

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

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

Sun, Dec. 3	9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 10:00 am Worship Service - Fishes & Loaves, Communion 11:30 am Junior Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary After Worship Advent Workshop
Mon, Dec. 4 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 pm Barbershop Quartet, Choir Room 6:45 pm Interfaith Women - Winter of Joy, Temple Israel
Tues, Dec. 5	9:00 am No Green Bananas, Blakes Restaurant
Wed, Dec. 6	6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Thurs, Dec. 7	10:00 am Parish Nurse, Room D
Fri, Dec. 8	
Sat, Dec. 9	11:00 am..... Women's Union Meeting
Sun, Dec. 10	9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 10:00 am Intergenerational Worship Service - Trim the Tree 11:30 am Junior Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

DELEGATION FROM ZIMBABWE COMING IN OCTOBER 2018!

The Ukama Mission Group of the New Hampshire Conference UCC is planning to bring a delegation from the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe to NH in October 2018. A local church may host a delegate from its partner congregation in Zimbabwe. Brookside has a chance to be involved as a host, or in a joint venture with one or more local congregations to host a delegate from Zimbabwe. Look for more information posted around the church, or on the bulletin boards in Fellowship Hall, or talk with Jean Dickson. Or you may send an email inquiry to Richard Slater at rslater@nhcucc.org or Kathy Blair at mblair1@ne.rr.com

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS ARE DUE IN A MONTH The annual meeting will be held on January 28, 2018. All reports need to be in to Victoria by January 5th so they can be compiled, printed and shared by January 14th. Plan ahead so the deadline doesn't sneak up on you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 3, 2017

PSALM 89:1-4, MARK 13:24-37

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP THIS MORNING.

Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall after worship to enjoy fellowship and coffee.

Thanks to Bill Hoysradt 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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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: Willa & Audre Brady

Deacons of the Week: Doug Dixon, Kira Morehouse

Communion Servers: Michael Beale, Chris Taylor with Ellen Tourigny assisting

Ushers: Bob Dunn, Sis Dunn, Scott Milne, Jeff Rapson

Reader: Ellen Tourigny **Nursery:** Christina Alarez, Patty Cayer

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Total attendance on Sunday, November 19 was 126.

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

The November 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.

ADVENT WORKSHOP TODAY We will have an advent workshop today after worship. The youth group will be serving a light lunch of soups and sandwiches. After lunch we will be making photo ornaments for the Church's Christmas tree. Hopefully someone took your picture this morning when you arrived.

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS On Sunday, December 17 and on Christmas Eve, the sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias. If you would like to donate a poinsettia please submit your information and payment to the church office by Sunday, December 10th. The cost is \$10.50 each. Please don't forget to include your dedication information to be printed on the insert. If you need an order form, you can pick one up in the Narthex.

WOMEN'S UNION MEETING COMING UP On December 9th, from 11 am to 3 pm, the Women's Union will be meeting to make cookies that will get delivered to those who can't make it to the meetings or to church. The Executive Committee will be providing lunch.

DONATE TO THE CHRISTMAS FUND Check out the insert and then use the envelopes in the pew that you can use to make your donation to the Christmas Fund.

LIVING NATIVITY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 You won't want to miss this very special re-telling of the Christmas story in Stark Park at 3:30 pm. There will be actors and animals, ancient scriptures and carols. This is a free event so bring your family, tell your friends and invite your neighbor.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR PLEDGE YET? Your pledge is important to us. It allows us to support a wide range of activities here at Brookside. **As of November 30 we have 79 pledges totaling \$125,566.** You can mail your pledge to the church, or go to the "Giving" tab at www.brooksidecc.org to pledge online.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT COMING SOON Join us here on December 16th at 3 pm for our Christmas Concert. We will be welcoming NH Brass. Following the concert you can enjoy Heath playing some Carillon carols as you exit.

THE CHRISTMAS CUPCAKE is the name of our pageant this year and there is still room for you to join. Rehearsals are Sundays after workshops on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Our final rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 23.

OPEN FLOWER DATES IN DECEMBER If you would like to donate flowers on a Sunday morning worship in honor or memory of a loved one or special event there are three open dates in December 10 and 31. Please contact Donna Moody at 695-4128 if you are interested.



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.

INTERFAITH WOMEN WELCOME WINTER WITH JOY on Monday, Dec. 4 at 6:45 pm at *Temple Israel*, 66 Salmon Street, Manchester. The presentation includes an Asian Indian dancer, an Israeli Shlichah (emissary)/singer, a Muslim Qur'an reader and an acappella ensemble. It concludes with a Holiday sing-a-long. Refreshments will be available after the presentation. Check in begins at 6:15 pm. Please register at interfaithwomennh@gmail.com or call 603-315-9386 before December 4th.

SUPPORT BROOKSIDE WHILE YOU SHOP With the holidays approaching, there are two new ways to give back to Brookside. If you shop online at Amazon a percentage of your purchase comes back to Brookside. Go to smile.amazon.com to sign up. With givingassistant.org you can earn cash back while you shop, then donate a percentage of the back to Brookside. You can find links to both of these opportunities on our website under News and Events.

HOLIDAY DIAPER DRIVE Bring your diapers (size three or larger) and your wipes to our church-wide diaper drive to support Families in Transition and New Horizons for New Hampshire. You may leave your donations in the Narthex or in the back hallway by the office until Sunday, December 17. If you would like to make a monetary donation, missions will purchase diapers and wipes for you.

SCHEDULE FOR "CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS" UNIT

Teachers are:

Storytelling Bob Boisvert Games TBD
Mission Jean Dixon

Age Group	Pre-K/K/Gr. 1	Gr. 2, 3, 4	Gr. 5, 6, 7
Location	Room E	Room C	Lounge
Dec. 3	Mission	Games	Storytelling
Dec. 10	Intergenerational Worship Service Decorating Christmas Tree		
Dec 17	Games	Storytelling	Mission

REMEMBER ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS children go directly to their classes and not to worship. During the Doxology, the children will join their parents in worship for the sacrament of Communion. We ask the parents of Pre-K, K and 1st graders to please seek out their children.