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Important Reminder: Council Meeting

There will be a Council meeting on Sunday, July 16 @ 11:20 pm. There will be a light lunch. All Committee Chairs are to bring a printed report to read and give to the Chinue at the meeting.

Thank you.

Betty Stratton, Clerk pro tem

BBCC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Mike Siekiera and his family on the passing of his father John J. Siekiera. John passed away on June 23rd at the age of 90.

He is at peace now in the arms of our Lord with his wife beside him. He leaves behind cherished memories instilled in his family's hearts forever.



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

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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.

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.

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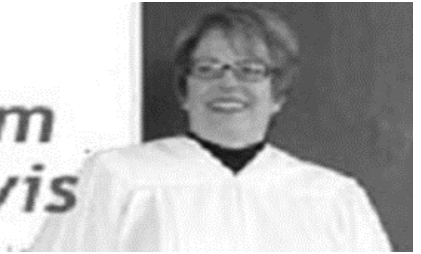
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*A Message From
 Rev. Carol Lewis*



Happy Summer! Some of us will enjoy the heat and some of us will not. I know summer is a time for relaxation and vacations. But, God never takes a vacation and neither does church worship. Here are some reminders of the values of church attendance:

10. Church is like spinach. You know how you hated spinach as a kid but grew to like it as an adult because you eat it in ways that suit you much better. Guess what? People can have the same sort of experience with church...things are often much different and worth checking out.

9. You are what you are...and so are we. All are welcome at Broad Brook Congregational Church where you will be nurtured and grow.

8. It keeps your heart in constant tune with God.

7. It improves your character by learning the great examples that Christ gave to us.

6. It teaches you to give and know the wonderful joy you receive by giving.

5. Teaches you to pray, for prayer is the answer to many of your problems.

4. It gives your soul great joy and comfort to worship and know that God is near.

3. It keeps your mind on the great necessity for having God's word spread throughout all nations.

2. It shows the world that you are working for Christ and God's Kingdom.

1. It provides spiritual guidance. It's not about commandments. It's about relationships—even with God. The most important relationship is our relationship with God. The second most important is our relationship with the rest of the human family. In balance, these relationships produce justice amid injustice, kindness in the face of meanness, and the humility of self acceptance that comes as we sense the presence of a God who knows our inmost thoughts and loves us unconditionally—just as we are. Spiritual journeys can be like the exercise equipment we buy and leave under the bed. Without coaches and workout partners, most of us don't stick with it.

Oh happy day, our sanctuary is now air-conditioned so everyone will be comfortable.

Come as you are. We're waiting to welcome you.

Blessings,
Pastor Carol



Rev. Lewis holds office hours every
Wednesday: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
Rev. Lewis will be on vacation July 6-12 and August 24-30

Sunday School News

Children's Day was held on Sunday, June 11, 2017 during the morning worship service to finish a year of learning and growing with God and each other. The children led the service and the adults got to experience what Sunday School is like. Fun and inspirational activities helped the children to

They sang two songs, read from Genesis and Psalms, read the readings, prayers, and benediction, helped the adults to create a web of thanks, and helped Robbie our Dragon Tales puppet give a special message about taking care of the earth and helping others. All did very well. Certificates and plants were presented to the students and adult helpers.

Special thanks were given to Linda York, Debbie Signor, Sheri Townsend, and Carol Lewis for their hard work and dedication to the Sunday School. Susan York, Katie Siekiera, and Jessica Raymond were also recognized.

The service was followed by a delicious barbecue/picnic provided by the Deacons and Christian Education Committee. The children and some of the adults also enjoyed making a Dream Catcher with Susan York and Sheri Townsend.

Sunday School will begin again on September 10, 2017. Please watch for news in the next Beacon and in letters mailed to our students.

**See you in
September!**



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Ways and Means
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Annual Tag Sale

Our Annual Tag Sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 12 from 9 to 3. I know that our summer months get crazy hectic especially on the weekends so try to fit this into your schedule! The biggest hurdle is getting it all outdoors in the morning. A couple of cashiers and a few people to help spread it all out and we are good!! Mike and Debbie will pick up any donated items, call 860.627.5181 to schedule your pick-up!

Workshops to sort and price will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm beginning July 10th.

Ecumenical Bazaar:

We are the host church again this year. Plans are being made to hold a planning meeting with the other churches. The date has been set and venue reserved for November 11th to be held at the East Windsor Scout Hall on Abbe Road. More info to follow once the planning meeting has been held.



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

- Betty Stratton

Summer is here! Already we have had some typical summer weather whereby we have had to use our new air conditioning in the sanctuary during worship service. It sure is nice not having to sit in the humidity. Come and see for yourself and enjoy the inspiring worship service! Everyone is welcome! Our worship time is 10:00 am.

On September 9th 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, the Broad Brook Congregational Church will be having their FIRST OPEN HOUSE. There will be free hamburgers and hot dogs. The Sunday School class rooms will be all set up for viewing and Linda York, our lead teacher, will be available to answer questions.

Ride up to the sanctuary if needed via our stair chair.

In the sanctuary, the stained glass windows are beautiful as the light shines through them!

A must see is the OPAS801 Tracker Organ installed in December 1893. It was built by William Johnson and Son Organ Company from Westfield, Ma. It always has been a beautiful addition to the Sanctuary with its splendid sound and oak appearance.

A visit to our Memorial garden is also must.

Come visit us on Sept 9th or any Sunday morning at 10:00 am.

The Broad Brook Congregational Church building was built on its present site in 1853. In 1893 the building was destroyed by fire and was completely rebuilt and dedicated in 1894. A centennial rededication was held honoring the building and long time members in 1994. The church legally became "The Broad Brook Congregational Church, Incorporated" in 1923 according to the laws of the state of CT and located in the Town of East Windsor. We are a member of the United Church of Christ.



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Rally Sunday, the start of the 2017 fall Sunday school classes, is Sept 10th at 10:00 am. We invite all children to come to Sunday School and parents to our worship service.

Rev. Carol Lewis will be on vacation the following weeks:
July 6-12 Rev. Sara Jane Munshower will be preaching on July 9th.
Aug. 24- 30 Rev. Sara Jane Munshower will be preaching on August 27th

Rev. Carol will also be away October 2- 16, 2017. Pulpit supply has not been obtained. Anyone interested in giving a sermon on either Oct 8th or 15th. Please see Betty Stratton. .

The yard clean up has been completed, with mulch being applied to the gardens in front of the church. I want to thank everyone who helped with this project. Thank you to Mike Siekiera for keeping the lawn mowed and looking so nice.



Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lacross	July 12
Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Snow	July 15
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bedard	July 31
Mr. & Mrs. Wade Signor	Aug 10



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Missions Committee

The Missions Committee continues to support the 5 Corner Cupboard with food collections and monthly donations from the congregation. Any donations are highly appreciated. We are also giving a camp scholarship to the East Windsor Recreation Department for their summer day camp.

The Missions Committee will be meeting soon to finish planning for our 2017 Missions Giving and special projects. If you would like the church to support a worthy project or organization, please let the minister or a member of the committee know. (Linda York, Carol Lewis, Debbie Signor, Warren Wenz, and Katherine Mickens.) We are always looking for new ideas. are always looking for new ideas.

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Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to William Rouleau

for making the third quarter honor roll at East Windsor Middle School!

Arthur Sweet graduated from Cheney Technical High School. He is the son of Carol Innes and Walter Sweet. He is working in a repair shop of heavy equipment.



Avery Jones graduated from Public Safety Academy in Enfield. He is the son of Corin and Bob Jones. He plans to join the Marines in August.

Charles R. Lewis III graduated from Ellington High School. He is the son of Charles and Amy Lewis and the grandson of Rev. Lewis. He will be continuing his education in the fall at SUNY, College of Environmental and Forestry in Syracuse, N.Y.



Congratulations to Jonathan, Ashley, and Jameson on the birth of Kensington Joy Hibbard . She was born on June 1, 2017 at 8 pounds, 15.9 ounces and 21.5 inches long.

Calendar

July

- 2- Communion
- 4- Happy 4th of July
- 6-11- Rev. Carol on vacation
- 9- Rev. Carol away - Rev. Sara Jane Munshower guest preacher
- 10-31 Tag Sale workshops every Mon & Wed from 6:30-8:30 pm
- 16 - Council meeting - 11:15 am - light lunch served. Present a written report to be read at the meeting
- 23 – Baptism of Andrew and Riley Fleming & Camilla Charry

August

- 6- Communion
- 12- Tag Sale
- 20 – Deacons meet at 11:20 am
- 24-30 - Rev. Carol on vacation
- 27- Rev. Carol away - Rev. Sara Jane Munshower guest preacher

September

- 12 - Rev. Carol and Deacons visit Convalescent homes.
- Rev. Lewis holds office hours every Wednesday: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Rev. Lewis will be on vacation July 6-12 and August 24-30
- The 2nd Sunday each month is the monthly collection for the Food Pantry



Lay Readers

July

- 2- Debbie Signor
- 9- James Clark
- 16- Joyce Bonelli
- 23- Linda York
- 30- Katherine Mickens



August

- 6- Warren Wenz
- 13- Debbie Signor
- 20- Bob Cormier
- 27- Katherine Mickens

Hymnals Order Form

Each hymnal costs \$20.00. To donate a hymnal to the church, fill out the following form, neatly printing how the front inside cover donation plate should read. Turn in this form and a check for \$20.00 to BBCC, indicating “hymnal fund” in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.

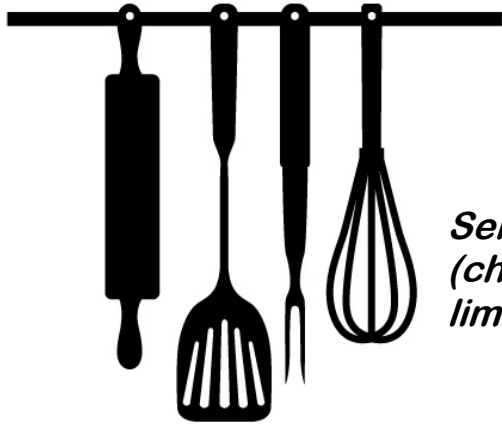
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Baked Buffalo Chicken Dip

*Serve hot with tortilla chips!
(check out the new chips with lime!)*

Ingredients:

- 3 cups diced cooked chicken
- 2 (8 oz) pkgs. cream cheese, softened somewhat (easier to combine with other ingredients)
- 3/4 cup hot sauce (such as Franks, Texas Pete or your favorite)
- 1/2 cup shredded pepper jack cheese
- 1/2 cup blue cheese dressing
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1/2 tsp. seafood seasoning (such as Old Bay) pinch of cayenne pepper
- 2 TB shredded pepper jack cheese

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Lightly spray 9" pan
2. Combine chicken, cream cheese, hot pepper sauce, 1/2 cup pepper Jack cheese, blue cheese dressing, crumbled blue cheese, seafood seasoning, and cayenne pepper in a large bowl.
3. Transfer chicken mixture to a 9-inch round baking dish and sprinkle with 2 tablespoons pepper Jack cheese.
4. Bake until lightly browned, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from oven and garnish with cayenne pepper

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Happy Birthday

William LaCross	2nd
Mrs. Cindy Bedard	2nd
Mrs. Adrienne Burrell	3rd
Mrs. Deborah Siekiera	4th
Anthony M. Siekiera-Bombard	5th
Mr. Calvin Myers	6th
Mr. Kevin M. Nodwell	7th
Mr. John Curran	7th
Mr. Joseph Ivanisin	7th
Benjamin Luke Bauer	16th
Mrs. Carolyn Feldman	18th
Mrs. Corin Jones	20th
Miss Regina McNeely	22nd
Colin Michael Snow	26th
William Andrew Wallace	29th

July



August

Mrs. Katharine Joy Bauer	1st
Mrs. Tracy Ann Snow	2nd
Mrs. Margaret Arnold	2nd
Mrs. Linda York	4th
Joseph Abraham Nicoll	6th
Ms Amanda DiMauro	8th
Colton McNeely	9th
Tyler Curran	11th
Mr. William A. Stratton	13th
Mrs. Mary Velazquez	13th
Mrs. Laura L. Callahan	16th
Mr. Bruce Nodwell	20th
Mrs. Karen Marquis	21st
Mr. Jonathan Scott Prouse	21st
Mrs. Jill Cameron	24th
Aiden Elliott Siekiera	27th
Zachary Adam Owens	30th
Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Callahan	31st

