POWER/INTERNET/PHONE OUTAGE AT BROOKSIDE
If you have been trying to reach Brookside over the past few days and couldn’t get a hold of anyone there was a good reason. Due to a serious traffic accident that split a telephone pole on River Road, we were without power, internet and phone service. Thankfully we are up and running and able to send out The Brookside Bridge!!

Pastor’s Invitation
Lent continues with a story about a religious leader, Nicodemus, seeking a connection with Jesus in the middle of the night. Perhaps your own faith journey comes to life after the sun sets. Join us as we meet Jesus once again, in the privacy of darkness.

Rev. Laura

HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF OUR CONGREGATION
We are in the wilderness for sure. Walking together through the fears and concerns of a health pandemic we are invited to trust that God is with us in these days of uncertainty. As of right now we will continue to worship on Sunday mornings. That being said no one is required to be at worship. If you have an assigned role and you are uncomfortable about attending worship please feel empowered to make the decision that’s right for you and your family.

We pray for the most vulnerable and those who live with fear and for the health and well being of all.

Sincerely,
Rev. Laura

MARCH GREETINGS FROM YOUR MODERATOR
As Blues artist, Guy Davis, would say “we’re taking just a little bit o’ time, baby, taking just a little bit o’ time.” This is our time to connect with one another and appreciate the spiritual gifts that Rev. Laura has. The objectives for our interim time with Rev. Laura include: healing and restoring our sense of community within Brookside, helping us to tell our story, and leverage our faith to increase membership and attendance, building collaboration and communication, and considering whether an alternate organization structure may be a better fit for us.

We have made great progress in the past nine months. Active participation in the ministries and events has increased. There is a palpable sense of joy and presence of the Holy Spirit moving among us during our worship services and activities. We are actively working to foster a sense of belonging among everyone who joins us. On May 3rd, we will have our first All Ministry meeting of the year. Following the Bluegrass worship service, we will share a potluck meal, enjoy music, and then have our monthly ministry meetings.
This fall we will engage in more conversation about part-time versus full-time ministry. I expect that a Pastoral Search Committee will be formed in the late fall and be voted on by the congregation at our January 2021 annual meeting. From that point Rev. Laura will work with the Search Committee to facilitate church wide discussions of "who are we now, who are our neighbors? And who are we becoming?" If you have any questions or concerns, please share them with me.

Blessings,

Dale Trombley
Moderator

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LENT AND EASTER AT BROOKSIDE

Artists In Worship: March 15, 22, 29
Choose an art medium to express your thoughts and feelings during worship. Supplies will be provided in the balcony. Children will receive art supplies during worship in lent in order to have them participate. Art will be displayed in the Narthex on Easter Sunday.

Lenten Bible Study: March 19, 26, April 2
Join Rev. Laura for a three-week Bible study, The People Who Loved Jesus, beginning on Thursday, March 19 at 9:00 am. The Bible study will be held in Rev. Laura's office.

Palm Sunday: April 5
11:00 AM Worship Service & all church photo after service – outside, weather permitting.

Maundy Thursday: April 9
5:30 PM Agape Meal, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Bedford Presbyterian Church will join Brookside for a joint Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday: April 12
6:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service, at Stark Park!
Coffee and donuts to follow immediately
10:00 AM service, in the Sanctuary with the Brookside Choirs and the Nottingham Brass
11:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt on Manning House Lawn or Manning House due to inclement of weather

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ARTISTS IN WORSHIP, MARCH 15, 22, 29
As you enter the Narthex on the next three Sundays, children and adults are invited to choose an art project to express your relationship with God. Adults can go to the balcony where they will find art supplies.

Children can take their “Family Art Bag” from the Narthex to the pew or to the front right side of the church. Our hope is to create sacred art during worship that will be displayed on Easter Sunday.

Children’s Art Bags Include:
A fish to decorate
A cross to decorate
Colored pencils, cards, and stickers

Adult Art Mediums Include:
Clay
Legos
Gel pens
Colored pencils
Pastels
Knitting
White Board
If you have an art project you are currently working on, feel free to bring your art/supplies to church.

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BAPTISM
If you are interested in baptism, please call the office.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS
Brookside’s Youth Group is excited to announce an addition to their recycling program, phone cases will now be accepted for drop off in Fellowship Hall. See the Youth Group bulletin board and display table in Fellowship Hall for more information on all of our recycling programs. More complete information is available at www.terracycle.com

THE PRAYER TREE
The Mission Committee is sponsoring a Prayer Tree in support of the annual Offering for “One Great Hour Of Sharing.” For 3 Sundays in Lent; March 8th, 15th and 22. The Prayer Tree will be displayed in the Narthex where you can tie a ribbon on the tree showing your prayer support for this ministry helping people all around the world. Brochures and offering envelopes will be on the display for you to respond with prayers and offerings.

You are God's Field;
Through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, we are planting seeds of new life. Together we are investing in communities world-wide providing education to girls and boys, empowering communities through vocational training, supporting microcredit lending and seeing people through to self sufficiency, empowering families with skills to support themselves and their neighbors and participating in sustainable solutions that offer dignity to all. Through your generosity the world is a better place. Today you have the opportunity to plant seeds into the lives of others. Make our tree beautiful by Building, planting, watering and trusting that God gives growth to all good gifts shared in faith. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your generosity.

WOMEN’S UNION MEETING, FRIDAY, MARCH 13
Women’s Union invites all women who would like to attend our March 13 meeting 4:30-7:00 pm Friday evening. We will be assisting Ellen Tourigny with prep work for the Youth Corned Beef Cabbage Fundraiser scheduled on Saturday. A light dinner will be provided. Please contact Jean Dickson with any questions.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE SUPPER - SATURDAY, MARCH 14
Join us for our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper hosted by the Women’s Union and Youth Group from 4:30 to 6:30 pm on Saturday, March 14. Everyone is invited (women, men, youth/kids, church members, friends, acquaintances, neighbors…), and proceeds will benefit the Youth Groups. Cost: $10 adults; $5 children; $30 maximum per family. Take-out will be available, too!

PARISH NURSE- SUNDAY, MARCH 15
Jean Spruce will be at Brookside on Sunday, March 15 from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm. Also, Jean, CMC Parish Nurse can provide in-house visits. This would not replace the home health care provider services. Jean can take blood pressure and discuss medical or spiritual concerns and a visitor to alleviate loneliness. Please call Jean at (603) 533-5171 if you know someone who would like a visit.

EASTER FLOWERS
Buy an Easter plant to help us adorn the altar on Easter (April 12) with a profusion of lovely flowering plants – in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special person or event, or “just because.” If you would like to donate a plant for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Monday, March 30. The cost is $10 per plant for Easter Lillies, Tulips or Hyacinths. Order forms are located in the Narthex, Bulletin and in the hallway by the offices. Flowers may be picked up after the 10:00 am service on Easter Sunday.

NO GREEN BANANAS
This group of retired Brookside men meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9 AM at Blake’s Restaurant (Maple & Webster Streets) to enjoy breakfast and discussion. Join them March 17 and April 7 for good food and company.

JOIN OUR MEN’S BARBERSHOP CHORUS
‘The Hyms’ Barbershop Chorus has rehearsals in the choir room Monday evenings starting at 6:30 pm. If you have an interest in singing in the barbershop style, you are welcome to join us. We are preparing songs for church-related activities such as worship service, concerts, talent shows, etc. Contact Heath or email sexton@brooksidecc.org to sign up today.

THRIFT SHOP SALE
SALES: 3/11/20 – 3/14/20
- BOGO FREE ON WOMEN’S AND MEN’S PANTS -- MIX AND MATCH
- BOGO FREE ON BOOKS, DVD’S, AND CD’S – MIX AND MATCH

Due to our current inventory, we will not accept any book donations until April 1st.
Keep checking weekly for our sales! Please like us on Facebook and share the sales news with your family and friends.

We accept donations in good condition either when we are open, or you can put your donations in the seat box that is part of the ramp at Brookside Church – next to the side driveway. We are located at the north end of Elm Street next to Brookside Congregational Church.

**Thrift Shop Hours**
Wed., 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Thurs., 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; Fri., 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; and Sat., 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Our telephone number is 603-218-2390.

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**ESTATE PLANNING**
Have you remembered Brookside in your will? If you have any questions about planned giving, see Bill Hoystradt.

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**DEADLINES**
Submit all news for the Bridge and Bulletin to news@brooksidecc.org.
- **Bulletin:** Please submit your "print ready" announcements before Wednesday at noon for the following Sunday.
- **Bridge:** Please submit your articles and information before noon on Monday.

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