



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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January 25: Brookside's
Annual Meeting

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

Annual Reports are due
between **January 5 & 7.**



*Happy New
Year from
the Staff!*

From Dawn's Desk – Ushering In 2015

Our first service of worship in 2015 will be an intergenerational service celebrating Epiphany. Epiphany is a major celebration for Christians in many parts of world. When Greg and I were in San Juan, Puerto Rico in January some years ago, we could see the remnants of what is often called Three Kings Day in the Western Church. There were large colorful figures of the Three Kings and their camels in the Old City Square with flowers. The public celebration included a procession, games, food, and fun.



In the Western Church, Epiphany, which means manifestation, commemorates the visit of the magi to the baby Jesus. Jesus, as the Son of God, was made known to the world and since the magi were Persian, God's love was manifested to all people. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, like our Romanian friends, Epiphany commemorates the baptism of Jesus, again a public manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God.

Our Epiphany Celebration will include story, song, communion, and a surprise for the children during the fellowship hour. Come and worship!

Continuing our theme for the Sundays after Epiphany, *Serving Together in the Light*, we will again join together for a Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on **January 19**. We will have a unique opportunity to work at Elmwood Gardens with underprivileged children. The time frame is from 9 am to 3 pm to play with 40 children in the community center. The plan is to show a DVD, read them a story, play non-competitive interactive games, do a craft or two and feed them lunch.

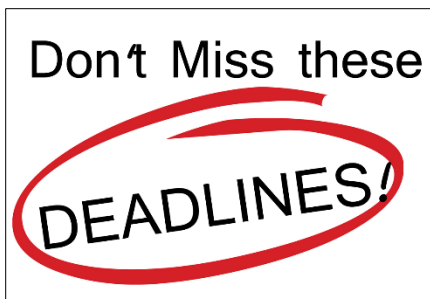
I need a firm commitment of:

- Two or three people to help me develop some specific projects to do with the children.
- 20 adults and/or high school teens to work with the children. Parents can bring their own children to join in the fun.
- 10 macaroni and cheese casseroles
- 10 dozen cookies
- Carrot sticks and fruit

Sign-ups begin **January 4** by phone (669-2807), email pastor@brooksidecc.org, or sheet in the Narthex. Granite State Organizing Project has helped us to connect with this mission project.

Serving with You in the Light.

Pastor Dawn



Due Date for Annual Reports Covering 2014

Please submit all Annual Reports between **January 5 & 7** (if via email, send as a Word document to nicoleg@brooksidecc.org) – the sooner, the better. Financial reports should be submitted as soon as the data is available. This timeframe is necessary to have the booklet ready by January 16. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 25**, immediately following worship.

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

What Our Children Are Learning

On December 7 we had three workshops on the theme “Follow the Star.” Amy Woloski led Cooking, Bob Boisvert, Games and Bob Falco, Video. On the 14th all ages gathered to worship and decorate the Christmas tree with ornaments made in the Advent Workshop on the 7th and those the children made in their Multi-age Workshop on November 30. December 21 most of the children rehearsed for the Pageant presented at the 4:30 Worship on Christmas Eve.



On December 28 and January 4 there were/are no workshops. We will start a Unit called “Giving Testimony and Witness” on **January 11**. Testimony involves recognizing God’s action in our lives and finding ways to express it meaningfully with others. This can take as many forms as the gifts that God has given us. The children will be engaged in recognizing their own gifts, and how they share them with others. Giving witness and listening to others’ stories joins us to the universal story of God’s ongoing transformative work in creation.

Earning Jewels in Their Crowns

Many thanks to *Julie Worthington, Suzanne Burke, Elaine Trudeau, and Brenda Dixon* for leading the making of ornaments for the Church’s Christmas tree at the Advent Workshop.

Prepared to Serve: Saturday, February 21 in Pembroke

This annual training event is designed for all church members in the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ! Numerous workshops are offered on a variety of topics including stewardship, spirituality, church leadership, church finances, global missions and Christian education. Join us for worship, workshops, exhibits and more! Watch for online registration at www.nhcucc.org.



Loaves and Fishes Offering Is January 4

Remember our monthly *Loaves and Fishes* offering on the first Sunday of every month. Please bring non-perishable (and *non-expired*) 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. All donated items are put to good use by New Horizons via their soup kitchen, food pantry and shelter.

A Letter from Indonesia

Jeferens Umbu Tamu is one of the children Brookside sponsors through Compassion International. This letter dated 9 September was received late fall.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Brookside Congregational Church:

It’s nice to meet you again. I hope you are all doing well. My family and I in Sumba are also doing well.

Now I am in Grade Eight, Junior High. I give thanks to you for all prayers, Brothers and Sisters. Praise God.

My family and I pray that the Lord always bless you, Brothers and Sisters in Brookside Congregational Church.

All for now. Next time I will write again to you. God bless.

Love, Jeferens

Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 4**, served by: *Ellen Tourigny, Mary Pratt, Denise Forest, George Abbott, Chris Taylor* and *Anne Rodman*, with *Scott Milne* assisting.

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

An Opportunity to Join Brookside Church

New members will be received into the congregation on **Sunday, January 11**. If you would like to become a covenant member of Brookside Congregational Church on that date, please speak with *Pastor Dawn* (669-2807, ext. 101 or pastor@brooksideecc.org).

If You Would Like to Schedule a Baptism

Please speak with *Pastor Dawn* (see contact info. above) to make arrangements for Baptism.

Condolences to the Berry/Carbonneau Family

Roland Carbonneau, Pastor Dawn's father, passed away on December 16. We hold the family in our prayers during this time of loss.

A Note of Gratitude from Pastor Dawn

Thank you all for your cards and support when my dad died. It truly is comforting to have others share your grief and offer their prayers of healing. I am grateful for good memories with my dad, love that never ends, and the promises of God in Christ that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God.

Faithful Stewards Corner

Our thanks to:

- *Bobbie & Heath Auger*, for the Carillon prelude and refreshments on Dec. 14.
- *Russ Dunn, Denise Forest, and Fran Hakenson*, for doing the Children's Story Hour.
- *Tom Cleary and Greg Berry*, for building the stable for the Living Nativity.
- *Donna Ferranti*, for securing the sheep for the Living Nativity.
- *George Abbott and Ellen Tourigny*, for organizing the Living Nativity Program.
- To our cast of characters for the Living Nativity.
- *Calley Milne*, for organizing refreshments and all those who contributed.
- *Denise Forest and Laura Sevigny*, for serving refreshments and cleaning up.
- *Jeff & TJ Rapson*, for removing limbs from the Gazebo.

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.

Ways to Serve the Lord with Gladness

New Ushers Always Welcomed!

Are you looking for a way to serve Brookside that doesn't take a lot of extra time? This may be the opportunity you've been waiting for.

What do ushers do? Ushers at our Sunday worship service have two tasks. The first is to arrive by 9:45 and greet people while handing them bulletins 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. 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.

Flower Assistance Needed

One or two people are needed to assist Anne Lachance with the ordering of flowers for Sunday worship services. It is a job that can be done from the comfort of your home. The job involves contacting church members to discuss their flower donations and then placing the order with the florist. If you are interested, please contact *Denise Forest* at denfor@comcast.net or call (603) 203-3803.

There's a Place for You!

Stewardship's Nominating sub-committee is still looking to diligently fill Ministry positions across the board. Members are needed to serve on Christian Formation (think: deacons/music/Christian education – all matters related to Sunday service), Stewardship (think: grounds and building maintenance, annual stewardship/pledge campaign, nominating) and Mission (think: outreach/food baskets/relationships with Zimbabwe, etc.). If you have an interest, perhaps have served in the past on one of our boards and want to help in a position of service, your thoughtful and helpful participation in the life of our congregation would be greatly appreciated. Opportunities for service abound: we can also use help in our relationships within the greater church body as a delegate, which are more limited engagements and often only require your attention about twice a year. To learn more, please speak with *Jeff Rapson* at (603) 660-1119 or email him at rapson@comcast.net.



Companions in Christ to Begin 2nd Unit on January 8

Companions in Christ is a small group experience in Spiritual Formation. Through the spiritual disciplines of prayer, scripture, ministry, worship, study and Christian conversation, group members will renew their faith and deepen their lives together in love. We meet most Thursdays from 6:30-8 pm in the Lounge. Please consider joining us as we learn and grow together.

The second unit, *Feeding on the Word: The Mind of Christ*, will begin **January 8** and meet weekly through **February 12**. "The invitation is for us to seek the living presence of God in the Bible and to come ready to listen and respond."

Please contact group leader *Anne Rodman* (annelrodman@yahoo.com or 624-5179) for more information and to receive the reading materials.

DOORPERSON

January 4
Morehouse Family

January 11
Richard & Anne Rodman

January 18
Elaine Trudeau & Family

January 25
Dorice Reitchel

ACOLYTES

January 4
Sophia Morehouse

January 11
Gabby Lachance

January 18
Derrick Dixon

January 25
Ella Burke

READERS

January 4
Scott Milne

January 11

January 18

January 25

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

January 4
Bob Dunn
Sis Dunn
Virginia Mabie
Gail Goodman

January 11
David Migliori
Denise Forest
Bill Hoysradt
Herb Pence

January 18
Denise Forest
Doug Dixon
Don Waldrup
David Gates

January 25
Bob Merrill
Sarah Merrill
Bob Howard
Donna Howard

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

January 4
Ellen Tourigny
Mary Pratt

January 11
Anne Rodman
Ellen Tourigny

January 18
Mary Pratt

January 25
Chris Taylor
Judy Foley

NURSERY/CRIB ROOM

January 4
Loretta Brady

January 11
Sandy Mun
Evan Mun

January 18
Elaine Trudeau
Star LaFrance

January 25
Sandy Mun
Evan Mun

Fellowship Hour Schedule

The schedule for the next three months is as follows:

- **Jan.** Mission Ministry
- **Feb.** Officers/At Large
- **Mar.** Stewardship Ministry



Monthly Financial Check-up

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 November 30, 2014 | | | |
| <u>Actual vs. Budget</u> | | | |
| Month | Actual | Budget | Var. |
| Total Income | 30,386 | 26,894 | 3,492 |
| Total Expenses | 22,863 | 22,635 | (228) |
| Net Gain (Loss) | 7,523 | 4,259 | 3,264 |
| Year-to-date | Actual | Budget | Var. |
| Total Income | 301,439 | 299,429 | 2,010 |
| Total Expenses | 300,443 | 310,430 | 9,987 |
| Net Gain (Loss) | 996 | 11,001 | 11,997 |
| Total YTD Pledges | Actual | Budget | Var. |
| | 139,606 | 142,056 | (2,450) |

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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.



To Your Health!

The Parish Nurse has hours here every week, on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in Room D (except for January 1). Avail yourself of free nurse consultation, blood pressure checks, health information, referrals and more.

Weather Policy: when Manchester Schools are closed due to inclement weather, 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.



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

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| Moderator Laura Sevigny * | Christian Formation George Abbott * Megan Brockett Judy Foley Denise Forest <u>Scott Milne</u> Mary Pratt * Anne Rodman <u>Chris Taylor</u> Ellen Tourigny * Gary Trahan | Called to Care Coordinators Martha Cushing Sarah Duffley | Hearts & Hands/ Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator Rosemary Hoysradt | Pastor Rev. Dr. Dawn Berry * voice mail #101 pastor@brooksidecc.org |
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Thanks to all who serve in so many capacities.

