



THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Ways We Walk with God:
Welcome to the new
program year!



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been planned at Brookside!



Join us on Sept. 9 as we
Celebrate Our Covenant:
10 am Worship
Family Picnic following



From Dawn's Desk – Ways We Walk with God

Enoch was the seventh-generation descendent of Adam and Eve. After he begot Methuselah, *Enoch walked with God* three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And *Enoch walked with God*; and he was not, for God took him" (Genesis 5:22–24). The only other mention of Enoch is in the Christian Testament, the Letter of Jude v. 14-15 where it speaks of Enoch as one who prophesied the Lord's coming to execute judgment.



It is interesting that out of seven generations, only Enoch is mentioned as *walking with God*. We know little of Enoch whose very name means “dedicated.” In Scripture *walking with God* is a figure of speech meaning the manner of our lives, how we conduct ourselves. Today we might refer to it as *Walk the Talk*, meaning what we profess is how we act. We are persons of faith and integrity; our words and actions match up.

What are the ways you walk with God? How do you walk with God as part of Brookside Church living our covenant: *We pledge to walk together in the way of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us*. What actions can you identify that show you are a Christian?

During the program year 2011-2012, our theme was *I Love to Tell the Story*, lifting up in worship and study the story of God's love revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We also shared our stories of faith and the stories of faith of our forbears; even our children have had the chance to *tell stories* of what they did with the Jesus doll.

This year we will probe the theme *Ways We Walk with God*. We will explore not only our relationship with God through faith, but also our walk – our actions as persons and our mission as a congregation. It all begins with Celebrating Our Covenant Sunday on September 9 followed by a wing ding of a picnic with games, footprints, and more! Come Celebrate **Sunday, September 9** beginning at 10 AM.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Dawn

A Note of Thanks and Gratitude from Pastor Dawn

Thank you for your prayers, support, notes, and cards as I walk this path through cancer to health. My prayers are for strength and courage and grace to do what needs to be done for healing, for my husband and family who are incredibly supportive and also stressed, and prayers of gratitude for you. I will have a better idea of my radiation schedule after August 31. I have also learned that there was lymph node involvement which means I will probably need chemo. That will be clearer after September 17. I am learning the patience of waiting for answers and the grace to deal with changes in plans not anticipated. Mostly, I feel gratitude that I am not walking this path alone. Thanks be to God and thank you.

Pastor Dawn Is Away Through September 3

If you have an urgent pastoral matter during this time, please call the church office (669-2807) during office hours (M.-Th. 9-3; Fri. 9-Noon) and we will put you in touch with Revs. Pete and Joyce Lovejoy as soon as possible. After hours, you may call Deacon *Mary Pratt* at 623-7453 for assistance. Thanks also to Rev. Joyce Lovejoy for leading worship on September 2.

Register for Church School

The registration form for all children is available in the Narthex and in the back hall by the church office, as well as being included on Page 10 of this *Chronicle*. (We plan to also include it on the website, once our technical difficulties are worked out and we can access it to make changes...)

Each year parents are asked to fill out this form so our records can be up to date. Please fill out the whole form – especially the questions about allergies and if you do not want your child’s picture to appear on the website – and return it to the church office or to Fran Hakenson by **September 5th**. We need these so our class information is ready for the first Unit of the fall.

Faith Formation Program for Children

Faith formation program for children starts **September 9**. That Sunday all children will be participating in a mission project. We will be painting bowls that will be sold on September 30 at the New Horizons Empty Bowls fundraiser that is held here at the church. All children will be in worship through the Time with Children, then will be accompanied to a classroom where they will meet their shepherds for the year. From the classroom they will go to Fellowship Hall, where they will get to paint their bowl. People from “You’re Fired” will direct the painting along with the High School youth. Children should come to worship this day in clothes you do not mind getting paint on (the paint is washable, but...).

Many parents desire to purchase the bowl their child has painted. If you want to do that we encourage you to come early to worship on the 30th and place a reserved sign on your child’s bowl so it will not be sold to someone else.

Last year the children’s bowls were set aside. We still have the bowls that were not sold. If your child painted a bowl and you were not here to purchase it and would like to purchase it, the bowls will be in Fellowship Hall the Sundays in September. The cost will be \$5 per bowl. Those bowls that are not picked up will be added to the bowls for sale on September 30.

Rotational Workshop Program to Begin September 16

The overall theme for this year in worship and the faith formation programs is: “Ways We Walk with God.” Our first church school Unit is “Communion.” One of the “ways we walk with God” is participating in the sacraments of the church. This Unit helps the children understand more fully the story of the Lord’s Supper and the meaning it has in their lives.

Again this year the children will be receiving offering envelopes at the beginning of each unit. We encourage parents to help their children learn that they too can give of their treasure to the church as well as their time and talents.

The class divisions this year will be:

- 3 and 4 year olds - they will have a permanent classroom and the workshop leaders come to their classroom. We welcome parents to accompany their children to this classroom until their child is comfortable going on their own.
- Kindergarten and 1st grade;
- 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades;
- 5th, 6th, and 7th grades.



Join Us for Covenant Picnic on Sunday, September 9

It's time to get together to reconnect with friends after a busy summer. Come one, come all to our Covenant picnic on **Sunday, September 9** to be held on the Manning House lawn following worship. Pastor Dawn will kick off our theme for this year, Ways We Walk with God, with a special activity which will have everyone putting their best foot forward. Secret Pals will be revealed and there will be games for children.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and dessert will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a salad or side dish to share. We look forward to seeing everyone there – don't miss the fun!

Two Book Groups This Month; You Still Have Time to Participate!

The Hunger Games, Trilogy: Anyone who has read *The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire*, and *Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins is invited to join a discussion of the books on **Sunday, September 16** at 11:30, after worship. The discussion will be facilitated by Pastor Dawn.

The Exodus by Leon Uris will be discussed on **Monday, September 24** from 6:30-8:00 pm. *The Exodus* is an historical novel about the founding of the State of Israel. Published in 1958, it is based on the name of the 1947 immigration ship Exodus. The story unfolds with Ari Ben Canaan plotting to transport Jewish refugees from a British detention camp in Cyprus to Palestine. The book then traces the histories of the various main characters and the ties of their personal lives to the birth of the new Jewish state – Israel – in 1948.

A film based on the novel was directed by Otto Preminger in 1960 featuring Paul Newman as Ari Ben Canaan.

Welcome Back, Youth Groups!

It's that time of year again, when the church program year begins full activity along with the youth groups! As your new Youth Coordinator, I would like to get ideas and talk with everyone about what they would like to do this year. Our High School Mission Trip this year is slated to go to California, and we will need to have successful fundraising to support such an endeavor. That being said, there is so much more that we can do in each group to be in mission together. Our walk together will begin on **September 9** at the church BBQ, where I hope to talk to you in person. You can also communicate with me on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/BrooksideYouthGroups>, our new youth group news center, as well as via email at kadube@comcast.net. Our first group meetings will take place on **September 23**, after worship at 11:15 in the classrooms downstairs.

See you soon, *Kathleen Dube, Youth Coordinator.*

Join Us as We Travel to Israel – April 20-29, 2013

Consider this special opportunity to join with travelers from Brookside Congregational Church and Temple Adath Yeshurun. The trip itinerary is available in the church office, or you can learn more by calling (888) 811-2812 or visiting www.arzaworld.com/temple-adath-yeshurun-and-brookside-congregational-church.aspx. The deadline to register is **October 15**.



Making Music at Brookside – Notes from Kim Whitehead

As summer winds down and fall gets going with school and other activities, our music ministry is busy at work raising money to complete our organ restoration. First, thanks to our choir members who performed the national anthem at the Fisher Cats game on August 24 - you were excellent! - and thanks to those who were able to attend to support us and enjoy a great evening of baseball and fireworks!

Second, be sure to enjoy a meal at Shorty's each month through January on the 4th Sunday/Monday and turn in your receipt with "Brookside" on the back to have a portion donated to our fund.

Finally, our fall festival and talent show is quickly approaching on **October 27** - many details will follow, but if you can offer ANY sort of talent or hobby or fun/entertaining act, please be in touch with me right away! With so many people working hard to make this event happen, I'm certain it will be an evening that you won't want to miss!

September means it's time for our choirs to resume their regular schedules.

- Chancel Choir: Wednesdays at 7:30 pm (and Sundays at 9 am), beginning **September 5**

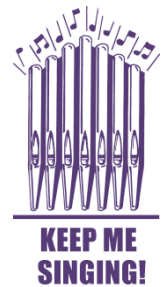
- Junior Choir: Sundays at 11:15 starting **September 16**.

I'm so excited about our new program year theme of *Ways We Walk with God*, and how our choirs can support that musically throughout the year. But this year, we certainly have an extra exciting opportunity to participate as we kick off our new handbell choir!! Our first rehearsal will begin on **Wednesday, September 5** at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, with a pot luck supper in between bells and choir. Come and have fun and learn about bells - you will not regret it!

Brookside's Organ Needs YOU!

Q: Why the recent hype about the Organ Restoration Fund?

A: The third stage of organ restoration began in the 1990's and needs to be completed if our organ is to continue functioning properly. Feel free to ask Kim for more "technical" details, and be sure to read the next four articles to find ways to help fund this undertaking.



Monthly Brookside Nights at Manchester Shorty's!

It's a community fundraising event and **Monday's Kid's Meals are 98¢ from 4pm-Close!** Turn in your receipt before you leave the restaurant, and Brookside will receive a benefit from every meal served. All funds raised will go toward the Brookside Organ Restoration Fund - a worthy cause that needs all our support. Tell all your friends, neighbors, family members and interested bystanders. Anyone can contribute to the cause by simply writing Brookside on their meal receipt and giving it to the hostess before they leave the restaurant. Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars and plan to help beef up the organ fun with a little Mexican heat! Dates (all Sunday/Monday) are: **Sept. 23/24; Oct. 28/29; Nov. 25/26; Dec. 23/24; and Jan. 27/28.**

Pave the Way to Organ Restoration

The Council of Ministries is seeking one or more individuals to lead the sale of personalized paving bricks for an entrance walkway. Profits will go to the final phase of the Chancel Organ Restoration. The anticipated project kickoff is fall 2012 for a spring/summer 2013 installation. This is a turn-key project; all of the information has already been assembled. If you're interested, please contact *Dale Trombley* (dtrombley@tds.net) for more information.

Help Make the Fall Festival and Talent Show a Big Success

The Christian Formation Ministry is sponsoring a fundraising event, the *Fall Festival and Talent Show*, to be held on **Saturday, October 27**. This event will open Brookside to the community and is an opportunity to spend some quality time with our families and friends.

The event will include raffles and silent auction fundraising for our organ fund. The fundraising is expected to be a huge boost to obtain funds needed to refurbish our beautiful organ.

We are asking for your help in two ways:

1. Volunteer to join the committee that will plan this event
2. Collect silent auction and raffle items

The committee will plan: the activities to be held at the event, how to conduct the raffles/silent auction, food options, and acts for the talent show.

We're also looking for services and items with value for the raffles and silent auctions so, if you or someone that you know work for a business or have a specific talent or hobby that you would be willing to donate, please let us know. Here are some examples of services or goods that are very successful in raffles and silent auctions:

1. Services - painting, lawn care, massages, carpentry, babysitting, completing tax forms, etc.
2. Valuable items - homemade goods, entertainment tickets, hotel vouchers, airline tickets, etc.

Please see the sign-up sheet during fellowship hour or contact *Jeff Fletcher* or any member of Christian Formation with questions and/or donations.

Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble

We have secured the dates of **December 7th and 8th** and tentatively **November 23rd** to operate a gift wrapping table at Barnes & Noble with all of the proceeds going to the Organ Restoration Fund. We need volunteers to wrap. We'll post a sign up schedule in Fellowship Hall. Contact *Dale Trombley* at dtrombley@tds.net if you would like to help but cannot sign up in Fellowship Hall.



Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 2**, served by: *Jeff Fletcher* and *Mary Pratt*.



Interested in Joining Brookside Church?

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.

Baptized at Brookside

Cora Betheline Blanchette was baptized on August 26. She is the daughter of Khalil and Kristy Blanchette.

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



Loaves and Fishes

Thanks to all who contributed food items over the summer for Brookside's Loaves & Fishes offering to support the work of New Horizons for New Hampshire in addressing hunger within the city of Manchester. During this past summer (June, July, August) 47 bags of food were delivered to New Horizons. As we start back into our regular routines this fall, please plan to bring cans or jars of vegetables, peanut butter, fruit, or boxes of rice, pasta, etc. as you come to church on the first Sunday of each month. Our next collection will be **Sunday, September 2**. You can make a difference in the lives of people throughout our community by participating in this simple act of love.

Missionaries & Pot Luck Dinner – Wednesday Sept. 12, beginning at 5:30

Don and Maryjane Westra are missionaries with Global Ministries, having served in Zimbabwe for three years via a joint appointment by the Common Global Ministries Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ.

The Westras will be at Brookside for two days. A Regional Gathering and pot-luck dinner for Ukama churches in our area, those who have a partner church within the UCC in Zimbabwe, will begin at 5:30 on **Wednesday, September 12**, in Fellowship Hall. Churches who do not have an Ukama relationship are also welcomed to attend. The Westras will also be the speakers for Women's Union September meeting on Thursday evening, September 13.

Brookside's Ukama partner is Sakubva Church in Mutare. All members and friends of Brookside are encouraged to attend one or both evening events.

Religious Response to Hunger

Religious Response to Hunger is an ecumenical offering of nonperishable food gathered by communities of faith within the Manchester area, and carried by caravan to New Horizons soup kitchen and food pantry. RRtoH coincides with the Jewish high holy days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and will be collected at Brookside between the Sundays of **September 16 and 23**. A caravan will gather at the Brookside parking lot at 10 am on **Thursday, September 27** to deliver the collected food. Please join us if you can.

Items always in need at New Horizons include peanut butter, pasta, beans, crackers, cereals, tuna fish, tomato/spaghetti sauces, soups (dried or canned), canned fruits & vegetables, paper goods, baby formula, diapers, wipes, sanitary products, toiletries.

Empty Bowls Event: Win/Win for All Involved

Soup's on! Don't miss out on one of everyone's favorite Brookside traditions! On **Sunday, September 30** immediately following worship, come to Fellowship Hall for a delicious lunch. For \$20 you can purchase a beautiful bowl created by members of the NH Potter's Guild or by our own resident artists (the church school children) and fill it with soup donated by local restaurants. (Child bowl \$5. Quart to go \$10 – last 1/2 hour of event.) Participating restaurants include: Airport Diner, Bertucci's, Billy's Bar & Grill, Cactus Jack's, Cotton, Fratello's, Ignite Bar and Grill, Jerome's Deli, Ninety-Nine, Outback, Panera Bread, Piccola Italia Ristorante, Puritan Back Room, Red Arrow Diner, Southern NH University Culinary Arts and Tinker's Seafood. This event is sponsored by the NH Potter's Guild and New Horizons, with all proceeds benefiting the hungry and homeless in our community.

International Pen-Pal Project

Mission Ministries is exploring a new focus on international communication. An initial meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 5** at 6:00 pm in the upstairs Lounge for any and all who are interested in developing a pen-pal project for writing letters, via email or snail mail, to the youth we sponsor through Compassion International, and young people (including the young at heart) in Sakubva, Zimbabwe. Please contact *Jean Dickson* for information, or just show up and join the fun.

Child Health Services "Back to School" Request

Child Health Services is collecting Back-to-School supplies for some of the families they work with (as many as 100 children and young teens). Brookside has had a long relationship with CHS, and we are asking folks to consider making a contribution toward this special project. Below is a list of needed items, which can be brought in any time through **September 16**.

Basics: Backpacks (1/2 boys, 1/2 girls), Spiral bound notebooks, Pencils, Pens, Pocket Folders

Extras: Glue sticks, Rulers, Scissors, Colored pencils, Crayons

Any and all contributions will be greatly appreciated by families!

Many thanks in advance,

Mission Ministry

Other Bits and Pieces of Interest, Mission-Related:

- CROP Walk recruitment meeting will take place at 6 pm on **Tuesday, September 11** at First Congregational Church. The walk itself takes place on **Sunday, October 21**.
- UKAMA Fair will be held on **Saturday, September 15** at the NHCUCC Conference Center in Pembroke. Flyers are posted around the building with more details.
- Neighbors in Need offering will be on **Sunday, October 7**. Flyers will appear in several bulletins to provide you with more information on how this offering is used.

Looking for a Rewarding Way to Help Others?

We have received information on the following programs, and you can find more details posted on the bulletin strip near the church office, or the contacts as shown below:

1. Hospice Training is periodically offered by the local Visiting Nurse Association. The next session will run on Tuesday evenings, October 2 through November 20, with a registration deadline of September 1. Contact person is Linda Krisch, lkrisch@elliott-hs.org or **663-4008**.
2. "Friends Program" is a foster grandparent program which can provide tax-free income for those age 55+. Learn more at www.friendsprogram.org, or contact *Christine Racine* at cracine@friendsprogram.org or **228-1193 ext. 229**.



Brookside's Fire Alarm System Is in a 911 Situation

The Brookside Church fire alarm system needs emergency attention. It is on its last gasp and can crash at any moment and the church needs to take action immediately. The Council members have authorized the repair but it will cost \$22,000 unbudgeted dollars. We are asking you for any donation that you may be able to give to help offset this emergency situation. Please respond ASAP by putting something in the offering plate or sending your donation to the church office noting it is for the Fire Alarm System Fund.

Stewardship Campaign Planning Moves Forward

"Ways We Walk with God" has been chosen as the theme of the annual stewardship campaign. This theme has inspired the members of the workgroup for the campaign (*Jeff Rapson, Bill Hoysradt, Tricia Lucas, and Pastor Dawn*) to plan activities that invite members and friends of Brookside to take a number of "walks" through the life and work of Brookside in the weeks leading up to Stewardship Sunday on **October 28th**. On each Sunday in October, Fellowship Hall will be graced with the large canvas Labyrinth (borrowed from the NH Conference) which will be laid out on the floor, inviting folks to engage in a period of reflection by "walking the labyrinth." We are also planning a "Historical Walk" of our buildings and a "Stewardship Walk" outside to visit the myriad uses of our grounds and reflect on the responsibilities as stewards of our property. Being mindful of the weather we are also developing a walk that can be completed within the confines of the Sanctuary. We are very excited about the "Ways We Walk with God" theme and look forward to any comments and suggestions about the plans described above. Please feel free to speak with any member of the workgroup. We look forward to your input.



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 (9:30-10:30). 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**.

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.

Losses Affecting Our Church Family

- We were recently informed of the death in June of longtime Brookside member *Verna Szkutnik*. Verna was a member since 1951 and was very active at Brookside, including serving on the Trustees, as Thrift Shop Treasurer, and President of Women's Union.

- *Monna Greenstreet*, a Brookside member since 1963, died July 26 in New Jersey. She had moved there to be near her sons, after the December 2011 death of her husband, Keith.

- *Carlton Newell*, brother of Brookside member *Leonard Newell*, died August 4.

Please remember these families in your prayers during this difficult time.



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Registration Form for Faith Formation Programs 2012-13
Rotational Workshops and Crib-Room/Nursery
Please Return to Church Office or to Fran Hakenson

Parents' Names: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

____ Please check if you do not want your child's image shared on the Brookside web-site.

Signature: _____

Child's Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of 9/1/2012: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Allergies (especially food), medical or other concerns:

Child's Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of 9/1/2012: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

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Support Group for Widows to Begin in September

A warm invitation is extended to all widows to attend the first of three teas to be held in Manning House Dining Room on **Thursday, September 20** at 2 pm. In addition to a “spot” of tea and goodies, we will have an opportunity to share and be encouraged in our journey. This is being planned by *Lois Goss* from Pastoral Counseling Services. An RSVP would be appreciated; please call *Nicole* at the church office (**669-2807**) to do so.

Faithful Stewards Corner

Our thanks to:

- *New Horizons*, for working to spruce up the gardens in memory of Bob Popp.
- *The Sevignys*, for donating a camera to help record noteworthy scenes and events around Brookside Church.
- *Art & Lois Morehead*, for donating a bench for the front circular drive area.
- *Art Morehead and the Thrift Shop*, for repairing Mrs. Manning’s bench near the Thrift Shop.
- *Dale Trombley*, for opening her home to the church for a picnic on August 5.
- *Herb Pence*, for providing pulpit supply on August 19.
- *Danielle Montoya*, for showing up early to provide childcare on summer Sundays.
- *Denise Forest*, for helping inventory the church school art supplies.

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.

Enjoying the Newly Refurbished Bench

Art and Lois, enjoying the fruits of his labor on a lovely day.



Women's Union to Host Missionaries at First Meeting

The Women's Union will kick off our 2012-2013 Program Year on **Thursday, September 13** in Fellowship Hall. Our evening will begin at 5:30 pm with appetizers, then dinner ("Back to School Surprise"). A short business meeting will follow. We are pleased to welcome *Don and Maryjane Westra* who are visiting New Hampshire from September 4 – 21, and have offered to share their story with the Brookside Women's Union. Don and Maryjane have served as Global Ministries Missionaries in Zimbabwe for the past three years. They are members of Federated Church UCC, Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Maryjane works as a health and child care consultant at the Mt. Selinda Mission and Don is on the staff of the Micro-Enterprise and Strategic Planning/Management Program at Mt Selinda. They will be returning to Zimbabwe in late autumn to begin another four year term. While they are home, they are sharing their story with UCC congregations around the United States.

All Women's Union events are open to the entire community, so whether you are a church member or not, or if you want to bring family members or friends – ALL are welcome to attend any event. So, please join us for what will be a lovely dinner and lively conversation. RSVP to *Ellie Kelton, 627-7054*, to make your reservation **by September 9th**. The cost is \$7.00. See you there!



Brookside Christmas Fair is Sat., Nov. 3

Read All About it Below and on Next Page

Brookside Vineyard Ineligible for Federal Disaster Relief

Grape expectations fell far short this year. The cause is yet undetermined; however, Brookside's vineyard will not yield the bountiful harvest of years past. Locusts have been ruled out. The steep decline in harvest has left the jelly makers of Brookside in a serious jam.

In an effort to offset the loss of critical grape jelly sales at the annual Christmas Fair, the Women's Union will be rolling out a completely ridiculous alternative to grape jelly. Patrons should look for the first edition of "**Babbling Brookside Salsa.**" Get it while it's hot!! Free samples will be offered at the Prepared Foods table and the Salsa will be available in hot or medium pints. Feliz Navidad!

Fair Bake Sale Moves from Back Burner

This year the bake sale is moving beyond the usual and customary. We will be featuring all types of prepared foods. Whatever your specialty, lasagna, mac and cheese, stuffed peppers, cookies, cakes, pastries, candy, chocolates, breads....think outside the tin.

Before long, the cool mornings of September will be upon us. Why run the furnace when you can quickly take the morning chill out of the air by turning on the oven or range?

The more you bake, the more we make. Little known fact, the Greek word for making money at a Church fair is "Freezer." If you need freezer space, it's available.

Everyone is encouraged to bake (or cook) early and often. We'd like to make twice as much **dough** as we made last year so we **batter** start soon. Let's **rise** to the occasion!!

If you want these puns to stop, call *Nancy Popp, 755-4880*.

2012 BROOKSIDE CHRISTMAS FAIR UPDATE

Save the date: **November 3, 2012** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Fair now has an e-mail address! brooksidechristmasfair@gmail.com

The first informal meeting for the Christmas Fair was held on August 19th in Fellowship Hall. This year's Fair is co-chaired by *Louise and Nancy Popp*. A few people participated in the meeting, and plans for the Fair are well underway. Topics covered included: luncheon planning, advertising, social media, signs, bake sale, storage, set up and teardown, and cost-benefit analysis. Overall, it was a productive meeting, many thanks to all who participated.

A second, informal meeting/brainstorming session is planned for **Sunday, September 16**, following Worship, in Fellowship Hall. Anyone with an interest in the Fair is encouraged to attend. Bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided.

Table rentals should be arranged through *Louise Popp*. The cost is \$40.00 or \$45.00 with electricity. Reservations made after September 30th will be charged \$50.00. Please encourage any crafters you know to come to Brookside! Louise can be contacted at **300-0572** or brooksidechristmasfair@gmail.com.

Dave Gates expressed his willingness to chair the book table. If you have books to donate (including cook books), or would like to offer assistance, please call Dave at **625-4596**.

Fran Hakenson is, once again, chairing the Raffle. Please contact Fran (**377-6907** or fhakenson@yahoo.com) if you have new items to donate, can contact local merchants for donations, or can offer some assistance at the Raffle table.

Anna and Marilyn Hingston will be managing the White Elephant sale. If you have items to donate you can drop them off at the church. Please be sure to mark them clearly for the Christmas Fair as there is another fundraiser the week prior which may create some confusion. Donations should be left on the bench marked "Christmas Fair" near Pastor Dawn's office. If you need assistance getting items to the Church, or would like to help at the White Elephant table, please contact Anna (**232-2033**) or Marilyn (**669-0182**).

Carole and Melody Whitcher have offered to manage the Fair luncheon. Modeled on the classic Yankee supper, the plan is to serve beans and franks with cornbread, coleslaw and dessert. Vegetarian chili will also be available. If you can help in any way, please contact Carole (**497-8197** or carolewhitcher@gmail.com) or Melody at **491-0676**. They will be happy to hear from you.

Heath Auger has agreed to assist with the set-up and teardown. **HELP WANTED.**

Marylou Bissonnette will be overseeing the Fair decorations. If you have greenery, wreaths, or other decorative items to donate, please contact Marylou at **620-0803**.

Dale Trombley has graciously agreed to manage and staff the Coffee Cart. The Coffee Cart will begin circulating while the vendors are setting up and will offer coffee and light refreshments to vendors and patrons. The cart operators will serve as Brookside Ambassadors, providing information, directions and general assistance as needed. If you can spare a couple of hours to man (or woman) the coffee cart, or can offer help in any way, please contact Dale at **456-3403**.

Music and M.C. Services will be provided by *Brad Wright Baylies* (Mr. Wright, **380-5640**). Conci-erge and M.C. Services will be provided by *Glenn Greenidge*.

Nancy Popp will be incessantly harassing everyone about the bake sale. If you do not want her to call you--contact her first at **755-4880** or brooksidechristmasfair@gmail.com.

We will also need greeters and ticket sellers, and would like to discuss a Brookside Church/Women's Union outreach table. Please join us at the next meeting!! Stay tuned, further announcements to come!

P.S. We are planning a collage of past Brookside Christmas Fairs, and would appreciate any photos of interest that you may have. Please email Nancy to let her know if you have any that she can borrow.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

September 2
Jeff Fletcher
Mary Pratt

September 9
Denise Forest
Chris Taylor

September 16
Chris Taylor
Scott Milne

September 23
Scott Milne
Megan Brockett

September 30
Megan Brockett
Ed Mitchell

DOORPERSON

September 2
Rand Cayer

September 9
Arthur Morehead

September 16
Megan Cleary

September 23
Shirley Richardson

September 30
Martha Cushing

USHERS

September 2
Sally Sederquist
Denise Forest
Julie Worthington

September 9
Erin LaPorte
Ashtyn Milling
Joyce Stantial

September 16
Judy Foley
Sarah Merrill
Bob Merrill

September 23
Joe Lachance
MaryElizabeth Bartel
Denise Forest

September 30
Rand Cayer
Thomas Cleary
Megan Cleary

ACOLYTES

September 2
Kyra Whitehead

September 9
Sienna Milne

September 16
Sara Dube

September 23
Kyle Auger

September 30
Laura Tourigny

READERS

September 2
Kerry Richardson

September 9
Megan Brockett

September 16
Joyce Stantial

September 23
Jeff Rapson

September 30
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:

- **Sept.** Officers/At Large
- **Oct.** Christian Formation
- **Nov.** 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.

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Sunday Worship & Church School: 10 am
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9:00 am to 3:00 pm
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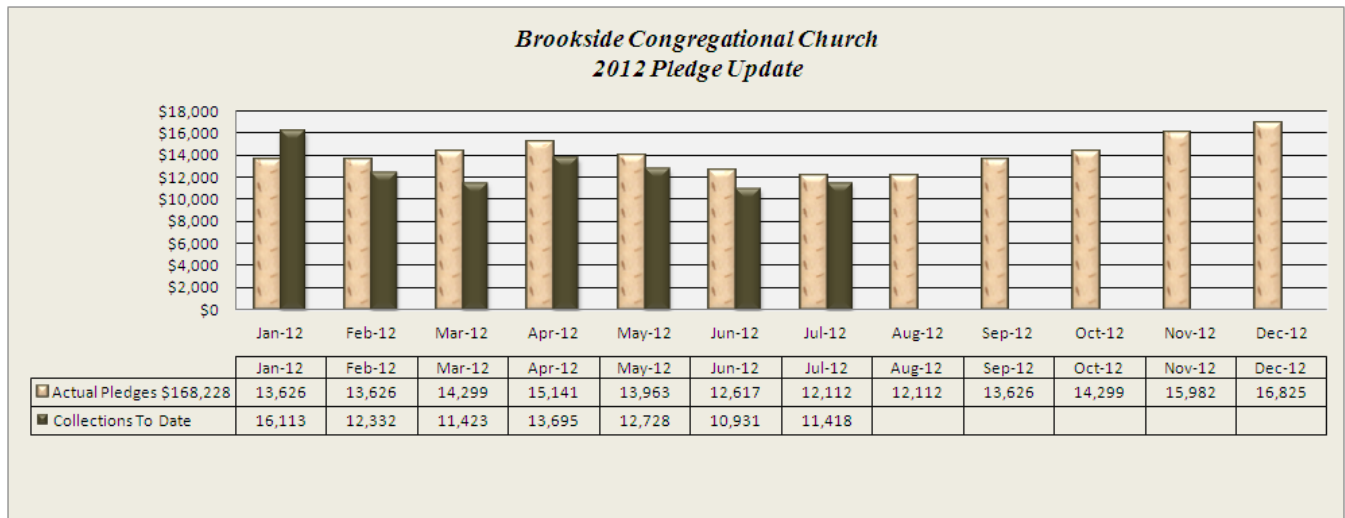
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(Friday is the Pastor's Day Off)
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Please remember that the pastor is frequently called away, or may have other commitments during the day. It is best to call first if you need to speak with her.

TREASURER'S REPORT			
For the period ending July 31, 2012			
<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>			
Month	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	25,964	26,540	(576)
Total Expenses	18,282	21,355	(3,072)
Net Gain (Loss)	7,682	5,185	2,497
<u>Year-to-date</u>			
Year-to-date	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	183,332	193,880	(10,547)
Total Expenses	188,176	201,865	(13,688)
Net Gain (Loss)	(4,844)	(7,985)	(3,141)
<u>Actual vs. Pledges</u>			
*Total YTD Pledges	Actual	Pledges	Var.
	88,640	*95,384	(6,744)

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.



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(Sept. 2012)

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Treasurer

Gail Goodman *

Clerk

Dale Trombley *

Members at Large

Dave Migliori *
Nancy Lachance *

Stewardship

Greg Berry
Dawn Brockett *
Joe Lachance
Tricia Lucas
Jeff Rapson
Roger Sevigny
Cindy Watts *

Christian Formation

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Megan Brockett
Jeff Fletcher *
Judy Foley
Denise Forest *
Scott Milne
Ed Mitchell
Kira Morehouse
Mary Pratt *
Debi Rapson
Chris Taylor

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Jean Dickson
Sis Dunn
Anne Lachance *
Rod Leavell *
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Beverly Robie
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**Called to Care
Coordinators**

Martha Cushing
Sarah Duffley

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Kathleen Dube
Rosemary Hoysradt
Tricia Lucas
Jeff Rapson

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Jean Dickson
Joe Lachance
Kerry Richardson
Anne Rodman
Roger Sevigny
Dale Trombley

Trustee to Elliot

Ed Mitchell

Thrift Shop

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Bill Hoysradt, Treas.
Maryelizabeth Bartel
Joan Constantine
Sis Dunn

Women's Union

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Kathleen Dube, V.P. 1
Melody Whitcher, V.P. 2
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Thanks to all who serve in so many capacities.
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