



THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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

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*Heading into Holy Week
and Easter –
Please Join Us*

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EASTER

From Dawn's Desk

On **April 15**, six youth – three high schoolers and three 8th graders – will be confirmed. Since Brookside, like many Christian churches, baptizes infants, we practice the Rite of Confirmation when youth come of age. Youth *confirm* the promises their parents made for them at their baptism. The following are the promises for confirmation:



- Do you affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ? If a youth was not baptized as an infant, they would be baptized.
- Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?
- Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?
- Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

The youth then enter into the covenant of membership with Brookside. No one is confirmed or baptized without becoming part of the faith community. To be a Christian implies participation in the life of a church and to grow in faith and discipleship with other Christians. The deacons have set the policy that before a child is baptized in Brookside, the parents must be participants in the church. Membership is not required, but participation is.

Covenant implies the way of being together, promises that are made with each other and God who helps us keep our promises. The covenant of membership includes participation in worship, caring and supporting each other, serving in the ways that one is able, and giving to support Brookside's mission within and beyond our walls.

Come celebrate Confirmation with Andrew Cleary, Thokozile Dhlwayo, Aaron Kivikoski, Alex Kivikoski, Deion Ninivaggi, and Claire Tourigny.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Dawn

Faithful Stewards Corner

Our thanks to:

- *Bobbie Auger*, for providing refreshments for the Brookside "Israel trip" meetings.
- *Dawn Brockett*, for the curtains in the back hallway.
- *Julie Cleary's Mother*, for making the beautiful bag to carry the Jesus doll.
- *Oscar Coronado*, for cleaning debris, planting grass, and helping a struggling tree.
- *Mary Pratt, Dale Trombley, Fran Hakenson, Scott & Calley Milne*, for preparing soup for our Lenten Soup Suppers. *Laura Sevigny*, for providing bread each week.
- *Kerry Richardson*, for providing alternative Wednesday night services.
- *Laura Schneider*, for leading a creative Easter banner workshop.
- *Bob Stallard* has begun an important project of fixing and reupholstering the Manning House dining room chairs!

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

Holy Week and Easter at Brookside Church

April 1, Palm Sunday

- 10 am, Church School and Worship Service; Communion, Passion Story
(We'll gather on the front steps after worship for the
12th annual all-church Palm Sunday photo.)

April 5, Maundy Thursday

- 5:30 pm, Seder Meal in Fellowship Hall. There is no cost to attend, but please remember your food donation(s) for Lenten Loaves & Fishes.

- 7 pm, Service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae in the Sanctuary. Tenebrae is a very moving service of scripture readings accompanied by the gradual extinguishing of lights. The readings commemorate the events of the final three days of Jesus' life and death. When the sanctuary is in total darkness, it reminds the worshippers of Jesus' time in the tomb before his resurrection. At the end of the service, one candle is lit as the sign of Easter hope, and the congregation leaves quietly.



April 6, Good Friday

- 7 pm, Chapel: a service of prayer and reflection on the seven last words Jesus spoke from the cross.

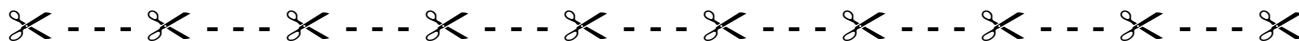
April 8, Easter Sunday

- 6:00 am Sunrise Service on the Manning House Lawn
- 8:00-9:15 am Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (\$5 per person, \$15 family maximum; purchase tickets in advance or at the door)
- 10:00 am Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary, with Choirs and the Nottingham Brass
- 11:30 am Brookside Family Easter Egg Hunt for ages 7 and under (see details below)



Brookside's Children to Enjoy Egg Hunt on Easter

Celebrate Easter at Brookside during our annual egg hunt for kids ages 7 and under! Brookside families, please plan on gathering at the Circle Drive (in front of the Chapel) at 11:30 am on **Easter Sunday, April 8**. Colorful eggs filled with candy and other fun goodies will be hidden throughout the Manning House lawn for the little ones to find and take home.



Easter Plant Donations ~ \$12 Each ~ Deadline to Order is Monday, April 2

I/We _____ wish to donate

_____ Easter Plant(s) in memory of _____



Enclosed is my check for \$ _____
(made payable to Brookside Congregational Church).
~ Plants may be taken home after the 10 AM service ~



Learning for Life

Church School Happenings This Spring

On April Fools Day, **Sunday April 1**, we will finish up the four week Unit on *Who is Jesus*. This Unit looked at the many titles of Jesus and probed into how the children understand who Jesus is. There have been four workshops in this Unit: Art with Stephanie Strandson; Cooking with Cilva Tanguay, with Sarah Duffley teaching one workshop; Games with Suzanne and Michael Pyszka; and Video with Kelly VanNort, with Scott Milne teaching one workshop. Many thanks to the teachers and shepherds who have made this Unit a good experience for the children.

There will not be any workshops on Easter Sunday. But don't forget the Easter Egg Hunt for children 7 and under at 11:30 on the Manning House lawn - the children are to gather in the circle in front of the Chapel by 11:30.

The next Unit will focus on the resurrection of Jesus, the Easter Story. It will be three weeks long with one week of regular classes on April 15th, except for the 5th, 6th and 7th grades who will stay in worship for the confirmation of the 8th graders. On the 22nd and 29th, the weekends of the Spring Vacation, we will have multi-age workshops. In May we will have one four-week Unit.

Looking to Fill Youth Coordinator Position

Brookside is seeking a Youth Coordinator to oversee the youth groups for 20 hours per month. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please visit the church web site or see a member of the Search Team (Pastor Dawn Berry, Megan Brockett, Donna Ferranti, Ed Mitchell, Chris Taylor, and Ellen Tourigny) for more details.



Israel Trip Sessions this Month

We will meet on **Mondays, April 2 and 30** at 7 pm at Temple Adath Yeshurun to continue a study on the history of Israel: *A Nation Is Born*. Future dates are **May 7 and 21**; and **June, 4, 18, and 25**.

5th Sunday = Church 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, April 29**.

April 2012						
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29	30					

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

Please submit all items for the May *Chronicle* by **Sunday, April 15**. You can deliver them in person, send them by mail, or e-mail them to: nicoleg@brooksidecc.org. Please plan ahead and make sure your news gets shared! Thank you.

Helping Others

Help to Assemble and Distribute Easter Baskets

March 25 was the deadline to bring in food; now the Mission Ministry is taking stock of what still needs to be purchased so that all will be ready for the first weekend of April. Please help out as you can with any of the following (all activities take place in Fellowship Hall):

- **Saturday, March 31:** 8:30 am, preparation and set-up
- **Sunday, April 1,** after the all-church photo: everyone helps to fill the baskets
- **Monday, April 2:** 8:30-11 am, basket distribution

Thank you for helping 40 families celebrate the Easter holiday in a manner they may not otherwise be able to achieve.



Monthly Loaves and Fishes Offering Helps Feed the Hungry

Sunday, April 1 is our monthly *Loaves and Fishes* offering whereby collected items (non-perishable food items, personal-sized toiletries) are transported to New Horizons for distribution via the food pantry, soup kitchen, and shelter. Thirty-one bags were collected in March, which were put to good use and very much appreciated.

18th Annual Manchester Adopt-a-Block: a Chance to Help Clean Up Our City

Anyone interested in joining in this event is to meet at the Brookside Church parking lot on **Saturday, April 14** at 8 am; we will then carpool to Veterans' Park to sign up and register as a "team" at 8:30. Clean-up is from 9 am-Noon. The areas (parks or streets) to be cleaned up will be assigned by the Manchester Parks & Recreation folks. Clean-up gloves, trash bags & a tee shirt with the Adopt-a-Block logo will be provided. Pizza and sodas will be served around Noon after everyone has finished cleaning their assigned areas. If you have questions, please speak with *Jane Sherwin* (668-7731).

Yard Sale: Donate/Purchase to Help Organ Restoration Fund

A Brookside yard sale is scheduled for **Saturday, April 21**, 8:00 to noon, rain or shine. As you do your spring cleaning, please consider donating items you no longer need to the yard sale! Proceeds will benefit the organ restoration fund. Check the Bulletin and Bridge for more details in the coming weeks. Contact *Anne Lachance*, *Laura Sevigny* or *Dawn Brockett* if you have questions or are willing to help.

April 25: Eat at Hooksett Applebee's, Support a Good Cause

The American Parkinson Disease Association, New Hampshire Chapter will be sponsoring a DINING TO DONATE day at Applebee's in Hooksett on **Wednesday, April 25**, all day. Rod Leavell and Art Morehead are both members of this Chapter. Applebee's will be donating 15% of your bill to the Chapter which is working to set up a respite program in NH for the families of Parkinson's patients that require full-time care.

Please pick up one of the DINING TO DONATE flyers from Rod or go to the www.APDANH.org website. Click "Event Info," then "Info about Events" and you can print a flyer. You MUST present the flyer to your server. You can go to the Hooksett Applebee's all day. We hope you will help the APDANH Chapter and enjoy a nice meal on the 25th.



Enhance YOUR Worship Service – Be a Reader

The more we put into our worship service the more we get out of it. We read prayers, we sing hymns and we personally greet one another. Another great way to participate is to be a Reader! As a reader we get the weekly scripture, which the message is based on, three or four days ahead of time giving us a head start on preparing for our Sunday service. The really good part is that there isn't any special training involved, you don't even need to be a member. Age doesn't matter; all you need is to be able to speak clearly and the desire to enhance the congregation's experience as well as your own. Many times you can even pick a Sunday that has special meaning to you. So call me, email me or even text me your interest. *Mary Pratt* (home) **603-623-7453**, email mepinmanch@comcast.net, (cell) **603-785-4608**.

Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Palm Sunday, April 1**, served by: *Jeff Fletcher, Judy Foley, Scott Milne, Chris Taylor, Denise Forest and Mary Pratt*.



Three Join Our Church Family

We welcome these new members who joined on March 25:

Ruth Bodge
Connie Jowdy
Erin LaPorte

If you would like to become a covenant member of Brookside Congregational Church, please speak with *Pastor Dawn* (**669-2807, ext. 101** or pastor@brooksidecc.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).

Former Brookside Member Passes On

Dorinda (Fagan) (Webster) Day, a Brookside member from 1955-1975, died March 17, survived by a daughter and son, four granddaughters, and eight great-grandchildren.



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. To reserve a chair massage time, call the Parish Nurse office at **663-8004**.

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.

Women's Union Invites You on Thursday, April 12

Please join us for the April Women's Union meeting! We will be serving pizza and this is a great opportunity for you to bring a friend to check us out for free! We will hear a presentation from *Dick Cadmus*, who has been instrumental in various mission trips organized by the York Association of the UCC (Maine), whose Missions Committee has three major activities: mission trips to Honduras, the Amigos Program, and domestic mission trips for disaster recovery, such as Hurricane Katrina, in which our own member, *Judy Foley*, participated in 2011.

This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun. The evening starts at 5:45 pm, when we will enjoy appetizers down in Fellowship Hall. For more information, or to RSVP, please call *Ellie Kelton* at **627-7054** by Tuesday, April 10. Hope to see you there!



Called to Care – Care Packages for College Students

Do you have a child who is currently enrolled in college? If so, please provide us with their name and mailing address by **Easter Sunday (April 8)**, so that the *Called to Care* ministry may send them a care package in time for final exams. If you are willing to bake cookies or bring in other treats for the care packages, please contact *Martha Cushing* at **669-8368** or *Sarah Duffley* at duffleytaylor@gmail.com or **858-4233**. We will be putting together the care packages on **Sunday, April 15** after worship.



Worship, Bible Readings for April

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 are the readings for April; underlined passages will be used in worship.



April 1, Palm Sunday

Christian Testament

Mark 11:1-10

John 3:16-17

☞ Sermon: "Titles of Jesus: Savior"

April 22 – Rev. Dr. Pete Lovejoy preaching

Hebrew Scriptures

Christian Testament

Psalm 4

Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48



April 8, Easter

Christian Testament

Mark 8:27-38

☞ Sermon: "Sounds of Silence"

April 29 – Rev. Dr. Mark Watts preaching

Hebrew Scriptures

Christian Testament

Psalm 23

Acts 4:5-12

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18



April 15 – Confirmation, Baptism

Hebrew Scriptures

Christian Testament

Psalm 133


Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

☞ Sermon: "This Life Revealed"





The purpose of the gospel

The gospel of John records many signs and miracles that Jesus performed in front of his disciples. Discover why these were written.

Directions: Use a Bible to fill in the missing letters of John 20:31. Then write the shape-enclosed letters in the corresponding boxes and circles below, in order of appearance, to discover John's message.

"... oe ie e hat ues us
 is tho ues uiah, the Son
 of god, und that u by
 believing uou may
 have life in his name."

JOHN 20:31, NIV

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o o o o o o o o!

Answers: "... believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."
 Just Believe!



Resurrection COUNTDOWN

Make this interactive craft to use as Easter approaches.

What you need:

- An empty egg carton
- Scissors
- Tissue paper (a dark color)
- Pencil
- Bible
- 12 slips of white paper
- Glue
- Marker



What you do:

1. Cut the lid and side flaps off the egg carton.
2. Lay the carton open-side down on tissue paper. Trace and cut out the rectangular shape.
3. On the paper slips, write 12 verses from John 12 about Holy Week (including one about Easter).
4. Place each slip in an egg cup, in order, starting at the top left and ending (with the Easter verse) at the bottom right.
5. Put glue around cups and carton edges. Lay the tissue paper on top.
6. Gently mark numbers 1-6 on the tissue paper along the top row and 7-12 along the bottom.
7. Before Easter, punch through one cup each day and read the verse.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

April 1 Jeff Fletcher Judy Foley	April 8 Jeff Fletcher
April 15 Jeff Fletcher Judy Foley	April 22 Jeff Fletcher George Abbott
April 29 Jeff Fletcher Keith Hamer	

DOORPERSON

April 1 Linda Purdy and Tracy Cathey	April 8 Rod and Donna Leavell
April 15 Paula Curry	April 22 Don Waldrupe
April 29 Penny Stillman	

USHERS

April 1 Herb Pence Michael Goodman Gail Goodman Dale Trombley	April 8 <i>Easter – Deacons</i>
April 15 Greg Berry Kira Morehouse Mary Pratt Tricia Lucas	April 22 Keith Hamer Bill Hoysradt Rosemary Hoysradt Bruce Richards
April 29 Richard Rodman Dennis Giguere Elaine Giguere	

ACOLYTES

April 1 Jack VanNort	April 8 Owen Strandson
April 15 Sara Dube	April 22 Kyra Whitehead
April 29 Sienna Milne	

READERS

April 1	April 8 Debi Rapson
April 15 Karyn O'Neil	April 22 Tricia Lucas
April 29 Mary Pratt	

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.

Fellowship Hour Schedule

Monthly hosts for Fellowship Hour are:

- **April** Mission Ministry
- **May** Officers/At Large
- **June** Stewardship Ministry



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 February 29, 2012			
<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>			
Month	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	26,262	26,447	(186)
Total Expenses	22,004	24,042	(2,038)
Net Gain (Loss)	4,257	2,405	1,852
Year-to-date	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	56,226	55,894	332
Total Expenses	48,944	52,834	(3,889)
Net Gain (Loss)	7,282	3,061	4,221
*Total YTD Pledges	Actual	Pledges	Var.
	28,445	*27,252	1,193

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Sunday Worship & Church School: 10 am
 Wednesday Worship: 6 pm
 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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(Friday is the Pastor’s Day Off)
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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.



Note from the Treasurer:

*Please note that we now report the variance between our actual collections to date and the total pledges on record rather than the 98% of pledges that we budget for.

