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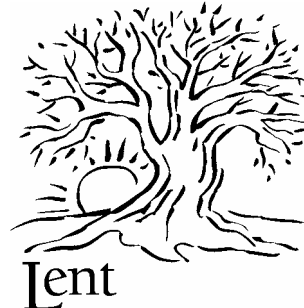
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Lent, for
worship and
study.*

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One Great Hour of Sharing
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*Turn your clocks
AHEAD 1 hour
on Saturday,
March 10;
Daylight Saving
Time begins early
this year, on
March 11.*



Carolyn's



Our Interim Pastor Writes:

"The LORD went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them

light, so that they might travel by day and by night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people." (Exodus 13:21-22)

Forty years is really too long for an interim time! When Moses led his people on their freedom journey, they set out with much excitement, having no idea as to where they were going, but trusting that they would one day (soon!) arrive at the Promised Land. God's leading was certainly clear enough - a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night - and should have assured that the Israelites would manage that relatively minor journey to the Promised Land in under a year, allowing for a leisurely pace. Yet despite a sign that God is present and stable and visible, there is much complaining. Despite the fact that Israel is surrounded by the leadership of God - reliable and dependable and attentive, there are those who strongly advocate rushing forward into the unknown.

Interim times offer opportunities to take a longer journey than we would normally sign up for. Stopping and asking for direction (also known as spiritual discernment), taking risks, making leadership choices, sharing

meals, walking together into a new way of being together in faith call for the willingness to trust in one another as we listen to our Still Speaking God.

Specifically we are invited to enter into the following interim tasks:

- Review and appreciate the history of Brookside Congregational Church and previous pastoral relationships;
- Discover this congregation's special identity and what it dreams being and doing in future ministry;
- Identify and empower the inevitable shifts in leadership that occur in transition times;
- Identify and affirm this congregation's relationship to the United Church of Christ, the Hillsborough Association, the New Hampshire Conference and the wider Church of Jesus the Christ;
- Develop commitment to the leadership of a newly called Pastor, with all the possibilities a new ministry brings.

As we journey together over the next year or two, I look forward to the interesting hills and valleys, winding roads and rocky paths we will find ourselves exploring.

Blessings,

Carolyn



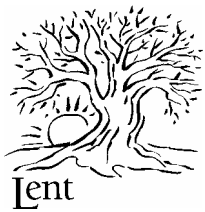
Easter Plant Donations

If you would like to donate a plant to adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 8, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by **Monday, April 2**. The cost is \$12 per plant. (Plants may be picked up after the 10 a.m. service.)

Name _____

I/We wish to donate _____ Easter Plant(s) in memory of _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ .



The Season of Lent

As Jesus went into the wilderness to meditate and pray, to ascertain direction for his ministry, and God's will for him, so we approach this

season of Lent determined to examine the meaning of our own discipleship.

Members and Friends of Brookside Congregational Church are invited to explore the ways God is still speaking in 2007. Through worship, bible study, prayer, and discussion, may we listen to God's voice calling to us in the wilderness, and envision the future to which it beckons.

Wednesday Evenings

Soup, Bread, and Fellowship at 6:00 P.M.

The Board of Deacons invites you to supper each of the Wednesdays in Lent. We will gather in the Dining Room of Manning House, and share a meal before we worship.

Weekly Worship in the Chapel at 7:00 P.M.

~ February 28, March 7, 14, and 21

An opportunity to pray, meditate, and sing allowing for reflection on God's overflowing grace and our own response to this abundant love.

~ Adult Lenten Study, 7:30-8:30 P.M.

We will use this season to explore traditional and contemporary expressions of prayer. Using *Praying All Ways* by Caroljean Willie, SC, Ph.D., as a resource, we will experience prayer by using a multiple intelligences approach. Each week we will use a different approach - writing, math and logic, art, movement, and touch - to offer ourselves in prayer to God.

Agape Meal

Thursday, March 29, 6:00 P.M. This is a re-enactment of a first century meal that would have been shared among the first followers of Christ. This is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to be together in fellowship and prayer.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday – April 1 – Confirmation Sunday; First Communion

10:00 A.M. All Ages Worship. A time when we worship God and remember Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, and the events leading to his death on the cross. *Gather on the front steps of the Sanctuary immediately following worship, for our annual all-church photo.*

Maundy Thursday – April 5

7:00 P.M. Join us in the Sanctuary for a Candlelight Service of Tenebrae and a remembrance of the Last Supper. Tenebrae (meaning "darkness" or "shadows") involves the symbolic extinguishing of candles, signifying the gathering forces of evil and the approach of Jesus' death.

Good Friday – April 6

7:00 P.M. We will gather in the Sanctuary for this solemn remembrance of the three hours at midday that Jesus was on the Cross, and Darkness covered the earth. There will be an opportunity for anointing and healing as part of this service.

Easter Sunday – April 8

Worship

Our three services will be held at:

6:00 A.M. on the south lawn of the Manning House; dress warm!

7:00 A.M. in our chapel; a brief service of the Word.

10:00 A.M. Joyous Easter Worship for all ages in our Sanctuary, featuring special music by all our Choirs, along with accompaniment by the Nottingham Brass.

Breakfast

You are most welcome to gather for an Easter Breakfast that will be served from 8-9:30 a.m. Whether you go to the 7 a.m. service or the 10 a.m. service (or both!), this breakfast is timed just right! We look forward to seeing you on this festive morning.

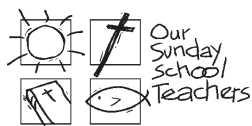
Lenten Activities for the Family

Join us at Fellowship Hour for special, hands-on activities which help us all focus on the importance of preparation for Easter.

Sunday, March 4 – letters and cards for our brothers and sisters of Sakubva Church in Zimbabwe.

Sunday, March 18 – craft, “Jesus Is the Light.”

Palm Sunday, April 1 - Our annual Palm Sunday photo of the congregation will occur right after worship, on the front steps of the church. Our goal is to fit everyone in the photo, there being so many of us! So, one week before Easter, be sure to dress up and to show up! John Gauvin of Studio One in Manchester will once again be our photographer.



Teaching in March

Infant/Toddler Room:
Jennifer Wentz

Preschool (3-5 Year-olds):

Karen Horsch, Leandra George

Grades 1-2: *Donna Moody, Jean Dickson*

Grades 3-4: *Erin Powers, Bob Milling*

Grades 5-7: *Debi and Jeff Rapson*

Teachers Needed:

Infant/Toddler Room: May/June

Preschool (3-5 Year-olds): 2nd teacher – April, May/June

Grades 1-2: 2nd teacher – April, May/June

Grades 5-7: 2nd teacher – May/June

First Communion News

In the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the church acts out the drama of God's love for humankind. During the months of February and March our First and Second Grade children will be learning about the importance of Communion. On **Sunday, April 1**, these children will remain in the Sanctuary to participate in Communion with their families. The Communion Bread served that day will

be made by this class as part of their First Communion instruction on March 18.

It is our practice and policy at Brookside Congregational Church to regard the timing of a child's first Communion as a family decision. We encourage you to talk about this opportunity with your child and to follow a timetable which is most appropriate for you and your child's faith walk.

Mission Trips for Senior High Youth, April 21 – 28, 2007

The NH Conference, UCC is sponsoring a spring Mission Trip for Sr. High Youth (grades 9-12) to Staten Island, New York, hosted by Project Hospitality, an interfaith effort to shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, and care for people with HIV/AIDS. Participating youth will work in a variety of settings including: a soup kitchen (set up, prepare & serve lunch, clean up); a food pantry (distribute bags of food to low-income families); and an emergency transitional shelter (prepare & serve dinner, food pantry for clients). Opportunities to talk with people who have experienced homelessness and hunger will also be scheduled into the week. The group will stay at a local church and some free time will be spent exploring the cultural and ethnic diversity of New York City. Approximate cost will be \$350 per person. **Registration and a non-refundable \$100 deposit are due no later than March 9, 2007.**

Themba Dhliwayo, Leandra George, and Michael Langevin will be joining youth from UCC churches around NH for a return trip to West Palm Beach, Florida for hurricane disaster relief. This trip will also happen over school vacation during the last week of April. Approximate cost will be \$650 per person.

There will be several opportunities to talk with these young people about these exciting, life changing opportunities, along with various fundraising events to help support the cost of the trips. Please participate as you are able with your encouragement, prayers and contributions.

Confirmation Class Preparing Students for Church Membership

Our class of seven students has been meeting regularly since the beginning of January. During the month of March we will meet at 8:30 Sunday morning on **March 4, 18 and 25**. Pastor Carolyn will also be meeting with each confirmand during this month.

Victoria Benson, Mackenzie Cate, Shawn Connors, Jennifer George, Sierra Soucy, Sarah St. Pierre and Katie Williamson will be confirmed in their Christian faith and become covenant members of Brookside Congregational Church, United Church of Christ on **April 1**, during worship. They will gather for a celebrative breakfast at 8:30 before worship on that day, accompanied by their families and their mentors.

On Maundy Thursday, **April 5**, at the Tenebrae Service all seven will assist Pastor Carolyn in celebrating Holy Communion and sharing in the readings for the evening. Be sure to be with them on both April 1 and April 5, and congratulate them!

30-Hour Famine

Brookside Youth's annual 30-Hour Famine has been scheduled for **Saturday, March 17**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until 1:00 p.m. on **Sunday, March 18**. Join our middle school, senior high youth and supervising adults at Brookside for a full day of activities and an overnight lock-in. We will learn about developing countries and famine relief through games, discussions, watching movies, worshiping and participating in a "world famine" experience by eating 3 meals together (lunch, supper and breakfast) which will be nourishing but sparse. Please help to support our youth in raising money to end hunger, and praying for their growing sensitivity for the needs of people around the world.



Senior High Youth Group

Sunday, March 11 – tubing at McIntyre 12:30-2:30. Anyone needing a ride should meet at Brookside at 12:00. Bring a lunch or money for food at the snack bar.

Sat./Sun., March 17-18 – 30 Hour Famine (see info at left). Bring overnight gear, including flashlights, Fundraising packets, and clothes for Sunday.

Tuesday, March 20 – Friendly's (S. Willow Street) Family Fun Night, **5-8:00 p.m.**

April 21-28 – Sr. Hi Mission Trips (Florida & NYC – see previous page).

Middle School Youth Group

March 17-18 – 30 Hour Famine (see info at left). Bring overnight gear, including flashlights, Fundraising packets, and clothes for Sunday.

April TBA – get together with Youth Group from Hooksett UCC Church.

Saturday, May 19 – Christian Rock Concert at Trinity High School.

June TBA will be our last meeting before the summer. Fifth to eighth graders who attend Brookside are invited to join us for a pool party, including dinner, hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Benson, Mr. Fletcher, and Ms. Dickson. We will gather at the Bensons' home in Hooksett for an evening in fun and fellowship. Please contact Sue Benson or Jean Dickson for information, including directions.

New Member Class Coming Up

Monthly opportunities to learn more about membership in Brookside Congregational Church, UCC will begin again on **Sunday, March 4**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lounge meeting room. A class will also be offered the first Sunday of each month throughout most of the year. Speak with Pastor Carolyn if you are able to attend the March class or have an interest in attending another in the near future. New members will then have the opportunity to be received on **March 18** during worship.



NH Conference Outdoor Ministries Updates **Summer Camping Program**

It's time to start thinking about the wonderful camp opportunities that are offered by the NH Conference, UCC. Horton Center and its Outdoor Ministries programs offer children, youth and families a Christian community that is safe, supportive, challenging, and diverse, and a summer camp that shows by example the rewards of a life committed to Jesus. Opportunities to use our physical and creative gifts in the beauty of God's natural world include: swimming, boating, hiking, rock climbing, caving, sports, drama, crafts, music, campfires and sleep outs.

Information about camping options for all ages – elementary through high school, adults, and families with young children – is available in Fellowship Hall. To register, contact *Cindy Migliori (623-2241)* or log on to www.hortoncenter.org.

A Celebration of Ministry for Gregg Pitman

The NHCUCC Outdoor Ministries Board invites you to join with them in celebrating *Gregg Pitman's* years of service as the Director of Outdoor Ministries. This worship service followed by refreshments will be held on **Saturday, March 31** at 2:00 PM at the Congregational Church of Laconia, UCC.

NH Conference announces new Director of Outdoor Ministries

Beth Martindale of Dover, NH has been selected as our Director of Outdoor Ministries for the summers of 2007 and 2008. Ms. Martindale is a member of First Parish Congregational Church, where she has been active as a youth group advisor for the past year. She also brings significant experience in resident church camp, confirmation retreats, and Christian Education. Beth's contact information at the Conference Center is bmartindale@nhcucc.org or **603-225-6647, ext. 112**.

All Boards and Committees to Meet

We will have an all-board meeting on **Sunday, March 25** after service, from approximately 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The expectation is that we will hear a bit on what each board is about and is going to focus on for 2007 and then spend time on stewardship going forward. Reverend Keilig will be leading us in this discussion and will help us develop a process to establish how we work as the year unfolds and how we go into next year. Please aim for full attendance from your board/committee.

Time to Celebrate!

We are a young denomination with historic roots and this June we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the United Church of Christ. United Church of Christ members in the New England/New York area have an exciting opportunity waiting for them. General Synod, the gathering of UCC delegates from throughout our country, is meeting from **June 22 to June 26** in Hartford, Connecticut. Delegates and visitors will experience exciting times together as delegates wrestle with proposals and issues, celebrate our mission together as local churches and experience empowering and powerful worship. Many of us are planning to attend, either as visitors or delegates. Delegates from New Hampshire are: Rev. Dr. Judith Gooch, Jennifer Hanrahan, Mark Fernald, Kristine Bowen, Rev. David Keller, William Sawyer, Rev. Lawrence Clough, Rev. Dr. Diane Durgin, Rev. Janice Howe, Rev. Rebecca Larson, Doris Noyes, John Tostenson and Kate Rogers. More detailed information will be in subsequent Chronicles and at www.ucc.org.



Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 4**, served by: *Russlyn Dunn, Kevin Cate, Jeff Fletcher, Mike Ninivaggi, Kathleen Dube, Joyce Lovejoy, Kerry Richardson, and Raymond Brooks.*



Mark Your Calendars for Easter Holiday Baskets!

The Outreach Committee is again organizing an Easter Food Basket collection. This basket collection, which will include Easter meal items such as ham and scalloped potatoes, will be shared with 40 families. Here's the schedule of events:

March 11 & 18: Signups will take place. Food donations (please mark "Easter Baskets" on the bag) can be left in Fellowship Hall if brought in on Sunday, or on the bench in the hall if brought in at any other time.

March 25: All food donations should be brought in by this Sunday as the committee will inventory after worship and prepare a list of foods that we will have to purchase during the upcoming week.

March 31: On this **Saturday** morning a group of volunteers will gather at 9 a.m. to set up the food donations for the following morning's basket assembly. This is lots of fun so think about signing up to join us. You'll be all done by 11 a.m.!

April 1 (Palm Sunday): We will assemble the baskets in Fellowship Hall after worship. Plan on joining us for a fun-filled frenzied half-hour when we see the fruits of our labor turned into bountiful baskets.

April 2: We need some help on this **Monday** from about 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. to assist in carrying the baskets upstairs to the waiting families or agencies.

Thank You for your Loaves and Fishes

In February, we collected 45 bags of groceries for the New Horizons Food Pantry.

This monthly food collection is one of the many ways Brookside helps meet needs of others in our community. Please consider putting some extra food items in your supermarket basket for the food pantry. Our next collection is **Sunday, March 4.**



One Great Hour of Sharing

On **Sunday, March 18**, Brookside Church, along with nearly 6,000 United Church of Christ congregations across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, will be celebrating One Great Hour of Sharing. This special collection will help the UCC to build sustainable communities that enable people and communities to stand against and rise above hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other forces of injustice; provide emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of natural and human caused events; and minister to refugees. Offering envelopes will be available on the 18th or offerings can be sent directly to Brookside (please note that the donation is for OGHS-One Great Hour of Sharing). Thank you!

A Sad Note from Zimbabwe

Monica Mhururu, wife of our Ukama/ Partnership Chairperson Rev. Albert Mhururu, died very suddenly on February 13, in Zimbabwe. Mrs. Mhururu was working in her garden when she collapsed. Please keep Rev. Mhururu and his children in your prayers.

If you wish to send your own condolences, please use the following address:

Rev. A.G. Mhururu
United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe
30/32 Second Ave., Parktown
P.O. Box W116, Waterfalls
Harare, Zimbabwe

Fellowship Hour Schedule

Monthly hosts for Fellowship Hour are:

- **Mar:** Diaconate Board
- **Apr:** Music Committee
- **May:** Board of Trustees



Chronicle Deadline

Items for the April *Chronicle* are due in the office by **Thursday, March 15**. You can deliver them in person, send them by mail, fax them to **668-9041**, or e-mail them to: nicoleg@brooksidecc.org. Please, be on time!



Notes From Rob

Before I get too carried away on this month's entry, it's time for a public service announcement. Nothing pleases me and the choir more than sincere compliments from congregational members about how a particular Sunday's anthem touched or inspired them. Our goal as a choir is to deliver the message of promise, peace, and the ceaseless love of God, and we work diligently to accomplish this. To quote Ken Grinnell, Minister of Music at First Congregational Church, "Choirs are congregations in miniature" and therefore, take the responsibility to minister in the congregation's name. However, we are in short supply of choir members at Brookside and need singers of all ages to join. I know you are out there; believe me, the choir informs me of the voices they hear while processing down the center aisle. Come join the choir on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 to participate in youthful fellowship with other members of Brookside. I like to think of Wednesday night choir not as a commitment, but rather as a high energy mid-week worship service that rejuvenates me for the rest of the workweek.

A topic that surfaces occasionally in conversation, almost colloquial in manner, is the subject of 'where does a church like Brookside fall in the realm of 'balance' in Christianity?' To expatiate on such a topic might be silly, but I somehow can't seem to put my finger on the crux of the subject.

From time to time, I become troubled over the paths many churches are taking to keep their members coming to worship, especially with music. For example, some church music has transformed from serving a higher purpose of spirituality that is deeply rooted in tradition and culture, to a venomous market of spurious music where the content of music and text no longer serves its intent. I believe this to be a direct reflection of the outpouring support of economics over antiquity and quality; "what sells is best" triumphs over "what sells is not always the

best". Nevertheless, the crowd keeps coming back for more and more.....and more.

So what energy does contemporary Christian music possess that keeps people coming back for more? And I use the word 'energy' to describe an innate response to a natural and primal element in all music: the beat. A strong, solid beat – whether produced by an African drum or by a DW drum set – causes the blood to rush and stimulates the brain. It's exciting! Moreover, layer on a simple text of "Thanks a lot God; you are an awesome God", accompanied with a simple melody, stir and repeat this phrase of music a few hundred times and you have yourself a chant. Combine the beat and chant together and you have music that is very entertaining. But does it fill your soul? Perhaps it does. More importantly, how can one use this song to teach the word of God to the people he/she will come in contact with?

The challenge that churches like Brookside face is to create balance between extreme church polarities. Essentially, Brookside could be considered a 'free' church that equally appropriates contemporary with tradition, particularly with music. Much of the music I recently ordered for Brookside is all contemporary music, featuring roaring gospel music to serene and pensive anthems. Nowadays, selecting quality music can only be achieved through study and careful sifting through piles of rubbish music. There is a myriad amount of 'junk' music that permeates the music world. However, the question comes up as to whether or not we understand the difference between quality music and the other stuff.

Blessings,
Rob

Nursing Home Services

Worship services this month are as follows:

– **Sunday, March 18:**

- Courville, 2:00 p.m.
- Hillcrest Terrace, 3:00 p.m.

Parishioners are always welcome to come along as visitors or participants!



Baptisms

Planned Sundays for baptisms over the next few months are: **March 11 & 18, April 15, May 13 and June 17**. If you wish to be included on one of these dates, please speak with *Pastor Carolyn*.

Deaths

George Forest, father of Brookside member Joseph Forest, died January 30.

Robert Pearson, a Brookside member since 1947, died February 7. Surviving family members include his wife, Hope; daughter, Sarah Merrill; and son, Carl. Rev. Keilig officiated at his funeral in the Chapel.

Former Brookside member Lee Anne Steiner died February 16. She leaves her husband, Robert; sons, James and Jonathan; daughter, Martha Jones; and grandchildren. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 10.

We offer our condolences to all these families in their time of loss.



To Your Health!

The Parish Nurse has hours here every week, on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to Noon in Room E. Avail yourself of free nurse consultation, blood pressure checks, health information, referrals and more. Be sure to check out the Parish Nurse bulletin board across from Room E to learn about events throughout Manchester!

For more information, call the Parish Nurse office at **663-8004**.

If You're Hospitalized...

Because federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals, the pastor and church office may not know that a member of the church has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized, and would like a visit from the pastor, it is important that you (or a family member) no-

tify the church office as soon as possible. Call us at **669-2807**. Remember, hospitals no longer can provide this information to us.

Women's Union "Back in the Roost"

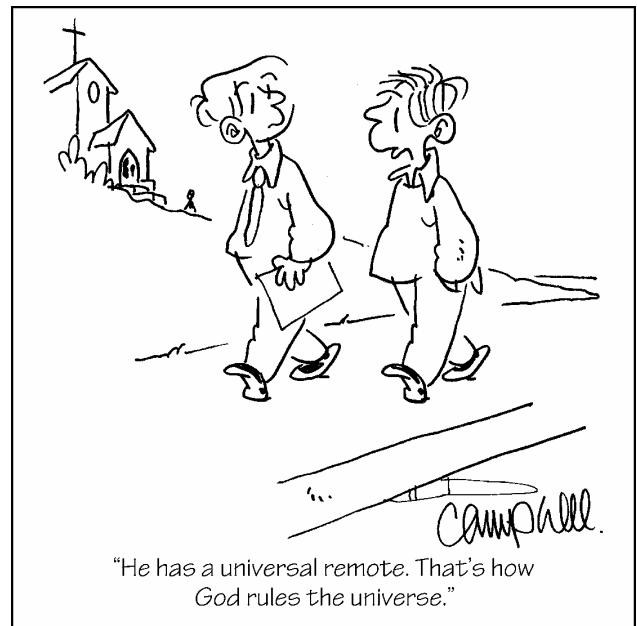


Come to Women's Union and learn all about *New Hampshire Backyard Birds* in this month's program presented by the Massabesic Audubon Society on **Thursday, March 15**. We meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 for social time; dinner is served at 6:00, then a short business meeting and the program follow. To make your supper reservation, please call either *Marilyn Hingston (622-2190)* or *Anna Hingston (232-2033)*.

Lost and Found – Come and Get It!

Our Lost and Found collection is languishing in the hallway across from the church office. Please take a moment to look through the box and see if anything belongs to you.

Items remaining in the box after March 31 will be donated to the Thrift Shop and/or disposed of.



Please Help Us to Save Money

In an effort to save on printing, paper and mailing costs, the Brookside Board of Trustees is urging members to access the Monthly Chronicle online at the church Website, www.brooksidecc.org.

Beginning in May, we will e-mail the entire church to notify them each month when the Chronicle is ready. If we do not have your e-mail address and you would like to receive notification, then please send an e-mail to Nicole requesting that she add your e-mail address to the notification list. Please note, copies of the Chronicle will still be available in the Narthex and back hallway each month for you to take.

If you wish to continue receiving the chronicle in the mail, then please contact the church office by one of the following methods.

1. E-mail Nicole at: nicoleg@brooksidecc.org.
2. Call the church office at 669-2807 and ask Vicky or Nicole to keep you on the Chronicle mailing list.
3. Return the attached form in the mail to the church office.

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Meet Your Boards and Committees – This Month's Feature: Diaconate Board

As a way to build community and help us to get to know one another better, selected "mini biographies" will be appearing in the Chronicle in the months ahead. We begin this month with the members of the Diaconate.

Raymond Brooks is a new member to Brookside having become a covenant member in November. He is quite at home here and has found folks very welcoming. A life-long Christian, raised in the Congregational tradition, Raymond has spent the last 25 years active in the Episcopal Church. Having served for many years in the field of clinical research he is a retired substance abuse counselor. He has exercised the ministry of spiritual direction for several years and would be pleased to speak with anyone at Brookside about the art of spiritual direction. He sees his service on the Diaconate as an opportunity to serve God in the world.

Kevin Cate has been married to Ginny for 18 years and they have three boys: Mack, 13, Duncan, 10 and Liam, 6. They have lived in Bedford for the last ten years. Kevin has served Brookside as a Trustee in the past and enjoys spending time with his family, coaching youth sports, and participating in Cub Scouts. He also enjoys hunting and fishing.

Sandi Decknick is an administrative assistant at McLaughlin Middle School in Manchester, and works evenings at a karate studio running the front office and also teaching. She has three of the best kids in the world, Josh, 19, Phil, 16 and Taylor, 14, a cat and a black lab "Spur." Sandi loves animals, sports, sewing, the mountains, and the ocean. She was born and brought up in Goffstown where she still resides.

Kathleen Dube is recently divorced and lives in her new home in Goffstown with her two children, Matt and Sara. She has over 20 years experience in sales and marketing, and now is a carpenter who specializes in

kitchen and bath remodeling. Her hobbies include reading, golfing, camping, kayaking, bowling, and playing cribbage. Kathleen has been a member of Brookside since November of 2005, and has been helped along her spiritual journey through the kindness of others in the church. She has joined the Diaconate to share that experience, and to serve others.

Russlynn Dunn lives in east Manchester with four kitties (the limit!), all of whom are rescues. She enjoys gardening, bird watching from indoors, reading, traveling, music, the month of June, and especially being with her family. Russ looks forward to meeting more of her Brookside family.

Jeff Fletcher has worked at MetLife for 19 years. He lives on the east side of Manchester off Candia Road with his wife Kelli and two kids, Peyton and Colin. Jeff enjoys traveling to different places, seeing new things and especially visiting historical sites with his family wherever they may be.

Dennis Giguere is an electrical engineer, who is currently working on medical instrumentation. Dennis, his wife Elaine and three children – Bob, 23, Greg, 20 and Katie, 17 – live in Bow and have been members of Brookside for 11 years. Dennis served on the Outreach Board prior to joining the Diaconate Board. His interests include home repair, reading, model airplanes, and for the past year he has been practicing yoga.

Keith Hamer lives in Goffstown and is an electrical engineer. He has been active in Scouts for many years. He enjoys reading, aerobics, running, hiking and camping. He recently returned from working ten weeks in Germany and is currently enjoying helping a FIRST Robotics team. He has been married to Dorna for 21 years. Kevin is attending UNH and Hilary will be going off to college next year too, leaving us with just the dog and two cats.

Joyce Lovejoy is a retired clergy person. She and her husband, Peter, live in New Boston. She enjoys reading, especially mysteries, kayaking, swimming and sudoku puzzles. She

also serves as chair of the Planning and Evaluation Committee of the New Hampshire Conference, UCC. Music with a beat sets her feet dancing.

Mike Ninivaggi has been a member of Brookside for the past two years, has been married to his best friend Paula for over six, and has lived in New Hampshire for the past 11. An avid animal lover (just ask the five cats and three bunnies at his house), when he is not busy at Brookside, he's working at his network engineering job, fixing his house, taking classes for foster child care, day tripping, indulging his love of model railroading, movies, history, and reading (fiction and otherwise), or, best of all, enjoying the company of the many friends he's met among Brookside's community. He sees his service on the Diaconate board, especially his fellowship work, as a chance to help bring the Brookside community closer together.

Kerry Richardson worked in law enforcement in Hanover, NH for over 15 years. He moved to Goffstown 4 years ago to start his own business in kitchen & bath remodeling. He came to Brookside at that time and quickly got involved with the Church. He is involved with KAIROS Prison Ministry, and is also currently serving on the search committee for a "Called" Pastor. Kerry's hobbies include woodworking, golf, fishing, snowshoeing and hunting, and he has been known to play a game of cribbage from time to time.

Dale Trombley lives in Warner with her husband, Mike, and her foster son, Michael. Dale is the fiscal manager for the New Hampshire court system. She recently began taking a computer class at Southern NH University so that technology does not leave her behind. She enjoys gardening, kayaking, skiing, skating, and her two black labs, Gus and Maggie.

Don Waldrupe lives in Manchester with his wife Judy and is a commercial underwriter for a regional insurance company. This is his second time being on the Diaconate. He enjoys traveling, especially to warm places.

Women's Study Group

The Women's Study Group will be taking a brief hiatus during Lent to participate in the Lenten services and study series on prayer, led by Rev. Carolyn Keilig. We will be starting up again on **April 11**, the **Wednesday** following Easter, at the home of *Janet Kolkebeck*, 100 Carnegie Street, Manchester, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

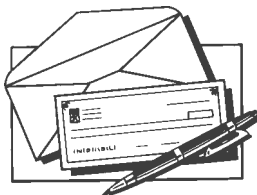


Support Our Youth

The Senior High Youth group is sponsoring a Family Fun Night at the Friendly's Restaurant on South Willow Street in Manchester on **Tuesday, March 20**, from 5-8 p.m. When you visit Friendly's on this date, they will donate 10% of the proceeds to our fundraising efforts to support our Mission Travel Fund.

We hope to be able to send some of our Senior High folk on a Mission Trip to West Palm Beach, Florida, and some to Staten Island, NY in April. Please put the **March 20** date on your calendar and help support the Sr. High while enjoying great food!





The Treasurer Asks:

The Church office issues checks twice a month, paying on the 15th and the 30th only (unless there is an emergency). Please keep this in mind when submitting expense reimbursements and send them in at least three days prior to the 15th or the 30th. Late requests will be paid in the next payment cycle.

Financial Update, In a Nutshell...

Any questions regarding the detail of the treasurer's report below may be directed to Gail Goodman at 656-9038, or e-mail her at ggoodman@elliott-hs.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT			
For the period ending January 31, 2007			
	<u>Actual vs Budget</u>		
January	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	26,927	27,779	(852)
Total Expenses	16,513	20,071	(3,558)
Net Gain (Loss)	10,414	7,708	2,706
Year-to-date			
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YTD Pledges	\$11,375	\$13,205	(\$1,830)

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK	
March 4 Dave Migliori	March 11 Dave Migliori
March 18 Norm Noel	March 25 Norm Noel

ACOLYTES	
March 4 Delaney Guimont	March 11 Duncan Cate
March 18 Christopher Davison	March 25 Jason Davison

DOORPERSON	
March 4 Rod Leavell	March 11 Scott Antonucci
March 18 Dennis Giguere	March 25 Dave Migliori

GREETERS	
March 4 Donna & Rod Leavell	March 11 Joe & Denise Forest
March 18 Ferranti family	March 25 Russlyn Dunn

USHERS	
March 4 Sis Dunn Robert Dunn Russlyn Dunn Kerry Richardson	March 11 Ben Lambert Linda Lambert Kevin Cate John Cooperider
March 18 Sally Sederquist Sandi Decknick Phillip Decknick Kathleen Dube	March 25 Keith Hamer Ed Mitchell Jeff Rapson Don Waldrupe

