

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

- ◆ Office Hours This Week: Open Mon.-Tues. 9 am -3pm,
Wed. -Thurs., 9 am – 1pm.
- ◆ Thrift Shop Hours: Wed. Noon-4 pm; Th.-Fri.-Sat. 9 am-1 pm.
- ◆ Pastor Eric is away Mon. Oct. 23—Wed. Oct. 25.
- ◆ Vicky is away Wed. Oct. 25 –Thurs, Oct. 26
- ◆ Heath is away Sunday, Oct. 29

Sun, Oct. 22	9:00 amChancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 10:00 amWorship Service Bishop Dwayne Royster, Guest Preacher 11:30 amEmpty Bowls - Fellowship Hall
Mon, Oct. 23	6:30 pm Barbershop Quartet, Choir Room
Tues, Oct. 24	
Wed, Oct. 25	6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Thurs, Oct. 26	10:00 am Parish Nurse, Room D
Fri, Oct. 27 Pastor’s Day Off
Sat, Oct. 28	
Sun, Oct. 29	9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 10:00 am Worship Service -Baptism 11:15 am Church Tour 11:30 am Junior Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 11:30 am New Member Class—Manning House Parlor

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH, 16 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack, NH, in association with Interfaith Women of NH, invites you to a re-presentation of I am a Muslim Woman: Conversations with Local Muslim Women – Mon., October 23 at 6:45 pm. Please register via email, interfaithwomennh@gmail.com, or by calling **315-9386**.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 22, 2017

Lesson - Exodus 33: 12-23, Matthew 22: 15-22

Bishop Dwayne Royster—Guest Preacher

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP THIS MORNING.

Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall after worship to enjoy fellowship and coffee.
Thanks to Elaine Knight and family for handling cleanup today.

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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.

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The flowers today are given in loving memory of Bill Foley from Judy Foley and in loving memory of Alice Freese from Lloyd Freese

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Acolyte: Zora Brady

Deacons of the Week: Doug Dixon, Ellen Tourigny

Ushers: Bob Merrill, Sarah Merrill, Dave Migliori, Jeff Rapson

Nursery: Patty Cayer, Christina Dotson

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Total attendance on Sunday, October 15 was 96.

Check out Brookside’s website, www.brooksidecc.info

The October Chronicle is online, and copies are in the Narthex.

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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 BISHOP DWAYNE ROYSTER AND REV. DR. CHARLES BUCK Today we are excited to welcome Bishop Dwayne Royster as our Guest Preacher and a visit from our Transitional Conference Minister Rev. Dr. Charles Buck.

PASTOR ERIC IS AWAY OCT. 23 - 25 for a continuing education opportunity. He will be available via telephone and email. If you have pastoral care needs contact Ellen Tourigny at 854-0684.

HAVE SOME SOUP FOR LUNCH TODAY AT THE 15TH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER!

Sponsored by the NH Potters Guild, the event raises money for New Horizons for New Hampshire. For \$25 guests choose and keep a handmade bowl and are able to sample soups donated by 20 local restaurants. Child bowl \$5. Pint to go \$5 (last 1/2 hour of event). **As a perk, Brooksiders get to head downstairs a little early, before the general public is admitted.**



NEW MEMBERS CLASS NEXT SUNDAY Pastor Eric will be offering a new members class for those interested in becoming Covenant Members of Brookside Congregational Church on **Sunday, October 29** at 11:30 am 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 **November 19**.

LAST SUNDAY WAS FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY when we expressed our gratitude for God's many gifts and celebrated our individual and collective financial support for the work and mission of Brookside for 2018. So far we have received 58 pledges for \$88,102. More pledges are expected as the Stewardship Ministry follows up on the letters that have been mailed out. ***It is not too late to pledge!*** You can mail your pledge to the church, or go to the "Giving" tab at www.brooksidecc.org to pledge online.

WELCOME TO VICTORIA MARCOTTE as our new Administrative Assistant. She will be in the church on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am - 1pm and will be working from home on Wednesdays. She can be reached at victoriam@brooksidecc.org.

POTLUCKS WITH PASTOR ERIC Enjoy a great meal and get to know Pastor Eric and members of the Brookside Church family better. Hosts are still needed. Available dates are posted in Fellowship Hall along with sign-up sheets for those events already scheduled.

THE CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRY has decided to make a few changes to the way we handle announcements at the beginning of each worship service. Starting the week of October 22, if you plan to make an announcement prior to service starting you need to clear your announcement with the designated Deacon of the week. This should be done 10 - 15 minutes before the start of service. We want to streamline the process of announcements as best we can and your support of this new step will help us better support your church. Please see Ellen Tourigny or Doug Dixon if you have questions regarding this change. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING IS COMING SOON Next Sunday you can begin to sign up for food donations in Fellowship Hall after worship in preparation for the Annual Thanksgiving Basket drive. You can sign up for what you want to bring on October 29 and November 5, with all donations due on November 12.

2017 CHRISTMAS AT THE BROOK is fast approaching. With less than two weeks to go, we still need your help. ***You can sponsor a raffle basket, volunteer to bake breakfast muffins or cookies for the Cookie walk, make some soups or chili for lunch, or make a sweet treat for the Baked Goods Table. You can also volunteer your time at the event.***



There is still time to get your personal greeting into the event program. The cost is \$25. The greeting will be business card size and can include up to 140 characters. Email your greeting text to christmasatthebrook@gmail.com. Checks can be made payable to Brookside Church. **We hope to see you on November 4 between 9 am and 4 pm.** Spread the word to your neighbors, friends and family. You can share the fair's Facebook event page or visit <http://brooksidecc.info/christmas-at-the-brook-craft-fair/> for more information.

Contact Becky Boisvert for more information at christmasatthebrook@gmail.com or 315-8614.

SCHEDULE FOR "GIVING TESTIMONY AND WITNESS" UNIT

Age Group	Pre-K/K/Gr. 1	Gr. 2, 3, 4	Gr. 5, 6, 7
Location	Room E	Room C	Lounge
Oct 22	Science	Mission	Games
Oct 29	Games	Cooking	Science
Nov 5	Mission	Games	Cooking
Nov 12	Cooking	Science	Mission

Teachers are:

Science	Suzanne Pyska	Games	Kurt Strandson
Mission	Brian Brady	Cooking	Katy Martey

CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY 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 to Fellowship Hall. The shepherds will bring the children to the proper destination. **Please Note, Parents of Pre-K/K/Gr. 1:** After class, meet the shepherd and your children by the benches downstairs in the hallway, between Rooms D and E.