



THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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*Sat. Dec. 15: 3rd Annual
Christmas Concert
"Walking to Bethlehem"*

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*Thursday, December 20:
Children's Story Hour*

*Join Pastor Dawn in the Manning House
for a Christmas Story from 3-4 pm.
Refreshments will be served.*

~ Christmas Eve Services ~

Monday, December 24:

4:30 p.m. Children's Service

7:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

From Dawn's Desk – Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Advent begins a new church worship year where the Gospel of Luke is the primary Gospel we will read in worship. The Gospel of Luke, like the Gospel of Matthew, records the birthplace of Jesus as Bethlehem. The story of Jesus' birth is familiar and beloved. As some of us prepare to travel to Israel in April, I began wondering more about Bethlehem and the journey Mary and Joseph made from Nazareth to Bethlehem.



The name Bethlehem means *House of Bread*. The Hebrew Bible identifies Bethlehem as the city David was from and where he was crowned King of Israel. Bethlehem is the setting of the story of Ruth, and Bethlehem is the city from which the Prophet Micah said the Messiah would come. Bethlehem was not considered a city of renown, yet through the purposes of God, a Moabite became an ancestor of a king and the messiah, a shepherd became a king, and the messiah was born there in a stable.

When Mary and Joseph had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem to comply with the Roman decree to register in one's hometown for a census, they had two possible routes to travel. The first route would have taken Mary and Joseph to the east, crossing the Jordan, then south for sixty miles, and finally re-crossing the Jordan near Jericho and west to Bethlehem. It would be a 90+ mile trip and avoid passing through the land of the Samaritans with whom the Jews were often in conflict. It added some twenty miles to an already arduous trip which for Mary, so close to her delivery date, would have added to her discomfort.

The second route was more direct and led south of Nazareth through the Jezreel Valley and along the road known as the Way of the Patriarchs. The first half of the 80 mile journey was easier than the second half which crossed through hills and mountains, but also included well-known wells, like Jacob's Well, to stop for water. Mary and Joseph likely travelled with others for safety and on this route retraced sixteen hundred years of biblical history beginning with the place where God promised Abraham this very land to his descendents. They would have passed through Samaria, and I am reminded how Jesus would later meet the Samaritan woman at the well and how his story of the Good Samaritan would have startled the ordinary listener of his day.

I can only imagine how difficult the journey was for Mary. It was a journey I am sure she did not want to make so close to her delivery date, but she had no choice. Rome was the occupying country, the cold authority making no exceptions for pregnant women. Are there not also some journeys that we do not want to make? All of us take unwanted journeys, but God always walks with us on these journeys. God works through them and redeems them with meaning we have not yet imagined.

Today, the city of Bethlehem is located in the central West Bank, neighboring south Jerusalem, and since December 24, 1995 is under the control of the Palestinian National Authority. The city is inhabited by one of the oldest Christian communities in the world, although the size of the community has shrunk due to emigration. It is difficult to make a living there.

In the center of Bethlehem is the old city consisting of eight quarters, laid out in a mosaic style around the Manger Square. Six of the quarters are made up of Arab Christians named after various clans that settled there. There is only one Muslim quarter. There are also refugee camps located within the city's limit. Some of you may have olive wood crèches crafted in those camps and sold by SERRV. Some of the olive trees were there when Jesus was born. Imagine the Prince of Peace born here.

I look forward to Walking the Road to Bethlehem physically in April, but the walk for all of us begins spiritually this Advent. Let us walk with God and each other on the Road to Bethlehem. Come and worship!

Grace to you and peace in Christ, *Pastor Dawn*

Advent and Christmas at Brookside



Sunday, Dec. 2 – **Advent 1** (Communion Sunday; *Loaves & Fishes*)

10:00 am – Worship (with Advent Candlelighting) and Church School
11:30 am – Advent Workshop for all (includes lunch), Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Dec. 9 – **Advent 2** (New Members Received)

10:00 am – All ages worship; Advent Candlelighting and
Decorating the Sanctuary Christmas Tree

Thursday, Dec. 13

5:30 pm – Women’s Union Christmas Meeting/Party; Pot luck meal and
Barbershop Quartets singing holiday music (concert portion at 7:00)

Saturday, Dec. 15

3:00 pm – 3rd Annual Christmas Concert, “Walking to Bethlehem”
featuring Choirs, Handbells, Martell Spagnolo, and Nottingham Brass

Sunday, Dec. 16 – **Advent 3** (Baptism)

10:00 am – Worship (with Advent Candlelighting) and Church School
11:15 am – Christmas Basket assembly in Fellowship Hall
Time TBA – Youth Groups go Christmas Caroling

Thursday, Dec. 20

3-4 pm – Children’s Story Time, in Manning House Parlor

Sunday, Dec. 23 – **Advent 4**

10:00 am – Worship (with Advent Candlelighting) and Church School
Cantata: *Lead Me Back to Bethlehem*

Monday, Dec. 24 – **CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:30 pm – Children’s Christmas Eve Service, featuring a Christmas Pageant;
this service is especially planned with children in mind.

7:00 pm – Traditional Candlelight Lessons and Carol Service

Tuesday, Dec. 25 *Merry Christmas! Building Closed.*

Sunday, Dec. 30 10:00 am – Worship; NO Church School (child care available for 5 & under)

Tuesday, Jan. 1 *New Year’s Day – Building Closed*

Sunday, Jan. 6 – **Epiphany** (Communion, *Loaves & Fishes*)

10:00 am – Worship – Journey of the Magi; Church School begins new Unit



~ See page 5 to order Poinsettias for Christmas. ~

Come One, Come All to Our Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 2

Instead of Coffee Hour this Sunday we will have a lunch right after worship. After lunch we will be making Chrismons for our Christmas tree. You don't have to be an artist to create a Chrismon. We have Chrismons that any age, any talent can make.

Chrismons are decorations that reflect the life and meaning of Christ. They are white and gold, and when on the tree make a meaningful and beautiful tree. Remember how lovely our tree was last year? To decorate the tree we need to have over 100 Chrismons. So come join the fun and fellowship on the 2nd. Then after Epiphany pick up your Chrismon and take it home for your tree next year.

The workshop will go from after worship to 1:30.

Children to Prepare Pageant for Christmas Eve

Our Advent unit for the children will feature the Christmas story. Instead of regular workshops during the month of December the children will be preparing for the pageant that will be presented at the 4:30 Christmas Eve Service. **December 2nd** the children will be receiving parts for the pageant. Children who are not in the pageant will be helping make scenery for the pageant.

Ellen Tourigny has agreed to direct the pageant. We are grateful for her talents. We need parents to help with scenery, costumes, and being with children during the pageant. If you can help please see Ellen or Fran.

On **December 9th** there will be an intergenerational worship service where we will decorate the Christmas tree with the Chrismons that we made at the Advent Workshop on December 2 (see above).

On the **16th** and **23rd** we will be having pageant rehearsals and making scenery. Both Sundays we will be having rehearsal after worship in the sanctuary, and on the 23rd we will be having a dress rehearsal.

We ask that parents of the children who are in the pageant to make sure that they attend on both the 16th and the 23rd. If your child can not attend these two Sundays please let Fran or Ellen Tourigny know so we can find other children for their parts.

Youth Group Events this Month

We are hoping to have a Youth Group Christmas Party this month (off-site), but are still trying to find a workable date. Watch your emails or check with *Kathleen Dube* for more details.

Both Youth Groups will go caroling on **Sunday, December 16** (time TBA) – we'll sing in the local neighborhood and at one or more nursing homes. A youth activity will likely follow. Stay tuned!

30-Hour Famine Teaches, Feeds, Saves Lives

The truth about poverty and hunger isn't pretty. A child dies from preventable causes like hunger or disease every 13 seconds. But in the midst of this harsh reality, Brookside's Middle School Youth can make a real difference in helping to end the global hunger crisis. On **January 12 & 13, 2013** our Middle School youth (grades 6, 7, 8) will participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine, learning to put their faith into action by raising funds, playing games, sharing fellowship, and giving up their typical week-end food for 30 hours so that hungry kids can eat. Many of our youth already have their 30 Hour packets and are busy raising money within their neighborhoods and family connections. If you are, or know, a young person in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade who would like to participate, please contact *Kathleen Dube* or *Jean Dickson*. Every \$30 raised can help feed and care for a child for a month. Let's see how many children this year's 30 Hour Famine can support.

Walking to Bethlehem ~ 3rd Annual Brookside Christmas Concert

Come join us on **Saturday, December 15** at 3pm. This year the Brookside choirs, including the brand new handbell choir, the Nottingham Brass, and Martell Spagnolo will be performing, with other surprise performers all contributing to an exciting and meaningful concert. Everyone is invited to this Brookside tradition as we join together and travel the Bethlehem Road to experience the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ! The concert is free, but we ask you to bring canned goods and/or non perishables that we will deliver to New Horizons for New Hampshire.

~ Count the Ways to Benefit the Brookside Organ Restoration Fund ~

1. Attend a Monarchs Hockey Game



Help the Organ Restoration Fund and enjoy a Manchester Monarchs game at the same time on **Sunday, January 20** at 3:00 pm! Tickets are at the regular price of \$18, BUT \$6 from each ticket will go to the organ fund. As an added bonus, our choir will be singing *God Bless America!* To order tickets or get more information, contact either *Rod Leavell* (345-9056 or rleavell@comcast.net) or *Nathan Blum* at the Monarchs (626-7825 ext. 6112 or nblum@manchestermonarchs.com).

2. Enjoy Lunch or Dinner at Manchester Shorty's

Yes, you can go there for lunch after church on Sunday! Why not plan to do so on the next two scheduled dates, and you can enjoy good food, good company, and benefit the organ fund, too! Just turn in your receipt before you leave, noted with "Brookside," and a portion of the total will be donated to the Organ Restoration Fund. Remaining dates (Sunday/Monday) are: **Dec. 23/24; and Jan. 27/28**. And remember, Kids' Meals are 98¢ on Mondays from 4 pm 'til closing!



3. Help Wrap Gifts at Barnes & Noble



We are scheduled for **December 7th and 8th** 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; please sign up for a time slot on the schedule in Fellowship Hall, or contact *Dale Trombley* at dtrombley@tds.net if you would like to help.



Order a Poinsettia to Honor a Loved One

The Sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias beginning December 23. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **Monday, December 17**. The cost is \$11 each.



I/We _____ wish to donate
_____ poinsettia(s) in memory of _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (made payable to Brookside Congregational Church).

~ Plants may be taken home after the Christmas Eve candlelight service ~

Holiday Baskets Give a Lift

Many, many thanks to all those who contributed to our Thanksgiving basket distribution. The combined Holiday gathering has been an experiment, but one that seems to have some positive outcomes. We provided 58 baskets through 4 community agencies the Monday before Thanksgiving. We are well on our way to preparing 72 baskets for community agency distribution, plus an additional 10 baskets that will be distributed through Pastor Dawn's office. If you are aware of someone who may be in need, and is not connected with one of our partner agencies (Families In Transition, Child Health Services, SNHS-HeadStart, Salvation Army) please speak with Pastor Dawn. Basket assembly will be on **Sunday, December 16**, with distribution on **Monday, December 17**.

Scarves, Mittens, and Gently Used Books will again be collected on/under Brookside's Christmas Tree during the month of December. We will make donated items available to families/agencies who will be receiving a Holiday Basket on December 17, with any leftovers donated to the Thrift Shop.

Join Us for a Phone Call to Sakubva, Zimbabwe

Did you know that in October 2013 Brookside Congregational Church will be hosting a traveler from Sakubva Church, our Ukama/Partner in Zimbabwe? We are eagerly entering the planning process that began with a formal invitation presented in Harare on November 18 by Rev. Gary Schulte, Rev. Kim McKerley, Mrs. Kathy Blair, Mrs. Nancy Boyle and Dr. Erik Hobbie. A UCCZ delegation, to include a member of Sakubva Church, will now begin preparations to join us next October. Come join us for a phone call to Sakubva Church on **Sunday, December 9** at 11:30 in the upstairs library. And watch for information and ways that you can be actively involved in this exciting face-to-face encounter, celebrating our 15-year relationship.

Christmas Fund Offering Helps in Times of Need

In this holy season, as we share gifts with our loved ones, we are reminded of the ultimate gift we have received – God's great gift to humankind, Jesus Christ, the promised Savior. In Jesus, the fullness of God's love is revealed, a love that reconciles us with God and with one another, bringing hope and healing to a broken world. For 110 years, the United Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ has participated in support of the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross, one of four Special Mission Offerings received annually in the UCC. One of the special aspects of the Christmas Fund, is that the funds do not support programs, make grants to institutions, or fund advocacy programs, but rather, they provide direct financial assistance to individual UCC clergy and lay employees. The mission of the Christmas Fund is to provide assistance dollars in situations of critical need, while preserving the dignity of those who receive the aid through the vital ministries of Pension Supplementation, Health Premium Supplementation, Emergency Grants, and Christmas 'Thank You' Gift Checks to low-income retirees during 2013.

Christmas Fund Envelopes will be available in the pews, in the narthex, and in the hallway near the church office beginning **December 9**. Please be as generous as you are able in bringing hope to those who have so faithfully and selflessly served.

Reminder for Those Who Use Beverage Cans

Don't forget!!! Save the tops of soda or other beverage cans. Give them to me (Joyce Lovejoy) or leave them (labeled) in Fellowship Hall. I will make sure they get to the Shriners' Hospitals. Read about this project in www.shrinershq.org/Hospitals/Springfield/Aluminum_Tab_Collection.aspx.

Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 2**, served by: *Jeff Fletcher, Megan Brockett, Scott Milne, Chris Taylor, Denise Forest, and Mary Pratt.*

Will You Join Us?

New members will be received into the congregation on **Sunday, December 9**.

If You Would Like to Schedule a Baptism

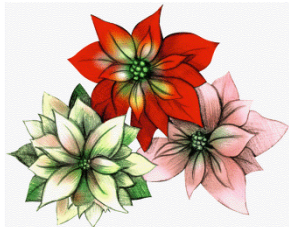
John Edmond Corbett, son of Tim and Jamie Corbett, was baptized on November 25.

If you would like to schedule a Baptism on **December 16** or a date further out, please speak with *Pastor Dawn* (669-2807, ext. 101 or pastor@brooksideecc.org).

Another Sad Farewell in Our Church Family

Brookside member and former sexton Joseph “Bob” Lachance died November 5. Pastor Dawn officiated at his service of remembrance in the Sanctuary. We offer our condolences and prayers to the family including Anne, Joe, Nancy, Emily and Gabrielle.

Several Notes of Thanks and Gratitude



*Dear Friends,
I am grateful for all the love, cards, calls, visits, and
the beautiful prayer shawl from my church.
Ruth Bodge*

~ To Our Brookside Family:

A very special thank-you to our Brookside Family for all the love and prayers during this most difficult time. All the work to make Bob’s memorial service so special, the flowers, your attendance, the hugs and kind words meant so much more to all of us.

The Lachances – Anne, Joe, Nancy, Emily and Gabby

~ From Pastor Dawn:

I have experienced firsthand the caring work of the Called to Care Ministry, coordinated by Martha Cushing and Sarah Duffley. Periodically, I receive cards from the Called to Care Ministry on behalf of Brookside Church. Recently, I received delicious meals to share with Greg. Sis Dunn ably organizes the meals with many. Thank you so much to those of you who participate in the Called to Care Ministry. It is such a comfort and help to know that your church is there when you need a boost. I appreciate the soups, desserts, meals, notes, and cards, and of course your prayers. My oncologist is amazed at how well I am doing. I am pretty much keeping a full time work schedule during chemotherapy, taking time off during the actual treatments and the following day. I am sure your prayers are giving me strength and a good attitude toward healing. I am halfway through treatment now scheduled for Dec. 10, Dec. 26 and Jan. 7. Thank you all for your prayers, cards, and support. It means a lot and reminds me of the value of faith communities in our lives.

*With gratitude,
Pastor Dawn*

Join Women of Faith for a Holiday Potpourri

Women of Faith invites all women to a musical program titled Holiday Potpourri on **Monday, December 3**, 7:00 pm at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 650 Hanover Street in Manchester. Featured will be music by Brookside Vocal and Bells Choir, Cantor Sarra Spierer, and AKSARA (a 6-woman a cappella ensemble from southern NH). An optional tour of the Cathedral will be offered at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to *Karen Donoghue*, kedonoghue@comcast.net or **493-9830**. You may also speak with *Jean Dickson* for more information.

Barbershop Quartets to Entertain with Holiday Songs

The Women's Union invites you to attend a special show on **Thursday evening, December 13th**, at 7 pm. The two quartets, ***Slightly Worn***, and ***Rewind***, will be performing holiday songs for our meeting. ***Slightly Worn*** recently performed with the Concord Coachmen at the Bedford Public Library. Potluck dinner meeting starts at 5:30 pm, singing to begin at 7 pm. Show only attendees cost: \$5.00. Please join us for some wonderful holiday entertainment in Fellowship Hall! Call *Melody Whitcher*, VP (**491-0676**) or *Kathleen Dube*, VP (**867-5284**) for details and to RSVP for supper!

Thrift Shop Could Use More Helpers

Brookside's Thrift Shop needs two new assistants. We are looking for women who are free on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays from 9 to 1. If you are interested, please see Penny in the Shop. Thanks.

Israel Trip, April 20-29

At the GMCA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Anne/Augustin Church, Father Charles DesRuisseaux was there and had just returned from a journey to the Holy Land, Nov. 8-18. If you note the dates, he was there during the Hamas rocket fire on Israel and the Israeli return fire. I asked him if he was frightened, and he said no. He could hear the bombing in the distance, but wasn't concerned where they were. He did spend three days in Jerusalem and arrival and departure was through Tel Aviv, two cities that received rocket fire.

I am just waiting. If it appears dangerous, we won't go, but I am not ready to bail yet. Things change quickly in the Middle East, and I am heartened to know that my friend was there and returned during a time I would not have gone. He, like others, have said how the news reports of what's happening is different from your experience on the ground. Prayers for peace! 🌹 *Pastor Dawn*

Faithful Stewards Corner

Our thanks to:

- *Patty, Mark and Carol*, for raking leaves on the property.
- *Dawn Brockett*, for making a special trip to meet with the dishwasher repairman when the office was closed.
- *Marylou Bissonnette* and *Vange Popp*, for decorating Manning House for the Christmas season.

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.

Christmas Fair a Big Success

Thanks to the efforts of so many in the Brookside Women's Union, and the Brookside congregation, the annual Christmas Fair on November 3rd was a big success. Including vendors, guests, and volunteers, more than 800 people attended. Just prior to the doors opening to the public, Pastor Dawn began the day with a wonderful prayer and a welcome to Brookside. Many of the vendors (of all faiths) expressed their appreciation for the prayer. The vendors were inspired to take up a collection for the Meals on Wheels shut-in program and raised \$80.00.

Fellowship Hall was transformed into a winter wonderland for the day of the event, thanks to the countless hours of Marylou Bissonnette and Vange Popp. The Fair was set up with the assistance of Heath Auger, Granite Pathways, and Bob Dunn. Guests entered the fair through the door at the top of the ramp where they were greeted by members of the Church Council, received some information about Brookside, and a ticket for door prizes which were drawn throughout the day. As guests descended the stairway to Fellowship Hall, they saw the Brookside Youth Group table and the Luncheon Room to their left, and Fellowship Hall to their right. Guests were greeted by Sis Dunn (aka Mrs. Claus) and Dale Trombley's volunteers on the coffee cart and elevator service.

Carole and Melody Witcher organized the luncheon and arranged for a legion of volunteers to cook up beans and franks, chili, coleslaw, cornbread and an array of desserts. The luncheon was well attended and received glowing reviews from the patrons. The luncheon was such a hit, Carole had to make a run for additional supplies at noon!!!

Penny Stillman and all of the ladies from the Thrift Shop were invaluable in operating the Antiques and Collectables table, and in making sure there was plenty of stock for the white elephant sale and jewelry table. The jewelry table was managed by Connie Jowdy and Martha Cushing and included donations from the Thrift Shop and many members of Brookside. Connie and Martha were able to "turn things around" in the jewelry department! Dave Gates managed the book sale, once again proving that the demand for the real thing remains strong.

The White Elephant table was set up and managed by Anna and Marilyn Hingston who have graciously assumed this monumental task for many years. The white elephant sale and the bake sale, which was managed by Robin Popp and family, were both very successful thanks to the many contributions from everyone. A special thanks to Fran Hakenson who donated the homemade English muffins which were the hit of the day! Fran also collected raffle donations and operated the raffle. The raffle prizes were drawn at the end of the day giving a big boost to the fair's fundraising efforts.

The clean-up crew – Heath, Tom Cleary, Jeff Fletcher, the Witchers, the Antonuccis, West High Honor Society, Granite Pathways, and many more – what can be said, clean-up is always the hardest part of a very long day. All of the help from everyone made this event one of the best fairs ever! Many thanks to all. We're all looking forward to this Christmas season, and the support we will be able to give to the greater community as a result of the tireless efforts of all those who helped, baked, and attended the fair. ♪ Nancy Popp, Louise Popp [with thanks to them, too, for their tireless efforts – Ed.]



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!

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.

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Please submit all items for the December *Chronicle* by **Saturday, December 15**. You can deliver them in person, send them by mail, or e-mail them to: nicoleg@brooksidecc.org. Thank you.

Looking Ahead to Annual Reports for 2012

Please submit all Annual Reports for 2012 (written and financial) to the office by **Friday, January 4** (if via email, as a Word document to nicoleg@brooksidecc.org). The Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 27, 2013**, immediately following worship.



Bible Readings, Worship Info. for December

Each issue of the *Chronicle* features monthly Bible readings, so that you can read and reflect on your own, at a time that suits you best. Following is the Lectionary for December; underlined passages will be used in worship. The theme for Advent this year is “Walking the Road to Bethlehem.”



December 2 – Advent 1: Advent Workshop
Hebrew Scriptures Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Psalm 25:1-10
Christian Testament 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
 Luke 21:25-36

☪ Sermon: “*Road of Hope*”



December 23 – Advent 4
Hebrew Scriptures Micah 5:2-5a
 Psalm 80:1-7
Christian Testament Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-55

☪ Sermon: “*Road to Bethlehem*”



December 9 – Advent 2: Tree Decorating
Christian Testament Luke 1:68-79
 Philippians 1:3-11
 Luke 3:1-6

☪ Sermon: “*Road of Peace*”



December 24 – Christmas Eve
- 4:30 Children’s Service with Pageant
- 7:00 Candlelight Lessons & Carols Service

☪ *The Shepherd’s Road*’



December 16 – Advent 3
Hebrew Scriptures Zephaniah 3:14-20
 Isaiah 12:2-6
Christian Testament Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:7-18

☪ Sermon: “*Road of Justice*”

December 30
Hebrew Scriptures 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
 Psalm 148
Christian Testament Colossians 3:12-17
 Luke 2:41-52



DOORPERSON

December 2 Bob Falco	December 9 Dixon Family
December 16 Dixon Family	December 23 Schneider Family
December 30 Erin LaPorte	

ACOLYTES

December 2 Isabelle Strandson	December 9 Kyra Whitehead
December 16 Sienna Milne	December 23 Sara Dube
December 30 Kyle Auger	

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

December 2 Jeff Fletcher Mary Pratt	December 9 Chris Taylor Scott Milne
December 16 Scott Milne Megan Brockett	December 23 Megan Brockett Ed Mitchell
December 30 Ed Mitchell Jeff Fletcher	

READERS

December 2 Kerry Richardson	December 9 Sis Dunn
December 16 Mary Pratt	December 23 Claire Tourigny
December 30 Aaron Kivikoski	

USHERS

December 2 Greg Berry Jean Spruce Cilva Tanguay Rand Cayer	December 9 Pete Lovejoy Bob Howard Donna Howard Julie Worthington
December 16 Kathleen Dube Bill Hoysradt Rosemary Hoysradt Tricia Lucas	December 23 Richard Rodman Bob Dunn Sis Dunn Roger Sevigny
December 30 Joe Lachance Kira Morehouse Don Waldrup Thomas Cleary	

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:

- **Dec.** Officers/At Large
- **Jan.** Mission Ministry



Keeping Tabs on Our Finances

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 October 31, 2012

Actual vs. Budget

Month	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	31,026	27,155	3,871
Total Expenses	31,933	33,369	(1,437)
Net Gain (Loss)	(907)	(6,214)	5,307
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Year-to-date	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	272,803	274,070	(1,267)
Total Expenses	265,553	285,153	(19,600)
Net Gain (Loss)	7,250	(11,083)	18,333
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Total YTD Pledges	Actual	Pledges	Var.
	135,421	133,727	1,694

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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

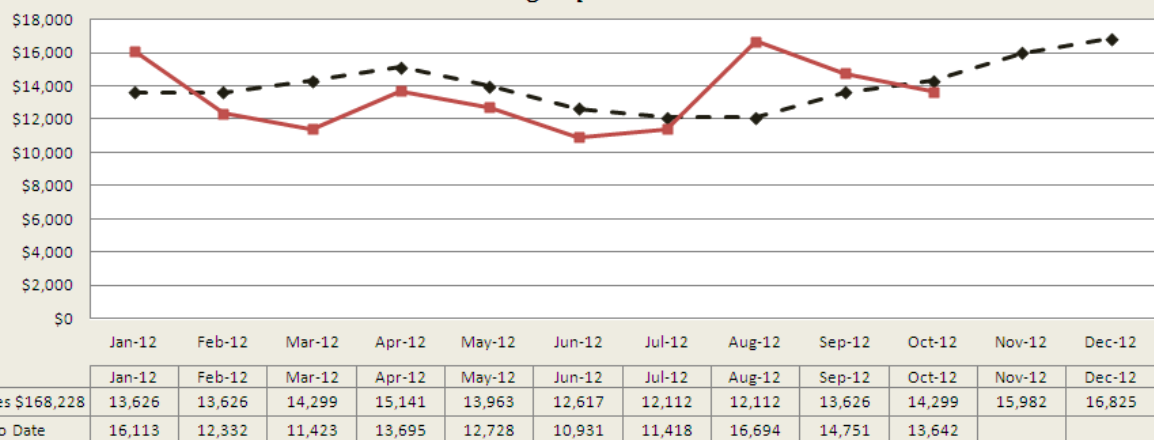
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Please remember that the pastor is frequently called away, or may have other commitments during the day. It is best to call first if you need to speak with her.

*Thank you for walking with Brookside.
The gift of your time, talent, and treasure helps miracles happen!
Please consider a pledge if you have not yet done so.*



**Brookside Congregational Church UCC
2012 Pledge Update**




BROOKSIDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Thanks to all who serve in so many capacities.

December, 2012	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 am Thrift Shop
2 9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 9:15 am H.S. Youth Group 10:00 am Worship – Advent 1 (Communion; <i>Loaves & Fishes</i>) 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal 11:30 am <i>Ones in Friendship</i> Group 11:30 am Advent Workshop & Lunch	3 Noon “Hearts & Hands” craft group 1:30 pm Worship, Evergreen Place 7:00 pm <i>Women of Faith</i> , St. Geo. Greek	4 6:30 pm Stewardship; Christian Formation	5 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	6 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse	7 <i>Pastor’s Day Off (PDO)</i> 9 am – 10 pm Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble	8 9:00 am Thrift Shop 9 am – 10 pm Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble
9 9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 9:15 am H.S. Youth Group 10:00 am Worship – Advent 2 (All ages Worship; Tree-decorating; New Members Received) 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal 11:30 am Zimbabwe Phone Call	10 <i>- Dawn out – chemo</i> Noon “Hearts & Hands” craft group	11 6:00 pm Council of Ministries	12 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	13 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am , Nurse Women’s Union: 5:30 pm Pot-luck 7:00 pm Barbershop	14 <i>PDO</i>	15 <i>Chronicle Deadline</i> 9:00 am Thrift Shop 9:00 am Christmas Basket preparation 3:00 pm 3rd Annual <i>Christmas Concert</i>
16 9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 9:15 am H.S. Youth Group 10:00 am Worship – Advent 3 (Baptism) 11:15 am Christmas Basket Assembly 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal Time TBA Youth Groups, Caroling	17 8:45 am Christmas Basket Distribution Noon “Hearts & Hands” craft group <i>Deadline to Order Poinsettias</i>	18 3:00 pm Evergreen Place 7:00 pm Mission Ministry	19 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	20 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse 3-4 pm Children’s Christmas Story Hour	21 <i>PDO</i>	22 9:00 am Thrift Shop
23 9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship – Advent 4 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal 11:30 am H.S. Youth Group 11:30-close Organ Fund Benefit at Shorty’s in Manchester	24 11:30-close Organ Benefit at Shorty’s 4:30 pm Children’s Xmas Eve Service 7:00 pm Lessons & Carols Service	25 ☆ A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS <i>(Building Closed)</i> ll	26 <i>- Dawn out – chemo</i>	27 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse	28 <i>PDO</i>	29 9:00 am Thrift Shop
30 10:00 am Worship	31	