

BROOKSIDE

Congregational Church



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Message

Our worship service this Sunday is a reminder that God heals even the most vulnerable among us. Through patience, attentiveness, and love, Jesus invites people who are suffering to follow him in his ministry of faith healing. Invited are we, to receive the gift of God blessing the space between us. Whether that space is an ocean, a state, a country, a yard, a community, or an ailing relationship, God's blessings will heal us into relationships once again. Our youth will go to Spiritual Art when they arrive. Please join me for worship and fellowship in the Narthex.

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

2025 FIT Religious Response to Hunger food drive.

Many thanks to all who brought nonperishable food to Brookside during the month of September. We were able to deliver 2 SUVs of food to Temple Adath Yeshurun on October 3. TAY delivered food from multiple Houses of Worship within the Greater Manchester area to help replenish the Families In Transition/ New Horizons food pantry.



Brookside Choir

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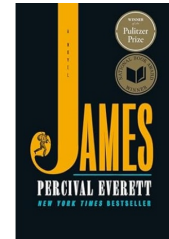
The Brookside Choir will host a breakfast of coffee and donuts in the Narthex on **Sunday, October 26th, at 8:00 am**. Come meet the choir, have breakfast, and stay for choir practice at 8:30 am in the sanctuary. We will begin practicing music for Advent and Christmas that day.

Please join us! Come sing and have fun!

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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.



Good Samaritan Award

The 29th annual Good Samaritan Award presented by PCS (Pastoral Counseling) is scheduled on **October 9, 2025, 5-8 pm** at the Derryfield Country Club. This year, **Brookside's own Calley Milne is one of the GSA Honorees**. We hope many can attend to support Calley as well as the mental health work done by PCS. Individual tickets are available by calling PCS at 603-627-2702 or on the website by using the following link <https://pcs-nh.org/gsa-ticket>

PCS Mission: to promote healing and wholeness of mind, body, and spirit through psychotherapy, consultation, and education, making mental health services available, without barriers, to all who need them.



Donations Needed for Homeless Youth/Young Adults

Mission Ministry has recently received a request from the Waypoint Homeless Youth and Young Adult department for camping supplies (**tents, gently used and new sleeping bags, sleeping pads, flashlights, tarps, warm gloves and hats, hand warmers, hygiene products**) to provide for Manchester area

youth and young adults (ages 12-25) who are living outside and cannot access shelters. This is a focused drive where we are asking for donations not only from Brookside, but also from the larger community to support unhoused young people in need. Monetary donations would be accepted in addition to physical items.

Thank you for your support!

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 12
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 14
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.

Sunday, October 19
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship,
Narthex

Laura's Office
9:00 am No Green Bananas,
Granite State Lunchbox

11:00 am Fellowship,
Narthex

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