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BBCC Mission Statement



Our Mission Statement

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 Jesus Christ to others.

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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.

Important Reminders:

Beacon

Articles and reports due on the 10th of each cycle.
Final requests for changes due by the 20th.

Thank you.

Betty Stratton, Clerk pro tem

REMINDER:

Stewardship pledge cards are due back Dec.
13, 2020.

Zoom worship meetings: are on hold at this time._

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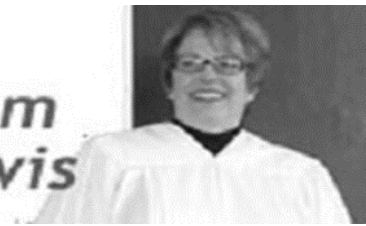
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THE WEEKLY BULLETIN WITH REV. CAROL'S MESSAGE
CAN BE FOUND ON FACE BOOK, E-MAILS AND SOME
ARE PRINTED AND MAILED TO MANY WHO ARE WITH-
OUT A COMPUTER.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO CAROL INNES AND FAMILY ON
THE RECENT LOSS OF HER BROTHER, CALVIN. HE
LIVED IN MAINE. HIS LOSS WILL CERTAINLY BE
MISSED BY ALL THAT KNEW HIM.

A Message From Rev. Carol Lewis



Encouragement and Praise in Times of Trouble

Submitted by Linda York

At the time of writing this article, many of our parishioners are ill with various illnesses, are suffering with COVID-19 and related issues, are grieving the loss of loved ones, are dealing with unemployment and lack of basic living needs, are dealing with isolation and loneliness, and/or dealing with racial unjust and the uncertainty of our nation. Our own minister is sick with the COVID-19 virus. Our prayer list is long, and it can be very overwhelming. During this time, we need to remember to rest in God and look to God for hope, comfort, and healing. Spending time with the Bible, I thought I would share a few Bible verses of faith, hope, and praise that encourage me and hopefully will encourage you during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Comfort and Hope

Mathew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Jeremiah 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

Psalms 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Words From Rev. Carol, con't

Hymn: On Eagle's Wings

Based on Psalm 91

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

In Thanksgiving

Psalm 69:29

But I am lowly and in pain;
let your salvation, O God, protect me.
I will praise the name of God with a song;
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts
with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

The Christmas Story

All our holiday celebrations will be very
changed this year to keep us safe and healthy. Let
us all focus on the true meaning of Christmas and
take joy in the good news. We are including last



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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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year's lessons and carols service for you to do at home to bring peace and love to your modified home holiday traditions.

“Welcome, everyone, on this holiest of nights. As Mary readied herself to give birth to Jesus, let us prepare ourselves to welcome new birth into our lives. As a child prepares to open a special gift, let us prepare our hearts to receive the wonders of God's love. As heaven and earth sing of great joy, let us sing our joyful praises to God. Come let us worship God together!”

First Lesson: **“The Prophecy”** Jeremiah 23: 5-6 Isaiah
11: 1-3a

Carol: 92 " O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (verses 1, 4)

Second Lesson: “**The Annunciation**” Luke 1: 26-38

Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verses 1, 2)

Third Lesson: **“The Song of Mary”** Luke 1: 39-56

Anthem: "Mary Did You Know"

Fourth Lesson: “**Joseph’s Dream**” Matthew 1: 18-25

Carol: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (vs 1, 2)

Fifth Lesson: **“The Birth”** Luke 2: 1-21

Carol: “Away in a Manger” (verses 1, 2)

Sixth Lesson: “**The Wise Men’s Response**” Matthew 2: 1-12

Carol: "We Three Kings" (verses 1, 2, 3, & 4)

Carol: "Silent Night"

To end this message of encouragement and praise, I would like to share with you one more Bible verse.

John 3-16

For God so loved the world
That he gave his only Son,
So that everyone who believes in him
May not perish but have eternal life.

That is the best news and words of comfort that I know of.
Wishing you all faith, hope, health, and peace this holiday
season.



- Betty Stratton

Betty Stratton, Debbie Siekiera, Rich York and Alice Wenz

We continue not to hold worship services in the church sanctuary. Zoom worship and the Bulletin Mailer have temporarily been suspended while Rev. Carol recovers.

Both activities will resume upon her recovery. At that time, you can join us every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM via Zoom for fellowship/worship time. Please see announcements page for specifics on joining us via Zoom for Sunday worship.

The month of October, the worship service was held in the yard of Debbie and Wade Signor. The safety protocols were practiced, masks were worn and social distancing was observed. Jim, our organist, played the keyboard. It was wonderful to hear some favorite hymns. Antionette enjoyed seeing everyone and the space in the lawn where she could run. Thank you to Wade and Debbie for their hospitality.



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Broad Brook Congregational Church

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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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**Thanks to
Broad Brook
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for our wonderful
flower
arrangements!**



This year, due to the virus, we are not having Sunday services in person. Services have been and will be on Zoom until it is safe to return to church. The Sunday School has a few options



including Zoom Sunday School and online lessons. Please contact Linda York for new ideas about safe meetings and projects. It has been too long since we have been together, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again. We wish everyone safe, healthy, and happy holidays. Continue to make a joyful noise to the Lord and help others even when we are not together.

Missions Committee

The Missions Committee continues to support the 5 Corner Cupboard with food collections and monthly monetary donations from the congregation and collections in the community. They could also use gift certificates for holiday baskets. Any donations are highly appreciated especially at this time of need for many families. This is true also for the many organizations on the front line fighting this virus and keeping us safe. We thank Wade Signor for picking up food from our donation boxes in the community and taking the food to the food bank each week. We thank the community for their generous donations of food,

The Missions committee thanks everyone for their generosity and time to help others. Now is a time to help if we can and seek help when we need it.

← Ways and Means →

It is with greatest of hope that you and your family/loved ones are faring this pandemic storm in a healthy way. This has been certainly the most unusual year to endure. Our traditional holidays have all been stripped of normal celebrations, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years are all included. I know we all are tired of the worry associated with this virus, so doing what the governor is asking us is only a small drop in the bucket in helping getting past all this. My household supports the protocols set in motion as best as we can, however, we find it is easy to forget to maintain any extra support externally in the community and safely as we try not to go out unless it's necessary. Our food banks are overwrought with demand and supply, blood donations are down, so many people out of work still as the hospitality businesses and others are barely operating during this time, non-profit organizations are struggling with their fundraising efforts, even getting a routine doctors appointment is difficult. There are just too many disruptions to mention here, I think you catch my drift though. I will add our own small little church to that long list. BBCC is hanging in there but with so much less support. With that in mind, may I ask or remind our followers that we still have expenses to cover. Our pledges are coming in but at a reduced rate. Our overhead at the church remains the same as we have employees and building costs to cover even though there are no services being held. Our missions committee continues to support their worthwhile causes, the grass gets cut, the electricity/water/phone bills (maybe lower) but still due and so on. Our fundraising efforts have been reduced to pleas as our members and friends are not comfortable with activities outside their homes.



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Ways & Means Con't

Any of our social gatherings, even within the church, has been limited with everyone's safety in mind. If you haven't met your charitable contributions for tax purposes, remember BBCC for 2020.

We are all in this together and as children of God we will endure. BBCC continues to gather together via Zoom meetings most recently without our Pastor as she recovers from this awful virus. The tie that binds us is our commitment to each other and respect we show for each individual. We people as a society has proven to show that we are all very social people, basically good in heart and that we need each other. We thrive to maintain our relationships that are important to us. Our relationship with God is more important to us more than ever. As a result, our Pastor has developed Zoom meetings to help us maintain and support each other during these unusual times. Our Zoom meetings are not limited to a small core of people. There is strength in numbers, we need each and every one of you. Please join us as we continue to meet virtually. See the link invitation under the Deacons article. The link will also be found on our/BBCC website. Blessings to you all for a safe and happy holiday season.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE
PLEASE CONTINUE TO STAY SAFE & WELL





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Volunteers for BBCC 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**

CALENDAR

Nov. 29 First Sunday in Advent
(Hope)

Dec. 6- Peace

Dec. 13- Joy

Dec. 20- Love

Dec. 24- Christmas Eve

Dec. 25- Merry Christmas



Please keep you and your family, community and fellow BBCC members safe by following all CDC guidelines pertaining to the Covid-19 virus. Wear a mask, social distance as much as you can, wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face. Stay safe!

**For the children in
your life, start the
new year off right!
Registration is also
available online!**



**Contact us for more
information!**



Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Walker Nov 12th



**Remember,
you are never
walking alone.**



Recipe Corner:

Each issue of the Beacon presents me with a challenge as to choosing a recipe that is basically simple and useful. We people in general are always busy with day to day life as it comes at us, never mind during this pandemic. Sometimes we have the luxury of planning each day but other times it is thrown at us where we need to make quick decisions. Daily meal planning for instance is one of those stressful moments because of the time elements we have to prepare such a meal and with what we have on hand to use. Special occasion foods can be another time-consuming ordeal. When in choosing a recipe, my consideration is in of course the taste and almost all of the time in its presentation, as it must look as good as it smells. Then there is the time it takes to put into preparing such food but also in storing them.....as leftovers (in which we love to have on hand)!

Most Recently Mike and I were asked to provide a small personal special landmark birthday party for a close friend of ours to include her immediate family and closest friends. We provided safe finger foods (before the meal) a hot meal buffet w/bread & butter, desserts for the sweet tooth then ending with a birthday cake. The party was held outdoors next to a campfire in the backyard with social distancing precautions practiced. What a fun safe time every one had. At this party our friend's only request was for some crispy chicken wings among the finger foods.

Happy Birthday

November

Robert Jones	2 nd
William Vince	3 rd
Kevin Yosky	7 th
Tracey Nieroda	8 th
Janice Lang	10 th
Brianna York	10 th
Theresa Drolett	14 th
Wade Signor	16 th
Katherine Adams	24 th
Emma McMahon	26 th



Hannah Townsend	1 st
Marilyn Yosky	2 nd
Debra Duffy	5 th
Diana Walker	5 th
Susan York	5 th
Avery Marschall	7 th
Veronica Pippin	12 th
Makayla Ivanisin	16 th
Deborah Breton	18 th
Genevieve Callahan Cameron	27 th

December

They were a hit and everyone raved about the chicken. So, the timing of this recipe is perfect and simple enough to make for any number of people with the holidays approaching and to share it here in this issue of the Beacon. Go ahead and give them a try. Make a small batch to sample yourself then multiply recipe as needed to spoil your guests with these perfect wings, served up plain or with a dip of choice.

How to Make Crispy Baked Chicken Wings

Prep Time: 5 minutes Cook Time: 50 minutes

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

2 lbs chicken wings
1 tsp salt
½ tsp ground black pepper
½ tsp garlic powder
1 tsp ground paprika
½ tsp Italian seasoning
1 TBSP baking powder

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven for 425°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil, add an oven-safe cooling rack to the baking sheet. (This helps cook the wings evenly top to bottom)
2. Completely pat the chicken wings until DRY.
3. In a bowl, combine all the seasoning ingredients until evenly combined.
4. Toss the chicken wings in with the seasoning mix to coat.
5. Remove the wings from bowl, place evenly onto prepared baking rack.

Tell us how you did; post your results on our facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/BBCongregationalChurch>

SYMBOLS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

ADVENT WREATH---An Advent wreath provides a visual way to count off the four Sundays of the season. The **wreath's circle** has no beginning or ending, symbolizing God's love which never ends. **Evergreen** symbolizes everlasting life, and **holly** reminds us of the crown of thorns with drops of blood. **Easter symbols** are used at Christmas because if Jesus hadn't risen from the dead we would have never celebrated his birth, They remind us that we wait not only for Jesus' birth but for the coming of Shalom. **The purple candles** symbolize penitence, and the pink the joy of God's forgiveness. The **white candle, "the Christ candle"** represents purity and new beginnings, and is lit on Christmas Eve.

CRECHE—A creche scene was first made by St. Francis of Assisi around 1200 C.E. when he realized that the people in his little village in Italy had lost sight of the real meaning of Christmas. During Advent, the manger should be absent or empty-----no Baby Jesus. On Christmas Eve or morning, add the baby. Save the Magi for Epiphany Day Jan. 6,.

ADVENT CALENDAR---Advent calendars are another way to mark our waiting with anticipation to acknowledge the coming of Jesus into our world. This year Advent starts on Nov. 29. (violet), Dec. 6 (violet), Dec.13 (pink), Dec. 20 (violet), Dec 24 Christmas Eve- (white-Christ Candle).

CHRISTMAS BALLS—Balls are round—a shape that reminds us God's love has no end. God loved the world so much that he sent us the gift of Jesus. The balls also represent the world into which Jesus came as Emanuel "God with Us".

CHRISTMAS TREE-The tree is an evergreen, symbol of everlasting life-living forever with God.



Boars Head Festival

The 54th annual Boars Head Festival at Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford has been cancelled for January 2021. This is a "field trip" that we have taken for the past two years and had hoped to attend again. Understandably, the very large gathering, singing and festivities at AHCC is not possible during these Covid days.

Fortunately, the dedicated crew of the AHCC will be streaming audio and video archival footage of the festival free of charge. It will include the beautiful pageantry and music that we so enjoyed.

Details regarding dates have not been announced yet. You can find updated information at the AHCC website. Or, you can call me at 860-670-4027 and I will share the information.

This is surely going to be a new way to feel the message of the Epiphany!

My best wishes to all,

Debbie Signor

Fellowship Committee