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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.

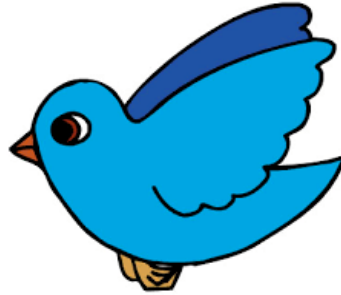
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Zechariah 10:1

Ask rain from the Lord in the season of the spring rain, from the Lord who makes the storm clouds, and he will give them showers of rain, to everyone the vegetation in the field.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.



Isaiah 61:11

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

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A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



If you are out and about and encounter a deluge of rudeness; if you can't turn on the TV without hearing unkind even hateful speech directed toward our brothers and sisters of this nation; if you find yourself unwillingly being drawn into that mindset of unkind actions or speech in retaliation to such affronts, you are not alone. As one commercial says: "I hear you!"

I spend a lot of time on the road and am routinely aware of the unkindness of other drivers: horn blowing as soon as a light turns green, speeding up to get to a stop sign first so they can keep on rolling through it or worse yet blatantly ignoring a red light, not leaving space to let someone make a left-hand turn when traffic is backing up in both directions—you get the idea.

In stores I witness the unkind actions of younger shoppers toward seniors. Don't they realize they will be one soon enough!

The hateful speech between political candidates is something we have come to expect and these are people we want representing us—really? Yet nothing has been done to stem the tide of unkind behavior.

We have the right in our country to protest against things we see as injustices. But when that passion turns to hatred for the opposing view, we have become noisy gongs or clanging symbols because we no longer speak within a framework of love.

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◻◻◻ *from Rev. Carol Lewis*

Living in a culture that no longer seems to value kindness is difficult. As followers of Jesus, he challenges us to do as he says in John 13:34-35: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

There are ways we can make a difference through random acts of kindness. I was enjoying lunch with friends in a local restaurant recently. When we asked for the bill we were told by our waitress that everyone's meal had been paid for. This individual did not want any praise or thanks and wanted to remain anonymous. This did two things for me: one, it filled me with joy and hope that random acts of kindness were still alive; and two, it made me want to pay it forward and pass on other random acts of kindness to others. These acts can be as simple as smiling at the cashier, holding the door for the person behind you, or telling the store manager how helpful one of their employees was.

If your mood is less than joyful, I invite you to try doing something for someone else—a simple act of kindness. It will make you feel better, the recipient feel better, and make the world a little kinder. It would make God joyful too!

Blessings,
Rev. Carol

Rev. Lewis' Office Hours

Every Wednesday

*May 4, 11, 18, 25
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29*



Parents and children had a blast during the Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

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From the Christian Education Committee

Submitted by Linda York

Sunday School News

The Sunday School was very busy during the Lent and Easter seasons. We started Lent with a Pancake Breakfast. We introduced Robbie the Dragon puppet from "Dragon Talks", a series of comical puppet Scripts for each Sunday of the Lectionary Year. This series focuses on the key scriptures of the day. 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. They raised \$120.00 dollars to help send animals to poor families to become more self-sufficient. On Palm Sunday the children began the service with a song and banner presentation called "Who's That Man?". The readers and banner makers gave a moving start to the service. They then gave out palms to all in church. On Easter Sunday, the children processed in with the Alleluia Banner and a new banner called "He is Risen". They also sang the children's anthem called "Alive, Alive". An Easter Egg Hunt was held after church. The children are now planning special activities for Pentecost Sunday and Children's Day.

First Communion Classes

First Communion Classes were held on March 6, 13, and 20 after church. We reviewed many stories about Jesus, learned about The Last Supper, reviewed the Easter story, learned about communion and why we take it, and talked about different ways in which our church takes communion. A new communion book was written by Linda York with help from Carol Lewis and Debbie Signor.

Four students participated in the Maundy Thursday Service and received First Communion. The class helped to wash hands to begin the service, led the Lord's Prayer, took First Communion around a table of twelve to represent how Jesus served the Last

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From the Christian Education Committee

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Supper, served communion to the minister, and presented symbols during the Tanebrae Service.

Certificates and Crosses were given to:

Lyndsie Brown, daughter of Sheri Townsend and Scott Brown
Ella Marschall, daughter of Nicholas and Christine Marschall
Lily Raymond , daughter of Albert and Jessica Raymond
Kaitlyn Rouleau, daughter of Brian and Jennifer Rouleau ☒



Children's Sermons

MAY

8- Tracey Nieroda
15- Wade Signor
22- Dr. James Clark

JUNE

12- Linda York
(children's program)



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Birthdays

May

June

Mrs. Alice Wenz	1	Mr. Philip M. Grant	4
Mrs. Mary Myers	3	Nicholas Allen Owens	5
Mr. Michael Siekiera	3	Ms. Joyce Jordan	13
Mr. William Morin	3	Miss Aubrianna MacDonald	13
Mr. Christopher Walker	5	Miss Amber LaCross	17
Miss Abigael Nodwell	10	Ms. Kristen Dannehey	18
Miss Mikaela Nodwell	10	Mrs. Kristin Curran	18
Mr. David Conant	12	Mrs. Mariann L. Ivanisin	19
Ms. Carol Lynn Innes	13	Mr. Dylan Nodwell	20
Alex Velazquez	14	Mr. Ethan Jones	24
Ms. Mary DiMauro	18	Ms. Rebecca Griffin	25
Mr. Peter Pippin, III	18	Miss Ashley Ruth McMahon	26
Mrs. Hyla McNeely	19	Miss Jennifer Rae Savoie	30
Miss Ashley Fuller	20		
Mrs. Alana (Signor) Curren	21		
Mrs. Betty Stratton	21		
Miss Orissa Lynn McMahon	25		
Miss Amelia Grace Walker	25		
Mr. Gregory McNeely	27		
Miss Andrea McNeely	28		
Ms. Jessica Griffin	29		

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	Mr. & Mrs. Richard York	28



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

Submitted by Betty Stratton

Spring is trying to come! The robins are here and the daffodils and crocus have blossomed. The grass is green. The temperature is finally warmer!

Lent and Easter Sunday are in the past. We continue to celebrate the Easter Season until Pentecost on May 15th. "Let us celebrate the risen Christ, alive in our midst every today." Thank you to the children for singing on Palm Sunday and Easter morning. It is always a nice addition to the services. They also presented their Alleluia and Christ is Risen banners to the pulpit.

Congratulations to our First Communion Class, Lyndsie Brown, daughter of Sheri Townsend and Scott Brown, Ella Marschall, daughter of Nicholas and Christine Marschall, Kaitlyn Rouleau, daughter of Brian and Jennifer Rouleau and Lily Raymond, daughter of Albert and Jessica Raymond. They received First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 24th. They received Communion while sitting with their parents at a long table that sits 12, as Jesus did when he served the Last Supper.

The Ecumenical Good Friday Service was held at Broad Brook Congregational Church. This was a meaningful service shared with other churches.

The Sunday after Easter was "Holy Humor" Sunday. The sanctuary was decorated with smiling face balloons and some of the congregation wore costumes and hats including Rev. Carol. She made the service "full of Humor" and was fun to attend. One comment was "I have not laughed so much in awhile" !

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From the Board of Deacons

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The Board of Deacons sponsored a Community pot luck/game night on March 19th. It was fun and well attended. Thank you to Susan York for leading the games. There will be more of these evenings planned in the future.

Rev. Carol will be away from May 16th to May 21th. On May 22, plans are being made to have a Hymn Sing during the worship service. Favorite Hymns from the congregation have been requested and will be included in the service. She will not have office hours on May 18th.

Condolences to Roger McCully and family, his wife, Helen passed on Feb. 22, 2016.



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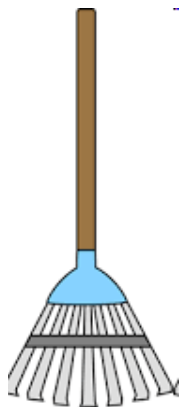
Thank you to all who dedicated an Easter Lily to a loved one on Easter. They were lovely and looked lovely during the worship service.



There are flower dedication openings available throughout the next few months.

High School Seniors looking for Community Service Credit

BBCC is looking for some energetic students interested in earning some community service credit for graduation. We are in need of help with some general light yard/garden work include raking, weeding, trimming and cleaning up debris left behind from the trees over the winter months. Please call Mike Siekiera @ 860-983-7093 after 4 pm to set up a day and time.



WAYS & MEANS Committee Report

submitted by Debbie Siekiera

Corned Beef Supper

Our chef did it again! He served up another gourmet meal for our nice patrons who came out to eat. He bought an extra 10 lbs. of meat just so we wouldn't run out and could feed the help, it was a good thing as we had to use it all in the end! No one ever goes away hungry! The desserts were plenty and our guests appreciate the variety we offer them. Once again we thank every one who bought a meal and to those who volunteered in anyway to help it be the success that it was.

Unfortunately, there won't be anymore suppers until September as our chef has a lot on his plate this spring and summer. He wears many hats in our church and he just added grounds keeper to the list. There are several fundraisers planned before then to keep us busy anyway. As always.....we will give you enough advance notice of each event.

Plant Sale

Our master gardeners Joyce Bonelli and her sister Julie are in full swing getting their plants ready for our annual plant sale. Our chef has parted some of his rhubarb plants from his garden and grew some favorite tomato plants for the sale, he just transplanted them this week into bigger pots. If anyone else has any plants they would like to donate or have any spare pots/trays hanging around, call Joyce Bonelli at 860-623-7040, she can always use some extra!. The sale



will be held on Saturday May 7th from 9am to Noon (rain or shine) in the driveway of the church. We will have canopies up to protect the sensitive plants (and us) from the elements. There will be a sign up sheet available in the fellowship hall for volunteers to help with the sale. Look for the advertisement in this issue of the Beacon.

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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 _____

WAYS & MEANS Committee Report

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Tag Sale

This popular event is on the schedule for August. The actual date is pending a personal special event that hasn't been confirmed by the venue to date. We have already received some donations from a donor that lives out of state. We thank you for your donation. The rest of us local people.....please hold off contributing until after Children's' Day on June 12th as space is limited. We would rather not carry it to the balcony only to have to carry it back down. Some of us have back and knee issues that would prefer to avoid that route!!



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 Honor of: _____

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Thank you for your generosity!



Mike's Favorite Beer Can Chicken Recipe

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Cover the grill and walk away. Do not even check the chicken for at least an hour. After an hour, check the chicken and refresh the coals if needed (if you are using a charcoal grill). Keep checking the chicken every 15 minutes or so, until a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh reads 160°F - 165°F. The total cooking time will vary depending on the size of your chicken, and the internal temperature of the grill. A 4 lb. chicken will usually take around 1 1/2 hours. NOTE: If you do not have a meat thermometer, a way to tell if the chicken is done is to poke it deeply with a knife (the thigh is a good place to do this), if the juices run clear, not pink, the chicken is done.

Carefully transfer the chicken to a tray or pan. I say "carefully" because the beer can, and the beer inside of it, is quite hot. One way to do this is to slide a metal spatula under the bottom of the beer can. Use tongs to hold the top of the chicken. Lift the chicken, beer can still inside, and move it to a tray. Let the chicken rest for 10 minutes. Carefully lift the chicken off of the can. If it gets stuck, lay the chicken on its side, and pull out the can with tongs.

NOTE: You can also roast a chicken this way in the oven. Just place it as directed on an open half-filled can of beer, sitting up, in a roasting pan on the lower rack of your oven. Roast at 350°F until done (about an hour fifteen to an hour and a half for a 4 lb. chicken). For an alcohol-free version of this recipe, you can use a can of ginger ale or root beer, or just fill a pint mason jar halfway with chicken stock and use it instead of the beer. You can also use an open can of baked beans (remove the label first) instead of the beer. The chicken juices will run into and flavor the baked beans, which you can then use as a side dish for the chicken. Enjoy!!

Happy 60th Birthday to
our Chef, **Mike Siekiera!**



Upcoming Events



MAY

- 1- Communion
- 7 - Annual Plant Sale - 9:00 to 12:00
- 8- Happy Mother's Day
- 18 - No Office hours this week,
Rev. Carol away

22 – HYMN SING WORSHIP

Rev. Carol will be away on May 22, she has suggested that BBCC have a Hymn sing for the worship service on that day. The Choir

and Deacons will be organizing worship of Hymns. There are suggestion forms available on the tables in the narthex and the fellowship hall. Please be sure that you have given your suggestions before April 24th. The forms can be given to Betty Stratton.

29- Memorial Day Sunday.

JUNE

- 5- Communion
- 12- Children's Day



The 2nd Sunday each month we collect for the Food Pantry.

Rev. Lewis holds office hours every Wednesday: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

*Congratulations to Bill & Betty
Stratton who just celebrated
their 50th Wedding Anniversary!*



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.



Mail-In Flower Dedication Form

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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>.

Mike's Favorite Beer Can Chicken Recipe

Cook time: 1 hour, 30 minutes Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 3 to 4-pound whole chicken
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil or other vegetable oil
- 1 opened, half-full can of beer, room temperature (Mike likes to drink the other half while still cold as not to waste it!)
- 1 Tbsp. kosher salt
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh thyme leaves, or
- 1 Tbsp. dried thyme (can also add 1 Tbsp. oregano/rosemary if preferred)
- 1 Tbsp. black pepper (Mike uses freshly ground pepper by McCormick)
- 1 tsp garlic powder



Prepare your grill for indirect heat. If you are using charcoal, put the coals on one side of the grill, leaving another side free of coals. If you are using a gas grill, fire up only half of the burners.

Remove neck and giblets from cavity of chicken, if the chicken came with them. Rub the chicken all over with olive oil. Mix the salt, pepper, and thyme (and other herbs if using) in a little bowl, then sprinkle it all over the chicken.

Make sure the beer can is open, and only half-filled with beer (remember - drink the other half!) If you want, you can put a sprig of thyme (or another herb like rosemary or sage) in the beer can. Lower the chicken on to the open can, so that the chicken is sitting upright, with the can in its cavity. Place the chicken on the cool side of the grill, using the legs and beer can as a tripod to support the chicken on the grill and keep it stable.