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A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



Hello Friends,

It is hard to believe that summer has come to an end. We have begun our Fall activities and I invite you to read about them and see if there is something that excites you.

It is good to see everyone returning from what hopefully was a relaxing summer.

I have been saddened by the lack of human kindness in our nation and in the world. I want to shout that we are all God's children and all deserve respect and to be treated with dignity. One of the ads that ran during the Olympics struck a chord in my heart and I want to share the poem it featured: Human Family by Maya Angelou.



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from Rev. Carol Lewis

Human Family, Maya Angelou



I note the obvious differences
in the human family.
Some of us are serious,
some thrive on comedy.

Some declare their lives are lived
as true profundity,
and others claim they really live
the real reality.

The variety of our skin tones
can confuse, bemuse, delight,
brown and pink and beige and purple,
tan and blue and white.

I've sailed upon the seven seas
and stopped in every land,
I've seen the wonders of the world
not yet one common man.

I know ten thousand women
called Jane and Mary Jane,
but I've not seen any two
who really were the same.

Mirror twins are different
although their features jibe,

and lovers think quite different
thoughts
while lying side by side.

We love and lose in China,
we weep on England's moors,
and laugh and moan in Guinea,
and thrive on Spanish shores.

We seek success in Finland,
are born and die in Maine.
In minor ways we differ,
in major we're the same.

I note the obvious differences
between each sort and type,
but we are more alike, my
friends,
than we are unlike.

We are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.

We are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.

<http://allpoetry.com/8511441>

Blessings,
Rev. Carol

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

4- Communion
10 – 2nd Chance Tag Sale – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
11- Council Meeting @ 11:20 am (light lunch)
18- Rally Sunday
20- CPR Class @ 6 pm (those who pre registered)
25- Deacons meet @ 11:20 am
TBA – CPR Class @ 1pm (those who pre registered)

OCTOBER

2- Communion
- Blessing of the Animals @ 2pm
9 – Bible study @ 11:20 am. There is a sign up sheet on the
lectern in the fellowship hall, this is just to get an idea of how
many are interested. All are welcome. There is no registration.
15- Turkey Supper Fundraiser
- Beacon news due

ECUMENICAL BAZAAR

Saturday, November 5th
9 am to 2 pm

Scout Hall, 28 Abbe Road, East Windsor
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Please join us as 6 area churches get together to hold
their annual holiday craft fair. Come prepared to pick
up some wonderful homemade items for gift giving or
self indulgence!! Each church offers a different
variety of items sure to delight your needs for young
and old. Come see what treasures you can find at our
bazaar before purchasing in a box store!!! Also bring
your appetite as our host church will be grilling up
some yummy food for lunch! Bring a friend!
Our host church this year is Community of Christ



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FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS
- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

Submitted by Betty Stratton

Fall is once again upon us. We wouldn’t believe it with the hot weather the past couple of weeks! We will soon be seeing school buses bring the children to and from school. Sunday school will be starting also and we will be happy to have the children back to church and Sunday school once again.

Rally Sunday (The start of Sunday school) is Sept 18th. We welcome all children into the Sunday school. Parents are welcome to attend church worship while the children attend their class. Linda York, a retired school teacher is the leader teacher, Debbie Signor, who also a teacher, is her substitute. Please see the Christian Education and Sunday school articles for more information.

To those children in grades 3 and above who do not have a Bible, Bibles will be given during the Rally Sunday Children Time in the sanctuary.

On October 2nd at 2:00 pm, a Blessing of animals will be held. This is in Honor of Francis of Assisi who today is a patron saint for ecologists- a title honoring his love of animals and nature. It will be held in back of the church near the Memorial Garden. There will be refreshments for dogs, cats, rabbits, etc. and their owners. Dogs must be leashed. Cats must be either leashed or in carriers or held securely in the owner’s arms. Any pet is welcome: birds, hamsters, turtles - whatever creature you hold dear. For those who do not have a living pet but have a stuffed animal, blessings will also be given to them.

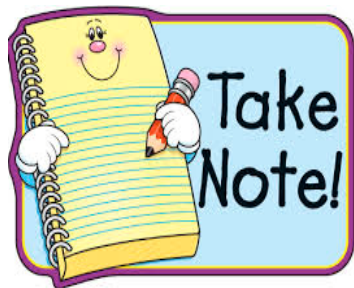
On October 9, a Bible study will be held after worship service at 11:20 am in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. Future studies will be determined at that time.



Missions Committee News

The Missions Committee continues to select monthly donations to worthy local, state, national, and international mission projects. If you have ideas for us, please contact Linda York at 860-623-4287.

Currently the East Windsor Food Bank is in need of monetary donations and food. Please bring donations to our church service on Sundays at 10:00 or to the 5 Corner Cupboard, located at 124 Scantic Road on Mondays: 8:30 -12:00 pm.



The next Church Council Meeting will be held on September 11th @ 11:15am. All Board and Committee chairs are reminded to have a written report ready to read. A light lunch will be provided.



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ma'am, you've given me my Christmas gift. You see, m'am, I never saw my child grow up. My wife and son were taken from me in an automobile accident when they were both too young. I was never able to get over it."

I said nothing more than a muttered thanks and "I'm sorry to hear that." With Erik in my arms, I ran for the car. My husband was wondering why I was crying and holding Erik so tightly, and why I was saying, "My God, my God, forgive me." I had just witnessed Christ's love shown through the innocence of a tiny child who saw no sin, who made no judgment; a child who saw a soul, and a mother who saw a suit of clothes. I was a Christian who was blind, holding a child who was not. I felt it was God asking, "Are you willing to share your son for a moment?" when He shared His for all eternity. The ragged old man, unwittingly, had reminded me...

"I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:3 (NIV)



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Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

Mrs. Karla Vince	6
Rebecca Jill Bonelli	8
Seton Carmichael	9
Mr. Wesley Velazquez	14
Mrs. Karen Loubier	23
Mrs. Melissa Tatrow	23
Miss Charlotte Sophia Walker	24
Mr. Richard York, Jr.	27
Mr. Mark Lemay	28
Mrs. Terri Cruz	28

OCTOBER

Ms. Cathy Yodus	1
Ms. Sheri Townsend	3
Mr. Jose Velazquez	4
Miss Angelina Carmichael	6
Mr. Robert Cormier	9
Mrs. Veronica Barlow	9
Mr. Warren Wenz	15
Mrs. Karen Marquis	15
Mr. Craig W. Arnold	17
Ms. Nancy Fisher	19
Lacey-Jean Temple	21
Mr. John D. Ivanisin	22
Dr. James Clark	27
Mr. Ryan Dannahey	29
Ms. Donna Roberts	29
Miss Abigayle Morin	30
David Owens	30

Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

Mr. & Mrs. Jose Velazquez	5
Mr. & Mrs. John Curran	20
Mr. & Mrs. William Easton	13
Mr. & Mrs. Luke Bauer	14
Mrs. Nancy Nodwell	21
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones	22

OCTOBER

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



From the Christian Education Committee

Submitted by Linda York

Rally Sunday will be held on September 18, 2016. (Please note that this is a new date from the previously announced date.) The children will start in the church sanctuary with a welcome and special message for children. Bibles will be presented to Sunday School members in third grade and up who have not received a Bible from our church. The children will then go to class downstairs for fun opening activities and a yummy snack. Information and registration forms have been sent to parents about Rally Sunday. If you did not receive this information please contact Linda York at 860-623-4287.

A special six week course will be taught during Sunday School this fall to introduce the third grade and up to the Bible to help make them comfortable reading it. This class will learn how to read the Bible and think about what is said. It includes learning about the books in the Bible, the major events in the Bible, the major messages in the Bible, and fun facts in the Bible. A treasure hunt and making a Bible Timeline will be only two of the fun activities included. Linda York will teach this class. To do this, we will have to split the Sunday School into two classes. We are looking for a teacher to teach the younger class of three to six year olds. A curriculum and materials needed to teach will be provided. We could fill this position with shared volunteers if no one volunteers. Please consider volunteering to help teach at least one Sunday.

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

Becoming As Little Children

--Author Unknown

We were the only family with children in the restaurant. I sat Erik in a high chair and noticed everyone was quietly eating and talking. Suddenly, Erik squealed with glee and said, "Hi there." He pounded his fat baby hands on the high chair tray. His eyes were crinkled in laughter and his mouth was bared in a toothless grin, as he wriggled and giggled with merriment.



I looked around and saw the source of his merriment. It was a man whose pants were baggy with a zipper at half-mast and his toes poked out of would-be shoes. His shirt was dirty and his hair was uncombed and unwashed. His whiskers were too short to be called a beard and his nose was so varicose it looked like a road map. We were too far from him to smell, but I was sure he smelled.

His hands waved and flapped on loose wrists. Hi there, baby; Hi there, big boy. I see ya, buster," the man said to Erik. My husband and I exchanged looks, "What do we do?" Erik continued to laugh and answer, "Hi, hi there." Everyone in the restaurant noticed and looked at us and then at the man. The old geezer was creating a nuisance with my beautiful baby.

Our meal came and the man began shouting from across the room, "Do ya patty cake? Do you know peek-a-boo? Hey, look, he knows peek-a-boo." Nobody thought the old man was cute. He was obviously drunk. My husband and I were embarrassed. We ate in silence; all except for Erik, who was running through his repertoire for the admiring skid row bum, who in turn, reciprocated with his cute comments. We finally got through the meal and headed for the

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It is never too early to think about this event. For those who like to keep their hands busy knitting/crocheting/sewing, canning their crop harvest, baking pies then freezing for a later date etc... All great ideas and appreciated items to sell to benefit our beloved BBCC. We are looking for someone who would like to try their hand at crocheting some cat/small dog beds. Debbie Siekiera has the pattern for this item. Also on our wish list of items is assorted homemade dog/cat treats. People love their pets, so anything "pets" are big sellable items! Debbie Siekiera and Joyce Bonelli are the contact people for this event. Please see either one for more information.

Please join us as we participate in an old-fashioned time honored tradition in our town as each church sells their wares at the East Windsor Ecumenical Bazaar. Spread the word and invite as many people to come check us out. We would love to see the support from our surrounding community and friends. This is as much a social time for the participants as it is a sale! Please join in on the fun!!



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door. My husband went to pay the check and told me to meet him in the parking lot. The old man sat poised between me and the door.

“Lord, just let me out of here before he speaks to me or Erik,” I prayed. As I drew closer to the man, I turned my back trying to sidestep him and avoid any air he might be breathing. As I did, Erik leaned over my arm, reaching with both arms in a baby’s “pick-me-up” position. Before I could stop him, Erik had propelled himself from my arms to the man’s. Suddenly a very old smelly man and a very young baby consummated their relationship. Erik in an act of total trust, love, and submission laid his tiny head upon the man’s ragged shoulder.

The man’s eyes closed, and I saw tears hover beneath his lashes. His aged hands full of grime, pain, and hard labor, cradled my baby’s bottom and stroked his back. No two beings have ever loved so deeply for so short a time. I stood awestruck. The old man rocked and cradled Erik in his arms and his eyes opened and set squarely on mine. He said in a firm commanding voice, “You take care of this baby.” Somehow I managed, “I will,” from a throat that contained a stone.

He pried Erik from his chest unwillingly, longingly, as though he were in pain. I received my baby, and the man said, “God bless you,



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submitted by Debbie Siekiera

Tag Sale Update:

We did very well at our annual Tag Sale on August 13th considering the temperatures that day. We were able to rid of all the large pieces donated to the sale. We had very good foot traffic in the morning but it quickly tapered off just before noon as the temperatures soared to 100 degrees in the shade! It was so hot and uncomfortable. We offered free ice tea and lemonade to our shoppers to help thwart off dehydration and had fans running everywhere - even outside next to the cashiers!! Our total sales amount was slightly lower by \$300 with the less foot traffic in the afternoon. At the end of the day, the items were all packed up in boxes, carried into the fellowship hall to be sorted/repacked on a cooler day for their next destination. A huge thank you to all who helped make that day happen. The day will go down as the hottest tag sale ever to date!

The next morning after the sale, I had this same thought as I was approached just before church services, a suggestion was made to hold another tag sale to try and sell more of the items since there was sooooo much good stuff still left. I was floored that I was not alone with this thought!! Due to the fact that we had so much stuff leftover, another sale was very possible without taking in anymore items! We have the potential to double our efforts with the amount of items left being that some boxes were never unpacked and just sat under the tables, plus some items were never priced or put out from the first sale. Everything is already priced and ready to go so we were all on the same page. We then set the date!!! The 2nd Chance Tag Sale was born with the date of Saturday September 10th from 9 to 1 pm. Our members took the news well during church announcements time and agreed to help work the sale with hopes the temperatures will be more suitable the 2nd time around! We will accept more donated items for the

Memorial Garden Order Form

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Memorial Garden Nameplate:

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Name _____

Contact number/email _____

2nd Chance TAG SALE

Saturday

September 10

9:00 - 1:00

122 Main Street, Broad Brook.

Call Mike or Debbie Siekiera to request pick up of items
to be donated. 860-627-5181

Hymnal Donation Form

Each hymnal costs \$20.00. Please print neatly how the front inside cover donation plate should read. Send this form and a check to BBCC, indicating "hymnal fund" in the memo.

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In Memory of: _____

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DEACONS

September

Debbie Siekiera

October

2 – Bob Jones & Carol Ballard
Bob Jones

GREETERS

September

Alice Wenz

LAY READERS

September

4- Katherine Mickens
11- Tracey Nieroda
18- Warren Wenz
25- Bob Cormier

October

2- Mike Siekiera
9- Wade Signor
16- Joyce Bonelli
23- Bob Cormier
30- Debbie Signor

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

September

18-Linda York (Rally Sunday)
25- Rev. Carol Lewis

October

2- Communion
9- Tracey Nieroda
16- Katherine Mickens
23- Carol Innes
30- Rev Carol Lewis

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sale only if it is clean and pre-priced. I will have a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for our volunteers to help work that day. With the addition of this fundraising date in September, unfortunately the supper that was planned for this month has been cancelled. Our church agenda is full for September with the beginning of Sunday School, Board/Council meetings, CPR courses and such taking up our busy weekends. Don't worry though, the October supper is still on the agenda! See our advertisement for this supper in this issue of the Beacon.

Turkey Supper Fundraiser:

Our BBCC fall favorite Turkey supper fundraiser is set for Saturday October 15th. This favorite fall menu fundraiser readies us for the colder months approaching. A "Save the Date" advertisement has been inserted in this issue of the Beacon with the menu items and the seating times and prices. A sign up sheet will be available for volunteers to sign up where they are able to help. All workers get to eat free as a courtesy for your time. Any high school student looking for community service time is most appreciated. Just bring your form with you to be filled out then signed by our Master Chef after your shift is over.

Ecumenical Bazaar:

The date of the Ecumenical Bazaar is Saturday November 5th to be held at the Scout Hall once again this year. New to this event will be grilled hamburgers and hotdogs along with Broccoli-Cheese soup option on the lunch menu. As always, hot and cold beverages will be available to purchase. Please bring your appetites to support our host church efforts on providing the lunch fare.

We have a new host churches this year as well. We welcome The Community of Christ to the line-up of host churches that rotate the responsibility yearly. This is a great task at hand, we appreciate their taking on the challenge!

Rev. Lewis' Office Hours

Every Wednesday

September- 8, 15, 22, 29

October - 5, 12, 19, 26

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 Betty Stratton at 860-623-2729. Arrangements are \$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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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>.

TURKEY SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 15

OUR MENU

- Juicy Sliced Turkey Breast, Gravy made from the meat juices
- Real Mashed Potatoes,
- Butternut Squash, Tossed Salad
- Bread & Butter
- Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Iced Tea
- Choice of freshly made assorted desserts featuring pies & fall cakes

Adults: \$12 - Children: (6-12) \$5 - Children 5 and under FREE
Choice of 2 Sitzings: 4:30 pm or 5:45 pm
Take-outs: available for pick-up after 5:00 pm

Reservations are required for both eat-in and take-out as the chef needs to plan food quantity. Walk-ins accepted pending space availability.



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