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And God said, "Let there be lights in the
expanse of the heavens to separate the
day from the night. And let them be for
signs and for seasons, and for days and years
- Genesis 1:14

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Important Reminder: Council Meeting

There will be a Council meeting on Sunday, September 17th @ 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.

Thank you.

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Broad Brook Congregational Church

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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



Hello from sunny California. I'm in the middle of enjoying my vacation. I have been watching the amazing total solar eclipse and thinking how amazing is creation and the awesomeness of our Creator. In the midst of the peace and rejuvenation of the soul has come the hatred and violence exhibited in Charlottesville, VA that pierces the soul and is dividing our nation. We must stand strong in our faith that calls us to seek justice for every child of God, to love and respect our neighbor, and to make love our aim. I have hope that we can begin to heal the wounds if we work together. I'm including Myah Angelou's poem the Human Family. She gives us much to think about.

Blessings,
 Pastor Carol



Rev. Lewis holds office hours every Wednesday:

10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Human Family

By Maya Angelou

I note the obvious differences
in the human family.
Some of us are serious,
some thrive on comedy.

Some declare their lives are lived
as true profundity,
and others claim they really live
the real reality.

The variety of our skin tones
can confuse, bemuse, delight,
brown and pink and beige and purple,
tan and blue and white.

I've sailed upon the seven seas
and stopped in every land,
I've seen the wonders of the world
not yet one common man.

I know ten thousand women
called Jane and Mary Jane,
but I've not seen any two
who really were the same.

Mirror twins are different
although their features jibe,
and lovers think quite different thoughts
while lying side by side.

We love and lose in China,
we weep on England's moors,
and laugh and moan in Guinea,
and thrive on Spanish shores.

We seek success in Finland,
are born and die in Maine.
In minor ways we differ,
in major we're the same.

I note the obvious differences
between each sort and type,
but we are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.

We are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.

We are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.



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Missions Committee

The Missions Committee continues to select monthly donations to worthy local, state, national, and international mission projects. If you have ideas for us, please contact Linda York at 860-623-4287. Currently the East Windsor Food Bank is in need of monetary donations and food. Please see the list on the door near the Coffee area downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

Can you believe our summer has gone by already!!! I know some people who can't wait for fall..... but not me, I am a summer loving fanatic, heat and all! Bring the warm weather on! That is why I have a pool and a motorcycle. September means cold nights which makes the pool water temps drop and the cover has to go back on before the leaves begin to fall. It also means the layers of heavy leather comes back out for the motorcycle, we have to move back indoors for our dinners as the days grow shorter and gets darker earlier. and the holiday months are drawing nearer. Oh so much to do!!!! You get my drift!! Sorry, I hope I didn't depress you too much! Just seems like this year has really flown by more than the others. Plus I am always planning ahead so it is so much more surreal to me.

It sure has been a busy year at BBCC. Not so much with fundraising though! Our small little church, our committee and board members, our Pastor all have had their plates full of life with in and out of church happenings!! W&M was going to fit in a supper in September but the month is already full with activities! Stop on by during our Open House on September 9th to find out more of what's going on! We will be cooking up Hot Dogs and Hamburgers to those attend. Or join us on Rally Sunday September 10th to help welcome our children back to Sunday school.

At this time, there are 4-5 fundraisers being planned to be held through to the end of the year. Our Turkey supper in October, the Ecumenical Bazaar in November and our Pot Roast Supper in December. We will be selling Jeff's Kettle Corn Pop Corn in September and possibly a catalog show this fall. Check in with our website for more up to date info on fundraisers.

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



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Plant Sale: In review, our plant sale in May was a huge success again this year. We thank Joyce Bonelli for all her hard work on putting it together. She does a remarkably great job of bringing a great variety of healthy plants to help our landscapes. She has some good helpers too that donate some other varieties of household and produce plants. Thank you Joyce and to those who helped her make it through the day!

Tag Sale: Held August 12th, this sale is a favorite of mine! I love to see what people can part with and then see it find a new home and/or purpose!! We always get some interesting pieces donated that leave you guessing of it's purpose!! It always amazes me to see what you think is the junkiest thing actually sell! It does take a bit of work readying the items for the sale but we've gotten a little more relaxed about removing all the dirt and where it winds up out side on the tables. The biggest challenge of all is asking people to wake up early on a Saturday morning to help get it all out. The Lord does provide each and every time! The people do come in which they are truly a blessing. We had an absolutely gorgeous weather day and more fun fellowship time. Thank you all who contributed their time. A big honorable mention goes out to Becky Bonelli for spending the day with us keeping our tables neat and organized. All us seasoned workers were in awe of her energy! Fantastic job Becky!

Turkey Supper: Save the date for Saturday October 7th. This Turkey supper has been planned to get a jump on the month. It is our chef's last Saturday off for awhile and this gives us time to prepare for the Bazaar because we are the Host church this year. We will serve up the usual Turkey dinner fare with salad, boneless turkey breast, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, butternut squash, corn bread, cranberry sauce, pie and beverages.



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Ecumenical Bazaar: Saturday November 11th is the date. It will be held at the Scout Hall in East Windsor from 9 - 2. There will be 6 churches coming together to sell homemade items among other things 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 the list early when you come to shop. For those who hate to make pies or bake in general, a variety of homemade pies, breads, and cakes are generally available for sale there. It differs from year to year but come check out the selection this year. I tend to look for the homemade jellies/jams myself. They are so much better than store bought without all the additives in them. 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.

Fundraising in General: In each and every Beacon, there are forms available with other items/areas your donation can go towards. For example our coupon page has a list of suggested areas that could use extra funds to offset the cost, such as paper to print/mail the Beacon. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is also on that list, it is vital to her outreach, missionary service she gives to those in desperate and in immediate need in our own community. We continually donate food to the town's food bank with monthly collections of non-perishable items and a monetary collection to help them purchase much needed inventory. Please consider a donation in honor/memory of someone.

We will also collect any small clean still working household item that is no longer needed for St. John's Episcopal Church in Warehouse Point to help support their "Helping Hands" Outreach program They accept clean clothing as well. This is where we send a good amount of our goods leftover from our Tag Sale. They accept donations on Wednesday mornings between 10 and noon. We are a missions oriented church and support various community charities.

Calendar

September

- 3- Communion by Intinction,
Betty Stratton Deacon on duty
- 9- Open House 11 AM- 2 PM
- 10- Rally Sunday (1st Day of Sunday School)
- 12 - Rev. Carol and Deacons visit
convalescent homes.
- 17- Council Meeting 11:20 AM (light lunch)
- 24- Deacons Meeting 11:20 AM



October

- 1- Communion- World Communion Sunday
- 7- Turkey Supper
- 22- Deacons meet 11:30 AM

November

- 5- Communion
Daylight Savings Time
- 9-16- Rev. Carol away
- 11- Veterans Day
- 12- Veterans Sunday/Stewardship Sunday

Lynn Manning





FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Betty Stratton, Chair of the Board of Deacons

- Betty Stratton

Deacons have been meeting monthly to deal with the issues at hand.

On September 9 th @ 11 AM to 2 PM Broad Brook Congregational Church join us for our FIRST OPEN HOUSE.

Activities include:

- ◆ Meet the Pastor, The Rev. Carol Lewis, and Deacons
- ◆ Meet the Sunday School teachers and tour the classrooms and nursery.
- ◆ See our sanctuary with the beautiful stained-glass windows that are highlighted when the sun shines through them.
- ◆ See the OPAS 801 Tracker Organ built and installed in 1893, with its splendid sound and all oak woodwork and pews.
- ◆ A visit to the Memorial Garden is a must.
- ◆ Enjoy a free hot dog/ hamburger and some fellowship time with our members during your visit.

Rally Sunday, September 10th @ 10:00 AM, is the first day of Sunday School for the 2017 -2018 year. We invite all children to come to Sunday School and their parents come to our worship service while the children are in class. Please see the Religious Education and Sunday school articles for more information.

I want to thank Lynn Manning Rev. SaraJane Munshower for their willingness to come to Broad Brook and give us their spiritual messages while Rev. Carol Lewis was on vacation.

During the summer months, Rev. Carol has been reminding us that our Mission statement is what Broad Brook Congregational is all about! We are a Caring Family of God where all people are welcome to share in spiritual growth, guidance, fellowship and support. We work together to spread God's love and the words and mission of Christ to others.

Happy Birthday

September

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| <i>Mrs. Karla Vince</i> | 06th |
| <i>Ms. Rebecca Jill Bonelli</i> | 08th |
| <i>Seton Carmichael</i> | 09th |
| <i>Mr. Wesley Velazquez</i> | 14th |
| <i>Mrs. Karen Loubier</i> | 23rd |
| <i>Ms. Mary Melissa</i> | 23th |
| <i>Miss Charlotte Sophia Walker</i> | 24th |
| <i>Mr. Richard York, Jr.</i> | 27th |
| <i>Mr. Mark Lemay</i> | 28th |



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| <i>Ms. Cathy Yodus</i> | 01st |
| <i>Ms. Sheri Townsend</i> | 03rd |
| <i>Mr. Jose Velazquez</i> | 04th |
| <i>Miss Angelina Carmichael</i> | 06th |
| <i>Mrs. Heather Emmette</i> | 06th |
| <i>Mr. Robert Cormier</i> | 09th |
| <i>Mr. Warren Wenz</i> | 15th |
| <i>Mrs. Karen Marquis</i> | 15th |
| <i>Mr. Craig W. Arnold</i> | 17th |
| <i>Ms. Nancy Fisher</i> | 19th |
| <i>Miss Lacey-Jean Temple</i> | 21st |
| <i>Mr. John D. Ivanisin</i> | 22nd |
| <i>Dr. James Clark</i> | 27th |
| <i>Mr. Ryan Dannahey</i> | 29th |

October

Lay Readers

September

3 - Joyce Bonelli

10 - Wade Signor

17 - Rich York

24 - Mike Siekiera

October

1 - Debbie Signor

8 - Warren Wenz

15 - Dr. James Clark

22 - Bob Cormier

29 - Joyce Bonelli

Children Sermons

September

10 - Linda York

(Rally Sunday)

17 - Carol Innes

24 - Rev. Carol

October

1 - Communion

8 - Katherine Mickens

15 - Rev. Carol

22 - Wade Signor

29 - Rev. Carol



September

Mr. & Mrs. Jose Velazquez 05th

Mr. & Mrs. William Easton 13th

Mr. & Mrs. Luke Bauer 14th

Mr. & Mrs. John Curran 20th

Mrs. Nancy Nodwell 21st

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones 23rd

October

Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Siekiera 02nd

Mr. & Mrs. Philip M. Grant 07th

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Nodwell 12th

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marquis 15th

Mr. & Mrs. William Vince 15th

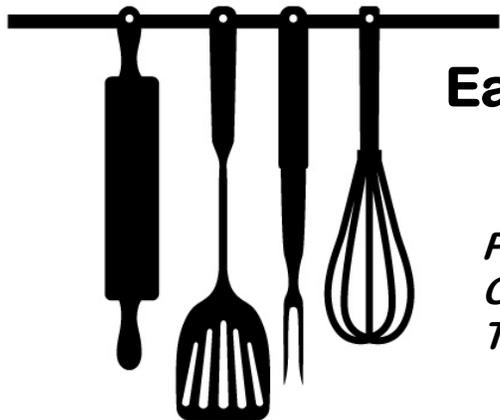


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Easy Apple Pie Cupcakes

Prep: 15 minutes

Cook: 15 minutes

Total 30 minutes

Nothing says fall like apple pie. Here is an easy apple pie cupcake recipe made with cinnamon roll dough, spiced apples and a crumble streusel topping. For the crust of the apple cupcakes, use store-bought cinnamon roll dough, or homemade dough also works. Simply pat each cinnamon roll into a thin disk then press them into cupcake cups.

Choose apples best for baking such as: Granny Smith, Fuji and Braeburn apples. Cook the apples with butter, brown sugar, and cinnamon, then when they are tender, squeeze a little fresh lemon juice on top. Serve however you like: whipped cream, ice cream, caramel sauce or even a slice of sharp cheddar cheese are all great ideas!

Apple Cupcakes

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 large baking apples, peeled/cored/diced into 1/4-inch cubes

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon salt

Juice from half a lemon

1 can (8 count) refrigerated cinnamon roll dough

Whipped cream, ice cream, or caramel sauce for topping



Crumble Topping

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup chopped nuts

Directions:

Prepare the Apples:

Heat oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly spray 8 regular-size muffin cups with a cooking spray. Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in a wide skillet over medium-high heat. Add the diced apples and cook, tossing occasionally, until the start to soften; about 5 minutes. Stir in 2 tablespoons of brown sugar, cinnamon, and the salt. Cook 5 more minutes, or until tender. Stir in lemon juice.

Make Topping:

Add the flour, brown sugar, and walnuts to a medium bowl. Cut the butter into small cubes and then add them to the bowl. Using your fingers or a fork, work the butter into the flour and sugar until crumbly.

To Finish:

Separate the cinnamon roll dough into 8 rolls. Flatten each into 4-inch round (using a drinking glass dipped in flour works great) then place into each muffin cup. Divide the apple filling evenly onto rolls in muffin cups then top with the crumble topping. Bake the cupcakes 10 to 15 minutes or until bubbly and tops are light brown. Cool in the pan 5 minutes then transfer to a cooking rack. Serve the cupcakes topped with whipped cream, with ice cream, or topped with a drizzle of caramel sauce.

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

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Saturday, September 9th 11 AM-2 PM

Meet Rev. Carol Lewis & the Deacons

Meet the Sunday School teachers, tour our classroom and nursery



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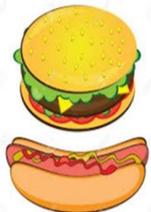
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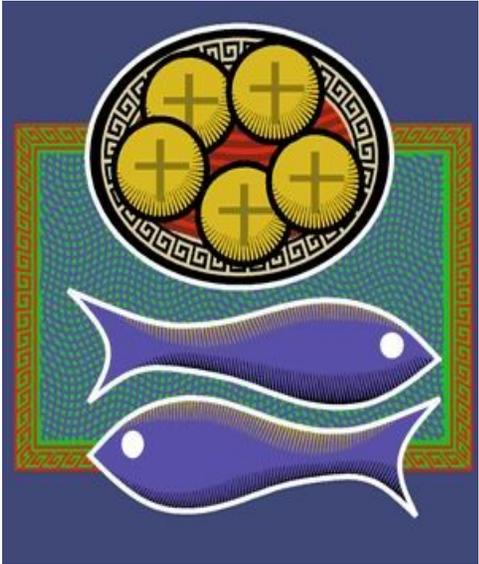
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Join us for Communion
September 3rd
October 1st
November 5th



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