



# 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 13**. All will meet in Fellowship Hall after service. Bring a sandwich; beverages, chips and dessert will be provided.

SEE YOU THERE!

**Men's Group: "No Green Bananas"**  
**Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 9 am**  
**at Blake's Restaurant**

- contact church office to learn more -

Join us on Sept. 20 for  
**Re-covenanting Sunday**  
All Ages Worship at 10:00  
Church Picnic follows

**SEPTEMBER**

## **From Dawn's Desk**

My garden needs attending. Going on vacation and working produce more weeds and expanding perennials. My rosa rugosa, beach rose is taking over the bank outside my Carolina room. I never knew that it is a Japanese plant introduced to New England. All my trips to the Seacoast, I saw them everywhere. And, then, some 20 years ago, Greg and I bought one. The flowers are so fragrant, and the rose hips spectacular! But, they take over everything, if one is not diligent in pulling up the new shoots. But, it is hard to maintain because of the pricklers on the bushes once they get over-established.



The bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds have enjoyed my bee balm, the purple cone flowers, and butterfly bush that I thought I had lost this winter. I love watching them as I write and think and pray sermons, newsletters, and articles. Soon, the hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies will be gone. Fall colors will enrich the landscape and the crisp air is my favorite. Winter will come and a new beauty will cover the earth. Without leaves on the trees I can see farther from my Carolina room. With snow on the ground, I have a sense of peacefulness when I don't have to drive and just stay in. And then Spring brings another possibility with snowdrops, crocus, daffodils, and tulips. This I do know, I am happy in New England and the changing seasons. It's the transitions that get me, like mud season.

The frequent question I am asked is "What are your plans for retirement?" I usually say travel, catching up on home projects. Others say to me, "You will be bored in no time." And others say that I will stay just as busy with all that I am involved in.

Truthfully, I don't really know what to expect from retirement. I really don't have plans. I just expect to live into another way of being that may mean being able to travel in March during mud season, but then it will never mean not being engaged in a church during Lent. Worship and learning are my life and I don't need to lead worship or teach to find that life. I just need to worship with a community and find a way of learning with others.

Other passions will arise for me, as well as opportunities. Right now, I am focusing on my family and my home when I retire, for they have paid the greater price of ministry. And, I will listen for God's new call. I am baptized, that was my first call and will be my last call of life.

In Christ,  
Pastor Dawn

### **Council Appoints Bridge Committee**

Part of the process of calling our new pastor is working with the NH Conference to identify an interim or bridge pastor who will be with us in the transition between Pastor Dawn's leaving and a new settled pastor being called. Council has appointed *Denise Forest*, *Scott Milne* and *Dale Trombley* to this important committee and thank them for being willing to serve Brookside in this way. We will keep you updated as we go through this process.

### **What We Can Expect Next**

Where are we in the Search Process? Well, Pastor Dawn is still here. And, beyond that, a bridge committee has been appointed by the Council, see the Moderator's article above. At the August Council, eight people have been nominated to serve on the Search Committee. The names will be presented for election at the special congregational meeting scheduled for **October 4** immediately following worship.

## ***New Church School Year Gears Up***

The new school year is upon us! That means the new church program year is here also. **September 6** is Labor Day weekend and we will be having a multi-age workshop for children that Sunday.

**Sunday, September 13** we will be painting bowls for New Horizons Empty Bowls fundraiser which will be held on October 18 at Brookside this year. We ask that children wear clothes that you don't mind getting paint on. (The paint is washable, but...)

**Sunday, September 20** will be Re-covenanting Sunday, with all ages worshiping together. Child care will be provided for those age 5 and under.

**Sunday, September 27** we will be starting regular workshops for children age 4 through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The theme of the first workshop of the year is "Money and Time." In this Unit the children will be learning about the management of time, money and talents within the context of Christian stewardship. Stewardship can best be summarized as the way we care for and share the gifts and talents we have received from God. It is the giving back of our time, our talents, and our money to God and others. This Unit will be split into two three-week sections and bring us to the first week of November.

Don't forget about the all-church picnic on the 20<sup>th</sup> after worship!! Hopefully the weather will be good and we can be outside and have a fun time like we did at the family night that was held August 12.

## ***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 13**.

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](http://www.brooksidecc.org)), and on Page 4 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. 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 if they desire.

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: [franhce@brooksidecc.org](mailto:franhce@brooksidecc.org) or phone **377-6907**.



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Dawn C. Berry, Pastor & Teacher

**Registration Form for Faith Formation Programs 2015-16**  
**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    First                                    Middle                                    Last

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 9/1/2015: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (especially food), medical or other concerns:

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    First                                    Middle                                    Last

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 9/1/2015: \_\_\_\_\_

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School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (especially food), medical or other concerns:

## **Brookside's Choirs Are Warming Up**

Rehearsals for all choirs will resume in September as follows:

Joint choir potluck at 6 pm on **Wednesday, Sept. 9**; Chancel Choir rehearsal follows at 7:30 in our snazzy new Choir Room upstairs! Handbells will begin rehearsing at 6 pm on **Sept. 16**.

Junior Choir: **Sunday, September 27** at 11:30 am

I hope you'll consider joining our vibrant, growing music ministry in the coming program year. We truly love sharing our faith through music and would love to welcome YOU and/or your child(ren) as a part of it!

In peace and harmony,

Kim Whitehead, Minister of Music

## **Share Food with Friends, Be Inspired**

Join us for a potluck supper and inspirational stewardship presentation, *From Tippers to Joyful Givers* by the Rev. Paul Nickerson on **Wednesday, September 23** from 5:30-8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Paul Nickerson brings 30 years of experience as a local pastor, as a middle judicatory, and as a consultant, teacher, and coach. His style is friendly and engaging with a good dash of humor. We will be joined by friends from First Congregational Church, UCC. Bring a salad, main dish, or dessert to share and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Signup sheets are in the narthex and Fellowship Hall to let others know what you are bringing so we can have a balance of salads, main dishes and desserts.

## **Expand Your Horizons: Monday Matters #1**

**Monday, September 28**, 6:30 – 8:00 pm upstairs in the Library/Lounge area, *the UCC Synod Resolutions: What They Are and What They Mean for You*. Pastor Dawn will review what happened during Thirtieth General Synod, give a brief overview about the United Church of Christ, of which Brookside is a covenanted member, and how we relate to the wider church locally and nationally.

## **Expand Your Horizons: Monday Matters #2**

Running **Mondays, October 19, 26, & November 2**, Rabbi Beth Davidson and Pastor Dawn will be leading a discussion for Temple Adath Yeshurun and Brookside on *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine, University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. We will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in Manning House.

The book is readily available at bookstores and Amazon and the church library has one to be shared by those who may not want to purchase it. Here is a summary of the book: *Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used images from everyday life to stir up interest in his message about the Kingdom of God. But life in first-century Galilee and Judea was very different from our world today, and many traditional interpretations of Jesus's stories not only ignore this difference, but also often import anti-Jewish and sexist views. In this wise, entertaining, and educational book, Levine explores Jesus' most popular parables, revealing their hidden depths, exposing their misinterpretations, and showing how they can still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.*

## **Confirmation Class**

Calling all Youth in the Eighth and Ninth Grades, Confirmation will begin in October. Watch for your letter from Pastor Dawn.



## **Many Ways to Battle Hunger this Month**

1. Our monthly *Loaves and Fishes* offering will be received on **Sunday, September 6**. Non-perishable food items and personal-sized toiletries are most helpful to those who benefit from the programs at New Horizons. *An important reminder: items that are past their expiration date cannot be accepted, so please don't include those.*

2. Food items for the annual city-wide *Religious Response to Hunger* may be brought in on **September 13 & 20**. Temple Adath Yeshurun coordinates this major food drive, with the caravan to deliver all the food leaving Brookside's parking lot on **Thursday, September 24** at 10 am.

## **Special Notice!**

GSOP (Granite State Organizing Project) is co-sponsoring a special Mayoral Forum along with the Manchester Education Association and others. The Forum is **Wednesday, September 9** from 6 -8 pm at Memorial High School – all 5 candidates have promised to attend!

## **Help Serve Supper at New Horizons**

We need an 8-member team from Brookside to serve supper at the Soup Kitchen on **Tuesday, September 29**, from 4:15 to 6:00 pm.

To sign up, or to learn more about opportunities to serve at New Horizons, please contact *Nancy Popp* at **755-4880** or [popplaw@live.com](mailto:popplaw@live.com).

## **Annual Neighbors In Need Offering to Be Received October 4**

You will learn more about this offering in flyers that will appear in bulletins in the weeks leading up to World Communion Sunday, **October 4**. Read about ways this offering is put to use, and please give as you are able. Thank you.

## **Expressions of Gratitude Received Recently**

1. A final note from one of our “graduated” sponsor children, Piero Giovanni Macedo Zevallos:

*Dear sponsor Brookside congregational Church,*

*I greet you in the name of Jesus. I want to thank you for everything you gave to me by Compassion. Thanks to them I learned lots of things and they will come in useful later. Thanks for the gifts, meals and for all the time you dedicated to write letters. I had happy moments in the camps and in the soccer school of Compassion. We make new friends every day there. I want to tell you that I am finishing high school and then I want to study car mechanic. I have chosen that career long time ago and I am sure that I will make it. Please pray for my family and for me to do well every moment. Goodbye with many hugs and kisses, Piero*

2. From Mary Pratt:

*Thank you to my church family for all you've done for me during my recent health challenges: prayers, food, calls/visits, and cards.*

*With gratitude, Mary Pratt*

3. From Kira Morehouse, re: Savannah's finger injury:

*We are thankful that the surgery went smoothly. Also, thankful for everyone's kind words, prayers and offers to help. ♡ Morehouse Family*

## Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 6**, served by: *George Abbott* and *Denise Forest*, with *Ellen Tourigny* 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?

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](mailto:pastor@brooksideecc.org)). A special gathering will be planned when we have a group of folks who have expressed an interest in learning more.



## Baptized Over the Summer

*Liam Patrick Wickham*, son of Timothy and Kathleen Wickham, was baptized on July 12. Welcome to the Brookside family, Liam!

Please speak with *Pastor Dawn* (see contact info. above) if you would like to schedule a Baptism.

## Please Hold in Your Prayers

Condolences to the Tourigny family after the July 10 death of Robert's father, *Joseph Tourigny*.

Condolences also to the family of former Brookside member *Harvey Schow*, who died in August and whose memorial service was held in the Chapel, officiated by Pastor Dawn.



## Good Samaritan Awards Has Another Brookside Connection This Year

*Jim Burke*, of our Brookside family, will receive this year's award in Education, to be presented by Pastoral Counseling Services at its 20th annual Good Samaritan Awards Dinner to be held on **Tuesday, October 6**, 5:30 pm at the Manchester Country Club. For more information, contact PCS at 627-2702.

### Faithful Stewards Corner

Our thanks to:

- *Dawn Brockett* and *Debi Rapson*, for painting the new music office upstairs.
- *Dawn Brockett*, for moving chairs, music, and other items from the old music room to the new; *Kim, Kyra & Isabelle Whitehead* and *Fran Hakenson* also contributed.
- *Scott Milne*, for cooking/grilling at the Family Night in August.

If any ministry member has someone to mention for the "Faithful Stewards Corner," send their names to Pastor Dawn by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the Chronicle.

## **Women Are Invited for Fellowship and Understanding**

*Interfaith Women of NH* is a Manchester area group of women of diverse faiths who gather to share our religious beliefs, cultures, and traditions in order to develop understanding and friendship among us and within our community. We invite all women to join us at St. Joseph's Cathedral, 145 Lowell St. in Manchester on **Tuesday, September 29** for our next event, *Women of Faith and Strength: Then and Now*. The program will begin at 6:30 pm. with an opportunity to see this historically-significant church, seat of the New Hampshire Catholic Diocese. Our presenters, Barbara Miles, Archivist, and Diane Quinlan, Chancellor, for the diocese will speak of influential women of courage and wisdom both past and present. Registration begins at 6:00 pm. Plan to join us for conversation and refreshments following the program. Please RSVP to [interfaithwomennh@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwomennh@gmail.com) or call **623-7461**.

## **Women's Union Sets 2015-16 Program Schedule**

At our Annual Meeting in May agreement was made to change some of the dates and times to allow for Saturday luncheon meetings. Below is the Program Schedule for the coming church year.

**Saturday, October 10** – 11 am-2 pm: Program focus on making pies for the Church Christmas Fair. The event is open to the wider church, encouraging family participation (*see more in next article*).

**Saturday, December 12** – 11 am-2:30 pm: held in Manning House. Women's Union members are asked to bring new sweatshirts or pairs of socks to be donated to Liberty House. We will wrap the gifts as part of the program.

**Saturday, March 12** – 5:30-8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner coordinated with the Youth Group as a fund raiser: program to be determined. Proceeds from the dinner will go toward the Youth Group mission budget.

Annual Meeting will continue as an evening dinner held in Manning House on **Thursday, May 19**.

### MEETING COORDINATORS

October - Sally Sederquist  
December - Carole Whitcher  
March - Sis Dunn  
May - Executive Committee

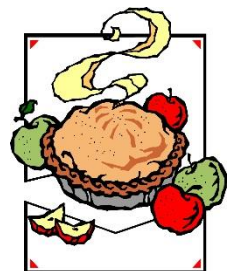
Secretary/Treasurer - Jean Dickson  
Assistant Treasurer - Sis Dunn

## **Women's Union "Prepares for Fair"**

Women's Union invites one and all to participate in the annual pie making marathon on **Saturday, October 10** (11:00 am to 2:00 pm) in Fellowship Hall. No experience necessary; plans are to make 25 apple pies assembly-line style.

Please bring your rolling pins, apple peelers, paring knives, sense of humor, a sandwich cut in four to share and a \$7.00 contribution towards pie ingredients. Drinks, dessert and music will be provided.

Brookside is well known for its delicious homemade apple pies and a call to *Sally Sederquist* at **668-6917** will reserve your place in the production line. All proceeds will benefit Brookside Church.







## **Sleigh Bells Ring: Are You Listening?**

**~ Christmas at the Brook: a new kind of craft fair ~**

The Brookside Christmas Fair is **Saturday, November 14** from 9 am to 3 pm. Don't miss your chance to join in the fun and holiday cheer! There are many ways to get involved. Rental tables are available for crafters for \$50. Volunteers are needed to help on the bakery table, lunch room, and kitchen. Donations of baked goods, toys, jewelry, new gifts, white elephant and raffle items may be left on the bench outside the Pastor's office.

With your help we can make this year's fair the best one yet. This is also a great way to reach out to the local community. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Please contact *Marilyn Davison* at **623-0148** for more information, suggestions, or to volunteer.

### **It's Okay to Re-gift!**

Your unwanted gifts are needed for the Christmas Fair White Elephant table. We need those Snuggles that are still in the box, the espresso maker you received as a wedding gift but you don't drink coffee, the Lladro and Hummel figurines you used to love that now sit in the back of the closet, the white noise machine that's never been used, the unique vase and lamp that don't match your decor style... You get the idea. It is okay to re-gift them to Brookside! Please contact *Anne Lachance* at [balachance@comcast.net](mailto:balachance@comcast.net) or *Dawn Brockett* at [mhtbrocks@comcast.net](mailto:mhtbrocks@comcast.net) to give your gift to the White Elephant table benefiting the Brookside Christmas Fair.

### **Be Crafty for the Fair**

For the Fair we need handcrafted items like Christmas ornaments, mittens, table runners, placemats and napkins, and wood crafts.

- ▶ Even if you're not crafty, you can save your small oatmeal containers for the cookie walk.



### **Thrift Shop Talk**

Things are "moving" and shaking at the Thrift Shop. Sales are ahead of last year by 20%, 17 volunteers to date, hours have increased by 4 on Wednesday afternoons, cash register is up and running and donations have increased.

Expansion plans are progressing with the relocation of the shed to accommodate the handicapped ramp and walkway to the carriage house. In September the shop will open Friday afternoons making our hours of operation: Thursday and Saturday 9 am – 1 pm and Wednesday and Friday Noon – 4 pm.

We welcomed *Sue Milne* to our staff of volunteers and said goodbye to *Lori Horsch* as she relocated to Connecticut. We thank Lori for many years of volunteering and wish her well. *Penny Stillman* resides at Hanover Hill and plans to continue to come in for a few hours on Saturdays.

Come by and meet our volunteers or sign up yourself. We are growing and welcome all to take part in the journey!

Sally Sederquist  
Co-Manager



# NH CONFERENCE NEWS

## **An Invitation to “Ambassadors of Abundance” Event**

God has richly blessed us! Those blessings are multiplied many times over in the lives of our local churches. We are not without resources. God's great gifts are ours to celebrate and share. They are a powerful antidote to the disease of scarcity that stirs up anxiety and fear in so many hearts in these days.

*Ambassadors of Abundance* is our Conference's response to the generosity of God. We will gather together on **Saturday, September 19** (5:00-8:00 pm) at the Opechee Inn & Conference Center in Laco-  
nia to rejoice in the bounty of God.

In addition to fellowship with friends from across the Conference, there will be live music and a wonderful meal. The evening will feature the inspiring testimony of the Rev. Quinn G. Caldwell, Pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Syracuse, New York. Rev. Caldwell is a prolific author and member of the United Church of Christ's *Still Speaking Writers Group*.

The cost for this event is \$16.95/person or \$132.00 for a table of 8. To register, call *Cindy Bradley* at **225-6647** or log on to [www.event.com/d/mrqct1](http://www.event.com/d/mrqct1). We look forward to seeing you on September 19.

## **Brookside to Host Conference Event on October 4 & 5**

**Sunday, October 4**, 3:00 to 8:00 pm

*(Designed for both laity and clergy)*

**Monday, October 5**, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

*(Designed primarily for clergy; not a repeat of Sunday)*

"Gifts of the Dark Wood" will feature author and pastor, Rev. Dr. Eric Elnes. Dr. Elnes "believes that uncertainty about your spiritual life can be one of your greatest assets because it is while we are unsure that we probe, question, and discover. You don't need to be a saint or spiritual master to experience profound awakening and live with God's presence and guidance. You need only to wander." - Cokesbury Publishing describing his new book *The Gift of the Dark Wood*.

Some of the gifts that will be covered during this time are: Gifts of Failure, Being Thunderstruck (expecting the unexpected), Disappearing/Reappearing (undoing our self-imposed limitations).

If you are interested in attending, or would like to know more, log on to <http://www.nhcucc.org/NHCUCC/> or call the NH Conference UCC at **225-6647**.

## **Annual Meeting of the NH Conference, United Church of Christ**

The 214<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Conference (**Saturday, October 24**, 8:00 am to 4:15 pm at the Grappone Center in Concord) will focus on ***Breaking Down Walls, Building Peace***. The theme this year's meeting is rooted in the peace-making work of Christ, described by the Apostle Paul as a ministry of breaking down walls and establishing peace between those who were formerly divided.

For more information, log on to <http://www.nhcucc.org/Documents/WeeklyNewsDocuments/AM%202015%20-%20Official%20Call.pdf>.

## **Volunteer Opportunity: Standing on the Threshold...**

...to making a difference in someone's life. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming session of *Thresholds and Decisions Program* which is a critical thinking and decision-making program offered to individuals at the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections. Operating under the auspices of Southern NH Services, Thresholds is a program that trains volunteers to teach decision-making, problem-solving, and life-planning skills to participants. The course teaches participants a 5-step process to making decisions. The fall session is starting the week of September 14 with a counselor training on **September 12** from 9 am to 1 pm with lunch provided. The fall session runs until December 9 and an hour per week commitment is required. Please contact the program as soon as possible to fill out enrollment forms. To volunteer, please call *Jennifer Sanders* at **634-1169** or email [jsanders@snhs.org](mailto:jsanders@snhs.org).

## **American Parkinson's Optimism Walks**

**Saturday, September 19, 2015** 🌀 **Rollins Park, Concord, NH**

The APDA New Hampshire Chapter is sponsoring a Walk For Parkinson's Disease. **Registration: 9:30 am** and the **Walk Begins: 10:00 am**. The funds they raise will support APDA's national efforts through their dual mission – to Ease the Burden through patient services and to Find the Cure through research.

Visit their website at <http://apdaparkinson.donordrive.com/event/2015NHWALK/> or contact their walk committee at **356-2545** or Email: [laurel@ageathomenh.com](mailto:laurel@ageathomenh.com). You may also email [pete-lovejoy@comcast.net](mailto:pete-lovejoy@comcast.net) or call him at **487-3532**.

They would love your support.



## **Get Your Flu Shot Here on October 6**

Spread the word, tell your neighbors and friends about this free event: Brookside will host a flu shot clinic on **Tuesday, October 6** from 3:30-5:30 pm – sponsored by Walgreens and Brookside Congregational Church. Walgreens is providing the flu vaccine voucher available to all without cost. This is for those individuals who do not have insurance. If you have insurance, please bring your card.



## **Take Care of Yourself**

The Parish Nurse has hours here every week, on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am in Room D. Avail yourself of free nurse consultation, blood pressure checks, health information, referrals and more. Learn more about this program by logging on to [www.catholicmedicalcenter.org/community-health/parish-nurse.aspx](http://www.catholicmedicalcenter.org/community-health/parish-nurse.aspx).

## **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 October *Chronicle* by **Tuesday, September 15**. You can deliver them in person, send them by mail, or e-mail them to: [nicoleg@brooksidecc.org](mailto:nicoleg@brooksidecc.org). Thank you.

**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.



**Sunday Readers Needed for October-November-December**

Please consider reading scripture in Sunday worship! Choose a date (or two) in the upcoming months, and give *Mary Pratt* a call if you would like to volunteer (623-7453 or 785-4608; email [mepinmanch@comcast.net](mailto:mepinmanch@comcast.net)). Dates when readers are NOT needed are: the first Sunday of each month (supplied by the Council of Ministries), and December 13, 20 & 24.



**Worship and Bible Readings for September**

**Fall Worship Theme: "Room for You"**

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.



**September 6**

Hebrew Scriptures Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
Christian Testament James 2:1-17  
Mark 7:24-37

☞ Sermon: "Room for Another"

**September 13**

Hebrew Scriptures Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19  
Christian Testament James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

☞ Sermon: "Who Are You, Jesus?"

**September 20 – Re-covenanting Sunday;**

**Intergenerational Worship**

Hebrew Scriptures Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1  
Christian Testament James 3:13–4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

☞ Sermon: "Room for You"

**September 27**

Hebrew Scriptures Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Psalm 124  
Christian Testament James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

☞ Sermon: "Courage for Community"

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

**September 6**  
George Abbott  
Denise Forest

**September 13**  
Ellen Tourigny  
Gary Trahan

**September 20**  
Scott Milne  
Ellen Tourigny

**September 27**  
Denise Forest  
Scott Milne

### DOORPERSON

**September 6**  
Wickham Family

**September 13**  
Brady Family

**September 20**  
Morehouse Family

**September 27**  
Trecartin Family

### USHERS

**September 6**  
Bob Merrill  
Sarah Merrill  
Denise Forest  
George Abbott

**September 13**  
Dave Migliori  
Richard Rodman  
Greg Berry  
David Gates

**September 20**  
Nancy Popp  
Bob Howard  
Donna Howard  
Greg Berry

**September 27**  
Doug Dixon  
Herb Pence  
Virginia Mabie  
Tricia Lucas

### ACOLYTES

**September 6**  
Kyra Whitehead

**September 13**  
Sergei Carle

**September 20**  
Abel Firman

**September 27**  
Sienna Milne

### READERS

**September 6**  
Ellen Tourigny

**September 13**  
Debi Rapson

**September 20**  
Bill Hoysradt

**September 27**  
Anne Rodman

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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.

### NURSERY/CRIB ROOM

**September 6**  
Jennifer Trecartin  
Elaine Trudeau

**September 13**  
Patty Cayer

**September 20**  
Suzanne Burke

**September 27**  
Susan Milne

### Fellowship Hour Schedule

The schedule for the next three months is as follows:

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



## Get Your Fill of Financial News!

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](mailto:dtrombley@tds.net).

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>			
For the period ending July 31, 2015			
<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>			
Month	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	20,657	22,123	(1,467)
Total Expenses	19,162	22,099	2,937
Net Gain (Loss)	1,495	24	1,470
Year-to-date	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	179,056	176,736	2,320
Total Expenses	193,384	205,161	11,777
Net Gain (Loss)	(14,328)	(28,425)	14,097
Total YTD Pledges	Actual	Budget	Var.
	80,311	78,797	1,514

## From the Treasurer's Chest as of August 11, 2015

Thank you to all those who have faithfully honored your pledge commitments. Each month since February our pledge collections have exceeded the amount budgeted. Even though we still have a budget deficit, the continuity of pledges is a positive sign of our faith in our ability to sustain our congregation as we embark on change and growth.

## Second "Installment" Treasurer's Report for 2015


Our annual budget was approved with a \$28,666 deficit. Through July 31<sup>st</sup>, pledge and plate income combined are ahead of budget by \$1,083, or 1.2%. Unfortunately, the pledge and plate momentum has slowed over the summer. We need improvement in this area. Overall expenses are 5.7% below budget. This does not reflect savings, but rather a delay in the payment of completed projects. Cobb Hill Construction repaired the columns and painted the woodwork at the portico of the Sanctuary front entrance.

This involved preparing and sealing old lead paint before putting on new finishing paint. Upcoming projects include rebuilding the granite steps and brick floor under the portico at the sanctuary front entrance, and removing hazardous trees from the south property along Elm, Appleton, and Chestnut Streets.

The Thrift Shop expansion is a major initiative this year. The expansion will allow us to offset the loss of the contributions currently being made by Granite Pathways when their agreement expires at the end of 2015. Work associated with getting ready to move the Thrift Shop into the Carriage House started with moving the storage shed from the parking lot area to the back of the Carriage House. Geddes Building Mover from Bow, NH moved the building and reset it on cement blocks. Cobb Hill built new stairs for the entrance and framed a vinyl lattice skirt around the bottom of the shed. The original shed location was regraded and the old concrete support posts were discarded.

We have been very fortunate to receive two grants. The first was for \$10,000 from the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and the second, also for \$10,000, from the Samuel Hunt Foundation. The grants enabled us to contract with Cobb Hill Construction to build a new ADA-compliant side entrance at the Carriage House. The new main entrance for the relocated Thrift Shop now has a wider sidewalk from the parking lot, a concrete ramp up to the doorway, and steel railings designed for wheelchair access. A new entrance door is ordered and should be installed within a couple of weeks.

Thanks to an anonymous gift, a new keyboard was purchased for the Music Ministry. The choir room has moved from the Carriage House to a second floor room above the Chapel and offices.

It's been a very busy year so far. We are hopeful that *Christmas at the Brook: a new kind of craft fair* will further help us close our budget gap. Thank you everyone for your continued support and generosity.  Dale Trombley, Treasurer