



THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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Room to Grow, Room to Serve, Room for You
An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Secret Pals – Kids and Adults – End the Mystery!

It is almost time for us to meet one another. Save **Sunday, September 14**. All will meet in Fellowship Hall after service. Bring a sandwich to share; beverages, chips and dessert will be provided. SEE YOU THERE!

Spaghetti Supper and Talent Show – Don't Miss It!

Saturday, September 27,
5:00 and 6:30 pm

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From Dawn's Desk

Greg and I are very grateful for the time given us for my sabbatical. Although a lot of things happened that made us realize the timing for a three-month cross country trip was not feasible, our change of plans gave us the opportunity to enjoy other adventures. Sometimes it just seems that the stars are aligned to thwart the best laid-plans. Moving all our monthly bills to Greg's credit card dealt with the problem of what to do when we are not home to receive mail. Two weeks before sabbatical was to start, Greg received a letter that his card was compromised and he would be receiving a new card in a week. UGH! Technology frees us and then it complicates. Then, there were medical issues with our parents that just did not make us comfortable being far away, and the final convincing issue happened on our way to Washington DC. The first night we camped in PA along the Delaware River. As Greg was setting up, a very small tick found its way to his arm. He discovered it a couple days later and removed it. Then in VA we knew he had to go to the emergency room with symptoms he had. Yes, Lyme disease, time to go home. With an aggressive antibiotic treatment, he is testing negative.



Then new opportunities arose. We had a wonderful time in Washington DC. We haven't been there since Nathan was in Middle School. We spent a day in the Holocaust Museum which was most moving. We spent a day in the National Zoo and while we were there, the lion roared. Except on MGM films, I have never heard a lion roar. It was magnificent. We went to the National Cathedral and took a night tour of the monuments, some we hadn't seen because they were not built. Martin Luther King, Jr's Monument is so moving and the engravings of his words in the area inspired me once again as I read them. The Korean War Memorial is stunning and one pauses in prayer and gratitude before the young faces serving in war. Tears came to my eyes as we looked at the Nurses of the Vietnam War Memorial; the women are cradling a soldier. How peaceful at night with the lights and time to reflect.

Greg and I enjoyed the beauty of the Shenandoah Valley and the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. We traveled the Sky Line Drive and relaxed in the campground with beautiful Mountain Views, and I read.

I completed an ambitious reading list and added two more books. I read a biography of Pastor André Trocmé, who with his wife and the village of Le Chambon sur Lignon, rescued two thousand five hundred Jews during the Holocaust, many of them orphaned youth. I also read *Bystanders* by Victoria Barnett, who is one of the historians directing research at the US Holocaust Museum. I had the opportunity of meeting her at Princeton Theological Seminary when I was there for a week to attend the annual Barth Conference. This year's topic was Barth, Judaism, and Jews. Victoria was a presenter. The whole topic enriched my own study. While I was there, I was able to meet with my advisor (also responsible for the conference), Professor George Hunsinger. And, since we did not go cross country, Greg and I will be able to afford a week trip to France to visit Le Chambon and the museum there, as well as the community. We will leave October 20 and return October 30. This is truly a dream coming true!

We had a great time camping in New England, visiting with family, and doing some projects at home as I read and read! Sabbatical was not what I planned, but perhaps, for now, it was even better than my original plan.

Sabbatical was also good for Brookside. I was so proud of the leadership of Brookside and all that was accomplished in the building for maintenance and repairs! The windows in the classrooms are beautiful; the steeple looks good; and bricks and gutters fixed. The Sanctuary sparkles! Deacons Ellen Tourigny, Denise Forest, and Scott Milne provided on-call phone coverage. Deacons and church members visited shut-ins; Laura Sevigny and the Council handled administrative issues; and the staff provided consistency and on-going detailed work that kept everything going smoothly. And, the staff is celebrating our new computers! What a difference in speed and access! Thank you, thank you from the six of us!

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You also had the opportunity to enjoy the pastoral leadership of the Rev. Dr. Peter Lovejoy and the Rev. Joyce Lovejoy. You also could appreciate the preaching and care of the Rev. Dr. Mark Watts and the Rev. Dr. David Reynolds. I am grateful to all of them.

Now, I look forward to September and the beginning of our new program year. See you in worship.
Love,
Dawn

Join Us on September 7 for Covenant Sunday

We are planning a potluck event for **Covenant Sunday, September 7**. Here are the areas where we would appreciate your volunteer spirit.

- Grill master
- Helping with setup [10AM on Saturday for about 1/2 hr]
- We will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs. Side dishes would be yummy though.
..... Salads
..... Desserts
..... Any other side dish that you think would be appreciated
- Someone to help with a sign-up table the next couple of Sundays
- Cleanup

Please contact *Debi Rapson* if you wish to volunteer for any of the above:
603-626-5551 or drdebi@redbrickguides.org.

Faithful Stewards Corner

Our thanks to:

- *Riah Hahn*, for helping Heath trim bushes and other outdoor tasks.
- *Dawn & Meg Brockett, individuals from Granite Pathways, Riah Hahn and Ned Lucas*, for cleaning the Sanctuary pews and chandeliers.
- *Tom Knox and Jeff Rapson*, for all their extra work relative to building repairs.
- *Dawn Brockett, Denise Forest, Laura Sevigny and Ellen Tourigny*, for cleaning and organizing the Flower Room.
- *Denise Forest and Laura Sevigny*, for cleaning and organizing the narthex coat closet.

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.

Register for Church School

Each year parents are asked to fill out a registration form so our records can be up to date. Please fill out the whole form for all children birth through high school – 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 7th**. We need these so our class information is ready for the first Unit of the fall.

The registration form is available in the Narthex and in the back hall by the church office, on our website (www.brooksidecc.org), and on Page 8 of this *Chronicle*.

Church School Coordinator Asks: Can You Help?

I [Fran] am always looking for people who would be willing to teach a workshop for one Unit. Teaching is a wonderful way to get to know the young people in our congregation. For each Unit I need three teachers. Each Sunday the teacher has a different age group and teaches for three Sundays a workshop they feel comfortable in. The workshops include Art, Cooking, Games, Music, Science, Storytelling/Drama, and Video. We have good printed material that gives you background on the subject and several suggested activities that you could choose from. I am also willing to meet with any teacher individually and help them with the planning of the workshop.

I am also looking for people willing to teach a multi-age workshop on vacation or holiday weekend Sundays. This entails teaching just one workshop in one of the areas mentioned above to a group of children ranging in age from 4-11.

Another way to help is to be a Shepherd. Shepherding is for a full year. You are with the same age group all year. There are two Shepherds for each age group. Each pair of Shepherds work out how they will cover the Sundays. Usually they cover one Unit, which means they can be in Worship every other Unit. The Shepherds see that the children get safely to the class and back to their parents. They take attendance and help the teacher in any way that is needed. This is a great way to get to know a certain age group of children in the church. There is no preparation required; all you need to do is show up on your Sundays and be ready to interact with the children and teacher.

If you can help in any of these ways, please contact me. Email: fdh@myfairpoint.net or phone **377-6907**.

Children to Paint Bowls on September 7

September 7, Covenant Sunday, will mark the beginning of a new year for children 4 years before September 1 through 7th graders. This Sunday we will be painting bowls for New Horizons Empty Bowls fund raiser which will be held on October 5 at Brookside this year. The children will go directly downstairs to room D because this is a Communion Sunday. They will be coming up for Communion and the end of the Service. We ask that children wear clothes that you don’t mind getting paint on. The paint is washable, but...

Church School Unit to Focus on Friends

On **September 14** we will begin a six-week Unit, “Four Friends.” This Unit is based on Luke 5:17-25 where Jesus healed a man who is lowered through the roof of a house by four friends. In this story the children will discover how important friends are, the need for forgiveness, and how Jesus’ authority is questioned by the religious leaders of his time. This Unit will be divided into two three-week sessions and will take us through October 19.

Minister of Music Reflects on Summer, Looks Ahead to New Program Year



I hope everyone had a wonderful summer whether you were here or away! I thank my wonderful subs: Jennifer Bissonnette, Jennifer Erdody, and Peter Labombarde for making it possible for me to attend the national conference of the American Guild of Organists in Boston in June where I was inspired by the incredible music I heard; to spend some much needed time with my family; and attend a close friend's wedding in NY! Also, thanks to our choir members and friends who shared their musical talents this summer: George Abbott, Mitchell Cayer, Bobbie Auger, Heath Auger, Joe Forest, Leigh Polish, Laura Sevigny, Jane Sherwin, and Dale Trombley.

Speaking of talents, we need YOURS for our Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show coming up on **Saturday, September 27!** Please keep in mind, we certainly love all the musical talent, but it does NOT have to be music related. In fact, we would really love some other things as well! For instance, you could tell jokes, present a cooking demonstration, or even dance. If your talent does not require the stage, but rather a table to share it (i.e. photography) we can make that happen too. Please get in touch with me as soon as possible at music@brooksidecc.org to make arrangements to participate. And in case you're not up to sharing yours this year, just come and your presence will be talent enough. It's going to be another great night at Brookside!

*Dinner at 5:00PM

*Talent Show at 6:30PM

*\$5/person, \$20max./family

Finally, to all our prospective and returning choir members, I'm eager to resume rehearsals this month!

*Junior Choir/Junior Bell Choir - Sundays @ 11:30 in the sanctuary (starting 9/21, with a VERY brief meeting immediately following worship on 9/7)

*Bell Choir - Wednesdays @ 6:00 in the sanctuary (starting 9/10 with pot luck at 6 pm on 9/3)

*Chancel Choir - Wednesdays @ 7:30 in the choir room (starting 9/3 with annual pot luck, 6 pm)

Looking forward to more wonderful music-making together!

Kim



Welcome to a New Little One

Congratulations to the Trecartin family on the birth of *Meghan Rosemarie* on July 15, joining big brother Keegan and parents Jennifer and Jay. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 18 inches.

Please Hold these Families in your Prayers

Jim Barakis died on June 24. A covenant member since 1986, he was predeceased by his wife, Shirley, in 2010. He leaves two daughters and two grandsons.

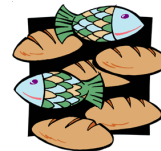
Josephine DelSordo, mother of Brookside member Jodi DelSordo, died August 4. She is also survived by a son-in-law, Frank Lee, and a sister.

Beth Adams, a Brookside member since 2000, died August 22. She was predeceased by her husband, Everett, and is survived by four children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren, and a sister.

Opportunities to Fight Hunger

During the fall of each year we at Brookside have several ways to become involved in the important work of outreach to address issues related to hunger within our community. Consider the opportunities below and participate where and as you can.

On the first Sunday of each month Brookside gathers a *Loaves and Fishes* food offering to support the work of New Horizons for New Hampshire through their food distribution center and soup kitchen. Items can be dropped off in the designated boxes near the church office during the week, or inside the front door on any Sunday morning.



- Volunteers are also needed to transport the collected food to New Horizons following morning worship (first Sunday). Please contact a Mission Ministry member (see list on second-to-last page of every *Chronicle*) if you are able to help out.

During the month of September we will additionally be gathering nonperishable food contributions as part of our church participation in the annual *Religious Response to Hunger*, an ecumenical effort to replenish New Horizons' food distribution center shelves led by Temple Adath Yeshurun. A caravan will leave Brookside's parking lot Monday morning **October 6** at 10:00 to deliver the Religious community offering. (*Loaves & Fishes* from October 5 will also be included in our RRtH offering.)

Brookside takes responsibility for serving the evening meal at New Horizons' soup kitchen four times a year, on the 5th Tuesday of those months with 5 Tuesdays, from 4 to 6pm. Our next opportunities in 2014 are **September 30** and **December 30**. Please contact *Nancy Popp* (755-4880 or 867-0466, or email popplaw@live.com) to volunteer.

- Thank you to *Tom Cleary, Russ Dunn, Nancy Popp, Marylou Bissonnette, Jean Dickson, and Bev Robie* for volunteering on July 29.

Neighbors in Need Offering to Be Received September 28

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

The 2014 theme for NIN is "Imagining Another World Where Literacy is No Longer a Concern" and connects to the "[Reading Changes Lives](#)" justice advocacy initiative of the UCC. Video presentations can be found at the link above, or at <http://uccfiles.com/literacy/>.

Opportunity to Serve Others

*Mission Ministry is looking for members.
Please contact a Stewardship member if you are interested.*

Pastor Dawn to Receive Good Samaritan Award

Each year, Pastoral Counseling Services honors members of the community who they feel have worked to strengthen communities and improve life in New Hampshire. The honorees come from the fields of business, education, media and the arts, medicine and healing, religion and a community “rising star.” This year’s religion honoree is our own Pastor Dawn. The Good Samaritan Award Celebration will be held on **Tuesday, October 7**, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at LaBelle Winery in Amherst. Tickets are \$75 per person. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office so your name can be added to the Brookside “table” list and send a check made out to Brookside Congregational Church. After September 3, tickets for the event can be purchased by contacting Pastoral Counseling Services (<http://www.pcs-nh.org/news-and-events/upcoming-events/good-samaritan.aspx>).

Serving Together in Community and Generosity

Thank you for your summer response to the needs of children who are food insecure! We delivered to New Horizons 150 cans of tuna in May, 107 boxes of cereal in June, and 65 jars of Peanut Butter in July. As of this writing, the tally for macaroni and cheese for August is not complete, but so far 135 boxes and several huge bags of macaroni have been brought in. Donations to New Horizons drop off significantly in the summer when children have the least access to food because they are out of school. Your generous donations have made a difference as we serve together in the community. Your Stewardship Task Force: *Tricia Lucas, Cindy Watts, Anne Lachance, and Calley Milne* have been attentive to greeting everyone in worship as they purposefully would sit in different locations. Building our sense of community within the church is one of their goals.

Fight Hunger, Take Home a Bowl: Attend the Empty Bowls Event

The 12th Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser is **Sunday, October 5** at Brookside Congregational Church from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm (Brooksiders’ perk: you can head down to Fellowship Hall immediately following worship). Sponsored by the NH Potters Guild, the event raises money for New Horizons for New Hampshire. Empty Bowls is an international project to fight hunger. NH Potters Guild members make and donate ceramic soup bowls. For \$20 guests choose and keep a handmade bowl and are able to sample soups donated by 16 local restaurants. Child bowl \$5. Quart to go \$10 (last 1/2 hour of event).

Participating restaurants include: Airport Diner, Angela's Pasta & Cheese Shop, Bertucci’s, Cactus Jack’s, Cotton, Fratello’s, Ignite Bar and Grill, Jerome’s Deli, Manchester School of Technology, Milly's Tavern, The Ninety-Nine, Outback Steakhouse, Piccola Italia Ristorante, Puritan Back Room, Red Arrow Diner, Southern NH University Culinary Arts, Suddenly Soupy's and Tinker’s Seafood.

Annual Meeting of the NH Conference, United Church of Christ

The 213th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Conference (**Saturday, October 25**, 8:00 am to 4:15 pm at the Grappone Center in Concord) will be a grand opportunity for ***Proclaiming Our Unity***, and celebrating those places where Christ’s prayer has become real for us and imagining what might be in store as our denomination moves boldly into God’s future.

Special guests will include our General Minister and President, The Rev. Geoffrey Black, along with the six Conference Ministers from the New England Conferences.

In addition to the fellowship, educational offerings, exhibits and essential business, this annual meeting promises to be a significant moment for ***Proclaiming Our Unity*** as the United Church of Christ. Log on to <http://www.nhcucc.org/ConferenceMinistries/ConferenceAnnualMeeting/> for more information, and to register.



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Dawn C. Berry, Pastor & Teacher

Registration Form for Faith Formation Programs 2014-15
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 9/1/2014: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Allergies (especially food), medical or other concerns:

Child's Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of 9/1/2014: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

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School: _____ Grade: _____

Allergies (especially food), medical or other concerns:

Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 7**, served by: *Mary Pratt, Gary Trahan, Scott Milne, Cathy Knox, Ellen Tourigny* and *Chris Taylor*, with *Denise Forest* assisting.

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



Interested in Membership or Baptism?

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.

To make arrangements for Baptism, please speak with *Pastor Dawn*.



Calling All Servants of God... We Need Your Help!

At Brookside we have created a culture of service that shines through in our caring and compassionate members. We serve on ministries and committees, we contribute to important outreach programs, we manage a successful community thrift shop and garden, and participate in many group activities throughout the year. As members of the body of Christ we do these things with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength.

Our mission, to serve God and others, requires each of us to be involved. We need you! Our needs range anywhere from handing out bulletins at service to occasional help with the children's school and nursery to helping to set up or serve at dinner events and much, much more. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. Whatever you can do and whatever amount of time you can contribute will make a significant difference. If you're not sure who to see in the area of your interest, please feel free to see me at service, email me at yogacircles@yahoo.com, or call me at (603) 880-8122.

Blessings & always in peace,
Cathy Knox



Here's One Way to Serve

If you are looking for a way to meet people and become more involved at Brookside, but are limited on time, here is an opportunity that may be right for you! Become an usher.

Ushers at our Sunday worship service have two tasks. The first is to arrive by 9:45 and greet people while handing out bulletins to them as they enter the sanctuary. The second is to pass the basket during the offertory. Four ushers are needed each week and depending on the overall number of ushers, the commitment is once every four to six weeks and schedules are flexible.

Please contact Denise Forest at denfor@comcast.net or call (603) 203-3803 if you would like to be part of our usher list or if you have any questions.

Click! Smile! Snap! Time for a New Pictorial Directory

It may be hard to believe but it's been five years since we did our last church directory. A lot has changed in five years! We have scheduled to have LifeTouch create a new directory for us, but we need YOU and your families to come and have your pictures taken to make the directory a handy reference for us all.

LifeTouch will be at our church to take photos on **Friday, October 17th from 2PM - 9PM and Saturday, October 18th from 10AM - 5PM**. We will be booking in 10-minute slots. Our goal is 100% participation. There is absolutely NO cost or obligation to buy any photos after your portrait is taken. If, however, you'd like to use your photo as a Christmas present or an opportunity to have the entire family photographed, this is your perfect opportunity to do so.

Unlike in years past, LifeTouch is offering preset packages so you can decide what you might want to purchase ahead of time. You will also get a copy of the completed, printed Directory when they arrive at the church sometime around Christmas.

Although we tried to pick a weekend that would allow most people to be in town and available, we understand that not everyone will be able to make it to the church that weekend to have their photo taken. Don't despair! We would still like to include your photos in the directory. We will make arrangements to have photo-taking sessions after church on Sunday during the next few weeks or you can submit a photo you already have to be included in the directory.

As the organizer of this project, I [Debi Rapson] would also humbly like to ask for some volunteers. I will need volunteers for the following:

- People to help with signups after church for the next 4 weeks
- 2-3 hours of help during the photography sessions just to guide people and make sure everyone is accommodated
- A couple of people to make phone calls to those who don't sign up just to be sure they are aware of the options
- Someone to take ownership of the layout of the directory. We have software and pre-designed layouts and of course we have lots of photos to choose from for our activity pages
- If you or a family member are an active member of our military, we would like to include a photo on our Military page. All you have to do is let us know before your picture session

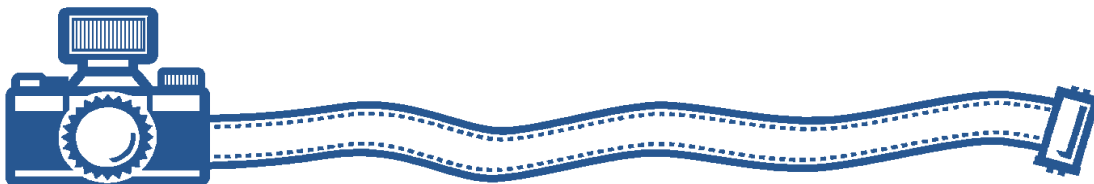
If any of these look like an area where you would be willing to help out, I'd REALLY appreciate your help. Many hands make light work and this is not heavy duty work to start with.

If you have any questions, concerns, want to volunteer or sign up for your photo sitting time, please feel free to contact me.

Phone: 603-626-5551

Email: drdebi@redbrickguides.org

Or, look me up at church!





All Women Are Invited to this Interfaith Group

Interfaith Women of NH will host a program entitled “Welcoming the Stranger: Serving the Immigrant within our Community” on **Monday, September 15** at St. Pius X Parish Hall, 575 Candia Road, Manchester. The event is at 7:00 pm, with registration beginning at 6:15 and an optional church tour at 6:30. See posted flyers for more details, or log on to www.interfaithwomennh.org.

Women’s Union Sets Schedule for Upcoming Year

The Women’s Union of Brookside Church is pleased to announce plans for the 2014-15 program year. This year there will be four dinner & business meetings with programs to follow, scheduled on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Meetings and programs are open to any and all women of Brookside, and to friends from the broader community. Membership at Brookside is not a requirement. Several men also join us regularly.

- Evenings start at 5:30 with a time for fellowship. Dinners are served at 6:00, followed by a brief business meeting, and then the evening’s program. Meetings are typically over by 8:00. The cost for the evening is \$7.
- Reservations are requested for planning purposes, but you are always welcome, even without a reservation.
- Please contact the Meeting Coordinator if you are able to help with preparation or cleanup for one of the four meetings.

2014:

October 9 – Making Apple Pies (for the fair) – Dinner: bring a sandwich to share; salads and beverages will be provided. Door prizes & music will be provided.
Coordinated by *Carol Delle* (627-4477)

December 11 – Yankee Swap – Dinner: Potluck – bring a dish to share; soup and beverages will be provided. Music will also be provided.
Coordinated by *Sally Sederquist* (668-6917)

2015:

March 12 – “Spring into Spring” hands-on activity – Dinner: Corned Beef & Cabbage; Door prizes provided
Coordinated by *Elizabeth Dunn* (497-3800)

May 21 – Annual Meeting & entertainment – Dinner will be catered and served in Manning House dining room – cost to be determined
Coordinated by *Marylou Bissonnette* (620-0803)

- note the change to the 3rd Thursday



Seeking ‘Soup Chefs’

If you enjoy making soup, or have a soup you would love to share, Sally Sederquist is seeking Soup Chefs to help prepare soup for the Women’s Union December meeting. Please contact Sally if you are able and willing to help.



“No Green Bananas” Invites Interested Men to Join

This group of retired Brookside men meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9 am at Blake’s Restaurant (Maple & Webster Streets) to enjoy breakfast and discussion. Join them on **Tuesdays, September 2 and 16** for good food and company. For more information, call *Herb Pence*, **624-1287**.

Help Needed for the Fair

Brookside’s Christmas Fair will be held **November 8**. In preparation, Nancy, Louise, and Marylou are asking folks to start thinking about starter house plants in small pots, baked goods, and general donations of toys, costume jewelry, books, etc.

Counter-Intelligence Leaks Reveal Truth about Brookside's Christmas Fair

According to reports from credible, undisclosed sources, covert operations to infiltrate and analyze Christmas/Craft Fairs in the Manchester area, were routinely conducted between November and December of 2013. Agents were dispatched to Fairs throughout the city, and their findings support the conclusion that Brookside's Fair is the best in Manchester. The recently-leaked reports indicate that Brookside's success is attributable to the enthusiasm and support of the entire church community.

This year's fair will be held on **Saturday, November 8** from 9AM-3PM. Table rentals will be handled by Louise Popp (call 300-0572 or email brooksidechristmasfair@gmail.com). Robin Popp will be managing the bake sale. We are hopeful that participation will be as strong, or stronger, than it was last year. Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up, white elephant sale, luncheon, elevator, greeters, baked goods, door prizes, raffle items, etc. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nancy Popp at 755-4880 or popplaw@live.com, or Marylou Bissonnette at 620-0803. Expect calls about making beans or baked goods.

For all those interested, brainstorming sessions will be held on **September 7** and **October 12** in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Hope to see you there. Don't forget to mention the fair to EVERYONE you know and to almost everyone you don't know. **SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!**

Thank you, Nancy Popp.

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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.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED!



“Recovery at Work”

GRANITE PATHWAYS

2014 Pathways to Success Celebration & HOPE Awards Presentation

Distinguished Presenter

Former Chief Justice John T. Broderick Jr.

2014 Honorees

**Attorneys Susan Manchester & Bobbie Hantz
Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, PA
Brookside Congregational Church, UCC**

When

Thursday, September 25, 2014, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Where

Manchester Country Club - 180 S. River Road Bedford, NH 03110
Complimentary Continental Breakfast
(Contributions greatly appreciated)

Please RSVP by Monday Sept. 8, 2014

www.granitepathways.org (links on Home and News/Events pages)
or E-mail cameron@granitepathways.org
or Call Cameron Ford 603-491-1732.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Granite Pathways' Mission *To empower and support adults with mental illness to pursue their personal goals through positive relationships, meaningful work and opportunities for volunteerism, employment, education, and improved health and wellness.*

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

We're Tremendously Grateful

As Pastor Dawn mentioned in her piece this month, the staff is *thrilled* to have new computers which don't make us sit and twiddle our thumbs while waiting for the next file or window to open. We love moving up to the 21st century!

With great appreciation, Your Church Staff



Monday Matters Resumes, Looks at Prayer

Questions about prayer? Having trouble praying? Can't sit still long enough or find the time? Join a discussion and practice of praying in color. **Mondays, September 8, 22 & 29** from 6:30-8 pm in the Manning House Parlor. We will not meet on September 15, so that those women who are interested may attend the Interfaith Women of NH program at St. Pius X Church, *Welcoming the Stranger* (see pg. 10).

Worship and Bible Readings this Month

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 September; underlined passages will be used in worship. Our worship theme this fall is *Serving Together in Community and Generosity*.



September 7

Hebrew Scriptures Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Christian Testament Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

☞ Sermon: "Binding in Covenant"

September 21

Hebrew Scriptures Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Christian Testament Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

☞ Sermon: "Grumbling against Generosity"

September 14

Hebrew Scriptures Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Christian Testament Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

☞ Sermon: "Forgiven and Accountable"

September 28

Hebrew Scriptures Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Christian Testament Philippians 2:1-13
Luke 5:17-26

☞ Sermon: "Helpers and Bystanders"



DOORPERSON

Not available at press time

NURSERY/CRIB ROOM

Not available at press time

ACOLYTES

September 7
Derrick Dixon

September 14
Julia Falco

September 21
Sienna Milne

September 28
Gabiella Falco

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.

USHERS

September 7
Richard Rodman
Bruce Richards
Jeff Rapson
Doug Dixon

September 14
Gail Goodman
Nancy Popp
Bob Dunn
Sis Dunn

September 21
Bob Howard
Donna Howard
David Gates
Greg Berry

September 28
Bill Hoysradt
Herb Pence
Bob Merrill
Sarah Merrill

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

September 7
Mary Pratt
Gary Trahan

September 14
Mary Pratt
Cathy Knox

September 21
Scott Milne
Denise Forest

September 28
Ellen Tourigny
Chris Taylor

READERS

Not available at press time

Fellowship Hour Schedule

The schedule for the next three months is as follows:

- **Sept.** Stewardship Ministry
- **Oct.** Mission Ministry
- **Nov.** Officers/At Large



Checking In on our Finances

Any questions regarding the detail of the treasurer's report below may be directed to Dale Trombley at 491-3491, or e-mail her at dtrombley@tds.net.

TREASURER'S REPORT			
For the period ending July 31, 2014			
<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>			
Month	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	24,797	24,506	291
Total Expenses	19,364	22,626	3,262
Net Gain (Loss)	5,433	1,880	3,553
Year-to-date	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	186,679	191,040	(4,361)
Total Expenses	195,934	203,262	7,328
Net Gain (Loss)	(9,255)	(12,222)	2,967
Total YTD Pledges	Actual	Budget	Var.
	81,062	89,462	(8,400)

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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.



Youth Groups to Enjoy Pizza at Kick-off Meeting on September 19

All youth in grades 6-12, along with their parents, are invited to join Acting Youth Coordinator Ellen Tourigny at 6:30 pm on **Friday, September 19** in the Youth Lounge (Room C, under Chapel). We will enjoy pizza and look ahead to plan our events for the upcoming year. We hope you will join us! Please RSVP to Ellen (**854-0684**) by Thursday, September 18 so she will know how many tons of pizza to buy.

