

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- ◆ ◆ **Note:** *Pastor Eric will be out Tues.-Wed.-Thurs. this week.* ◆ ◆
- ◆ **Regular Office Hours:** *Open Monday-Thursday, 9 am-3 pm.*
- ◆ **Thrift Shop Hours:** *Wed. Noon-4 pm; Th.-Fri.-Sat. 9 am-1 pm.*

Sun., May 14	9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Stewardship Ministry, Lounge
	11:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Mon., May 15	- - -	<u>Chronicle Deadline</u>
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
Tues., May 16	9:00 am	<i>No Green Bananas</i> Men's Group, Blake's Restaurant
	6:00 pm	Council of Ministries, Lounge
Wed., May 17	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
Thurs., May 18	10:00 am	Parish Nurse, Room D
	5:30 pm	Women's Union Annual Meeting, Manning House
Sun., May 21	9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	Noon	Walk Against Hunger, Veteran's Park
	4:00 pm	Concert: <i>Bronze, Brass & Brookside</i> , Sanctuary - Ice Cream Social to Follow, Fellowship Hall

PLEASE REMEMBER: the deadline for the June *Chronicle* is tomorrow, **May 15**. Look ahead and send all pertinent news to nicoleq@brooksideecc.org by that date. Thanks!

POTLUCKS WITH PASTOR ERIC Over the next six months, the Pastoral Settling Committee will be coordinating a series of potluck gatherings with Pastor Eric where members can share their experiences and dreams for Brookside. Each event will include up to 10 people and will be a mix of new and long-term members in your geographic area. We're hoping that all members will take advantage of this opportunity to get to know Pastor Eric as well. If you'd like to host one of these gatherings at your home, please let a member of the settling committee know what dates would work best for you. To ensure that each gathering has a mix, we will provide a list of members to call and invite, or if you prefer, the settling committee can extend the invitations for you.

Blessings ~ *Loretta Brady, Doug Dixon, Sis Dunn, Bob Merrill, Scott Milne, Dale Trombley, Mark Watts*

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM - every **Thursday** in Room D, 10:00 to 11:30 am. Stop by for free nurse consultation, blood pressure checks, health information, and more.

May 14 Readings: Exodus 2:1-10; 1 Peter 2:2-10



Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 14, 2017

Welcome to our service of worship this morning. Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall after worship to enjoy fellowship and coffee. Thanks to *George Abbott* for handling cleanup today.

If you are new to Brookside and would like the Pastor contact you, please sign our guest book in the front hall or fill out a welcome card with your name and email.

The flowers today are given by David and Cindy Migliori in celebration of Mother's Day. We are thankful for all mothers and grandmothers in our lives.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. If you desire child care, it is available for infants and pre-school children from 9:45 am until the end of worship. Ask an usher for directions to the nursery/crib room.

Please wear your name badge to help us all connect names and faces. Extra "stick-on" nametags are available in the front hall/Narthex. Hearing devices and large print bulletins for today's service are available; please ask an usher for assistance.

Handicapped access into the church is via the ramp near the night/weekend entrance. All levels of the facility are accessible by means of an elevator, and there is a rest room available in the Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary). Please speak with one of the staff if you need to use the elevator to reach another level of the building.

Acolyte: *Callum Brock*

Deacons of the Week: *Ellen Tourigny, Chris Taylor*

Ushers: *David Gates, Richard Rodman, Bob & Sis Dunn*

Reader: *Kristen Thayer* ☞ Nursery: *Patty Cayer, Christina Dotson*

Total attendance on Sunday, May 7 was 126.

Check out Brookside's website, www.brooksideecc.org.

The bulletin insert is posted on the website weekly, so you can check mid-day on Friday for the upcoming Sunday's information – just click on the link appearing under the Worship or News & Events dropdown menus.

NAMETAG REMINDER Please be sure to wear your nametag each week; it helps Pastor Eric connect names and faces as he settles in to life at Brookside. Thank you!

HELP US KEEP UP TO DATE! Check the blue binder at Fellowship Hour (or in the office during the week) to verify that your name, address, phone and email info are correct. We are also hoping to add in birth dates and anniversary dates. Make any corrections in the notebook, or email them to vickyw@brooksideecc.org. Thank you.

CONNECTING WITH SAKUBVA Please remember to write notes, letters, cards to our Christian partner church in Sakubva during the month of May. There will be opportunities to bring your letters in, or write letters, draw pictures in Fellowship Hall after morning service through the end of May. These will be delivered in June.

YOU'RE INVITED! The annual meeting of the Women's Union will be held in the Manning House on **Thursday, May 18**, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. ALL are invited, women AND men! We will have a brief social hour, followed by dinner: chicken cordon bleu and meatballs with pasta, salad, and dessert. There will be a presentation by Tom Wright on his week at Corning Glass Works. The cost is \$10 per person, and if you wish to attend, please call Donna Moody at 695-4128.

WALK AGAINST HUNGER New Horizons' 27th annual 5K Walk takes place next **Sunday, May 21** at Noon, at Veteran's Memorial Park. Walk with us and/or donate monies to help fulfill the basic need of food and shelter in our area. To learn more, please speak with Kristen Thayer at 603-401-6835.

IT'S CONCERT TIME! Plan to join us next **Sunday, May 21**, for our 7th annual *Bronze, Brass & Brookside Concert* featuring Brookside choirs, the Merrimack Valley Ringers, and the Bay Colony Brass. It all begins at 4 pm, with an ice cream social afterwards. A double treat, well worth attending – invite your friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers! Suggested donation is \$10.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS Pastor Eric will be offering a new members class for those interested in becoming Covenant Members of Brookside Congregational Church on **Tuesday, May 23** at 6:30 pm in the Manning House Parlor. If you are interested in membership or know of anyone who you would like to see join Brookside then please invite them to this class. New members will be received into the congregation on **June 4**.

SUPPER SERVERS NEEDED at New Horizons on **Tuesday, May 30** from 4:15 to 6 pm. If you can be part of Brookside's team on that day, please contact Nancy Popp at 755-4880 or popplaw@live.com. Thank you!

CHURCH SCHOOL ROUTINE After the Time with God's Children, shepherds will meet children in the hall outside the Sanctuary and escort them to their classes. At the end of class time, the children will be escorted back to the Sanctuary for the photo. Please Note, Nursery Parents: Be sure to pick up your little ones from the Nursery so that they will be included in the all-church photo, too!

SCHEDULE FOR "BLESSINGS AND BIRTHRIGHTS" UNIT

Age Group	Pre-K/K/Gr. 1	Gr. 2, 3, 4	Gr. 5, 6, 7
Location	Room E	Room C	Upstairs Lounge
May 14	Games	Cooking	Storytelling
May 21	Cooking (MH)	Storytelling	Games

Teachers are:

Cooking (MH)	Scott Milne
Games	Karen Soule
Storytelling	Bob Boisvert

REMINDERS FROM CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATOR:

- 1) Sign-ups for Secret Pal continue today, at Fellowship Hour. Children and adults wishing to participate should fill out an information form in order to take part in this fun summer tradition at Brookside, which pairs children and adults as pen-pals.
- 2) Grads: If you're graduating this year from high school, college, or beyond, please give your information to Nicole (nicoleg@brooksideecc.org or 669-2807 x103) no later than **May 26**. Grads will be recognized during worship on Children's Sunday, **June 4**, and will also be listed in the summer (July/August) Chronicle.
- 3) All-Church Picnic, June 4: plan to attend! CF will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, chips, and beverages. We ask that people with a last name beginning with *A-L* bring salads or side dishes and *M-Z* bring desserts.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR SUMMER CAMP YET? Horton Center is a Christian Camp for children and families run by our denomination, the United Church of Christ. To learn more about this special place, feel free to speak with Brookside's camp ambassador, *Doug Dixon*, about his family's experiences there. For the 2017 Schedule and/or to register, log on to <http://www.hortoncenter.org/>.

Note: 2nd Annual Horton Center Open House will take place on **Saturday, June 10** from 11 to 2 – stay tuned for more details!