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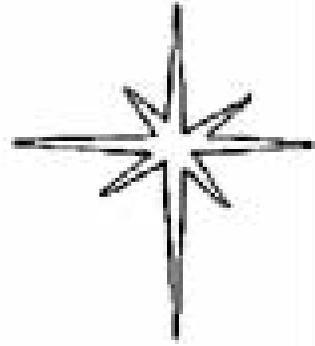
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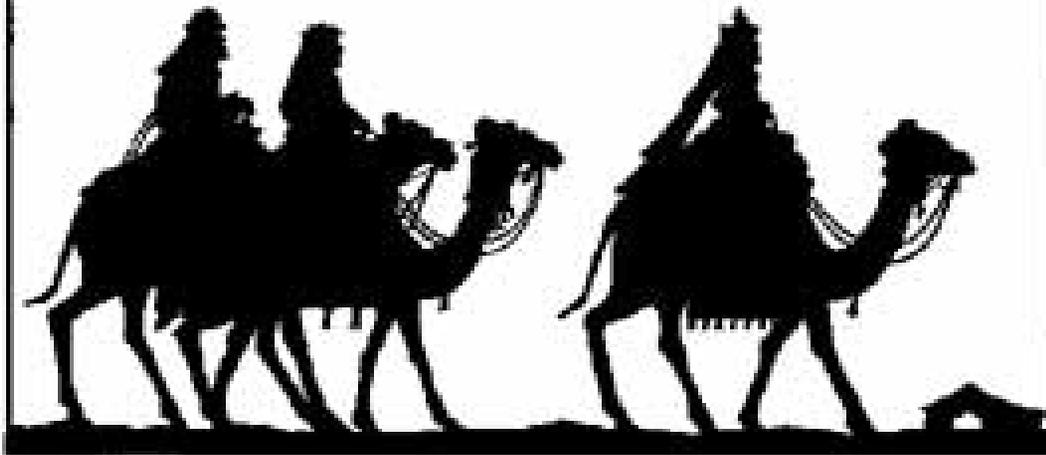
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Publication of the
Broad Brook Congregational Church
Pastor: Reverend Carol Lewis

Important Reminder: Council Meeting

There will be a Council meeting on Sunday, December 3rd @ 11:20 AM. 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.

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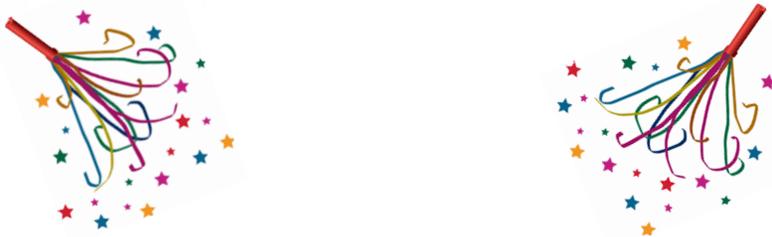
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Congratulations to Bob
Cormier for being voted in
as Treasurer of the Hart-
ford East Association.



Sunday Worship Services are held at 10:00 AM.

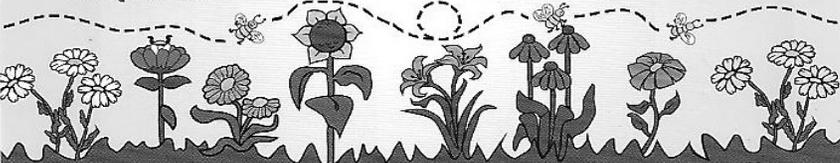
Communion is observed on the first Sunday of each month.

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.

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**A Message From
 Rev. Carol Lewis**



As I write this article, I am excited that today is Halloween. I have enjoyed this “holiday” ever since I was a kid. I love dressing up in costume, pretending for a moment, to be someone else. Not a scary someone but a funny happy character that will make others laugh. Kids have so little time these days to just be kids.

My gift to the trick or treaters tonight will not be candy. It will be a chance to view a Halloween village. It is set up in my foyer complete with lights, noise, and motion. It is a chance for children to experience something fun and surprising. I will have my costume on (which one, has yet to be determined).

All this is an attempt to help make this a fun-filled night where everyone in the neighborhood gets together and remembers what it is like to be a child again.

Speaking of a child my mind turns to our church year. In just four weeks Advent begins and we turn our hearts to preparing for the arrival of the infant Messiah. As I look out my window all the beautiful colors of fall are disappearing. The falling leaves are dancing from one yard to another and the wind is making music as it moves the chimes. The days are shorter! It isn't hard to realize then that Advent is coming quickly.

The atmosphere in our country right now is so thick with hate, bigotry, disrespect for one another, and anger that it is hard to believe that honoring and remembering the birth of a child, even God's son, can change anything.

But that babe is the Light of the world and his light shines in us. I believe that we can change the vile atmosphere one act of kindness at a time. Make someone's day brighter by smiling at them, by offering a compliment, by holding a door for them, by paying it forward and pay for the cup of coffee the person ordered behind you in the Dunkin drive through. Count to ten or take a deep breath before speaking out in anger. Be willing to hear the other side of an argument. Donate to a charity even if its only a dollar. I know you can come up with even better ideas. The point is, if we work together, we can bring the Light of Christ to a hurting and broken world. God is calling us are we going to answer: "Yes, God here I am!"?

Blessings,
Pastor Carol



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

Rev. Carol will be away November 9th -16th.

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FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

- Betty Stratton

The Fall season of worship is in full bloom. The choir is back. The children are back in Sunday School. We thank Linda York for teaching the children.

There has been two Baptisms in October. Kensington Joy Hibbard, daughter of Ashley Esposito and Jonathan Hibbard on October 15, 2017 and Jackson Bonelli Wallace, son of Amanda and Andrew Wallace on October 22, 2017. Congratulations to both families.

Nov. 5 is All Saint's Sunday. We will remember all of the Saints of Broad Brook Congregational Church who have passed during the worship service. The Church Bell will be rung during the service at the time of remembrance.

Rev. Lewis will be taking vacation Nov. 9 -Nov. 16th. Lynn Manning will be preaching on Nov. 12th.

Nov. 12th is the Sunday we honor all veterans, The children will help pass out carnations to all Veterans in attendance during the morning worship service.

Nov. 19th is Thanksgiving Sunday. Special music will be sung.

Advent begins December 3rd. We will begin each worship service with a church family leading the Advent litany reading and will light the appropriate Advent candles.

The children's Christmas Program will be held on Dec. 17th.

Our Blue Christmas Worship service is held Monday, Dec. 18th at 7 pm. This service is open to everyone especially those who may have lost someone who was "close and dear to them". It is in an atmosphere of quietness, dim lights, soft music, scripture, and prayers to help reflect on the reason for the season.

Christmas Eve candlelight service is 7 pm on Dec. 24th.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

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Turkey Supper

Thank you to all who contributed to putting on our Turkey Supper fundraiser. The food was tremendous, our help was most appreciated, the fellowship time - priceless. I just love getting to know our regulars a little more each time. No better compliment to the food than their coming back often. We always worry about having enough help to serve these wonderful people, we just need to have faith that the help comes too, the Lord does provide. At the end of the night after all is cleaned up and put away, everyone goes home with a very happy belly and a smile on their face. Yes it is a lot of work to put on these suppers but in the end with seeing all those people and hearing their praises, there are no doubts that this is what we should be doing. Great job everyone!!

Next Up: East Windsor Ecumenical Holiday Bazaar

We are the HOST church this year for The East Windsor Ecumenical Holiday Bazaar to be held on Saturday November 11th from 9am - 2pm at the Scout Hall Youth Center on 28 Abbe Road in East Windsor. There will be 5 churches coming together to sell homemade items and other wares that are great for gift giving and/or decorating for the holidays. A lunch menu will be put together so you can grab a bite to eat while there, all for a bargain price. Start making your holiday shopping list, see if you can knock a few things off that holiday shopping list early when you come to see all the wonderful items we've prepared for you this year. For those who dread the task of making pies or baking in general, a variety of homemade pies, breads, cookies, cakes, fudge and so on are available for sale there, just in time for Thanksgiving. For our decorators, come check out the variety of homemade wreaths and other holiday decor items. Lots to choose from and mostly one of a kind. For those who like warm hats, scarves, mittens, blanket/lap robes, our knitters and crocheters have been actively making a new supply. The list goes on so stop on by to check out what's for sale on Saturday November 11th. This year we are expecting a pre-holiday surprise with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Rumor has it that Mrs. Claus has been busy baking some of her favorite gingerbread-men cookies and will be bringing along some of her most favorite books for the holidays for some story-time. Parents/grandparents, grab the children for some pre-holiday fun and photo op!

(Ways and Means con't)

Last Fundraiser for the Year! Pot Roast Supper 12/16/17

We are squeezing this one in. With looking at the December calendar all around us, there is something going on everywhere, but it is to be expected as this is Christmastime. Everything comes alive around Christmas! The chef is not sure of his schedule but is confident we can do this! Forgive us for moving this fundraiser to the middle of the month as there was just no way to hold it sooner or later. This has been a very busy year with a whole bunch of curve balls being thrown!! It has been interesting to say the least, there was no being bored! If you were bored then you were not here!!! We are a very busy church.....small but mighty! For information on our supper, see our ad in this Beacon. (I am going to make you work for it!!!) Just remember to save the date. come eat, come help, share in the fellowship. We welcome you all.



Missions Committee

The Missions Committee continues to select monthly local, state, national, and international mission projects to give monetary gifts to. We will be collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets in November. We also will be collecting gifts for those in need for Christmas. If you have ideas for us, please contact Linda York at lyork76769@sbcglobal.net. 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.

Calendar

November

- 5- Communion- All Saints Day
Daylight Savings Time
Trustee Meeting at 11:20 a.m.
- 9-16- Rev. Carol away
- 11- Veterans Day
Bazaar @Scout Hall, Abbe Road
9 a.m.-2p.m.
- 12- Veterans Sunday/Stewardship Sunday
Lynn Manning preaching
- 15- NO OFFICE HOURS
- 19- Thanksgiving Sunday
Deacons meet @ 11:20 a.m.
- 23- Thanksgiving Day
- 26- Reign of Christ



December

- 3- First Sunday of Advent
Communion
Council meeting @ 11:20 AM
- 16- Pot Roast Dinner fundraiser
4:30 & 5:45 p.m.
- 17- Children's Program
- 18- Blue Christmas Service @ 7 p.m.
- 24- Fourth Sunday in Advent
Christmas Eve Service @ 7 PM
- 25- Christmas Day
- 31- New Year's Eve- Be Safe!



Food Pantry Collection – 2nd Sunday each month.

Save the date!!!!



**Pot Roast Dinner
CHURCH FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, December 16th, 2017

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November

Mr. Robert Jones	Nov 02 nd
Mr. William Vince	Nov 03 rd
Mr. Kevin G. Yosky	Nov 07 th
Mrs. Tracey Nieroda	Nov 08 th
Mrs. Janice Lang	Nov 10 th
Miss Brianna Cadence York	Nov 10 th
Mrs. Theresa Drolett	Nov 14 th
Mr. Wade Signor	Nov 16 th
Ms. Katherine Adams	Nov 24 th
Miss Emma Zoe McMahon	Nov 26 th
Rev. Carol B. Lewis	Nov 29 th



Miss Hannah Townsend	Dec 01 st
Mrs. Marilyn Yosky	Dec 02 nd
Ms. Debra Duffy	Dec 05 th
Mrs. Diana Walker	Dec 05 th
Mrs. Susan York	Dec 05 th
Miss Avery Mary Marschall	Dec 07 th
Ms. Veronica Pippin	Dec 12 th
Makayla Ivanisin	Dec 16 th
Ms. Deborah Breton	Dec 18 th
Miss Genevieve Callahan Cameron	Dec 27 th

December

Lay Readers

November

5- Katherine Mickens
12- Wade Signor
19- Mike Siekiera
26- Rich York

December

3- Warren Wenz
10- Bob Cormier
17- Joyce Bonelli
24- Dr. James Clark
(Christmas Eve)
31- Katherine Mickens



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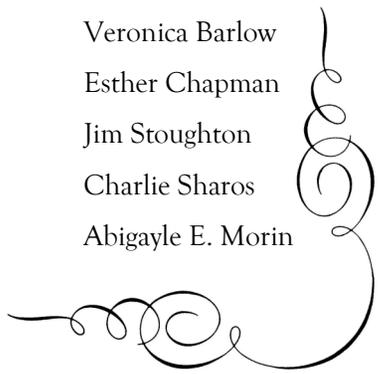
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| Hazel Cutta | Donald Lang |
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| Connie Fillmore | Irene Watson |
| Red Edwards | Louise LaCross |
| Kaye Pippin Zeuschner | George Yosky |
| Dick Pippin | Gail Skinner |
| Florence Zeuschner | Charles Brewer |
| Kurt Zeuschner | Lois Cheslick |
| Mildred Myers | Phyllis Bushnell |
| Charles Cheslick | Catherine Nelson |
| Ed Neild | Bob Grant |
| Lyman Nelson | Veronica Barlow |
| Julie Grant | Esther Chapman |
| Phil Chapman | Jim Stoughton |
| Helen McCuley | Charlie Sharos |
| Irene Signor | Abigayle E. Morin |
| Nancy Niemi | |



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Volunteers always welcome! We can use a hand with:

- Food pantry donations/collection
- Refreshments after church service
- Prep and clean up for fundraisers
- Lay readers and greeters
- And more



Beef & Butternut Chili

Ingredients:

- Cooking Spray such as Pam or Crisco
- 1 TBSP canola oil, divided (1 tsp, 2 tsp)
- 1.5 lbs boneless chuck roast, trimmed, cut into ½” cubes
- ¾ tsp salt
- 1-1/2 cups chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 TBSP tomato paste
- 1 TBSP minced fresh garlic
- 2 tsps diced jalapeno pepper
- 2/3 cup dry red wine
- 1 -1/2 tsps ground ancho Chile pepper
- 1 tsp dried oregano 1/2 tsp ground red pepper
- ¼ tsp ground cumin
- ¼ tsp ground coriander
- 1/8 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 (28 oz) can whole tomatoes, undrained & chopped
- 1 (15 oz) can unsalted kidney beans, rinsed & drained
- 2 cups butternut squash, peeled & cubed (1/2”)
- 1 cup chopped carrots

Optional:

- 6 TBSP reduced-fat sour cream
- 2 TBSP fresh cilantro leaves



Instructions:

1. Heat a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add 1 tsp canola oil; swirl. Sprinkle beef with salt. Add beef to pan; sauté for 8 minutes, turning to brown on all sides. Remove beef, set aside.
2. Add 2 teaspoons canola oil to pan. Add onion and bell pepper; sauté 3 minutes. Add tomato paste, garlic and jalapeno; sauté 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Add wine; bring to a boil, scraping pan to loosen browned bits. Cook 2 minutes, return beef to pan.
3. Transfer to crockpot. Stir in ancho Chile pepper and the next 7 ingredients (through to kidney beans), bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat to medium, and simmer gently for 1 hour. Add the butternut squash and carrots; simmer for 1 more hour or until the beef is tender.
4. Serve each bowl with optional tablespoon of sour cream and fresh cilantro leaves.

Serves 6

Time (original recipe) 36 minutes' hands on, w/a total time of 2 hrs and 40 minutes with cooking time! Approximate 306 savory calories/ bowl!



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Beef & Butternut Chili



It's that time of year again where we eat a lot of one pot dishes in the form of soups, chili or stews. We just added another new chili dish to our favorites list with this Beef & Butternut Chili. I am so blessed to have such a talented cook for a husband always on the prowl for a new and exciting plus healthy addition to our meals. Even my grandsons loved this one. We started them out young on vegetables and a variety of food containing things they like so we are fortunate that they are not fussy eaters. It is very rare for them to not like something their grampa cooks!!

The first time Mike made this recipe he thought it took a little more time than what he likes to spend so he tried it out in the crock pot. The key to this soup is to brown the meat and the onions and peppers in the same pot as stated in steps 1 and 2. Then add the seasonings and let it simmer all day. Add your vegetables the last hour or so before serving so they don't mush up on you! In his case, he comes home from work at 8:15 a.m., starts the meal in the crock pot, goes to bed then when he gets up 6 hours later, he adds his vegetables! Voila, dinner at 6! Yum-yum!!

Tell us how you did; post your results on our facebook page!