

September 10 Readings: Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-12  
Rev. Jackson preaching: "This Is My Story, This Is My Song"



### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- ◆ **Regular Office Hours:** Open Monday-Thursday, 9 am-3pm.
- ◆ **Thrift Shop Hours:** Wed. Noon-4 pm; Th.-Fri.-Sat. 9 am-1 pm.

Sun., Sept. 10	9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship – Re-covenanting Sunday (Children Paint Bowls)
	11:15 am	Backpack Blessing, Sanctuary Front Steps
	11:30 am	All-church Picnic, Manning House Lawn (FH if rain)
Mon., Sept. 11	10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
	6:30 pm	<i>Monday Matters</i> , at The Farm Bar & Grille 1181 Elm St.
	6:30 pm	Barbershop Quartet, Choir Room
Tues., Sept. 12	6:15 pm	Mission Ministry, Lounge
Wed., Sept. 13	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Thurs., Sept. 14	10:00 am	Parish Nurse, Room D
Fri., Sept. 15	- - -	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
	- - -	CHRONICLE DEADLINE
Sun., Sept. 17	9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship – <i>Broadway at the Brook</i>
	11:30 am	Secret Pal Luncheon, Manning House
	11:30 am	Stewardship Ministry, Lounge

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 10, 2017

Welcome to our service of worship this morning. Everyone is invited to join us on the Manning House Lawn after worship (or Fellowship Hall if rain) for the All-church Picnic.

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 Donna Moody in remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

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: *Doug Dixon, Karen Soule*  
Ushers: *Bob & Sarah Merrill, Doug Dixon, Don Waldrup*  
Reader: *William Cerf* 🌀 Nursery: *Abby Easterly, Katy Martey*

Total attendance on Sunday, September 3 was 65.

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

The **September 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.



**WELCOME TO RE-COVENANTING SUNDAY!** Our theme for this program year is “This is my story, This is my song” – be sure to fill out your colored note to put on our banner (further instructions will be announced). Then, let’s join together for food and fellowship after worship at the potluck/picnic!

**PAINTING BOWLS** will take place **today**. Children will leave after the Time with God’s Children for the painting activity downstairs.

The Blessing of the Backpacks will take place on the Sanctuary front steps, following worship.

Notes, FYI: - Church School will begin next **Sunday, September 17**.  
- Seeking Teachers, Shepherds, Nursery Care... see Fran to help!  
- Junior Choir rehearsals will begin on **Sunday, September 24**, at 11:30.

**PARENTS** – Please register your child(ren) for church school!! We need an updated form each year – find them in the Narthex, in the September *Chronicle* (pg. 9), and on the website. We need current/updated information in place for the start of the fall unit. Please try to get them to Fran **today**. Thank you!

**CHRONICLE DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPT. 15** – Please get items to Nicole by that date!

**SECRET PAL LUNCH**, where adult and child pals get to discover each other’s identity, will take place after worship next **Sunday, September 17**, in Manning House. Pals should bring their own sandwich; beverages, chips and dessert will be provided.

**MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH COORDINATOR** Parents who wish to have their youth in grades 7-9 participate in the *Our Whole Lives* program in conjunction with the Manchester Unitarian-Universalist Church should plan on attending the parent information meeting **September 17**, 1:30-3:30 pm at the UU Church in Manchester (669 Union Street). Both parents must be present in order for your child to enroll in the program. See *Ellen Tourigny* to learn more.

**THEATER OUTING** As part of our upcoming *Broadway at the Brook* series this fall, we invite members of the congregation to attend a performance of *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Amato Center in Milford on **Sunday, September 17** at 2:30 pm (Kim Whitehead is music directing). We hope to have some of the cast join us the following week during worship. Please see Kim to purchase discounted tickets!

**UPCOMING RETIREMENT** Nicole Grinnell, our fearless Administrative Assistant, will be retiring this month after nearly 24 years of service with Brookside. We will truly miss her depth of knowledge, her diligence in keeping all church communications on schedule, and of course, her wit. Contributions for a gift are being accepted at the church office.

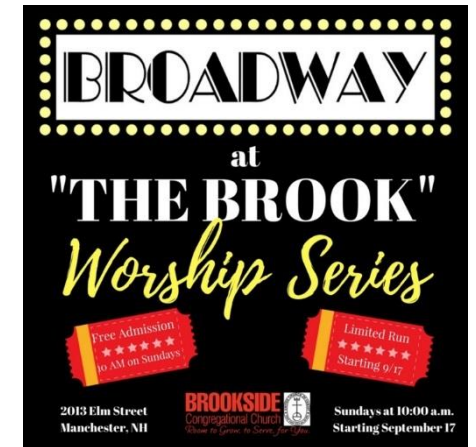
## This Is My Story, This Is My Song

See our wonderful new mural in the stairway leading from the back office down to the lower level. The story behind it is in this month’s

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**, we will begin a new sermon series called **BROADWAY AT THE BROOK**. There will be five worship services that invite us to see the timeless themes of the Christian faith through the eyes of modern theater performances as our lesson. Each Sunday, there will be an enactment through song or a brief scene. We will hear the ancient testimony of Scripture. Our Sermon for Sunday will be based on the blending together of an element of the play and the morning Scripture. Please invite your neighbors, co-workers, colleagues, friends, and family to join us for this exciting experience!

### SCHEDULE:

Sept. 17 – *Oliver*  
Sept. 24 – *Fiddler on the Roof*  
Oct. 1 – *Seussical*  
Oct. 8 – *Fame*  
Oct. 15 – *Rent*



**OPEN FLOWER DATE** If you would like to donate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or special event on **October 1**, please call *Donna Moody* at **695-4128** and she’ll give you the scoop. It’s easy to do!

**HELP BROOKSIDE SUPPORT** the 2017 Good Samaritan Awards: **Tuesday, October 3**, 5 pm at Manchester Country Club. Mission Ministry will have a partial table at the event. If you would like to attend in support of Pastoral Counseling Services and acknowledgment of the Honorees (see list in September *Chronicle*, page 6), please notify the church office or anyone on Mission/Outreach. Tickets are \$75.

**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.