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Because of the tender mercy of our God,
with which the sunrise from on high will
visit us, to shine upon those who sit in
darkness and the shadow of death, to guide
our feet into the way of peace."

- Luke 1:78-79

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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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A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



I have a friend with whom I have wonderful theological discussions. She is a kind warm-hearted person who understands who Jesus was better than some Christians. My friend happens to be Jewish. She has been hurt by some of the false statements that Mary Luti's points out in her devotional. It is important to Christians and Jews to understand that we worship the same God and God's unconditional love is poured out on ALL God's people. I've include Mary's devotional that speaks the truth in love. My prayer is that our ears will hear these words, that our minds will be open to them, and that our hearts will be moved.

Bearing False Witness

Mary Luti

April 26, 2017

"God has not rejected his people whom [God] foreknew." -
 Romans 11: 2

Here are a few things I've heard well-educated progressive Christians say recently:

"Our God is a God of love, not like the God of the Old Testament."

"Jesus was always breaking the Law that excluded outcasts, the sick and disabled, women, the poor and unclean."

"Jesus opposed the legalistic religion of his day, inviting us into a way of grace."

"Jesus removes the barriers of Jewish tribalism and exclusivity. The reach of his Church is universal."

Here's the trouble—none of them is true. They depend for their punch on caricatures. They trump a Judaism that never was. And they contribute to the persistence of a sometimes unconscious but always harmful anti-Judaism in our churches.

I don't know what it will take to get us to stop trotting out these stereotypes. To stop making Judaism the foil for Christian superiority, the straw man we knock down and sweep away to show how great Jesus was. I don't know what it will take to convince us that loving Jesus doesn't mean we have to turn Judaism into a narrow, nit-picking, mean, oppressive, bad religion, superfluous and obsolete.

I don't know what it will take to get us to stop bearing false witness against our neighbors. To stop writing Jews out of their own story. To finally wipe this ancient stain from the Christian heart. But we have to do something, start somewhere.

What if we do this one thing today? Take a deep repentant breath with me. Now, repeat after Paul: "God has not rejected God's people, God has not rejected God's people, God has not rejected God's people..."

Prayer

Faithful One, forgive us. We have been rivals for blessings, wanting the most and best for ourselves. But when you bestow a blessing, it is forever. If you bestow a second, you don't withdraw the first. If one shines, the others do not dim. And there are more blessings in your hand than stars in the starry sky.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mary Luti is a long time seminary educator and pastor, author of *Teresa of Avila's Way* and numerous articles, and founding member of The Daughters of Abraham, a national network of interfaith women's book groups.

Blessings
Rev. Carol



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BBCC Flower Dedications

MAY

- 7 – Joyce Bonelli – Joe & Joyce's 40th Anniversary
14 -
21 – Carolyn Feldman in memory of Walter Feldman
28 - Betty Stratton Honoring those who lost their lives
while serving in the US Military.

JUNE

- 4 - Condolences to the Rev. Carol Lewis Family on
their loss
11 - BBCC Honoring the Children
18 -
25 – Linda & Richard York on their Anniversary

Sunday Altar Flower Dedications

Dedicating a flower is a wonderful way to honor someone you love. To arrange to have flowers any Sunday, mail the coupon below with your check. Arrangements are only \$22.00.

Check 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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The Sunday School has been learning about Jesus and his disciples during the seasons of Epiphany and Lent. We have emphasized God's light leading us to make good decisions. Each week, we worked on making a table top scene where the children could act out some of the stories about Jesus from the Bible.

We reviewed what communion meant to us. Aiden Siekiera took his First Communion on Maundy Thursday after taking the class during Sunday School.

A children's mission's project was started on March 5, 2017. The children voted to raise money for a homeless project.

On Palm Sunday, the children presented a puppet show featuring Robbie the Dragon. The church brought in gently used clothes for the homeless to lay on the floor to welcome Jesus in our hearts. The children sang "He is Risen" on Easter Sunday during the worship service. They then participated in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We thank everyone who donated candy for this event.



The Sunday School continues to need volunteers to help each Sunday. Please help us by signing up to help for at least one Sunday for the remainder of the School Year. Children's day will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2017.

From the



CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION
COMMITTEE

-from Linda York

← Ways & Means →

Plant Sale:

The prep work for the Plant Sale on May 6th is in full swing. Joyce Bonelli has been busy digging in her gardens and her sisters', with the help of her daughters, to assemble a good variety of garden healthy landscape plants. There are healthy tomato plants along with other household plants and herbs set aside for the sale. The prices can't be beat for established plants. Just transfer them to their new home and watch them flourish. See the sale ad in this issue of the Beacon.

Our next fundraiser will be the Annual Tag Sale. The date is Saturday August 12th from 9 to 3. We will start collecting items for the sale the last week of June. We like to let the Sunday School end their school season before loading up the Fellowship Hall with stuff. The church has been doing a lot of cleaning lately. In doing so, we seem to have accumulated too much "stuff". (Yes, Rev. Joe, it is a burden!!!) We will start moving forward by adding our own items in the sale! I will mention more details for this sale in the next Beacon.

Our future suppers are still not settled on for dates. Last year our suppers coincided with a lot of local events as well as the Somersville Church schedule. Their schedule is on their website so easy to work around them but harder to compete with bigger events that are not obvious to us until they advertise. It is always a hit and miss situation with schedules. We will know more going forward, especially with our chef's plans!!

The Ecumenical Bazaar is being hosted by BBCC this year. The date is Saturday November 11th. I will keep you informed on our progress as we set things in motion. But for now..... the hall has been rented so the date has been sent. We have received the information Manual we share as we take turns hosting. We are requesting some new homemade items to be donated for the sale. It is never too early to start crafting so we are not last minute sam's!!! We tend to add stress to ourselves in waiting too long! More info to follow in the next issue of the Beacon as we progress.



Children singing "He is Risen" on Easter Sunday during worship service.

Worship Service Leaders & Sermon Volunteers Needed

Rev. Carol will be taking vacation July 6-12 and August 24-30. If anyone would like to lead the worship service and give a sermon on July 9th and August 27th - see Betty Stratton.



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Broad Brook Congregational Church's

Spring plant SALE

May 6th

9:00 a.m. to Noon

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Flowers, Plants, Vegetables

April Showers Bring May Flowers!



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

- Betty Stratton

It is Spring! God is at work, the trees are leafing out, the grass turning green, the daffodils have bloomed and everything is coming alive! The days are warmer!

Easter Sunday is past, the church will continue in the Easter season through May 28 and then it will be Pentecost Sunday on June 4.

On Mother's Day, May 14, the mothers in the congregation will be honored with ice cream social during coffee hour. Each mother is to bring a picture of herself as a child and/or a picture of her daughter.

On May 21, Broad Brook Congregational Church will be having a Hymn Sing during the morning worship. There will be many favorite hymns sung throughout the worship service. These are some that were selected by the congregation previously.

Rev. Carol will be away from May 15 through the 19 for an educational conference.

The Children's Day program will be held on June 11. We want to thank the children for singing on Easter. It was lovely.

Have a safe and happy summer. Come and worship with us this summer, our sanctuary is now air conditioned!

Rev. Lewis' Office Hours
Every Wednesday

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
June 7, 14, 21, 28

Rev. Carol will be on vacation July 6-12 and August 24-30.

If anyone would like to lead the worship service 7/9 and 8/27 and give a sermon please see Betty Stratton.

Lay Readers

MAY

7- Rich York
14- Joyce Bonelli
21- Wade Signor
28- Bob Cormier

JUNE

4- Debbie Signor
11- Rich York
18- Katherine Mickens
25- Warren Wenz

Children's Sermons

MAY

7-Communion
14-Carol Innes
21-Dr. James Clark
28-Rev. Carol

JUNE

4-Communion
11- Linda York -
Children's program

Birth Announcement

Proud grandparents, Michael and Deborah Siekiera, welcomed into their family a new grandson Waylon Joseph Siekiera on April 14, 2017. Born to parents Jackie & Zachary Siekiera. He was born a very healthy 8 lbs 12 oz at 20.5 inches long. He is their first child so a very exciting transitional time for them. He is our third grandson but first grandson for Jackie's parents Joe and Jackie Bosco. We are all very proud and excited to share the news!!!



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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.

Hymnal Donated by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please send your donation to:

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

Mrs. Alice Wenz	1
Mrs. Mary Myers	3
Mr. Michael Siekiera	3
Mr. William Morin	3
Mr. Christopher Walker	5
Miss Abigael Nodwell	10
Miss Mikaela Nodwell	10
Mr. David Conant	12
Ms. Carol Lynn Innes	13
Alex Velazquez	14
Ms. Mary DiMauro	18
Mr. Peter Pippin, III	18
Mrs. Hyla McNeely	19
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

JUNE

Mr. Philip M. Grant	4
Nicholas Allen Owens	5
Ms. Joyce Jordan	13
Miss Aubrianna MacDonald	13
Miss Amber LaCross	17
Ms. Kristen Dannehey	18
Mrs. Kristin Curran	18
Mrs. Mariann L. Ivanisin	19
Mr. Dylan Nodwell	20
Mr. Ethan Jones	24
Ms. Rebecca Griffin	25
Miss Ashley Ruth McMahon	26
Miss Jennifer Rae Savoie	30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

OUR EVENTS

April

30- Rev. Tom Clough visiting, pot lunch and discussion

May

6- Plant Sale @ 9am to noon

7- Communion

Church Video filming today

14- Mother's Day- Ice cream social

Bring pictures of a you as a child and /or your children

15-19- Rev. Carol away (education time)

21- Hymn sing service

28- Memorial Day Sunday

June

4- Communion

11-Children's Day

18- Father's Day

25- Council meeting @ 11:15am

July

2- Communion

6-11- Rev. Carol on vacation

August

6- Communion

12- Tag Sale

24-30- Rev. Carol on vacation

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

* The 2nd Sunday each month is the monthly collection for the Food Pantry.

The Church Telephone Directory has been updated.

Make sure you pick up your copy. The new one has a bright orange cover.

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)

[illegible]

Memorial Garden Nameplate:

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

[illegible]

Note: allow 4 weeks to produce nameplates and bricks.

Name _____

Contact number/email

Form the dough into 1-inch balls and roll in the cinnamon/sugar mixture. Place dough ball on a greased baking sheet and flatten (I used the bottom of a glass to lightly flatten my cookies).

Sprinkle the tops of the cookies with additional cinnamon/sugar mixture, then bake for 7-8 minutes. Note: **Do not over bake these cookies.** (This will keep them nice and soft inside!)

Remove from oven and let cool on the cookie sheet for 1-2 minutes, then move to a wire rack to cool.

Information:

Prepare cookie sheets by spraying with Pam or use parchment paper.


Oven temp: 375°F

Yield: 60 cookies

Cook Time: 23 minutes



Thank you and Farewell!



I am grateful to the Creator for sending me to Broad Brook Congregational Church as its secretary. It has been an honor to work with all of you and to be able to help with the good work that the church is doing. As of June 2, 2017, I will no longer be secretary as I am moving out of state to pursue other endeavors. I wish all of you the blessings of our Creator and success in continuing to spread the good word. If you plan to be in Las Vegas, feel free to reach out and let me know - info@tgovan.com - <http://Tomaca.net>. Thank you to everyone. I will miss being here.

Tomaca

Snicker Doodles

- Debbie Siekiera



A simple cookie recipe perfect for any time of year. We all enjoy a soft chewy cookie once in awhile! These are made with butter so try not to overdo on eating too many at once, they are tempting! This recipe is a favorite go to when I need to bring something to occasions where you do not want to go empty handed - you know the ones where you say "what can I bring" and they say we've got it covered!!!

You can go over the top packaging them or keep it simple by placing them in a basket wrapped in a pretty dollar store towel!! As always, have fun making them! Because you have to roll them up in balls, perfect opportunity to spend time with your child or grand-kids!

Ingredients:

Dough:

3 1/2 cups flour	1/4 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon baking soda	1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar	
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, room temperature	Topping:
2 cups sugar	1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 eggs	3 tablespoons sugar

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375°F.

In a large bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, and cream of tartar. Set aside.

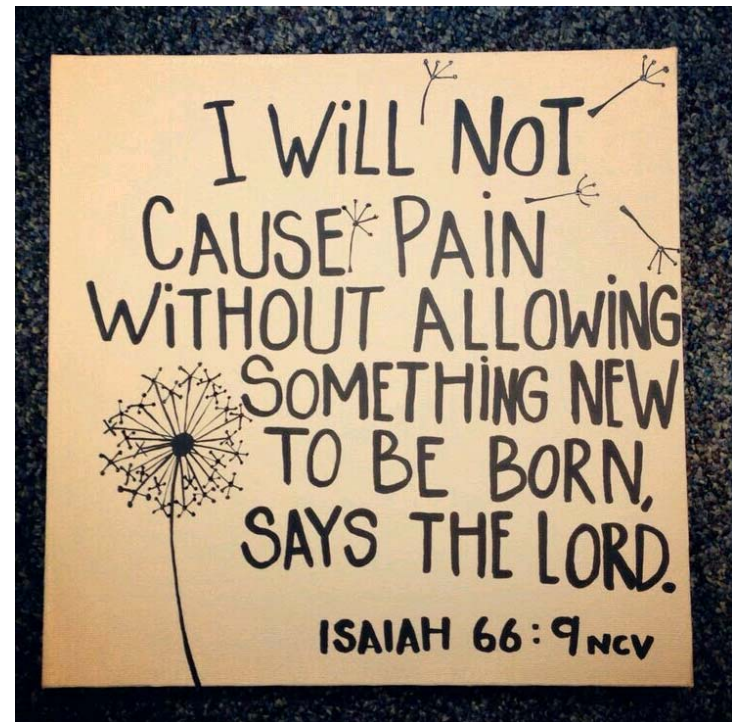
In a separate bowl, cream the butter and sugar until fluffy. Add the eggs, milk, and vanilla. Mix well. Add the wet ingredients in with the dry ingredients and mix until everything is incorporated.

In another small bowl, mix together cinnamon and sugar for the topping.

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.

The Committee will be meeting soon to plan 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.



Thank You

Mike and Debbie Siekiera would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all the cards, support and sympathies extended during my mothers illness, then to her passing. It was a trying time for us as we had to put extra things a side.

A huge thank you to the anonymous donor who donated to BBCC on my mom's behalf the estimated profit proceeds that could have been raised if we were able to carry out the corned beef supper that was cancelled. When I found out the donation was made It almost made me cry but definitely put tears in my eyes. That was so very thoughtful of you. Since the donation was made anonymously, I felt that maybe I could possibly thank you personally via this issue of our Beacon. Our church family is the bonus to attending such a wonderful small town church. Thank you all again.



I am with you
and will watch over you
wherever you go.

Genesis 28:15



More updates to the church!

If you have avoided attending church during the summer months due to the heat index, you may want to rethink that excuse as we have added air conditioning to our sanctuary. This has always been an issue for most, as our sanctuary was awfully uncomfortable during those warmer summer months. We recently had to upgrade our furnaces with more energy efficient units. In doing so, the contractor opened our eyes with an offer to add air conditioning with an additional quote to add it as an option. We brought the quote up at a special meeting after church where members of our church unanimously voted to include air conditioning to the work order.



BBCC cares about your comfort. (Hey....just a thought..... maybe we can someday vote on removing the pews and add theater style seating for our comfort!!!! Lol!) Come check out the better climate control in our building! It may be old, but it is moving forward to the future. One project at a time!!!

