



THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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~ Room to Grow, Room to Serve, Room for You ~

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January 22: Brookside's Annual Meeting

11:30 in Fellowship Hall
Please come to review,
discuss, and vote.



For Everything There is a Season



From Dawn's Desk

As 2012 begins, I wish you all a blessed New Year. The New Year begins with merriment and expectation, resolution and hopefulness, but liturgically the days following Epiphany, January 6, are referred to as Ordinary time.

Ordinary time literally means “ordinal” or “counted” time between the major seasons of the Christian Calendar – Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Ordinary time is not a time of fasting or feasting; yet it is a daily time of giving witness to God’s grace in your life and discerning God’s purposes for your life. Psalm 90:12 speaks to me of Ordinary time: *So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.*



In Ordinary time, it matters how we live our time. I once heard a good news/bad news saying: The bad news is that time flies. The good news is that you are the pilot. It is good to remember that we don’t control time, but we are the pilots of our time responsible for what we do with our time.

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in you.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, your care shines through.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own your mercies, God, which never fail.

By Hugh T. Kerr, 1916 (revised), New Century Hymnal page 366.

In this Ordinary time, may you grow in trust of God and toward the purposes to which God calls you.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Dawn



Adult Educational Opportunities/Israel Trip Preparation

Temple Adath Yeshurun (TAY) and Brookside Congregational Church will co-sponsor adult educational opportunities - Winter 2012 - at Brookside Church, 7-8:30. These events are of particular importance to those planning on traveling to the Holy Land in April, 2013.

Monday, Jan. 23	“Worshipping Together” discussion
Friday, Jan 27	Worship at TAY, 7:00 pm
Sunday, Jan 29	Worship at Brookside, 10:00 am
Monday, Jan. 30	Book discussion on James Michener’s <i>The Source</i>

Future dates for Spring, 2012 focus on the History of the State of Israel with discussion following the DVD presentation of *Israel: A Nation is Born*. The sessions will be from 7-8:30 pm, location to be determined, on **March 26, April 2, April 30, May 7, and June 4**. On **June 18 and 25**, the two faith communities will delve into the book *Walking the Bible*.

Annual Report Deadline Is Early – Please Submit on Time!

Send all reports to Nicole by **Tuesday, January 3**. Thank you!

Church School Unit to Focus on Choices

On **January 8** we will begin a Unit on Making Choices. This unit is based on the Book of Jonah, and the decisions that Jonah made. The main idea of this unit is that God chooses us to do God's work. God gives us the freedom to choose our response to God and others. We look to God's teachings to help us learn how to make choices that reflect what God wants us to do or be. This Unit will be four weeks long.



Thank You to All Who Help our Children Grow in Faith

Many thanks to our teachers of the last unit in November: Ann Auger – Art; Bob Falco – Games; Suzanne and Michael Pyszka – Science; and Ed Mitchell - Storytelling.

Special thanks to Sis Dunn, Melody Witcher, Debi Rapson, Laura Schneider, Amy Woloski, Donna Molony, Linda Seabury, Rosemary Hoysradt, Suzanne Pyszka and Michael Pyszka. They were the instructors for the Advent Workshop. They met once to learn about Chrismons, experimented with making them, cut out all the patterns and helped people make them at the workshop. Their dedication and expertise and the creativity of all who made the Chrismons, created a very beautiful Christmas tree this year.

Very special thanks to Ellen Tourigny who directed the Christmas Pageant that was presented at the 4:30 Christmas Eve Service. Thanks also to the Church School Shepherds and parents who helped with costumes and getting children to the right places at the right time.

High School Youth Group to Offer Parents' Night Out

Our first organized activity in this new year will be snow tubing at McIntyre on **Sunday, January 8**. If there is not enough snow, we will do indoor rock climbing instead.

Later in the month, we will offer a Parents' Night Out, where parents can drop off their children beginning at 5 pm on **Saturday, January 21** and enjoy an evening out, while the youth group provides dinner, entertainment, and general child care for the children, who must be picked up by 10 pm.

The following morning, **Sunday, January 22**, the High School Group will have a Bake Sale Plus after worship which will include not only a traditional bake sale, but also a light soup-and-sandwich lunch for folks attending Annual Meeting.

Confirmation Class

Our plan this month is to meet on **January 8** to explore "How did the Bible come to be?" and then on **January 29** when we will look at the Sacraments: Baptism and Communion.



Share Your Bounty via Loaves and Fishes

Our next *Loaves and Fishes* offering will be **Sunday, January 1**. Please bring non-perishable food items to worship that day, or leave them in the special collection boxes in the back hallway during the week if you won't be in worship. Personal-size toiletry items are also welcome for use by New Horizons' shelter. Thank you for helping out.

Serve Supper at New Horizons this Month

Tuesday, January 31 is a date on which Brookside helps to serve the evening meal at New Horizons. Please check with our volunteer coordinator, **Rod Leavell (668-5574)**, to see if you can be part of Brookside's volunteer team on that date between 4 and 6 pm.



Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 1**, served by: *Jeff Fletcher, Joyce Lovejoy and Jeff Rapson.*

Interested in Membership?

If you would like to become a covenant member of Brookside Congregational Church, please speak with *Pastor Dawn* (669-2807, ext. 101 or pastor@brooksideecc.org). A special gathering will be planned when we have a group of folks who have expressed an interest in learning more.

If You Would Like to Schedule a Baptism

If you would like to schedule a Baptism on a future date, please speak with *Pastor Dawn* (see contact info. above).

Losses in our Church Family

Mary Mathes died December 8 at age 96. A Brookside member since 1976, Mary was a past president of the Women's Union. She is survived by two children, Joy Mathes-Tinker and Thomas G. Mathes, and three grandchildren. Pastor Dawn will lead a memorial service in the Chapel on **Saturday, January 14** at 2:00 pm.

W. Keith Greenstreet died December 17, survived by his wife, Monna, and three children: John, Carol and Steve. He was a Brookside member since 1972. Pastor Dawn officiated at his graveside service at the NH Veterans Cemetery.

Please hold these families in your prayers.

Women's Union Goes on Hiatus for Two Months

Just a reminder that we don't meet in January or February... but plan to come to our next meeting on **Thursday, March 8** for our famous corned beef dinner and a program entitled *Spring Fling*. Details will be in Sunday bulletins and the *March Chronicle*.

Faithful Stewards Corner

Our thanks to:

- *Melody Whitcher and Carole Whitcher*, for sewing the lovely tablecloths from fabric found in the behind-the-stage storage area which they cleaned and organized.
- *Dave & Dawn Brockett*, for setting up the Christmas Trees in the Manning House and the Sanctuary.
- *Dawn Brockett*, for decorating the Manning House Tree.

If any Board or Committee has someone to mention for the "Faithful Stewards Corner," send their names to Pastor Dawn by the 15th of each month for the *Chronicle*.

Fifth Sunday Offers Chance for a Brookside Tour

Learn about some of Brookside's secrets during this tour of the Church and Manning House. *Bill Hoysradt* will be your knowledgeable tour guide – meet him by the Coke machine in Fellowship Hall around 11:15 a.m. on **Sunday, January 29**.

New Mid-week Worship Service Coming to the Chapel

Beginning **January 4**, Brookside will be offering a 6 pm service on **Wednesday** evenings, led by Kerry Richardson, our member in discernment for licensed ministry. The service will be more contemporary in nature and is expected to last about an hour. It will be held in the Chapel. All are welcome and come as you are.

Give the Gift of Time

Volunteers are needed to help at a service of communion at Evergreen Nursing Home. Services are generally the first and third Mondays of every month at 1:30 pm. (Note, however, that in January we will go on **Tuesdays, January 3 & 17**, due to the Monday holidays.) Sign up in Fellowship Hall on the green poster. We ask that you give ONE Monday during the year so we are able to continue this outreach. The Gift of your time is so appreciated by the residents at Evergreen!



To Your Health!

The Parish Nurse has hours here every week, on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in Room D. Avail yourself of free nurse consultation, blood pressure checks, health information, referrals and more. Be sure to check out the Parish Nurse bulletin board across from Room E to learn about events throughout Manchester!

Chair Massage is available at this site, usually on the first Thursday of the month (9:30-11:30). The cost is \$10 for 15 minutes. Benefits are improved circulation, relaxed muscles, relief of body tension and improved flexibility. To reserve a chair massage time, call the Parish Nurse office at **663-8004**.

Weather Policy: when Manchester Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Parish Nurse Office will be closed – and the nurse will not be here.

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.

Community Safety Meeting Open to All

Manchester Police Chief David Mara and Captain Rick Reilly of the Community Policing Division are holding a community meeting about the recent rise in burglaries and thefts that are occurring in our community. All Manchester residents are encouraged to attend. Crime Prevention Officer Paul Rondeau will also be on hand to offer tips on home and personal safety.

The meeting will be held on **January 19th at 7pm** at the **MPAL/Michael Briggs Community Center** located at 411 Beech St. (at the corner of Lake Ave/Beech St.). If you can attend, please RSVP to Officer Mark Ampuja at **668-8711 ext. 354**.

DOORPERSON

January 1
Anne Rodman

January 8
Meg Brockett

January 15
Keith Hamer

January 22
Chris Taylor

January 29
Duffley Taylor family

ACOLYTES

January 1
Kyra Whitehead

January 8
Sarah Stantial

January 15
Kate Stantial

January 22
Jack Van Nort

January 29
Andrew Auger

USHERS

January 1
Joe Lachance
Cindy Migliori
Dave Migliori
Thomas Cleary

January 8
Karen Horsch
Kira Morehouse
Scott Milne
Mickie Mokos

January 15
Keith Hamer
Michael Goodman
Gail Goodman
Tricia Lucas

January 22
Herb Pence
Bob Dunn
Sis Dunn
Bruce Richards

January 29
Karyn O'Neil
Dawn Brockett

Ed Mitchell

READERS

January 1
Joyce Lovejoy

January 8
Gail Goodman

January 15
Sis Dunn

January 22
Jeff Rapson

January 29
Mary Pratt

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

January 1
Greg Berry

January 8
Gail Goodman

January 15
Gail Goodman

January 22
Michael Goodman

January 29
Michael Goodman

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

January 1
Jeff Fletcher
Mary Pratt

January 8
Mary Pratt
Kathleen Dube

January 15
Kathleen Dube
Chris Taylor

January 22
Chris Taylor
Joyce Lovejoy

January 29
Joyce Lovejoy
Jeff Rapson

CE PERSON OF THE WEEK

January 1
Pete Lovejoy

January 8
Robin Davison

January 15
Becky Boisvert

January 22
Ed Mitchell

January 29
Kira Morehouse

Checking Our Financial Health

Any questions regarding the detail of the treasurer's report below may be directed to *Gail Goodman* at **656-9038**, or e-mail her at ggoodman@elliott-hs.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the period ending November 30, 2011

Actual vs. Budget

Month	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	32,707	26,835	5,872
Total Expenses	33,261	29,124	4,136
Net Gain (Loss)	(554)	(2,290)	1,736
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Year-to-date	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	311,319	292,207	19,112
Total Expenses	305,424	297,156	8,268
Net Gain (Loss)	5,894	(4,949)	10,844
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Total YTD Pledges	Actual	Pledges	Var.
	160,676	152,044	8,632

Fellowship Hour Schedule

January hosts for Fellowship Hour are:

- **Jan. 1:** Diaconate Board
- **Jan. 8:** Music Committee
- **Jan. 15:** C. E. Board
- **Jan. 22:** H.S. Youth Group
- **Jan. 29:** Trustees



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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

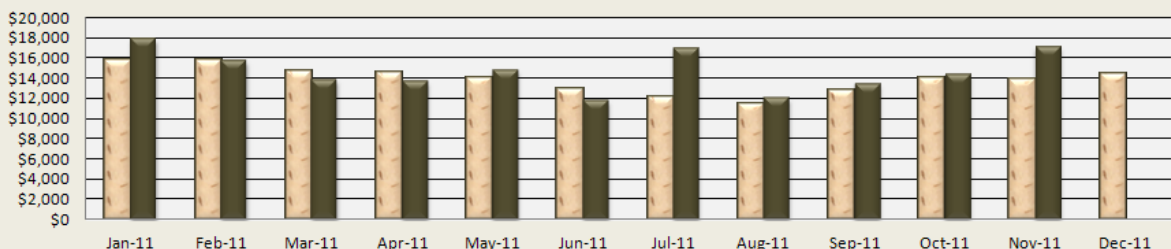
Rev. Dr. Dawn Berry, Pastor
Office Hours 9–3, Mon.–Thurs.
(Friday is the Pastor's Day Off)
Office tel. 669-2807 x 101; home 746-5033
email: pastor@brooksidecc.org

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.

DOLLAR\$&CENTS



Brookside Congregational Church 2011 Pledge Update




	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11
Actual Pledges \$166,389	15,795	15,795	14,680	14,586	14,051	12,935	12,145	11,469	12,743	13,938	13,907	14,346
Collections To Date	17,781	15,636	13,800	13,618	14,745	11,733	16,812	11,945	13,340	14,284	16,982	

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Nominating Sarah Duffley * Judi Mitchell Roger Sevigny Bob Stallard	Trustee to Elliot Ed Mitchell	Called to Care Coordinator Rosemary Hoysradt		Sexton Heath Auger voice mail #105 sexton@brooksidecc.org
		Librarian Donna Moody		

January, 2012	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am Worship (Communion; <i>Loaves & Fishes</i>) <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 <i>Building Closed for New Year's Holiday</i>	3 <u>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</u> 1:30 pm Worship, Evergreen Place 6:00 pm Pastoral Relations Council 7:00 pm Diaconate	4 5:30 pm Chairs of Diaconate, CE, Music Meet w/Staff, Bylaws 6:00 Chapel Worship Service 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	5 9:00 am Thrift Shop 9:30 am Chair Massage 10:00 am Parish Nurse	6 <i>Pastor's Day Off (PDO)</i> 4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	7 9:00 am Thrift Shop 11:00 am Wedding
8 9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship; Church Sch. resumes 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal 11:30 am H.S. Group, Snow-tubing 11:30 am Confirmation Class 11:30 am <i>Ones in Friendship</i> Group	9 Noon "Hearts & Hands" craft group	10 5:00 pm Maintenance Comm. 6:00 pm Trustees	11 6:00 Chapel Worship Service 6:00 pm Christian Ed. Board 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	12 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse	13 <i>(PDO)</i>	14 9:00 am Thrift Shop 2:00 pm Memorial Service, M. Mathes
15 9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal ~ <u>CHRONICLE DEADLINE</u> ~	16 <i>Building Closed for M.L. King Day</i>	17 1:30 pm Worship, Evergreen Place 7:00 pm Outreach Board	18 6:00 Chapel Worship Service 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	19 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse	20 <i>(PDO)</i>	21 9:00 am Thrift Shop 5:00 pm H.S. Group hosts Parents' Night Out
22 9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am H.S. Group Fundraiser 11:30 am <u>ANNUAL MEETING</u>	23 Noon "Hearts & Hands" craft group 7:00 pm Worshipping Together - Israel Trip prep.	24 7:00 pm Standing Comm.	25 6:00 Chapel Worship Service 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	26 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse	27 <i>(PDO)</i> 7:00 pm Worship at Temple Adath Yeshurun	28 9:00 am Thrift Shop
29 9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Church Tour 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal 11:30 am Confirmation Class	30 Noon "Hearts & Hands" craft group 7:00 pm Book Study on <i>The Source</i>	31 4:00 pm Vol. to New Horizons	 January	<p>➔ Note: Generally, only church-related activities are listed here; however, be aware that many outside groups use space in our facility on a regular basis, as well.</p> <p>A full calendar of events is available on our website, www.brooksidecc.org; click to any page and find the link on the left side.</p>		