



THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

Brookside Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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January 27: Brookside's Annual Meeting

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

Deadline for Annual
Reports is **January 4.**

January 21: Day of Service



From Dawn's Desk:

The Work of Christmas Begins Day of Service

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the sages and the shepherd have found their way home,
The work of Christmas is begun.*

Howard Thurman



Here we are in the Season of Epiphany (January 6) and the Sundays after Epiphany. We have celebrated the wonder of Christmas and have retold the Gospel of God's great love appearing as the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Now is the time and this is the place to *show forth* (Epiphany) the meaning of Christmas in the work we do as Brookside Church.

January 21 is designated as a **Day of Service** for all Brookside members and friends who can participate. The day grew out of our September Envisioning session during worship when several indicated they would like to participate as a whole church in a mission project. Since it is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, schools are closed and several workplaces are closed allowing us to gather on a weekday. I have contacted several agencies in Manchester to see how we might help them in their outreach. I have heard a definite "yes" from New Horizons, our long-time partner, and I expect confirmation with others.

The tentative plan is to gather at Brookside at 8:30 am for coffee and prayer and to receive our destinations and mission project, then go in groups to our destinations. It is my hope that we can find a mutual time to gather back at the church and share, perhaps even eat together. It would be great to have 50 people from Middle School through Adults participate. The projects and length of time for each one will vary, and we will need to be flexible about the planning until I have received all the projects. Signup for participation will be in the narthex and fellowship hall beginning January 6 – Epiphany.

This is an opportunity to fulfill a vision set out this fall, to accomplish mission projects together and get to know each other better. Mark the date in your 2013 calendar, and let the work of Christmas begin!

Grace and peace, *Pastor Dawn*

Treatment Update from Pastor Dawn

I do not have my radiation schedule before the Chronicle deadline, but it will be 5 days a week for 6 weeks. I will publish the schedule as soon as I get it. Be sure to call first if you are looking for me in the office. January 7 is the last day of chemotherapy! Hoorah!

A Note of Appreciation

Thank you, thank you for the jellies, pickled beets, delicious baked treats, candy, lovely Christmas cards, and your continued support. Happy New Year! ☺ Gratefully, *Pastor Dawn*

Children Work at Developing their Faith in Church School

Workshops for the month of December were focused upon preparing the pageant for the 4:30 Christmas Eve service. The children with the help of some teenagers painted 2 of the 4 backdrops for the pageant. They also rehearsed the pageant two of the Sundays.

During the month of January the children will be learning about Heifer Project International. The children will be learning how this organization has improved the lives of people around the world by providing them with animals. One of the goals for this unit is to raise enough money to buy a water buffalo. They cost \$250. This is an ambitious goal, but we believe that we can do this.

Important Work Is Always Done Behind the Scenes!

Many thanks to *Laura Schneider* for designing the four backdrops for the children's Christmas pageant. Thanks to *Melody Witcher* and *Rosemary Hoysradt* for painting two of the backdrops. Thanks to *Thomas Cleary* for creating and assembling the set for the scenery. Thanks to *Ellen Tourigny* for helping direct the pageant. Thanks to the many parents who helped with the pageant so things ran smoothly. Special thanks to the children who performed. Because of the talents and time of many we had a wonderful gift to give to those who came to the 4:30 service.



Many thanks also to those who helped make our Advent Workshop on December 2 a success. Fun and fellowship was had by all and over 120 Chrismons were made for our beautiful Christmas tree.



We Are Going to Israel!

There are 16 of us registered for the Israel trip beginning April 20. We have room and time for 6 more if they register **by January 6**. Cost of the trip is \$3,194, land and air, not including taxes. The itinerary is available online at www.arzaworld.com, note tour Temple Adath Yeshurun & Brookside Congregational Church and available from Pastor Dawn.

The group will meet **Mondays, January 28, February 4 and 11** at 7 pm at Temple Adath Yeshurun. We will meet with two Jewish-Americans living in Israel for 6 months, learn some travel Hebrew, and learn about Jerusalem.

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 weekend 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.

Youth Group News from Kathleen Dube, Youth Coordinator

Here is a quick synopsis of what has been going on in the youth groups since September:

We have had good attendance at the 9 am meetings, and we've also been having an 11:30 am meeting once a month for those who cannot make the 9 am or find this difficult given other responsibilities. The fundraising has been going extremely well, due in great part to Donna Ferranti's input, organization and follow-up with the Flower Power and Yankee Candle fundraisers. Between those and the fall festival contribution for participation with games, and the spaghetti dinner (and the baked goods sales!), we have raised almost \$1,700 (half our goal)! We have ten youth and two adults going on the DOOR Hollywood mission trip. Donna Ferranti and Joe Lachance are our chaperones; Matt Dube, Sara Ferranti, Meg Cleary, Rejoice Dhliwayo, Thoko Dhliwayo, Aaron Kivikoski, Alex Kivikoski, Ashtyn Milling, Claire Tourigny, and Emily Lachance are our youth. They are excited! Our current big fundraiser is the cookbook, which we sold at the Christmas Concert and at the Christmas Eve Services (were you lucky enough to get one in your stocking?). We have printed 50 and sales as of this writing are \$255.

(Note this correction: For the French Beef recipe, please add to the list of ingredients: 8 oz. noodles.)

On December 16, we had six high school youth and two middle school youth go caroling along with three adults. The local fire station enjoyed our singing, as well as some local Brookside members. We all came back for cookies and cocoa at Brookside.

The middle school participated in an archery event in late October, and despite the coldness of the day, all 15 who participated had a good time. Jean Dickson and I (Kathleen Dube) also participated. The next big event for the middle school youth will be the 30-Hour Famine, scheduled for **January 12-13**. Sarah and Kate Stantial, Sara Dube and Danielle Montoya are our participants. We may go bowling or tubing over the winter.

The rest of the program year will be filled with the following:

- Ski Trip at Mitchell's in Jan./Feb., both groups
- Church Breakfast Fundraiser
- Church Supper Fundraiser
- Mission Trip in April
- Zip-lining in late Spring, both groups

~ Two 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 later this month, 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. This month's dates (Sunday/Monday) are: **January 27 & 28**. And remember, Kids' Meals are 98¢ on Mondays from 4 pm 'til closing!





Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 6**, served by: *Jeff Fletcher and Mary Pratt.*

Welcome to These New Members; Are You Interested in Joining?

Joining Brookside Congregational Church on December 9th were: *Kristy and Khalil Blanchette, Leigh Polish, and Jan and Jennifer Trecartin.* We welcome them to our church family.

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

If You Would Like to Schedule a Baptism

Savannah Pearl Morehouse, daughter of Steve and Kira Morehouse (and sister of Sophia), was baptized on December 16th.

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

Phyllis Eager Remembered for Dedication to Brookside

Pastor Dawn officiated at a funeral service for *Phyllis Eager*, who died on December 27. A member of Brookside since 1986, Phyllis had been very involved with the Thrift Shop and Women's Union, as well as teaching nursery school and playing the carillon bells. Surviving family members include her husband, Cliff, three children, and eight grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be made to Brookside Congregational Church for the carillon tower bell system.



Women's Union Goes on Hiatus for Two Months

Just a reminder that we don't meet in January or February... but plan to come to our next meeting on **Thursday, March 14** for our famous corned beef dinner and "Murder Mystery with the Silver Stars." More details will be in Sunday bulletins and the *March Chronicle*.

Hearts and Hands Creates with Love

The *Hearts and Hands* group meets on **Mondays** from Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge; we make prayer shawls, baby blankets, and work on other crafts. Please feel free to join us if you can. Bring a friend if you'd like and don't forget to bring your bag lunch. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. For more information, speak with *Rosemary Hoysradt*.



Annual Report Deadline Reminder – Please Submit on Time!

Send all reports to Nicole by **Friday, January 4**. Thank you!

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

Faithful Stewards Corner

Our thanks to:

- *Dawn Brockett*, for setting up the Sanctuary Christmas Tree.
- *Mary Pratt*, for preaching, and *Debi Rapson*, for leading the Morning Prayer, on December 30.

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.



Bible Readings for January

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 January; underlined passages will be used in worship.



Special Note re: January 13: Dr. Sarah Alier (former President of the South Sudanese Community in New Hampshire) and members of the community will be part of our service of worship on **January 13**, sharing their experiences as refugees fleeing persecution in Sudan and finding refuge here in Manchester. The Scriptural text, Matthew 2:13-23, tells the story of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus as refugees, fleeing Herod to find refuge in Egypt.

January 6, Epiphany

Christian Testament

Matthew 2:1-12

☞ Sermon: “*Journey of the Magi*”

January 20

Hebrew Scriptures
Christian Testament

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Luke 4:14-21

☞ Sermon: “*Justice Walk*”

January 13

Christian Testament

Matthew 2:13-23

☞ Flight to Egypt: A Refugee’s Story

January 27 – Annual Meeting

☞ Presentation: *Ways We Walk with God*

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

January 6

Jeff Fletcher
Mary Pratt

January 13

Mary Pratt
George Abbott

January 20

George Abbott
Denise Forest

January 27

Denise Forest
Chris Taylor

DOORPERSON

January 6

Megan Cleary

January 13

Ashtyn Milling

January 20

Alex Kivikoski

January 27

Chris Taylor

USHERS

January 6

Karen Horsch
Cindy Migliori
Dave Migliori
Bruce Richards

January 13

Keith Hamer
Michael Goodman
Gail Goodman
Jason Davison

January 20

Herb Pence
Betsy Antonucci
Scott Antonucci
Laura Sevigny

January 27

Karyn O'Neil
Jean Spruce
Cilva Tanguay
Mary Farwell

ACOLYTES

January 6

Laura Tourigny

January 13

Owen Strandson

January 20

Gabriella Falco

January 27

Mitchell Cayer

READERS

January 6

Megan Cleary

January 13

Sis Dunn

January 20

Doug Dixon

January 27

Jeff Rapson

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

Fellowship Hour will be hosted by the Mission Ministry during the month of January.



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 November 30, 2012

Actual vs. Budget

| Month | Actual | Budget | Var. |
|-----------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Total Income | 29,596 | 29,666 | (70) |
| Total Expenses | 28,530 | 23,917 | 4,613 |
| Net Gain (Loss) | 1,065 | 5,749 | 4,684 |

| Year-to-date | Actual | Budget | Var. |
|-----------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Total Income | 302,399 | 303,736 | (1,337) |
| Total Expenses | 294,083 | 309,069 | (14,986) |
| Net Gain (Loss) | 8,315 | (5,334) | 13,649 |

| Total YTD Pledges | Actual | Pledges | Var. |
|-------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| | 145,436 | 151,403 | 5,967 |

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Sunday Worship & Church School: 10 am
Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday,
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Fridays, 9:00 am to NOON

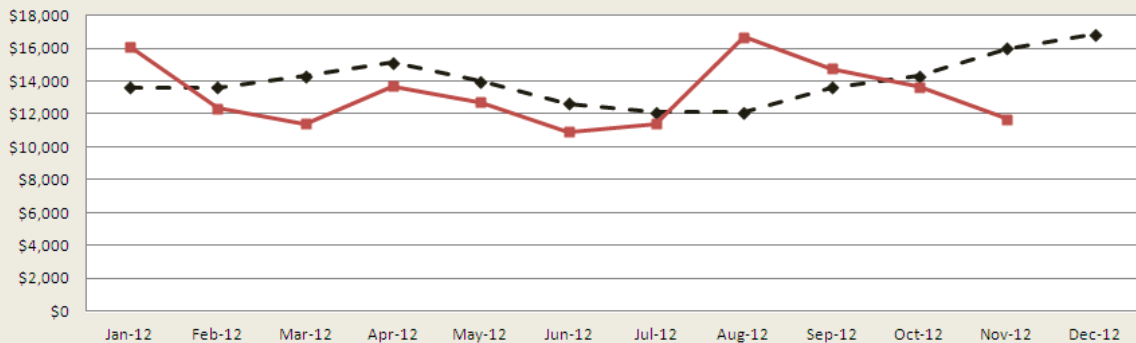
Rev. Dr. Dawn Berry, Pastor
Office Hours 9–3, Mon.–Thurs.
(Friday is the Pastor's Day Off)
Office tel. 669-2807 x 101; home 746-5033
email: pastor@brooksidecc.org

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

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. A pledge form may be downloaded from our website, www.brooksidecc.org.



**Brookside Congregational Church UCC
2012 Pledge Update**




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Thanks to all who serve in so many capacities.

| January, 2013 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| <p>➔ Note: Generally, only church-related activities are listed here; however, be aware that many outside groups use space in our facility on a regular basis, as well.</p> <p>A full calendar of events is available on our website, www.brooksidecc.org; click to any page and find the link on the left side.</p> | | <p>1</p> <p><i>Happy New Year!</i> ~ Building Closed ~</p> | <p>2</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbell Choir 6:30 pm Stewardship Ministry 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> | <p>3</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse</p> | <p>4</p> <p><i>Pastor's Day Off (PDO)</i></p> <p><u>ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE</u></p> | <p>5</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop</p> |
| <p>6</p> <p>9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 9:15 am H.S. Youth Group 10:00 am Worship – Epiphany (Communion; <i>Loaves & Fishes</i>) 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal 11:30 am <i>Ones in Friendship</i> Group</p> | <p>7</p> <p>- Dawn out – chemo</p> <p>Noon “Hearts & Hands” craft group</p> | <p>8</p> <p>6:30 pm Christian Formation</p> | <p>9</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> | <p>10</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse</p> | <p>11</p> <p><i>PDO</i></p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop</p> <p>Time TBA Middle School 30-Hour Famine Begins</p> |
| <p>13</p> <p>9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 9:15 am H. S. Youth Group 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal Time TBA 30-Hour Famine Ends</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Noon “Hearts & Hands” craft group</p> | <p>15</p> <p><u>CHRONICLE DEADLINE</u></p> <p>3:00 pm Evergreen Place</p> <p>6:00 pm Council of Ministries</p> | <p>16</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> | <p>17</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse</p> | <p>18</p> <p><i>PDO</i></p> | <p>19</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop</p> |
| <p>20</p> <p>9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 9:15 am H. S. Youth Group 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Junior Choir rehearsal 3:00 pm Monarchs Hockey</p> | <p>21</p> <p>8:30 am M.L. King Day of Service</p> <p>~ Office Closed Today ~</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> | <p>24</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse</p> | <p>25</p> <p><i>PDO</i></p> | <p>26</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop</p> |
| <p>27</p> <p>9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am <u>ANNUAL MEETING</u> 11:30-close Organ Fund Benefit at Shorty's in Manchester</p> | <p>28</p> <p>11:30-close Organ Benefit at Shorty's Noon “Hearts & Hands” craft group</p> <p>7:00 pm Israel Group at Temple A-Y</p> | <p>29</p> <p>4:00 pm Vol. to New Horizons</p> | <p>30</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> | <p>31</p> <p>9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse</p> |  | |