

BROOKSIDE

Congregational Church



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Message

Sometimes the simplest message holds the deepest challenge. With a focus on an intergenerational story, we will join our youth and learn about grief after the loss of a loved one. In our Jesus story, a widow who has been denied justice for a long time, finally is granted peace by a judge. The message can mean many things to many people, but we will consider prayers of grief and sorrow as our common bond.

Sincerely,
Rev. Laura



2026 Stewardship Pledge Campaign

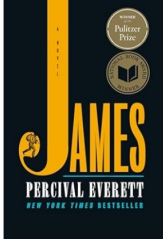
To those who have already committed to a pledge for the 2026 campaign – a big THANK YOU! We make this very personal and important decision to give because we believe in Brookside's mission and vision. As stewards of the church, we must ensure that our amazing property with vast grounds and historic buildings is maintained. We have an incredible staff and very dedicated minister who need to be compensated, as well as, various administrative, mission, and program costs. Pledge money is crucial for the success of Brookside, as it constitutes the largest source of revenue for the church.

Please consider a pledge commitment for 2026. Complete the Pledge Certificate you received in the mail, pick one up as you enter the church on Sunday, contact the church office, or donate online.
Let's show the love!

Blessings,
Your Stewardship Ministry

Rev. Laura's Fall Book Group - Save the Date

On **Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 pm**, the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "James" by Percival Everett. Join us for a fascinating discussion led by Rev. Laura. To register, please send your name and email to the office. The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants the



week of the book group.

Neighbors in Need (October).

Beginning with World Wide Communion Sunday, the NIN offering, through United Church of Christ special offerings, focuses on ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Offering envelopes are located in pews and at the sanctuary entrances. We greatly respect and appreciate the generosity of our Brookside family in meeting the needs of so many within and beyond the walls of our local community.



Brookside Choir

Do you like to sing? Does music bring you joy? The Brookside Choir is looking for new members to help us make a "joyful noise" during our Sunday worship services. No prior choir experience is necessary.

The Brookside Choir will host a breakfast of coffee and donuts in the Narthex on **Sunday, October 26th, at 8:00 am**. Come meet the choir, have breakfast, and stay for choir practice at 8:30 am in the sanctuary. We will begin practicing music for Advent and Christmas that day.

Please join us! Come sing and have fun!

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Waypoint Reminder

We are continuing to collect tents, gently used/ new sleeping bags, sleeping pads, flashlights, tarps, warm gloves / hats, hand warmers, personal hygiene products for the Waypoint Homeless Youth and Young Adult Department **through the end of October**. We appreciate your support of area young people in need who are living outside and cannot access shelters. Monetary donations are acceptable in addition to physical items.



After Worship Fellowship

Please join us after Sunday worship for Fellowship! Following indoor worship, we meet in Fellowship Hall. It's a great way to get to learn more about the happenings at Brookside and build relationships with your fellow Brooksideers. All are welcome!

Send In Your Prayer Requests

Please remember to send in your prayers for our Sunday service. (joys and concerns) Email your request to admin@brooksidecc.org or call



the office at 669-2807.

Gals On The Go

Join us for an informal fellowship for members and friends of Brookside on the **first Tuesday of the month at 11:45 am** at the Granite State Lunchbox, 1750 Elm St., rear entrance. Come enjoy lunch, fellowship, and discussion.



No Green Bananas

This group of retired Brookside men meets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 9 am** at the Granite State Lunchbox, 1750 Elm St., rear entrance, to enjoy breakfast and discussion.



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Please consider a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund so that Rev. Laura can assist our members and friends facing critical financial needs.

Supporting Brookside Congregational Church

Offerings and pledges can be mailed to the Church office at the address below. If you would like to give online, please click on the button below.

[Donate Here](#)



Do You Need Medical Equipment?

Did you know that Brookside has a Medical Equipment Closet? There are crutches, canes, shower chairs, and more, available for use by anyone who needs them. Borrow for short-term or long-term use, keep as long as you need to. Contact the office **(603-669-2807)** for more information.

*****Currently we are not accepting donations.**

BROOKSIDE CALENDAR

Sunday, October 19
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship,
Narthex

Tuesday, October 21
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's Office
6:00 pm COM Meeting, via
Zoom

Thursday, October 23
6:00 pm, Book Group, via
Zoom

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