

July 30 Readings: Ephesians 4:11-16; Matthew 13:24-30  
Rev. Dr. David Reynolds preaching: "Let Them Grow Together"



### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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♦ **Pastor Eric is on vacation through August 6.**

♦ **Fran is on vacation through August 5.**

♦ **Vicky is on vacation through August 4.**

♦ **Shortened Office Hours continue this week: Open Monday-Thursday, 9 am-NOON.**

♦ **Thrift Shop Hours: Wed. Noon-4 pm; Th.-Fri.-Sat. 9 am-1 pm.**

Sun., Jul. 30	10:00 am	Worship – Rev. Dr. David Reynolds preaching
	11:15 am	Church Tour, Meet by Sanctuary Front Steps
Mon., Jul. 31	6:30 pm	Barbershop Quartet, Choir Room
Tues., Aug. 1	9:00 am	No Green Bananas Men's Group, Blake's Restaurant
	6:30 pm	Vitality Team, Lounge
Thurs., Aug. 3	10:00 am	Parish Nurse, Room D
Sat., Aug. 5	1:00 pm	(performance time) Mary Poppins, Portsmouth
Sun., Aug. 6	10:00 am	Worship – Rev. Dr. Mark Watts preaching (Communion; Loaves & Fishes)

♦ **The Church Office will be closed for a Staff Planning Retreat on Monday, August 7.**

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 30, 2017

Welcome to our service of worship this morning. Everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship and cold lemonade after worship this morning, near the front entrance of the Sanctuary. Thank you to *Denise Forest* for helping!

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

The flowers this morning are given by Nicole Grinnell in observance of what would have been the 96th birthday of her mother, *Thérèse Nelson*.

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.

Deacons of the Week: *Brian Brady, Doug Dixon*  
Ushers: *Denise Forest, Tricia Lucas, Brian Brady, Doug Dixon*  
Reader: *Loretta Brady* ✎ Nursery: *Sandy & Kam Mun*

Total attendance on Sunday, July 23 was 65.

Check out Brookside's website, [www.brooksideecc.org](http://www.brooksideecc.org).

The **July/August Chronicle** is online, and copies are in the Narthex.

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.

**WE WELCOME REV. DR. DAVID B. REYNOLDS** as our facilitator this morning. Dr. Reynolds is Executive Director of Pastoral Counseling Services, where he has worked for 28 years. As a Licensed Pastoral Psychotherapist, he provides psychotherapy to individuals, couples, and families; offers spiritual direction, and serves as a consultant to churches. He is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), an ecumenical partner with the United Church of Christ. He is married to Rev. Carol Meredith and lives in Deerfield, NH. For leisure, Dr. Reynolds enjoys jazz, mysteries, sailing, and beach walks with his wife and irresistibly cute Yorkshire terrier.

**SHORTENED OFFICE HOURS CONTINUE** Vicky is still on vacation this week; accordingly, the office will be open Monday through Thursday, 9 am to NOON. Please plan your visits and calls accordingly. 🌀 *Also note: the church office will be closed on **Monday, August 7**, due to a Staff Planning Retreat that day.*

**NOTE: PASTOR ERIC IS ON VACATION** through August 6. Should you have a pastoral emergency during the coming week: during office hours (9 am–Noon) please call the church office at **669-2807**; after hours, call *Rev. Patrick McLaughlin* (Pastor of the Manchester Unitarian Universalist Church) at **760-521-9385**.

**CATCH THE CHURCH TOUR!** Find *Bill Hoysradt* at around 11:15 **today** at Lemonade Hour and join him on a tour of the facility. You will learn various interesting tidbits about those who helped provide us with this special place, our church home.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON AUGUST 27?** How about helping out at Lemonade Hour? It's not too difficult and would be a great act of service. Please contact *Chris Taylor* at (603) 644-8131 or [duffleytaylor@gmail.com](mailto:duffleytaylor@gmail.com) to sign on.

**SHOPPING CART NEEDED** A request has come in via the Thrift Shop for a personal shopping cart to be used by someone who has no car. If you have one to donate, please leave it in or near the Thrift Shop donation bin. Thank you.

**DRIVERS NEEDED FOR OUR "PRACTICALLY PERFECT" OUTING** Brookside members and friends are invited to attend an outdoor theater performance of *Mary Poppins* at Prescott Park in Portsmouth this **Saturday, August 5** at 1 pm. (Rain date is **Sunday, August 13**, 1 pm.) Bring a picnic lunch and arrive early to secure a good spot for your blanket or lawn chair. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us! There is no admission fee, but there is a suggested donation at the gate of \$5-\$10/person. For more details, visit <https://www.prescottpark.org>. If you would like to carpool or **have extra seats in your vehicle for others** (we need a few drivers!), please contact *Sarah Duffley* at [duffleytaylor@gmail.com](mailto:duffleytaylor@gmail.com) or see Sarah at church. This event is endorsed by the Vitality Team.

**CHURCH SCHOOL?** As of press time, it is uncertain whether there will be a workshop today. If there is, children will meet the Shepherd during the Hymn of Preparation and proceed to Room C. If not, then children will return to sit with their parents.

- Any child 5 years of age or younger who needs child care may be brought downstairs to the nursery/crib room at any time during the service.

**CAN YOU HELP?** As you can see, Teachers and Shepherds are still needed this summer. If you are able to commit to a Sunday, please see *Fran* next Sunday.

**SECRET PALS** – don't forget to correspond with your other "half" over the summer! Notes and surprise packages are always appreciated.

**LOAVES & FISHES FOR AUGUST** Switching from July's peanut butter, the targeted item for August is **canned tuna and/or chicken**. Please try to put some in your shopping cart as often as you are able, and place items in the specially-designated collection basket in the Narthex throughout August. Thank you for your donations!

**THE REV. GARY SCHULTE** recently announced his resignation as Conference Minister of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ, effective September 15. He has accepted the call to become the Senior Pastor and Teacher of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Washington, Missouri. Brookside Church will host a service (3 pm) and reception (4-6 pm) for Gary on **Sunday, August 27**. All are invited to attend.

**HELP BROOKSIDE'S STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** The Stewardship committee would welcome participation by a member of the congregation who is currently pledging and has some time to join an ad hoc committee advising on how best to reach pledging members and active church goers through social media. If you have an interest and inclination to help in our 2018 campaign that launches in Sept. 2017, please reach out to *Jeff Rapson* at [rapson@comcast.net](mailto:rapson@comcast.net) or call Jeff at 603 660 1119. Thanks for considering this.

**PARISH NURSE PROGRAM** The Parish Nurse has hours here every week, **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.

