



THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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

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All-Ministry Meeting

Sunday, February 12

- Meet, Talk, Work, Eat

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The Season of Lent

Wednesdays:

- 6:00 worship
- 6:30 soup supper
- 7:15 study class



LENT BEGINS

Sundays:

- Sermons will focus on
Who do you say I am?

"Prepared to Serve" Offers

Workshops Galore

at Pembroke Academy

on Saturday, February 25

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From Dawn's Desk

At the special meeting of the congregation on December 11, 2011, those gathered unanimously passed a restructuring of Brookside's boards and committees and revision of the bylaws to accommodate the new structure. What does this new model of Governance mean?



- Respect and recognition of your time. There are many demands on your time, and cumbersome church meetings shouldn't be another. We have tried to streamline and provide a variety of ways to serve. Time on a ministry is reduced from 3 to 2 years, but with the option of recommitting for up to 3 terms. The number of ministries is reduced, and the use of short-term, focused task forces is encouraged. Accountability and reporting are streamlined for more efficient decision making.
- Moving from a business model to a church model of ministry where Christians are formed through worship and education, mission engages us to serve, and stewardship of our financial, physical, and human resources is attended. A Council of Ministries coordinates, makes policy, and prepares the budget.
- Living into a new paradigm takes patience and a willingness to try something together. Change is always a challenge, but it is less anxiety-producing when we are committed to be in this together, provide open and honest feedback, and keep a sense of humor. Remember, what doesn't work can be changed!

I am looking forward to this year ahead and its possibilities. My thanks to all who have served and to all who are beginning their ministries in February. God bless you all.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Dawn

Please Plan to Attend the All-Ministry Meeting on February 12

All ministry members will gather in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am for open conversation, followed by breakouts for each ministry to conduct their work. Lunch will be provided.

Ash Wednesday, February 22, Kicks off the Season of Lent

This year our Wednesday Lenten worship services will begin at 6:00 pm in the Chapel, with a soup and bread supper following (at approximately 6:30) in Manning House, then a Lenten Study class at 7:15 pm in the Lounge. We hope you will make this a regular part of your Lenten observances.

Prepared to Serve – Bringing Life and Vitality to the Parish

Saturday, February 25 at Pembroke Academy – This is an annual training event designed for all church members in the New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ! This year's event offers a well-balanced workshop track, including Christian Education, Church Leadership, Caring Ministries and Service and Global Missions. With over 80 workshops to choose from, there's sure to be something for everyone. For more information and to register (**February 10 deadline**)*, click on http://www.nhcucc.org/ConferenceMinistries/PreparedToServe/downloads/PTS_2012_Brochure.pdf.

* Note: For the first 6 people who register before February 10, the church will pay the \$32 for your registration. Bring your completed registrations to the church office and we will mail them in together with a check; call the office at **669-2807** to let us know, and be among the first.

Rotational Workshops Help Our Children to Grow in Faith

In January we studied the book of Jonah in the workshops that focused on making choices. We had four workshops: Art led by Donna Molony, Cooking led by Joe Lachance, Music led by Kelly Van Nort, and Video led by Amy Woloski. One Video workshop was led by Sarah Duffley because Amy was sick the first Sunday of the Unit. On January 15th the children enjoyed a multi-age cooking workshop where we talked about the food that Jonah might have taken with him on his journeys. We then put together 36 bags of trail mix with nuts and 13 bags of trail mix without nuts that were taken to the soup kitchen to be handed out.

On **February 5** we start a new unit, "Man Beside Pool." In this unit the children will explore the story of Jesus healing the man who was lame at the pool. They will study what sabbath-keeping meant in Jesus' day. They will also consider where healing comes from today and how we can be sources of God's healing for others, as well as discover ways to be sensitive to and inclusive of all people. With a holiday weekend and vacation in February, there will be only two weeks of regular workshops, and these will be a little different. Watch the bulletin for information about the workshops.

Free! Special Resources for Families

Families with children 3rd grade and under, we have three free special resources for you!!

First is the *Spark Story Bible*. This is a great Bible for you to read to your young child. As your child starts to read, this is a Bible he or she can read with little help. We have free copies of this Bible for our church families, and also for you grandparents to give to your grandchildren.

Second is a free DVD called "Kingsley's Meadow," a four-DVD set of Bible stories. Each story has a theme which is central to the story. The story is acted out by children in costume as it is told. There are songs for each story and the presentation has humor as well as important values that are stressed.

Third is the quarterly *Spark Family* magazine, with a new issue having arrived recently. It is stocked in the Narthex and the back hallway by the church office.

If you haven't yet gotten a copy of these resources for your family, please see Fran.

High School Youth Group "Doings" for February

On our schedule for this month is Bowling at King Lanes on **Sunday, February 5**, and then our mission trip to San Antonio during vacation week, **February 26 to March 2**. Please keep an eye on your email to learn the latest details.

Join Us for Mardi Gras Fellowship – February 11

The newly created Christian Formation ministry cordially invites all members of Brookside Church **and their friends** to come to a potluck Fellowship dinner on **Saturday, February 11** starting at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Our theme will be "Mardi Gras" and all are encouraged to wear one or more of the colors of Mardi Gras celebration, green, purple or gold to get into the spirit of the event. **Please bring a salad, appetizer or main dish that serves 8 people.** Bring your children, bring your friends - there's room for everyone! There will be activities for children and plenty of fellowship opportunity for adults. Dessert will be the traditional "King Cake" of Mardi Gras. If you would like to come and are in need transportation, please contact *Denise Forest* at denfor@comcast.net or call **622-0718**.

A Message from NHCUCC re: Important Camping/Outdoor Ministry News

We write to share important news regarding the future of our Outdoor Ministries Program. The Conference Council, with the support of the Outdoor Ministries Board, authorized the Conference Minister to enter into a three-year agreement with the Maine Conference for the active management of our Outdoor Ministries Program. This agreement with the Maine Conference provides ample time to develop and implement programs that offer safe and spiritually nourishing experiences for our camping community. An exciting new day is dawning in the life of Outdoor Ministries in the New Hampshire Conference, UCC!

Summer of 2012 will be a time of transformation at Horton Center. As such there will be no regular camping season at Horton Center in 2012. During this time we will work to ensure that all future programs we offer families, youth and children exceed health and safety guidelines, meet professional standards, and continue to be creatively engaging.

There will be several work camp opportunities for individuals and groups to assist with physical renovation of Horton Center during the summer months. More information about these work experiences will be announced in *The Weekly News*. The Conference office and Outdoor Ministries Board will provide updated information about Horton Center as plans develop.

Summer of 2013 will bring a grand re-opening of Horton Center!

The Conference Council and the Outdoor Ministries Board ask for your support and encouragement during this renewal. Please surround us with your prayers, your gifts of time and skills, and your generous contributions to Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support. Together we will continue this vital ministry of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ and bring it to a new and glorious day – a day of transformation and joy.

Faithfully yours,

Rev. Gary M. Schulte, Conference Minister

Laura M. Sevigny, Conference President

Jonathan E. Gray, Chairperson, outdoor Ministries Board



Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 5**, served by: *Jeff Fletcher, Denise Forest, Chris Taylor, Jeff Rapson, Dale Trombley and Scott Milne.*

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).



First Sunday of the Month = Loaves and Fishes

Our next *Loaves and Fishes* offering will be **Sunday, February 5**. 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. Thanks for sharing.

Second Annual Super Bowl Party Planned

Heath & Bobbie Auger are hosting a Super Bowl party again this year on **Sunday, February 5** in Fellowship Hall, beginning at 5 pm. Enjoy the game on the big screen with big sound, and plan to bring your party here to your Brookside home. See Heath for more details, or email sexton@brooksidecc.org.

Women's Union Still on Hiatus

Remember, we won't meet in 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*.

Introducing...

Martha Cushing and *Sarah Duffley* as the new coordinators of the *Called to Care* program. Thank you to *Rosemary Hoysradt*, who has coordinated the program since it began at Brookside in early 2009.

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. 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.



Remember, as We Transition into Our New Governance Structure:

When various ministries or groups are planning to meet, please be sure to check in with Vicky (**669-2807** or vickyw@brooksidecc.org) about your meeting time and location, both to make sure your preferred space is available, and so that we will have it in the church calendar which makes it "official." Thanks.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

February 5
Jeff Fletcher
Denise Forest

February 12
Jeff Fletcher
Denise Forest

February 19
Jeff Fletcher
Scott Milne

February 26
Jeff Fletcher
Scott Milne

DOORPERSON

February 5
Kelly Van Nort

February 12
Emily Harris

February 19
Pyszka Family

February 26
Pyszka Family

USHERS

February 5
Greg Berry
Erin LaPorte
Ashtyn Milling
Laura Sevigny

February 12
Pete Lovejoy
Dawn Brockett
Colin Fletcher
Matt Dube

February 19
Dale Trombley
Bill Hoysradt
Rosemary Hoysradt
Mary Farwell

February 26
Richard Rodman
Dennis Giguere
Elaine Giguere
Rand Cayer

ACOLYTES

February 5
Sara Dube

February 12
Sarah Stantial

February 19
Kyle Auger

February 26
Laura Tourigny

READERS

February 5
Anne Rodman

February 12
Denise Forest

February 19
Melody Whitcher

February 26
Gail Goodman

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, boards, 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.



Financial Update, In a Nutshell...

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.

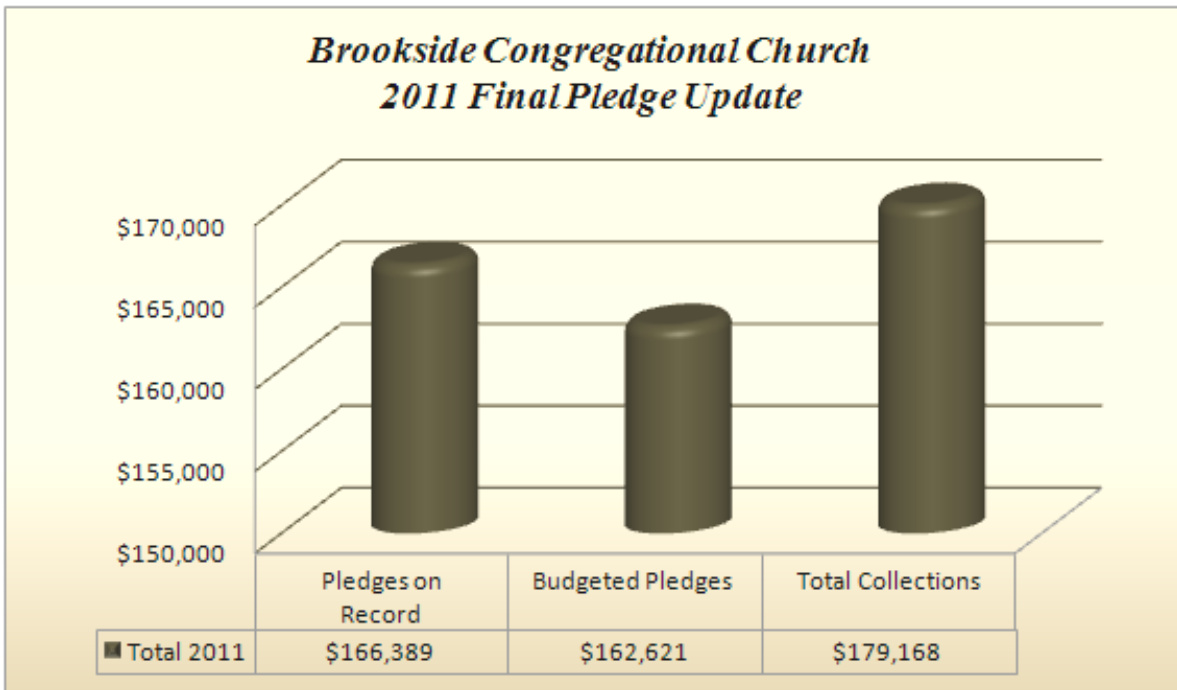
TREASURER'S REPORT			
For the period ending December 31, 2011			
<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>			
Month	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Var.</u>
Total Income	39,100	31,265	7,834
Total Expenses	44,118	26,301	17,816
Net Gain (Loss)	(5,019)	4,964	(9,983)
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Year-to-date	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Var.</u>
Total Income	350,499	323,472	27,027
Total Expenses	348,571	323,457	25,114
Net Gain (Loss)	1,928	15	1,913
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Total YTD Pledges	<u>Actual</u>	Pledges	<u>Var.</u>
	179,168	166,389	12,779

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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.



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**Called to Care
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Penny Stillman &
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Sis Dunn
Linda Stallard
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Melody Whitcher

Women's Union

Carole Whitcher, Pres.
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February, 2012	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>6:00 pm Chapel Worship Service 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop 9:30 am Chair Massage 10:00 am Parish Nurse</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Pastor's Day Off (PDO)</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship (Communion; <i>Loaves & Fishes</i>) 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal 11:30 am <i>Ones in Friendship</i> Group 11:45 am Christian Formation Ministry 11:45 am H.S. Group to King Lanes 5:00 pm Super Bowl Party</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Noon "Hearts & Hands" craft group 1:30 pm Worship, Evergreen Place</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 pm Pastoral Relations Council 6:30 pm Stewardship Ministry</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 pm Chapel Worship Service 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>PDO</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop</p> <p>5:30 pm Mardi Gras Pot Luck Dinner</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal 11:30 am All-Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Noon "Hearts & Hands" craft group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 pm Council of Ministries</p>	<p>15</p> <p><u>CHRONICLE DEADLINE</u></p> <p>6:00 pm Chapel Worship Service 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>PDO</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Office Closed for Presidents' Day</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 pm Mission Ministry</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm Supper 7:15 Lenten Study 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>PDO</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop All Day: <i>Prepared to Serve at Pembroke Acad.</i></p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship – Lent 1 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal</p> <p><i>H.S. Group departs early today for San Antonio Mission Trip (Time TBD)</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Noon "Hearts & Hands" craft group</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 pm Lenten Service 6:30 pm Supper 7:15 Lenten Study 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>➔ Note: <i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>		