been living in California during the recent years with her daughter, Lynn. She was a member of Broad Brook Congregational Church for 76 years. Her husband, Phil passed in November 2014. There will be a Memorial service at the Melrose Cemetery on Oct 10th @ 11:00 am.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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 BIRTHDAYS

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

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

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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 ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Philip M. Grant	7
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Nodwell	12
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marquis	15
Mr. & Mrs. William Vince	15

THE LAST CAB RIDE, from pg. 18

I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life. I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk.

What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one. People may not remember who you were, what you did, or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel.

-author unknown





THE LAST CAB RIDE, from pg. 4

I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening.

'I don't have any family left,' she continued in a soft voice... 'The doctor says I don't have very long.'

I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. 'What route would you like me to take?' I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow down in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing. As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'.

We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

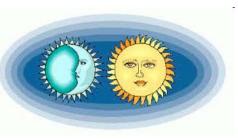
'How much do I owe you?' She asked, reaching into her purse.

'Nothing,' I answered.

'You have to make a living,' she said.

'There are other passengers,' I responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. 'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said. 'Thank you.'



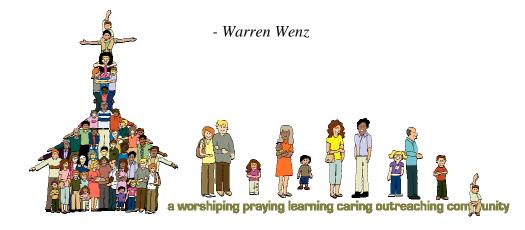
Depending on the time of day you read this...

I am writing this message to all of our Broad Brook Congregational Church's family of members and friends who I have not seen for a long time. I miss you and invite each and everyone of you to Church again.

The Rev. Carol Lewis is a wonderful person and preaches great sermons. Her prayers are really great too!

If you have children or grandchildren who do not come to Sunday School, please consider bringing them to Broad Brook Congregational Church. The Religious Education committee has recently ordered a new curriculum for the children. Rally Sunday is September 13th. There is also a children's choir.

Please come to Broad Brook Congregational Church again!



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Homemade Scones

Submitted by Debbie Siekiera

These scones are perfect to serve fresh (and if possible) warm for your next brunch, breakfast or special treat time for coffee hour!!! This recipe is fairly easy to make and can be converted to special dietary needs.

Ingredients

1 cup sour cream

1 teaspoon baking soda

4 cups all-purpose flour

1 cup white sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

1 teaspoon salt

1 cup butter

1 egg

1 cup raisins (optional) or blueberries



Directions

In a small bowl, blend the sour cream and baking soda, and set aside.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a large baking sheet.

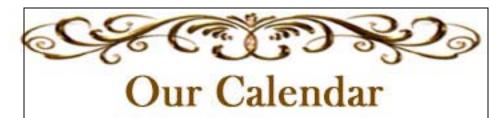
In a large bowl, mix the flour, sugar, baking powder, cream of tartar, and salt. Cut in the butter. Stir the sour cream mixture and egg into the flour mixture until just moistened. Mix in the raisins.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface, and knead briefly. Roll or pat dough into a 3/4 inch thick round. Cut into 12 wedges, and place them 2 inches apart on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake 12 to 15 minutes in the preheated oven, until golden brown on the bottom.

Be creative by substituting any other type of fruit for the raisins such as: chopped fresh strawberries, rhubarb, raspberries, cranberries, apples, etc. They are awesome!!!! Enjoy!

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SEPTEMBER

- 6- No Communion Rev. Carol is away. Bob Cormier will be leading the worship service with Katherine Mickens doing the sermon
- 13- RALLY SUNDAY-Start of Sunday School
- 19- Pulled Pork Supper
- 20- Council meeting @ 11: 15 am
- 27- Deacons meet @ 11:15am

OCTOBER

- 4- World Communion Sunday
- 13- Deacon/ Rev. Carol serve Communion to Nursing homes
- 18- Blessing of the animals @ 2pm Deacons meet @ 11:15am
- 24- Turkey Supper

Rev. Carol will be away August 27- Sept 12.



Memorial Garden Order Form

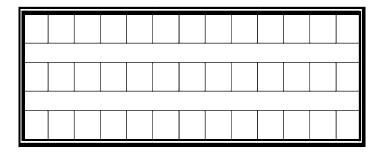
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Memorial Garden Nameplate:

(placed onto the Dovecote Pole) (Leave spaces between words and dates)

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Lay Readers



September

6 Katherine Mickens Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23;

Psalm 125

 13
 Rich York
 Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19

 20
 Joyce Bonelli
 Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1

 27
 Bob Cormier
 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22;

Psalm 124

October

Debbie Signor Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26

 11 Mike Siekiera
 Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15

 18 Jim Clark
 Job 38: 1-7, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

 25 Warren Wenz
 (Reformation) Job 42: 1-6, 10-17;

Psalm 34:1-18

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.



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Music Committee Broad Brook Congregational Church 122 Main Street Broad Brook, CT 06016



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At Broad Brook Congregational Church, we offer a comfortable play room with a sound system so you can hear the service when you feel your child gets too difficult during the service.



Visit our website to read past sermons, get information or to donate. You can also download a copy of The Wayside Beacon to share with friends.

www.BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org

WAYS & MEANS Committee Report

submitted by Debbie Siekiera



Thank you.....Thank you!!!
Wow! The Lord does provide as we all know!
Thank you Jesus!!! With the sale behind us and the tally not all in yet, we did an amazing job by

raising over \$2200 to this writing. Not bad, huh?!!!! We cannot thank our donors enough for all the wonderful items donated. This year we had to advertise the sale as a "Giant Tag Sale"!!!! We were so worried about having enough help getting all the stuff out and set up. Like I said the Lord does provide. Even our early shoppers chipped in so they could see first hand what was coming out!

We did our prep work a little different to save room so we could still hold church services in the fellowship hall. So this meant sharing half the hall with the tag sale. As most of you are aware how much space we take up during the prep of this monster sale!!! This was a challenge, butwe did it!! The nice thing about this sale is how most benefit from it. For those who find a place to unload their unwanted stuff too good to throw away, to those who were able to find some bargains, then to those who will be on the receiving end of the leftovers. Our church supports worthwhile community charities. The items were sorted, repacked and redonated. It is not going to our landfills.

To our volunteers......a heartfelt "Thank you" from the bottom of our hearts. Your help contributed much to the success of this sale. In the end.....it is "Our" church that benefited the most. Not only with the funds we raised but with the fellowship time a project such as this takes.

WAYS & MEANS Committee Report

continued

Ecumenical Bazaar

This fall event is fast approaching. The expected date is the first Saturday in November, the 7th. It will be held at the Scout Hall on Abbe Rd in East Windsor. To our crafters, bakers and creative people....save the date! Good time to start planning. More info will be coming as we attend the planning meeting at this year's host church.

Discretionary Fund - Gift Cards Wanted!

This fund is managed confidentially by our Pastor and overseen by one

deacon and the auditor The purpose of the fund is so the Pastor can assist someone monetarily in need due to an emergency situation or circumstance. The churches general fund feeds that fund upon request from the pastor. The church council recently added the fund to our Cut-A-Coupon list to help raise additional funds to support it as the needs are increasing. We have received donations through the coupon with much appreciation. With the winter months approaching upon us, the need will be increasing even more so. Besides the usual monetary donation by check, the Pastor would like to receive some gift cards to the local stores such as Big Y, Stop N Shop, Geisslers, Walmart, Target, etc. Any denomination is fine. The gift cards are much easier to have and to give under certain circumstances as it is not easy to have cash available at all times. When making a gift card donation, please attach a note stating "Discretionary Fund". Thank you in advance.

Pulled Pork Supper

Saturday, September 19th



****************************** MFNU ********************

Juicy Pulled Pork, Savory Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Sweet Corn 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 & under FREE

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

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Directions: From I-91, exit 45 to Rt.140 east, to intersection of Rt.191/Main St. (Right at light!)

Bible verses for tough times

Worried? Psalms 23; 46, Matthew 6 Planning the future? James 4:13-17 Frustrated? Psalms 90; Hebrews 12 In doubt? Jeremiah 29:11-13 Tired? Isaiah 40; Matthew 11:28-30 Bereaved? John 16:11-33 Too busy? Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 Lonely or fearful? Psalms 91 Feel rejected? Colossians 1; 1 Peter 1 Sick or in pain? Psalms 6; Isaiah 26 Depressed? Psalms 34; 71, Isaiah 40 Jealous? Psalms 49; James 3 Sleepless nights? Psalms 4; 56; 130 Family problems? Ephesians 6:1-10 Done something wrong? Psalm 51 Need courage and strength? Joshua 1:5-9; Psalm 27:46 Facing a crisis? Job 28:12-28

Discouraged? Psalms 37; James 5:7-11 Does God seem far away? Psalms 46 Building a new home? Psalms 127 Money problems? Psalm 37 Bitter and critical? I Corinthians 13 Need peace? Matthew 11:25-30 Need assurance? Romans 8:1-30 Leaving home? Psalm 121 Discouraged? Psalm 126 Don't' understand what God is doing? Isaiah 55:8-9 Faith needs encouraging? Hebrews 11 Hated because of your faith? John 15 Losing hope? 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Alone and scared? Psalm 23 Hard times? Psalm 9:9

SEND YOU **NEWS AND PICTURES**

(pets welcome) for inclusion in the Beacon. We also need interesting images for the cover. Email your images to staff@broadbrook congregationalchurch.org

In the morning I will sing of your love.

Psalm 59:16, NIV