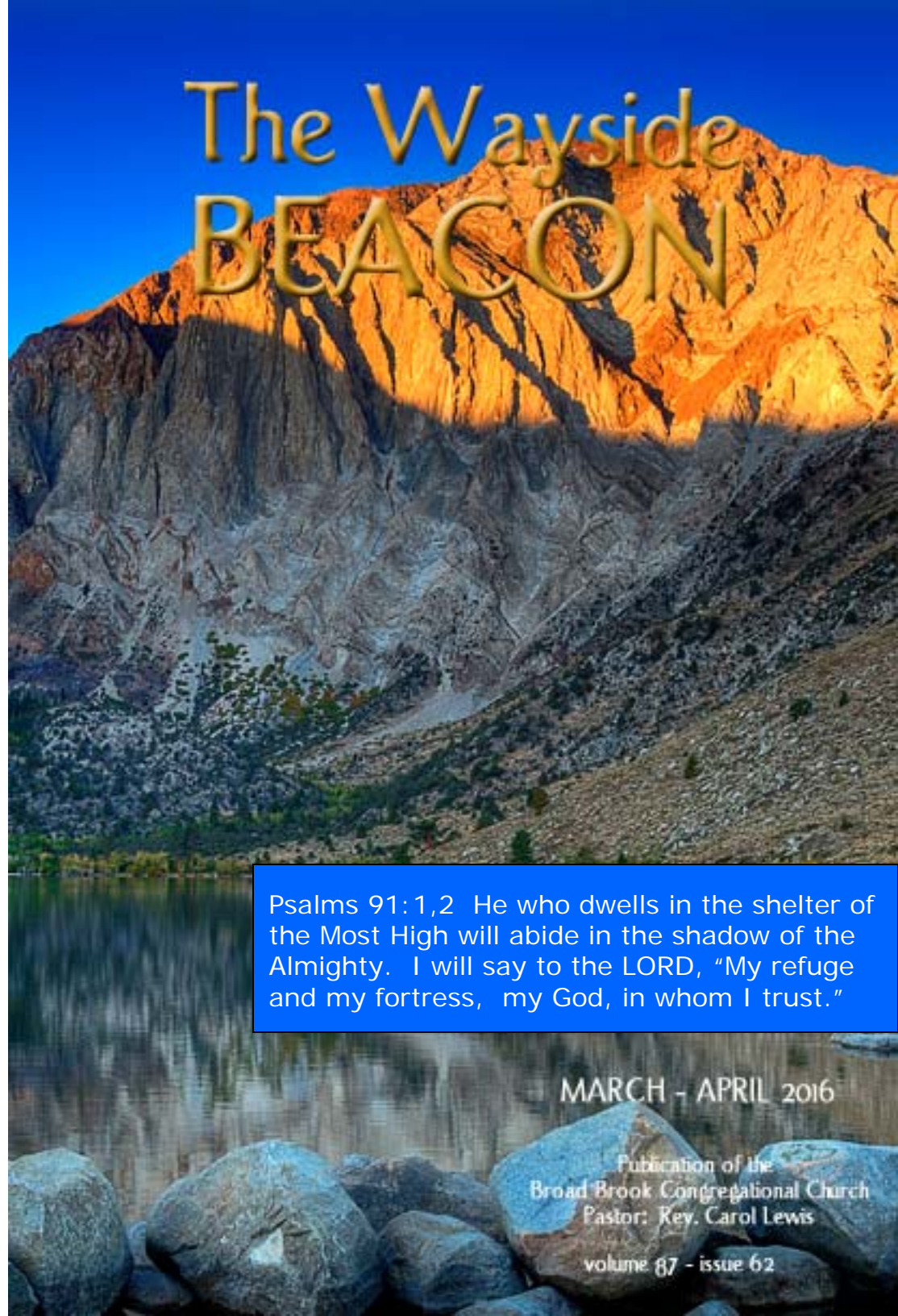


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Psalms 91:1,2 He who dwells in the shelter of
the Most High will abide in the shadow of the
Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge
and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

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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.

... from Rev. Carol Lewis

This is a continuation of the joyous Easter celebration. Easter is too big to be confined to one Sunday. Be sure to look elsewhere in the Beacon for more information on events and services.

Our "first" community potluck supper/game night will be held Saturday March 19th beginning at 5 o'clock. Come join us for hospitality, fellowship, food, and fun!

Each of us will bring a food dish to share. We will supply the games but if you have a favorite one to share you are welcome to bring it along.

We are busy despite our size. We may be small but we are mighty—mighty in our faith and mighty in spirit! Wishing you all a reflective Lent and a Joyous Easter and Eastertide.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Carol



Rev. Lewis' Office Hours

Every Wednesday

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April 6, 13, 20, 27



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From the Christian Education Committee

Submitted by Linda York

Sunday School News

The Sunday School continues to plan special events for the Winter and Spring seasons. We enjoyed a Pancake Breakfast on February 7, 2016 to prepare for the season of Lent. "Robbie the Dragon" puppet started to appear each week on the first Sunday of Lent to help tell the bible lessons based on the common lectionary. The children took home jars on February 20, 2016 to fill with coins for a Lenten mission's project to raise money for the Heifer Project. The children's choir has been practicing music for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We will begin the service on Palm Sunday with a short play. The children also have been very busy making a Journey to Easter banner.

First Communion Classes

Students in second grade and above who have not taken First Communion classes are invited to attend three classes to prepare them to take communion with the church. The classes will take place from 11:15 – 12:00 after church on March 6, March 13, and March 20, 2016. First Communion will be offered during the 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday church service on Thursday, March 24, 2016. The children and their parents are invited to participate in the service. Certificates and crosses will be given out.

Please sign up for the first communion classes at church or call Linda York at (860-623-4287) for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held after services on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016. Donations of wrapped candy that will fit in the plastic eggs are welcomed.





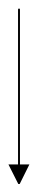
Children's Sermons

MARCH

13- Dr. James Clark
20 Linda York
27- Rev. Carol Lewis

APRIL

10- Katherine Mickens
17- Carol Innes
24- Rev. Carol Lewis



Of course I talk to myself;
sometimes I need expert advice.

If God wanted me to touch my toes,
he would've put them on my knees.

Well . . .

I didn't make it to the gym today.
That makes five years in a row.

I decided to change calling the
bathroom the John and renamed
it the Jim. I feel so much better
saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators.
We haven't met yet.

Old age is coming at a really bad time.

When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment.
Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is,
"I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights."
I'm just very wise.



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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
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 (Signor) Easton	20
Miss Janis Emmette	26

Anniversaries

March

Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Myers	10
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Siekiera	17

April

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cormier	5
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Stratton	16
Mr. & Mrs. Jason DiMauro	20
Mr. & Mrs. Todd J. Emmette	26

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

Lay Readers

MARCH

6-Tracey Nieroda
13-Rich York
20- Debbie Signor
27- Bob Cormier (Easter)

APRIL

3- Wade Signor
10- Joyce Bonelli
17- Warren Wenz
24-Dr. James Clark



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

Submitted by Betty Stratton

Turn your clocks ahead on March 13th!

Lent started on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10th with an Ecumenical worship Service at 7 pm at Broad Brook Congregational Church.

On Sunday February 13th, as a visualization of Lent, all the brass pieces on the Alter were replaced with wood by the Deacons and Rev. Carol.

During the Lenten season Broad Brook Congregational Church will once again offer 3 Lenten lunches immediately following coffee hour. On Feb 28th and March 6th, there will be soup with bread and a Lenten discussion lead by Rev. Carol Lewis. On March 13 there will be a pot luck lunch followed by a discussion. The discussions are an inspiration to all. Everyone is welcome.

Palm Sunday will be celebrated on March 20th. The children will be passing out the palms during the worship service.

The **Maundy Thursday Worship service** will be on Thursday March 24th @ 7 pm. The children in the First Communion Class will be receiving their First Communion.

The **Ecumenical Good Friday Service** will be held at Broad Brook Congregational @ 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

The **Easter Ecumenical Sunrise Service** will the held at East Windsor Congregational Church (Scantic). Breakfast will follow. Time to be announced.

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Upcoming Events



APRIL

24- Council Meeting
@ 11:30 am



Collection Every
2nd Sunday

MARCH

- 5 - Corned Beef Supper
- 6 - Communion
 - Youth Communion Class
 - Lenten lunch/discussion @ 11:15 am
- 13- Lenten lunch- pot luck /discussion @ 11:15am
 - Youth Communion Class
- Daylight Savings Time begins (clocks ahead)
- 19 - Community Pot Luck & Game Night @ 5:00 pm
- 20 - Youth Communion Class
- 24 - Youth First Communion
 - Maundy Thursday, service 7:00 pm
- 25 - Ecumenical Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm
- 27 - Ecumenical Sunrise Service @ Scantic Congregational
- 27 - Easter Service @ BBCC - 10:00 am

COMMUNITY POT LUCK SUPPER

&



March 19, 5:00 pm

Each family should plan to bring a main dish, vegetable or salad to share.

Sunday School Help

Our Sunday School attendance is growing! We need teachers. Mrs. York has been doing a wonderful job with assistance from Chelsea Morin. 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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WAYS & MEANS Committee Report

submitted by Debbie Siekiera

Our first fundraiser of the year is in full motion with the Corned Beef & Cabbage supper set for Saturday March 5th. Reservations are being made, recipes are being picked for our last course to complement our meal and our volunteers have committed to help. The weather has been fairly cooperative so far as well!! I just checked my 10 day weather forecast looking to the supper and it shows mix of sun and clouds with temps in the 40's - we'll take it! As opposed to last year with the mounds of snow with no parking and more snow with cold temps!

There are tentative dates set for our repeat fundraisers for the year but the committee has not finalized the list as of yet. We have an ecumenical bazaar planning meeting coming up this weekend to set that date. Although our dates are not set in stone.....we will be busy again this year! So watch for our advertisements throughout the year in the Beacon and the newspapers. Flyers will be mailed as well to keep you informed.

Our annual tag sale will be held in August, so as you do your spring cleaning, remember us as we would love to have your unwanted treasures. We have room to store a few boxes and bags but please remember that our official collection time will begin after Sunday School ends in June. We are all getting older and dread the stairs to the balcony to store the items. We dread it more when we need to carry it all back down!!!



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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:

Memorial Garden

Broad Brook Congregational Church
P.O. Box 466, Broad Brook, CT 06016

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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 _____

From the Board of Deacons

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The Easter Service at Broad Brook will be held @ 10 am. “Come and rejoice in the rising of the Lord” . An Easter egg hunt for the children will be held following the worship service.

On Saturday March 19, we are having a **Community Pot Luck Supper and Game Night @ 5 pm.** This is open to the Community. Everyone attending should plan on bringing a main dish, salad or vegetable to share.

There are plans for a New Member Reception for May. If anyone wishes to become an Active Member of Broad Brook Congregational Church, please contact Rev. Lewis or a Deacon.



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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Send your donation to:

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Thank you for your generosity!



Ways & Means, *continued*

Like I mentioned earlier..... the Ecumenical Bazaar has a planning meeting set to discuss this years dates, activities and goals. With the winter still upon us and some up and down temps and weather, now is a good time to be working on some fun indoor hobbies such as needlework and crafting. Maybe you could make an extra item or two to contribute to our bazaar. Last year we had a lot of request for assorted size mittens. They seem to never go out of style, adult and kids alike!

As always.....we are always looking for fresh ideas for fundraisers. Please let us know if you know of a fun way to help raise some funds to help our church and our community. Our committee members are Mike Siekiera, Debbie Siekiera, Joyce Bonelli, Alice Wenz, Debbie Signor and Corin Jones. Please let anyone on the committee know of any ideas. Thank you for your continued support!



Feb. 7th

Our “chefs,” Mike Siekiera and Richard York, preparing delicious pancakes.

Recipe Corner

Submitted by Debbie Siekiera



The recipe chosen for this issue of the Beacon was prompted by the -6 degree temperature outside.....Brrrr! I chose this wonderful healthy meatless soup to warm you up from inside out (an all-time favorite any time of the year)! As I sit here typing this recipe, there's a roaring fire going in the fireplace and I am sipping on a Brown Sugar Latte that I tried and loved from a recipe found on Pinterest (I highly recommend this warm beverage recipe so I will share it as a bonus). This soup is so very flavorful and filling, you won't miss the meat. The dumplings are like icing on the cake!! The recipe does call for canned products which can be high in sodium so be careful there if you are watching your sodium intake. Luckily for me.....I have a master chef in my kitchen who likes to substitute with fresh verses canned! He does substitute to the healthier canned versions to save time on occasion, especially for the beans. They are worth the few cents extra. Sure hope this becomes a staple recipe for you as it has been in my household. Makes great leftovers!

PS: Our grandsons even like this soup!

Tangy Bean Soup with Cornmeal Dumplings: (serves 6)

Soup Ingredients:

2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) chicken broth
1 package (16 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained and rinsed
1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
1 chopped medium onion
1TBLS chili powder
1 TBLS minced cilantro (original recipe calls for fresh but we don't always have that on hand)
4 minced garlic cloves
¼ tsp ground pepper

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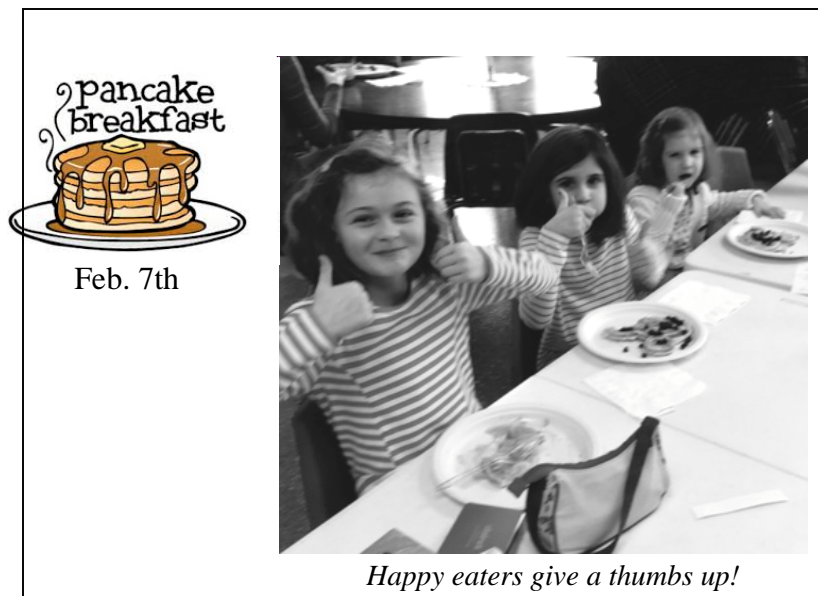
In a slow cooker, combine all the soup ingredients, cover and cook on high for 4 to 5 hours. Save the cornmeal dumplings till 30 minutes before intended meal time.

Dumpling Ingredients:

½ cup all-purpose flour
 ½ cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese (not always used)
 1/3 cup cornmeal
 1 tbsp sugar
 1 tsp baking powder
 1 egg
 2 tbsp milk
 2 tsp canola oil



Dumplings: Combine the flour, cheese, cornmeal, sugar and baking powder in a medium bowl. In another bowl, combine the egg, milk and oil. Add wet to dry ingredients just until moistened (batter will be stiff). Drop by heaping tablespoons onto soup. Cover and cook on high for 30 minutes longer (without lifting the cover). After 30 minutes, test dumplings with a toothpick, it should come out clean.



Brown Sugar Latte (2 servings)

Ingredients:

2 cups freshly brewed coffee (on the stronger side)
 2 tbsp caramel sauce (ice cream topping is ok, can be sugar free)
 1 cup milk (skim milk ok to make it skinny)
 2 tbsp packed light brown sugar (or truvia/stevia brown sugar blends)
 whipped cream and caramel sauce for garnish (optional but highly recommended for small splurge!!)



1. Brew your coffee from your automatic coffee machine as usual.
2. In a quart mason jar with a lid (or a glass measuring cup), heat milk combined with the brown sugar in the microwave for 1 minute. If using Mason jar with lid....make sure lid is on tight then shake vigorously for a minute or two until frothy. (If using measuring cup, transfer into a beverage shaker and shake vigorously or use an immerseable mixer for 15-20 seconds).
3. To serve, pour coffee equally into 2 mugs. Add 1 tbsp caramel sauce to each mug, stir to dissolve. Slowly pour frothy milk equally over each coffee. Optional but highly recommended.....add whipped cream and drizzle caramel sauce on cream. Oooh so good! Enjoy!

