



THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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*Remember to turn
your clocks BACK
one hour on
November 2!*



From the Staff:

*We wish all a Happy Thanksgiving –
may it be a day of gratitude
and blessing.*

From Dawn's Desk: I Give You Thanks, O God

Sometimes, I can get so busy with the tasks of ministry, I forget to give thanks for the joys I witness daily. Here's what made me smile these past couple of weeks for which I give thanks!



- Our sanctuary resounded with drumming and singing and dancing as our UKAMA partners led worship October 19 for those who gathered here from around the NH Conference.
- An extended visit with Tendai Pamela Mhlanga.
- Visitors thank us for the hospitality of Brookside.
- Having lunch in the Manning House with the Zimbabwe delegation when two community gardeners, from Rwanda and Burundi, come into the dining room because they hear we have guests from Africa and want to meet them. We invite them to lunch.
- A parent sits by the Compassionate Friends garden remembering and feeling closer to his son.
- Our children play on the stage with each other during coffee hour.
- Two little girls inspired by the UKAMA Fair sell flowers they grew at coffee hour to raise money for the water bore holes in Zimbabwe.
- A trip to Beech Hill Farm became an afternoon of laughter and fun as our children walked the corn mazes and played.
- The Thrift Shop ladies extended their hours to accommodate our Zimbabwe visitors and welcomed them warmly.
- The music that comes from our organist and choir is inspiring!
- The many people who are willing to serve so that Brookside may serve.
- A young couple share how Brookside became their home church and why they give back to God what has been entrusted to them with exuberance.
- How you pass the peace on Sundays and share both your concerns and joys.
- Our youth are helping in the church school and nursery.

What joys would you share? May November be a month of remembering all that you are thankful for and give thanks to God.

With gratitude,
Pastor Dawn



We Gather Together

The Manchester Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7 pm on **Monday, November 25** at First Congregational Church, 508 Union Street, Manchester. All are invited to attend as we celebrate our blessings together.

Ken Grinnell, Minister of Music at FCC, plans to assemble an Interfaith Choir which would rehearse briefly at 6:00 that evening in order to prepare one piece of music. The singers can come from area church choirs, congregations, or perhaps a friend or two who enjoys singing and is in tune with the spirit behind this city-wide event. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Kim Whitehead (or the church office) ASAP, but no later than **Wednesday, November 13**.

Church School Workshops Help Our Children in Their Faith Learning

On October 20 we started our second unit of the year, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." This unit has been based on the 23rd Psalm. Nobody knows who wrote the Psalms, although many are attributed to King David. Psalm 23 is called a "Psalm of David." The story that inspired the psalm is unknown, but it is clearly a psalm of trust and comfort. Its images are intended to calm and assure believers.

In this unit the teachers are: Art, Karen Horsch and Suzanne Burke; Cooking, Alison and Alex Kivikoski; and Storytelling, Lance Auger. On Veterans' Day weekend, **November 10**, there will be multiage Video workshop.

On **November 17** we will start our third Unit, "Jesus is Born." We may think we're familiar with the Christmas story because we've heard it so many times, but we can look deeper to uncover many surprises and contrasts in these biblical texts.

To prepare Mary and Joseph for the birth of Jesus, God spoke through angels and dreams. We look at the arrival of Jesus, who was wrapped in cloth bands and laid in a manger in contrast with the expected Messiah who was thought to be a King. Humble shepherds contrast with dazzling angels. The evil intentions of King Herod contrast with the wise men, who traveled a great distance to pay homage to the king of the Jews. Through all these surprises and contrasts, we come to know God through Jesus the Christ. In this Unit we celebrate the story of Christmas! We celebrate that God is with us!



Preparing for Advent

The Advent Workshop will be **Sunday, November 24**. It is early this year because Thanksgiving is so late, with Thanksgiving weekend ending on December 1. We will be making ornaments for the Christmas tree which will be decorated during worship December 8. Please watch for more information about this all-church event in the Bulletin and the Bridge.

Confirmation Class to Begin

For those who are in 8th grade or older, we will gather in the Youth Lounge at 11:30 on **Sunday, November 3** for our first meeting and planning for the year. Parents are invited, as well.

Youth Coordinator Steps Down

Our thanks to Kathleen Dube for ably leading our Brookside youth groups this past year. Kathleen submitted her letter of resignation effective November 1 because she needs more time for family.

Rowan's Hope Benefit Concert: November 2, 7pm at Pinkerton Academy

The Jimmy Lehoux Band will perform a benefit concert to support Rowan Byers, age 2, in need of immediate medical treatments. Rowan has been diagnosed with Morquio's Syndrome; a very rare, genetic disorder. Without treatment, she will face many life risks, including paralysis, dwarfism, blindness, deafness, or possibly death at a young age. She has been accepted into a clinical trial in Chicago which requires Rowan's family to bring her there once a week for her 4-hour treatment. This benefit concert is to assist the family in their huge expenses to bring Rowan to Chicago every week. The concert will also feature special guest Christopher Duffley. Ticket donations are just \$15; you can purchase tickets from the Brookside office. Please see posters around the building for more information.

Why We Give: Stewardship Campaign Looks Ahead to November 3



The following message was delivered during a Witnessing Steward moment on Sunday, October 20:

We are Laura and Karl Schneider and this is our son Ezra. We became members of Brookside almost two years ago and this morning we'd like to share with you why we decided to join and why we feel it is important to give to Brookside.

Two years ago we relocated from New York City and purchased our home in the North End. We knew this neighborhood was going to be the place where we'd like to settle down and start a family. We hoped to find a church to attend and as luck would have it there was a lovely one right in our neighborhood. So, we thought Brookside would be a good place to start.

What I remember from our first visit was the feeling of fullness I had right after. Perhaps it was Pastor Dawn's message, or the warmth of the congregation, or the simple act of praying to God together. We never did end up visiting another church. Every Sunday we kept coming back to Brookside and eventually it became our home. Sometimes I think how serendipitous it was that this wonderful church happened to be right down the street. And serendipity may be the way God grants us gifts every day.

As members, each year we are asked to pledge our support to Brookside by giving a portion of what we have earned. And if you've ever taken a look at the church budget there are plenty of expenses and plenty of very practical reasons to give to Brookside. But beyond all of that, there is a much simpler explanation as to why we give.

We have never considered it giving. The money we've earned was not ours and only through God's grace has it come to us. It has been entrusted to us and by giving it back to God we are putting our faith in him that we will go without needing.

--Laura and Karl Schneider

Monday Matters

This weekly opportunity for study and discussion on a variety of topics of faith and ethics meets from 7-8:30 pm in the Manning House parlor. You can come as your schedule allows.

- Nov. 4 The Revs. John and Faye Buttrick, *Hope for Palestine*, their experiences as Global Witnesses.
- Nov. 11 Veterans' Day, church closed
- Nov. 18 *The Things that Make for Peace*, beginning a 4-part series
(1) Recognizing the Things that Make for Peace
- Nov. 25 No meeting this week; Happy Thanksgiving!
- Dec. 2 (2) Finding Peace
- Dec. 9 (3) Practicing Peace
- Dec. 16 (4) Extending Peace



Baskets Help Make the Holidays Special

Our work to provide Holiday Family Meal Baskets for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons is now well underway and needs your participation!

We recognize that, in many ways, these continue to be very challenging times and so this year, we have made an initial Brookside commitment to provide 48 meals for local families for the Thanksgiving holiday, a smaller amount than last year. However, given the expressed need from those in our community, we truly hope that we will be able to commit to providing more holiday meal baskets for the Christmas holiday. Last year, we served 140 families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.



We encourage you to sign up in Fellowship Hall on Sundays to provide non-perishable foods or to consider donating the much-needed funds that equate to a holiday meal basket. This year we have grouped baskets into small (providing a meal for families with 1 – 3 people), medium (providing a meal for families with 4 – 7 people) and large baskets (providing a meal for families with 8 – 11 people).

On **Saturday morning, November 23**, we invite you to help in the basket setup (check with Mission Ministry for exact time) and on **Sunday, November 24** we look forward to everyone's participation in filling the Thanksgiving baskets together in Fellowship Hall and preparing them for pickup.

Brookside has a wonderful tradition of working together to provide Holiday Meals for families and we appreciate your involvement and commitment in this "all church" effort to serve those in our immediate community by providing something very special at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thank you to you all!



Loaves and Fishes

Our next *Loaves and Fishes* offering will be **Sunday, November 3**. Please bring non-perishable food items to worship that day, or leave them in the special collection boxes in the back hallway during the week if you won't be in worship. Personal-size toiletry items are also welcome for use by New Horizons' shelter. Thank you.

20th Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast: Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7:15-9:00 am

Brookside Mission Ministry encourages all who are able, to participate in support of the important work done by New Horizons for NH. Your purchase of a ticket, and attendance at the breakfast extends help to so many throughout the greater Manchester area. All proceeds from this Breakfast will benefit the New Horizons soup kitchen, homeless shelter, food pantry and Angie's Shelter for Women. To purchase tickets online, go to <http://www.newhorizonsfornh.org>.

Guest speakers: Alex Walker, Senior VP of Operations and Strategic Development, Catholic Medical Center, Governor John Lynch and an alumnus of Angie's Shelter for Women.

Mexican Treat for You = Treat for Brookside's Sanctuary Organ



On the 4th Sunday of every month, if you eat at Shorty's in Manchester (or get takeout), anytime between 11:30 am and closing, Brookside's Organ Restoration Fund will benefit! (Just remember to place your receipt in the specially-marked basket as you leave.) Upcoming dates are **Nov. 24** and **Dec. 22**; please mark your calendars and encourage all your friends, neighbors, family members, etc. to do the same!

Seeking Hosts for SNHU's Thanksgiving Hosts Program

Southern New Hampshire University is seeking hosts willing to invite pairs of international students to join your family's Thanksgiving celebration. Many international students are eager for the chance to visit an American family and learn more about our culture and traditions. Newer arrivals feel most comfortable when they can bring a fellow student, which is why SNHU looks for folks who can accommodate two or more guests. SNHU has more than 800 international students studying at the Manchester campus; while they come from about 70 different countries, more than half come from China, Saudi Arabia, or Taiwan.

The reactions of both the students and families who've participated in the past have been very positive. From hosts: "had a terrific time"; "fantastic day"; "fit right in with my family"; "enlightening"; "great experience for the entire family"; "something I will never forget". Students have said: "spent a really wonderful and unforgettable time"; "I learned about American people"; "we had conversation like friends"; "my family back home were very happy for me"; "they let me help prepare the dinner (or the table)"; "I always wanted to visit with an American family"; "I hope I can do this again".

If you are interested in inviting two or more international students to join your family's Thanksgiving celebration, please complete the host family application at the SNHU website (link to the application under Campus Life, then International Student Services, then ISS Forms & Resources, then "For the Community") and return it **by November 8th** to *Debbie Donnelly* at SNHU at d.donnelly@snhu.edu or ISS Office, 2500 N. River Rd., Manchester, NH 03106. In early November after receiving host and student applications, Debbie will be in touch with names and contact information for the students you'll be hosting for the day, so that you can reach them to coordinate plans.

This is a truly wonderful opportunity for all who are involved. Please consider opening up your home to share this day when we give thanks for all that is good in our lives.



A Thanksgiving Invitation to Consider

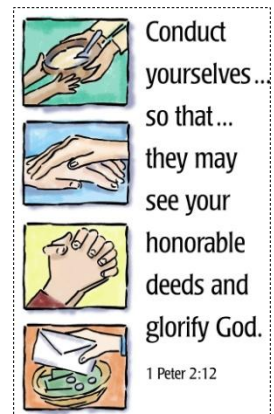
Heath and Bobbie and Granite Pathways will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner in Fellowship Hall on Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, November 28**. All are welcome to be part of this event. There will be games (outdoors if weather permits), music, lots of fun for all ages, and of course, a fabulous Thanksgiving Feast. Bring your family, share your favorite Thanksgiving Day dish, and share this special day with your church family. See Heath if you wish to participate.

Lighten Your Load, Help Others, Too!

Sales have been brisk this fall and the Thrift Shop is in need of little boys' clothing; linens (sheets and towels); blankets, pots and pans; casserole dishes and bowls; small appliances (toasters, mixers, etc.); men's clothing, particularly winter jackets; and a couple of small lamps that will fit on shelves to light up a dark area of the Shop. Thank you.

Learning Ways to Extend Our Reach

Our thanks to *Roger & Laura Sevigny, Anne Rodman, and Jennifer Trecartin* who will attend a two-day workshop (November 9 & 10) with Pastor Dawn on "How to Reach New People."



Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 3**, served by Deacons *George Abbott, Ellen Tourigny, Scott Milne, Chris Taylor, Mary Pratt, and Judy Foley*, with *Anne Rodman* assisting.

Please note, we now use gluten-free bread for Communion, so that those who have a gluten intolerance may participate fully in the sacrament.

Interested in Membership? Looking to Schedule a Baptism?

An orientation session for those who are interested in becoming covenant members of Brookside Congregational Church will take place after worship on **Sunday, November 17**; new members will be received on **December 15**. If you would like to know more, or plan to attend the orientation, please speak with *Pastor Dawn* (**669-2807, ext. 101** or pastor@brooksideecc.org).

To make arrangements for Baptism, please speak with *Pastor Dawn* (see contact info. above). This month, baptisms are scheduled on **November 10 and 24**.

Goodbye, Good Friend

We mourn the loss of longtime Brookside member *Ellie Kelton* who died on October 11, leaving three children and a grandson. Pastor Dawn officiated at her funeral service in the Chapel. Please hold the family in your prayers.

Faithful Stewards Corner

Our thanks to:

- *Becky Boisvert, Donna Molony and Sally Sederquist*, for time spent in cleaning the Nursery and making it “nut free.”
- *Patty and Rand Cayer, Elaine Trudeau, Lisa Brock, Sis Dunn, Chris Taylor, Sarah Duffley, Alex Kivikoski, and Jennifer Trecartin*, for helping the children plant bulbs.
- *The Mitchells*, for loaning us their projector.
- *Marylou Bissonnette*, for painting the steps near the boiler room.
- *TJ & Jeff Rapson*, for helping Heath install storm windows for the winter season.
- *Heath's brother-in-law*, for helping Heath remove air conditioners.
- *Anne Lachance, Fran Hakenson, Jennifer Trecartin, Patty Cayer, Melody Whitcher, Sarah Duffley, Naomi & Lydia Taylor*, for help with the UKAMA Fair.
- *Patty, Rand, Mitchell, & Clark Cayer; Calley, Scott, & Sienna Milne; Melody Whitcher; Becky, Bob, Sam, & Isabelle Boisvert; Mary Pratt; Stella, Liberty, Rejoice, & Thoko Dhliwayo; Greg & Dawn Berry*; for housing our Zimbabwe friends.
- *Elizabeth McKinney and Becky Boisvert*, for hard boiled eggs for lunch.

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: Saturday, November 9, 9 am – 3 pm

Lunch will be served from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

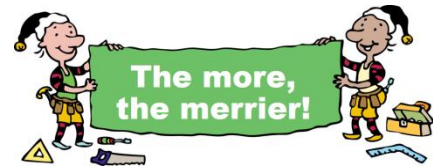
- For general information, email Brooksidechristmasfair@gmail.com.
- Don't forget, for any donations of Jewelry contact Martha Cushing (669-8368) or Connie Jowdy (232-5926).
- White Elephant donations can be left on the bench beside Pastor Dawn's office or call Tom Cleary (627-3999) to arrange donations of larger items.
- Dave Gates is once again overseeing the book sales at the fair. Please leave book donations on the bench beside Pastor Dawn's office or contact Dave (625-4596).
- The women of the Thrift Shop will be running a table of antiques and collectibles. Any donations should be directed to the Thrift Shop.



Let's all work together to make this the most successful fair yet!!

Elves Wanted

We need people to assist with setting up for the fair the day before and to help with cleanup after 3:00 pm the day of the fair. If you are interested in helping, sign-up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall after the service on Sundays, or you can call Marylou Bissonnette at 620-0803 or Nancy Popp at 755-4880. Folks who would like to serve as elves on the day of the fair to assist with elevators, information, coffee cart, etc., can sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Nancy Popp at 755-4880.



Calling All Bakers:

Items are needed for the bake sale at the Christmas Fair. Make your specialty or try something new. Items can be left in Fellowship Hall the day before, or may be dropped off the morning of the fair before 9:00 am. All items should be labeled i.e., Name of Item, contains nuts, gluten free, etc. Decorative packaging is appreciated and helps to make items more enticing!

New Evidence of Alien Search for Baked Beans

Recently published research concludes that the majority of alien visits to planet earth appear to be the result of the extraterrestrials' insatiable appetite for beans. Concentrated primarily in New England, the key sites are typically found in close proximity to churches. Evidence suggests that church suppers and church fairs were (or are) a common destination for the bean-craving universal travelers. The reason for this alien attraction to beans is yet to be determined. Some theorists believe that beans may be metabolized by aliens in such a way that an energy field is created providing an unlimited supply of power to operate spacecraft. Professor Frank Lee Speekun of the I.M. Kidding Institute is quoted in the report stating, "the power supply for the vehicles may be very similar to what humans commonly refer to as gas." Further research may be delayed due to recent cuts in the federal grant program. In the meantime, researchers remain optimistic and encourage all New Englanders to continue baking beans for church fairs and to report any suspected alien activity to the I.M. Kidding Institute for further investigation.



NOTE: We encourage all members of Brookside to assist in this critical research by baking beans for the Christmas Fair. Call *Donna Moody* (695-4128) to let her know you will bake some beans.

November Women's Union Fellowship

On **Thursday, November 14**, all are invited to join us for dinner and an old-fashioned Christmas in the Manning House. Dinner will be followed by caroling while we decorate the Manning House for the holiday season. Members of Brookside and guests are invited. The cost is \$7.00. Free if you are attending for the first time! So dig out your favorite holiday sweater and join us for a night of Christmas cheer, beginning at 5:30 pm. Please call *Donna Moody* at **695-4128** and let her know if you plan to attend.



Called to Care Card Ministry Has Room For You!

Called to Care is a group of volunteers within Brookside Church that ministers to our members and friends in need. One component of this ministry is sending cards to shut-ins and to those who are ill or grieving. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact *Martha Cushing* at **669-8368** or *Sarah Duffley* at duffleytaylor@gmail.com.

A Note of Gratitude from Janet Stiles

Dear Folks,

Thank you so much for the church flowers each Sunday. I place them in the sitting room where all can see them and I receive many compliments regarding them – and thank you for sharing. This last time one of the yellow roses disappeared, but the bouquet remained beautiful. I remove them in the evening, taking them to my room where it is cooler, only to return them to the living room the next day. They get fresh water added each day to help them last longer.

Thanks, also, for the many cards of condolences regarding Walter's passing and all the visits from so many. Your concerns, prayers and kind thoughts have been very sustaining throughout this time.

Walter said within the last year that Brookside church contained a wonderful, friendly, caring congregation and is led by a very fine pastor. I can only say "Ditto"! Walt and I have been blessed by all of you – thank you all. ♪ Janet Stiles



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!

Weather Policy: when Manchester Schools are closed due to inclement weather ('tis the season, like it or not), the Parish Nurse Office will be closed – and the nurse will not be here.

If You're Hospitalized...

Remember to call the church office (**669-2807**) if you want the pastor to know that you're in the hospital. Due to federal law, hospitals are not permitted to provide us with this information.

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

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

Reminders from Joyce Lovejoy – (1) Don't Forget to Buy Your Coffee!

Have you noticed the signs on the coffee table in Fellowship Hall? Brookside is buying our coffee through the Equal Exchange Interfaith Program. Equal Exchange is a fair trade organization that buys coffee directly from farmers in rural communities, in some of the poorest countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. These farmers are forced to sell their coffee at the lowest prices because they lack affordable credit. By buying from cooperatives directly, we help farmers and their families build better lives for themselves and their families.



By putting some money into the basket on the coffee table, you help us pay for this ministry. By buying coffee by the pound, your help is multiplied, like the loaves and fishes that Jesus shared. The cost for 1 pound is \$8.00. Pete and I have committed ourselves to buying a minimum of 1 pound/month. Would you think about making a commitment to this ministry of caring? Just pick up your pound of coffee during coffee hour and put the \$8.00 in the coffee basket. No need to separate it from the hospitality coffee basket. Thank you.

(2) For Those Who Use Beverage Cans

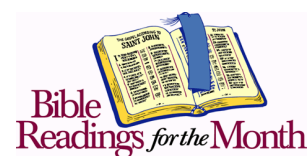


Don't forget!!! Save the tops of soda or other beverage cans. Give them to Joyce Lovejoy or leave them (labeled) in Fellowship Hall. She will make sure they get to the Shriners' Hospitals. They use the income for things that do not fit in the ordinary budget. You can read about this project by logging on to www.shrinershq.org/Hospitals/Springfield/Aluminum_Tab_Collection.aspx.



Worship and Bible Readings for November

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 worship outline for November.



November 3 – Stewardship Sunday

Christian Testament Luke 19:1-10

☞ Sermon: "Look"

November 17

Hebrew Scriptures Isaiah 65:17-25
Christian Testament 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

☞ Sermon: "The Lull of Idleness"

**November 10 – Candlelighting and Remembrance
of those who died in the past year**

Christian Testament Luke 20:27-38

☞ Sermon: "God of the Living"

November 24 – Thanksgiving Sunday

Hebrew Scriptures Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Christian Testament John 6:25-35

☞ Sermon: "Give"

USHERS

November 3

Bob Merrill
Sarah Merrill
Denise Forest
David Gates

November 10

Scott Antonucci
Betsy Antonucci
David Migliori
Cindy Migliori

November 17

Paula Curry
Jeff Rapson
Herb Pence
Bruce Richards

November 24

Bob Howard
Donna Howard
Bill Hoysradt
Rosemary Hoysradt

DOORPERSON

November 3

Oscar Coronado

November 10

Liberty Dhliwayo

November 17

Sarah & Bob Merrill

November 24

Matt Dube

ACOLYTES

November 3

Mitchell Cayer

November 10

Gabriella Falco

November 17

Gabby Lachance

November 24

Julia Falco

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

November 3

George Abbott
Ellen Tourigny

November 10

Gary Trahan
George Abbott

November 17

Judy Foley
Gary Trahan

November 24

Mary Pratt
Judy Foley

READERS

November 3

Anne Rodman

November 10

Herb Pence

November 17

Gail Goodman

November 24

Doug Dixon

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, ministry groups, 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

The schedule for the next three months is as follows:

- **Nov.** Officers/At Large
- **Dec.** Stewardship Ministry
- **Jan.** Mission 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 ggoodman54@comcast.net.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the period ending September 30, 2013

Actual vs. Budget

Month	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	26,946	27,549	(604)
Total Expenses	27,891	31,495	(3,603)
Net Gain (Loss)	(946)	(3,946)	3,000

Year-to-date	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	252,363	256,475	(4,112)
Total Expenses	246,497	259,432	(12,935)
Net Gain (Loss)	5,866	(2,957)	8,823

Total YTD Pledges	Actual	Budget	Var.
	128,342	134,876	(6,534)

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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.

A Note from the Treasurer

A year ago when we created the budget for 2013, we took a leap of faith and for the first time we budgeted 100% of our pledges. In the past, we had never planned on more than about 98%. We realized that pledges will ebb and flow throughout the course of the year based on new members joining us and unfortunately losing some for various reasons. Fortunately, our plate collections are up helping to make up for pledge income being down at this time, and our utility expenses have been running lower than budgeted as well giving us a positive cash flow as of Sept. 30th. This is a gentle reminder to all our members to please review your pledge to date on your statements and, if possible, we would very much appreciate it if you could catch up with any outstanding balances. And please know how much we cherish all your time, talents and treasures!



What Now?

God: "Whew! I just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth."

Angel: "What are you going to do now?"

God: "Call it a day."

From *The Newsletter Newsletter*, Nov. 2007



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OFFICERS, MINISTRY GROUPS AND STAFF MEMBERS (Chairs underlined; * denotes Council Members)

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Thanks to all who serve in so many capacities.

November, 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 <i>Pastor's Day Off (PDO)</i></p> <p>5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 9:00 am Thrift Shop</p> <p>3:00 pm Wedding - Turn Clocks <i>back one hour tonight</i></p>
<p>3 - Daylight Saving Time ends today -</p> <p>9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship – Stewardship Sunday (Communion; <i>Loaves & Fishes</i>) 11:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am Confirmation Class 11:30 am Mission Ministry</p>	<p>4 Noon “Hearts & Hands” craft group 1:30 pm Worship, Evergreen Place 7:00 pm Monday Matters</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm Stewardship Ministry 6:30 pm Christian Formation</p>	<p>6 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse</p>	<p>8 <i>PDO</i></p>	<p>9 9:00 am Thrift Shop 9 am – 3 pm <u>CHRISTMAS FAIR</u> (Reaching New People Workshop)</p>	
<p>10 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship – Candlelighting and Remembrance 11:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal (Reaching New People Workshop)</p>	<p>11 <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>14 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse 5:30 pm Women’s Union</p>	<p>15 <i>PDO</i> <u>CHRONICLE DEADLINE</u></p>	<p>16 9:00 am Thrift Shop</p>	
<p>17 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am New Member Orientation</p>	<p>18 Noon “Hearts & Hands” craft group 7:00 pm Monday Matters</p>	<p>19 6:00 pm Council of Ministries</p>	<p>20 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>21 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Parish Nurse 2:00 pm Widow/ Widower Group</p>	<p>22 <i>PDO</i></p>	<p>23 TBD T’giving Basket preparation 9:00 am Thrift Shop</p>	
<p>24 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship – T’giving Sunday 11:15 am T’giving Basket Assembly 11:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am Advent Workshop 11:30-Close Organ Fund Benefit at Shorty’s Manchester</p>	<p>25 8:30 am Basket Distribution Noon “Hearts & Hands” craft group 7:00 pm Interfaith Service at First Cong’l Church</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>28 <i>Happy Thanksgiving (Building closed)</i> </p>	<p>29 <i>(Building closed)</i></p>	<p>30 9:00 am Thrift Shop</p>	