



# THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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*Room to Grow, Room to Serve, Room for You*  
*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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**Special Meeting:**  
**Oct. 4 (after worship)**  
**to vote/authorize**  
**Pastoral Search Comm.**

Loretta Brady

Doug Dixon

Sis Dunn

Bob Merrill

Scott Milne

Claire Tourigny

Dale Trombley

Mark Watts,

Chaplain

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## *Other October Events of Note:*

*Sun. 10/18 – Empty Bowls*

*...see page 4*

*Sat. 10/24 – NH Conference  
Annual Meeting*

*...see page 7*

*Sunday, October 25 Is  
Stewardship Sunday*

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*And one more thing...*

*Turn clocks BACK one hour on  
Oct. 31; DST ends on Nov. 1*

## From Dawn's Desk

While rummaging around for some other papers, Greg's mother found an Order of Worship from the Gorham Methodist Church she and her family were members of until it closed in the 1990's. The bulletin is dated Sunday, April 29 with no year, but it must have been during World War II because the morning service was a "special memorial service dedicated to Leslie Howe who died in action." That evening at 7:30 pm there was an evening service held. What caught my eye in the bulletin, and tickled Greg's mother so much that she showed it to her pastor Rev. William Jones of the Gorham Congregational Church, UCC, was the following:



*By the way, the Church would be a Moral and Spiritual Powerhouse but it has been made a "Poor-House" because the people very seldom give anything to the church and they pray less for it.*

Since it is October and the 25<sup>th</sup> is our Stewardship Sunday, I just had to share this! I don't think I would put this in a Sunday bulletin, but it shows that through the years, the church has always come up against high expectations of what we could be and the reality that not everyone catches the vision enough to give, and many forget that the church needs prayers, as well.

You have an opportunity to support a very promising future:

- Worship attendance is growing and many visitors are coming.
- After a few years of low youth membership, we now have a very strong middle school age youth group coming along.
- The number of children in our church school program is increasing and their energy and sense of community are exciting.
- Our adult education offerings are varied and well attended.
- The pastoral search committee will be ready to start following our October 4 special congregational meeting and it is a strong committee who have the best interests of Brookside in their hearts.
- The Thrift Shop is thriving with expanded hours and ready for its space expansion with some new volunteers joining our tried and true ladies.
- The Christmas Fair is picking up steam with some new leadership and support of those who have done this before.
- Building maintenance has been extensive, with plans for more ahead.
- And, Brookside is known in the City as a church of compassion, involvement, and mission. Brookside is seen as a leader. With our participation in Granite State Organizing Project, we will continue to be one of the strong voices in the City whose deeds follow our voice.

This is the time our giving needs to be even stronger because candidates for pastor will be looking carefully at this and whether we are willing to financially sustain our ministry, our mission, and our dreams. I have done all I can, it is now up to you – to each and every one who is a member or a friend. Your support is needed and appreciated.

Grace and peace – Pastor Dawn



## ***Leading Our Children Along their Faith Journey***

Our new Unit, "Money and Time," started September 27 and has *Brian Brady* and *Stephanie Strandson* leading the Cooking workshop, *Bob Falco* and *Tom Cleary* leading Games and *Jean Dickson* leading Storytelling. This Unit will run for six weeks with a second set of three workshops starting Oct. 18 going through November 1. This Unit fits in well with the theme for the year, "Room for You." The children will be learning how their time and talents fit into the church and God's desire for all people.

One major change for this year is that the teachers will be going to the classrooms of each age group. All the children will have permanent classrooms (the only exception being the Cooking workshop, which will still be in the Manning House Kitchen). Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade will be in room E which has been that age group's classroom for the last three years. Second and Third Grades will be in room C and the Fourth through Seventh Grades will be in the upstairs Lounge. Parents of the Pre-K through First are asked to wait outside of the classroom until the teacher or shepherd opens the door. The other two classes will be brought to the Fellowship Hall when their classes are over.

## ***Want to Earn a Gold Star?***

Parents, *please* fill out a new registration form for this year. It is important that our information is up to date!! Email addresses are important, as Fran emails parents almost every week with information about what is happening in Church School or events that include children. The form is available on our website ([www.brooksidecc.org](http://www.brooksidecc.org)) and is also stocked in the narthex.

## ***Small Group to Focus on Prayer and Study of the Psalms***

Please join us on **Thursday** evenings, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, in the upstairs library for a time of prayer and devotional using the Psalms. This group will start on **Oct. 1** and go to **Nov. 19**. No rsvp necessary. If you have questions, please contact *Anne Rodman* at **716-6079** or e-mail [annelrodman@yahoo.com](mailto:annelrodman@yahoo.com).

## ***A Few "Tweaks" to the Next Monday Matters***

Dates/time/location have been updated since the September *Chronicle* article. Rabbi Beth Davidson and Pastor Dawn will lead a discussion for Temple Adath Yeshurun and Brookside Church on the book *Short Stories of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. We will meet on **Mondays, October 19** (7:00-8:30 pm at the Temple) and **November 2** (7:00-8:30 pm at Brookside). Read the book and join us as we see how Levine explores Jesus' most popular parables, revealing their hidden depths, exposing their misinterpretations, and showing how they can still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.

## ***Interested in Membership?***

New members will be received on **November 22**. If you wish to join Brookside, please contact *Pastor Dawn* (**669-2807, ext. 101** or [pastor@brooksidecc.org](mailto:pastor@brooksidecc.org)) or Scott Milne ([s-cmilne@comcast.net](mailto:s-cmilne@comcast.net)).

## ***If You Would Like to Schedule a Baptism***

Please speak with *Pastor Dawn* (see contact info. above) to make arrangements for Baptism.

## **World Communion Sunday Is October 4**

We will celebrate Communion “in the round” and by intinction on **Sunday, October 4**. Serving will be: *Gary Trahan, Kira Morehouse, Doug Dixon, Denise Forest, Scott Milne* and *Ellen Tourigny*, with *Sienna Milne* assisting.

Please note, we use gluten-free bread for Communion, so that those who have a gluten intolerance may participate fully in the sacrament.

## **Hold This Family in Your Prayers**

Condolences to Richard Rodman and family after the September 9 death of his sister, Gloria Rayll.

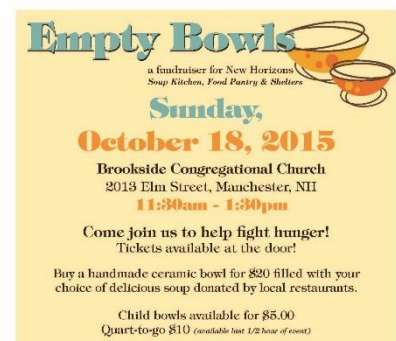
## **Another “Good Samaritan” in Our Midst**

Congratulations and best wishes to *Jim Burke* as he is honored with a Good Samaritan Award by Pastoral Counseling Services at its annual awards dinner, which takes place this **Tuesday, October 6** beginning at 5:30 pm at the Manchester Country Club. As in past years, Brookside Mission/Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a table at the dinner. If you would like to reserve a seat at Brookside's table, please contact the church office, or *Jean Dickson (860-3647)*.

## **Empty Bowls Event Is Sunday, October 18**

**11:30 am to 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall**

Come to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser! Sponsored by the NH Potters Guild, the event raises money for New Horizons for New Hampshire. Empty Bowls is an international project to fight hunger. NH Potters Guild members make and donate ceramic soup bowls. For \$20 guests choose and keep a handmade bowl and are able to sample soups donated by 16 local restaurants. Child bowl \$5. Quart to go \$10 (last 1/2 hour of event).



## **Invitation to a Special Birthday Celebration**

*Please come and help us celebrate Pete Lovejoy's 80th Birthday!*

Where: Bessie Leavitt Lane, New Boston, NH

When: **Sunday, October 25**, 2-4 pm

RSVP to *Beth Lovejoy Ladd (860-428-7392)* to let us know if you are coming. Dress is casual and no presents, please!



## **Eat Yummy Mexican Food, Help Those in Need**

Shorty's Fair Share days benefit Brookside's Pastor Discretionary Fund, and here's how it works: on the fourth Sunday of the month, eat at the Manchester Shorty's (or get takeout) anytime from Noon until closing. When you are done, write "Brookside" on the back of your receipt, hand it to the server or host (it's probably best to mention Brookside as well), and Shorty's will donate 15% of the tab to Brookside. What a good deal! Upcoming dates are **October 25, November 22, and December 27**.



## **October 4 = Loaves and Fishes, Neighbors in Need**

Please bring non-perishable food items (and/or personal-sized toiletry items) to worship for our monthly *Loaves & Fishes* offering on **Sunday, October 4**. All items collected will be delivered to New Horizons to help those in need. Thank you.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is the annual special mission offering that is collected by the United Church of Christ congregations for supporting ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. One-third of the offering is designated for the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM) with the remaining two-thirds being used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to fund grants for a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service grants. Flyers have been in the Sunday bulletins for the past several weeks, and your donations will be gratefully received through **October 4**, World Communion Sunday.

## **Help Needed!!**

The Mission Ministry is looking for an enthusiastic member of the congregation who wants to help expand our outreach beyond our walls and be an active part in the community. Brookside is a participating member of Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) and we need a person to be the liaison between GSOP and MOM. The individual would be expected to attend the monthly meetings for GSOP on the first Tuesday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Church (669 Union Street, Manchester) and periodically report to the Mission Ministry in writing and/or in person. If you are interested, please contact *Jeff Rapson* ([rapson@comcast.net](mailto:rapson@comcast.net)) or *Jennifer Trecartin* ([jmt42@outlook.com](mailto:jmt42@outlook.com)).

## **Thanksgiving Baskets Are Returning!!!**

The Mission Ministry is once again coordinating Thanksgiving baskets to help up to 60 FAMILIES (from 1-13 people in the past, so over 100 people) with much needed food at Thanksgiving. Sign-up sheets will be downstairs starting **October 25**. We encourage you to sign up to bring nonperishable foods (canned vegetables, fresh potatoes, fresh carrots, stuffing, cranberry sauce, apples, cookies, hot chocolate), or consider donating funds equal to a holiday meal basket.



The last date to bring in donations is **November 15** (so that an order can be placed for the remaining food needed). Set-up for the basket assembly is the morning of **November 21**, starting at 9. Assembly will be **November 22** and pick-up will be on **November 23**. We will need volunteers for all phases of this effort.

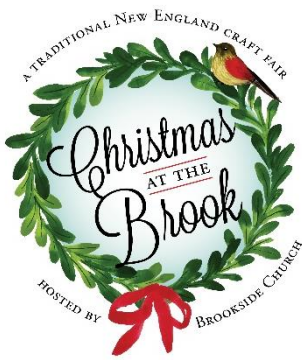


## **Baby Shower!!!!**

This year, we have decided to help out our new parents and babies in need. Rather than Christmas baskets of food, we are doing something different! We are coordinating a church-wide baby drive. We are going to be supporting two of the organizations that we support on a regular basis, New Horizons and Families in Transition. We will need formula, baby food, wipes and diapers. No sizes or types have been specified, so start scouting out bargains now (BJ's/Costco's has these items at decent prices and coupons can be applied if you are a member). Details about when and where are to be forthcoming. So start stocking up and look for the details (and the large baby poster!!).

Your involvement and commitment to support the larger Manchester community is so very much appreciated. Thank you one and all!





## **Christmas Fair: November 14, 9 am – 3 pm**

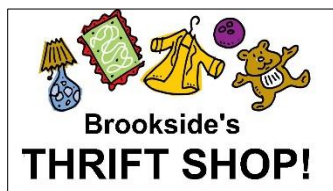
Experience Christmas at the Brook - a traditional New England craft fair. Now is the time to donate, explore, and engage! To get started, save the date and invite family, friends and neighbors to come and experience a fun filled and festive day.

Peruse exhibits from local craftsmen and artisans. Participate in the cookie walk, lunch in the Manning House with live entertainment, and children's activities. We'll also feature homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, a book sale, an elegant white elephant sale, raffle, fresh balsam wreaths and much more.

A sign-up sheet is available at church so you know what we need and how you can help. Donations may be left on the bench outside of Pastor Dawn's office. For more information, please call *Becky Boisvert* at **315-8614**, or email [christmasatthebrook@gmail.com](mailto:christmasatthebrook@gmail.com).

## **Join with Women's Union to Bake Pies for the Fair**

Fall is here and thoughts run to crisp apples, delicious homemade pies and the fellowship of baking for a cause (Brookside Fair). We welcome one and all to share the experience on **Saturday, October 10**, 11 am to 2 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring your rolling pins, apple peelers, paring knives, aprons, sense of humor, a sandwich cut in four to share and a \$7.00 contribution per family towards pie ingredients. Drinks, dessert and music will be provided. A call to *Sally Sederquist* at **668-6917** will reserve your place in the production line. No experience necessary, there is a task for everyone!



## **Thrift Shop Talk**

Wednesday afternoon openings at the Thrift Shop have been very successful with Leigh Polish, Dawn Brockett, Carol Delle and Connie Jowdy scheduled in the shop. The expanded hours have attracted new customers who weren't available in the morning. Also, the continued updates of sales posted on-line by Vicky Wisner, the Chronicle by Nicole Grinnell and sign boards by Heath Auger have kept the public informed of what's happening and when. Friday afternoon openings are temporarily on hold as several volunteers have scheduled vacations, including myself.

Donations of clothing, books and furniture have been plentiful and greatly appreciated for our current needs and inventory for our new space. Baby and children's clothes are in great demand as non-profit agencies refer their clients via a voucher system.

Scheduled truck pick-up of furniture began in August with Bob and Sarah Merrill and Scott and Calley Milne collecting from two Manchester families.

Kudos to Greg Berry, Laura Sevigny and Dawn Brockett for trucking in the racks from St. Vincent DePaul and storing them. Carole Whitcher for taking donations to Goodwill and Kira Morehouse for an informative article in the Union Leader. Also, to our supportive Thrift Shop Organizational Committee (TSOC): Bill Hoysradt, Pastor Dawn Berry, Dawn Brockett, Elizabeth Dunn, Gail Goodman, Joseph Lachance, Paula Curry, Penny Stillman (Emeritus), Laura Sevigny, Calley Milne and our loyal volunteers.

As you can see, it takes a combination of talents from many people to make the seemingly impossible, possible and probable. Come share your talents; we've got a great thing going!

Sally Sederquist, Co-Manager

## **Penny Stillman Honored for Thrift Shop Work**

During worship on August 16, Penny Stillman was recognized for her 20-plus years as manager of the Thrift Shop and her dedication to Brookside Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Penny was awarded a plaque in recognition of her service and kind outreach to the community. Penny's family joined her for the celebration and a reception followed in Fellowship Hall. As Manager Emeritus, Penny continues to serve in the Thrift Shop on Saturdays.

The wording on the plaque reads:

*Presented to Penny Stillman*

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*The heart of the Brookside Thrift Shop*

*For more than 20 years*



*Thank you for managing volunteers and inventory while maintaining a warm and inviting atmosphere for the many customers and for the significant contributions of the shop to the mission of Brookside Congregational Church and the needs of people in Manchester.*

## **Annual Meeting of the NH Conference, United Church of Christ**

The 214<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Conference (**Saturday, October 24**, 8:00 am to 4:15 pm at the Grappone Center in Concord) will focus on **Breaking Down Walls, Building Peace**. The theme this year's meeting is rooted in the peace-making work of Christ, described by the Apostle Paul as a ministry of breaking down walls and establishing peace between those who were formerly divided.

For more information, log on to <http://www.nheucc.org/NHCUCC/> and click on "Annual Meeting Business" in the Quick Links box.

## **Get Your Flu Shot Here on October 6**

Spread the word, tell your neighbors and friends about this free event: Brookside will host a flu shot clinic on **Tuesday, October 6** from 3:30-5:30 pm – sponsored by Walgreens and Brookside Congregational Church. Walgreens is providing the flu vaccine voucher available to all without cost. This is for those individuals who do not have insurance. If you have insurance, please bring your card.



### **To Your Health!**

The Parish Nurse has hours here every week, on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am in Room D. Avail yourself of free nurse consultation, blood pressure checks, health information, referrals and more. Learn more about this program by logging on to [www.catholicmedicalcenter.org/community-health/parish-nurse.aspx](http://www.catholicmedicalcenter.org/community-health/parish-nurse.aspx).

## **If You're Hospitalized...**

Remember to call the church office (**669-2807**) if you want the pastor to know that you're in the hospital. Due to federal law, hospitals are not permitted to provide us with this information.

**15 \* 15 \* 15 \* 15 \* Chronicle Deadline \* 15 \* 15 \* 15 \* 15**

Please submit all items for the November *Chronicle* by **Thursday, October 15**. You can deliver them in person, send them by mail, or e-mail them to: [nicoleg@brooksidecc.org](mailto:nicoleg@brooksidecc.org). Thank you.

**Have You Seen Our New Look?**

Brookside launched a new website in the latter part of September. Still found at [www.brooksidecc.org](http://www.brooksidecc.org), it is designed to be more user-friendly and interact more efficiently with various social media applications. Do some exploring if you haven't already done so, and please keep in mind that we are still working out a few kinks, so you may find a few glitches here and there.



**Worship and Bible Readings for October**

Each issue of the *Chronicle* features monthly Bible readings, so that you can read and reflect on your own, at a time that suits you best. Following is the worship outline for October; underlined passages will be used in worship.



**October 4 – World Communion Sunday**

Gospel Mark 10:13-16

☞ Sermon: “*The Verb Is Receive*”

**October 18**

Gospel Mark 10:49-52

☞ Sermon: “*Take Heart*”

**October 11 – Rev. Dr. Mark Watts preaching**

Hebrew Scriptures Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Christian Testament Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

**October 25 – Stewardship Sunday**

Gospel Matthew 6:19-33

☞ Sermon: “*Give from the Heart*”

**Faithful Stewards Corner**

Our thanks to:

- *Denise Forest*, for helping set up for Secret Pal Lunch and helping sort supplies for the classrooms.
- *Patty Cayer*, for helping plan the Secret Pal Lunch and making the name tags.
- *Sarah Duffley* and *Dorice Falco*, for helping clean up after the Secret Pal Lunch.
- *Greg Berry*, *Brian Brady*, *Doug Dixon*, *Scott Milne*, *Derek Whitehead*, and *Tom Wright* (father of Ben & Jameson), for helping move furniture and set up classrooms.

If any ministry member has someone to mention for the “Faithful Stewards Corner,” send their names to Pastor Dawn by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the Chronicle.



### DOORPERSON

<b>October 4</b> Becky Boisvert	<b>October 11</b>
<b>October 18</b> Steve Morehouse	<b>October 25</b> Laura Sevigny

### NURSERY/CRIB ROOM

<b>October 4</b> Jennifer Trecartin	<b>October 11</b> Sandy Mun
<b>October 18</b> Kathleen Wickham	<b>October 25</b> Laura Schneider

### ACOLYTES

<b>October 4</b> Sophia Morehouse	<b>October 11</b> Gabby Lachance
<b>October 18</b> Derrick Dixon	<b>October 25</b> Julia Falco

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The objective of *The Brookside Chronicle* is to disperse church news; inspire people to a new awareness; and interpret the ministry of our church. We will be faithful to the truth, honest and caring, and strive for accuracy.

The *Chronicle* staff appreciates and welcomes input from all organizations, ministry groups, officers, members and friends of Brookside Congregational Church. We reserve the right to edit, cut or leave out articles according to available space, timeliness and priority.

### USHERS

<b>October 4</b> Bob Dunn Sis Dunn Dave Migliori Bruce Richards	<b>October 11</b> Bill Hoysradt Don Waldrupe Gail Goodman Jeff Rapson
<b>October 18</b> Bob Merrill Sarah Merrill David Gates Herb Pence	<b>October 25</b> Bob Howard Donna Howard Richard Rodman Tricia Lucas

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

<b>October 4</b> Gary Trahan Kira Morehouse	<b>October 11</b> Kira Morehouse George Abbott
<b>October 18</b> Doug Dixon George Abbott	<b>October 25</b> George Abbott Gary Trahan

### READERS

<b>October 4</b> Sienna Milne	<b>October 11</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>October 25</b>

### Fellowship Hour Schedule

The schedule for the next three months is as follows:

- **Oct.** Mission Ministry
- **Nov.** Officers/At Large Members
- **Dec.** Stewardship Ministry



## Reviewing Our Finances

Any questions regarding the detail of the treasurer's report below may be directed to Dale Trombley at 491-3491, or e-mail her at [dtrombley@tds.net](mailto:dtrombley@tds.net).

TREASURER'S REPORT			
For the period ending August 31, 2015			
<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>			
Month	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	22,297	24,655	(2,358)
Total Expenses	24,402	27,807	3,405
Net Gain (Loss)	(2,105)	3,152	1,047
Year-to-date	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	201,354	201,392	(38)
Total Expenses	217,786	232,969	15,183
Net Gain (Loss)	(16,432)	(31,577)	15,145
Total YTD Pledges	Actual	Budget	Var.
	90,865	91,026	(161)

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Sunday Worship & Church School: 10 am  
Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday,  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Fridays, 9:00 am to NOON

**Rev. Dr. Dawn Berry, Pastor**  
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Please remember that the pastor is frequently called away, or may have other commitments during the day. It is best to call first if you need to speak with her.



## Don't Let Our Pledges "Fall Back" This Fall

Pledge collections really did spring ahead. Through May 31<sup>st</sup>, Brookside was \$2,000 ahead of the previous year's pledges and \$4,800 ahead of 2015 budgeted pledges. Based on that strength, the Council of Ministries was hopeful that pledges would reduce our budget deficit by \$9,200 over the calendar year, but then we lost momentum.

Our projects are keeping pace. You can see that the planned facility and grounds projects are well underway. The Thrift Shop Expansion is progressing nicely. With assistance from everyone, our first "Christmas at the Brook" promises to be extraordinary, but we really do need contributions to close this fiscal year in the black. Give from your heart, and don't fall back this fall.

Respectfully,  
Dale Trombley, Treasurer



## Last, But Not Least...

We are looking for new/like-new or gently-used White Elephant donations to benefit the Brookside Christmas Fair. Anyone with items to donate should contact Becky Boisvert (315-8614) or Dawn Brockett (601-2811). Donations (clearly labeled White Elephant) may be dropped off on the benches in the hallway near the church office.