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June 3rd is

Music Sunday:

featuring "Gospel Mass"

with guests from Concord Chorale

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**AN EVENING OF
CHRISTIAN MUSIC
featuring UNSPOKEN**

**and THE NEW
EXPERIENCE BAND**

Saturday, June 9

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**JOIN US FOR
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

June 10, 10 a.m.

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Carolyn's



From Pastor Carolyn:

When we moved to our home in Hopkinton 18 years ago, we inherited a number of perennial gardens scattered throughout the property. They take more tending than I really have time for, although I enjoy the time I take to tend them! One recent summer, in an attempt to control the chaos and give the illusion of order, I spent many an hour lining them with a brick border. The idea was to keep the grass of the lawn from invading the gardens and to keep the flowers within their boundary.

This time of year I can't help but notice which flowers did not survive the winter. I was particularly disappointed to see that one of my favorites, the bright red bee balm, was missing. Then, I saw it. Growing proudly outside of my neat brick border, intermingled with the grass in the lawn, several plants were staging a comeback. They had escaped the careful boundary I had created for them to keep them safe and protected from the lawnmower. Here was my conundrum. I could replant them where they belonged, possibly killing them off in the transfer process (I am not much of a green thumb), or I could leave them where they were scattered, exposing them to almost certain death by mowing. As I pondered the options, I wondered why the bee balm was foolish enough to circumvent the safe haven I had provided for it, and instead seek out the forbidden pleasure of the lawn.

But isn't that the age old human dilemma? How do you, as a child of God, make your decisions about the acceptable limits of your behavior? To be a Christian today means to be part of the counter-culture; it means to constantly make choices based on the life and teachings of Christ, his death and victorious resurrection. Most people living in our society have some idea as to what God expects of them; the vast majority chooses to disregard what they know.

As you enjoy the beautiful flowers coming forth at this time of year, I hope they

may remind you that we all make choices each and every day regarding what is "in bounds" and what is "out of bounds." May God's guidance steer us to make choices that honor and glorify our God.

Blessings,
Carolyn

Zimbabwe Dinner and Regional Gathering Raises Cultural and Faith Awareness

We are delighted to welcome **Rev. Edmund Matuvhunya** and **Rev. Albert Mhururu** to spend some time with us during their visit to New Hampshire in June. **Rev. Matuvhunya** is Synod President of the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe. **Rev. Mhururu** is Chair of the UCCZ Ukama Task Force. Both have visited Brookside during previous trips to NH in connection with strengthening the partnerships between NH UCC churches and UCC congregations in Zimbabwe.

On **Thursday, June 14** at 6:00 p.m., Brookside Congregational Church will host a Pot Luck Dinner, with some traditional Zimbabwean food and music mixed in. Come join us at this exciting event – bring some food to share, and lots of people to hear firsthand information about our Christian brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe, and build a base of support for our relationship with our partner church in Sakubva. For more information, please contact *Jean Dickson* at **669-2807, ext. 104**.

There is no charge for the dinner, but donations are encouraged and will go to support faith communities of our partner churches.





An Update on Our Search

During the month of May 2007, the Pastoral Search Committee has been hard at work on the church history update. The members of the committee would like to thank you for taking the time to send in your memories or stick a "Post-it Note" on the history boards in the sanctuary. Your help in this process is extremely appreciated and will assist us in the finishing touches of the historical update.

Why does this process take so long? This is one of the many questions members of the committee have been asked by members of the church. This is a fair question, and the committee would like to shed a bit of light on the process. A few months ago, with help from the NH Conference, the committee discussed the recommended procedure which is used prior to advertising our open pastoral position. The entire process is extremely thorough and requires us to document where the church has been, what the church has done, and what the church will be in the future. That being said, good things take time! We think a good rule of thumb may be to say that for every year the prior Pastor served, it will take a month of time for the search committee to finish the required work. Although this is not concrete, nor a science, it gives us a good idea that the process could take no less than 16 months at best, and up to 24 months or more, depending on circumstances.

The committee has several current goals for projects that are scheduled:

~ History Project—currently a work in progress and should be finished sometime in early fall 2007.

~ Member Survey—currently a work in progress and will be sent out sometime in the near future. Responses and data collected from the survey will help the committee form a church profile. Project scheduled for completion sometime in early fall 2007.

~ Brochure—pictures, events, and contents are currently being reviewed and discussed within the committee. This brochure will be sent to possible candidates who re-

quest information about us.

~ Church Profile—currently a work in progress as the committee works on survey questions, demographic data, and financial data. This project should be finished sometime in early fall 2007.

The finished products will be sent to the NH Conference as part of the search process and the committee will move on to the next search phase. Thanks to all for your enthusiastic support so far on the history project and we look forward to updating you in the near future of the progress made by the committee.

Tricia Lucas, Chair	Joe Lachance
Gil Desjardins, Vice Chair	Pete Lovejoy
Kerry Richardson, Chaplain	Judi Mitchell
Laura Sevigny, Clerk	Brock Swetland
Jeff Fletcher	Dale Trombley
Karen Horsch	



Loaves and Fishes

Thank you for your *Loaves & Fishes* donations in May. We collected 30 bags of groceries and other non-perishables for New Horizons. Our next collection is **Sunday, June 3.**



Thanks for Your Support

Thanks to you, we raised over \$343 during our Tools of Hope and Blanket Sunday collection on May 13th. Your contributions, along with many others, will provide blankets, tents, bedding, farming tools, and other emergency supplies to victims of natural disasters, wars, and ethnic violence.

Great Work, Team!

Thank you to all who participated in or supported Brookside's team in the annual *Walk Against Hunger* to benefit New Horizons. We look forward to doing this again next year!

Notes From Our Music Director

It's amazing how time goes by when you're having fun. Apparently, this is the case at Brookside. As the 2006-2007 Choir Season comes to a close, I want to remind you that Brookside begins with a bang, and ends with a bang. Don't miss **Music Sunday** on **June 3rd**, featuring selected Gospel music from various composers and voices from Brookside and Concord Chorale. I can't think of a better way to close the music year!

Assessing the musical events of this year brings personal satisfaction in knowing where the choir started, where we've gone, and where we are planning to go. The choir has made significant improvements in tone and technique. Moreover, each person has brought unique qualities to the music, whether it is a personal connection to the text of an anthem, or historical and contextual information that was previously unknown. Nevertheless, musical growth and a keen sense of the ensemble are the greatest successes for the choir. I look forward to what next year brings.

Let us not forget the Junior Choir and the Cherub Choir. Although they are not seen as much as the adult choir, these two groups inject refreshing sparks of life and exuberant joy into our service. Their musical gifts are cherished and valued, and I do know there are more children in the church than the number I see at Junior and Cherub Choir rehearsals. We are always looking for new children to join; perhaps this is your child's opportunity to be actively involved in the music ministry at Brookside.

One final note to touch upon—the sanctuary organ. The Music Committee is nearing the initiating of the final stage of the organ restoration project. We received a quote from organ technician Bob Bengtson regarding how expensive this project will be, and decided to go ahead with the project. The project is complicated and extremely time consuming; however, the organ will still remain in operation during the project. Certain portions of the organ will be shut down in order to commence work to that section while the

rest of the organ remains intact for church use. The Music Committee plans on beginning the work this coming fall. If you would like to help complete this restoration project, please speak to me or Gil Desjardins about making a donation to the 'Organ Restoration Fund'. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

Rob St. Cyr

Support & Ideas for Fellowship Opportunities

The Board of Deacons is seeking support for fellowship opportunities. Folk with ideas to share, individuals with organizational skills and anyone willing to help out is invited to join in. We are hoping to have several gatherings to strengthen our community and have fun during the coming year. If you have just one idea, can help just once to set up or otherwise contribute, please consider letting us know. Share your thoughts and interests with *Raymond Brooks*, either via e-mail (raymondbrooks@juno.com), or by speaking to him or one of the other Deacons after worship on Sunday.

Spiritual Discernment; Our Common Life

by Raymond Brooks, Board of Deacons

Wondering what this could be about? Please join me to talk about our common prayer life, to share our experiences of God, to pray and to plan how we might grow together. It is my hope that this might be a monthly gathering for anyone interested in support for their journey with Christ. My experience as a spiritual director will inform some of our sharing. There are various ways we might find God in the ordinary, everyday experiences of our lives. Let's meet to explore together just what might be helpful. Our initial gathering will be on a Sunday after worship. Once we know who we will be, we will mutually decide on a meeting time. To get involved, see me, Raymond Brooks, or e-mail me at: raymondbrooks@juno.com.

Christian Education Department Happenings

Jean Dickson, Director: 669-2807 x104

Celebrate Children's Sunday with Us

Sunday, June 10 is the closing day of the 2006-07 church school year, and a time of celebration for the past year. This special Sunday focuses on the children of Brookside as leaders of our worship service for the day. Please join us for the service and for an all-church picnic immediately after worship.



⇒ Children participating in the service should attend a brief practice session on **June 3**, at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Picnic for Everyone!



Children's Sunday Picnic

Please plan to stay after church on **June 10** to enjoy the all-church picnic while your children enjoy carnival games. The Senior High

Youth Group, including this year's 8th graders, will be helping with games for children. Donations are welcomed to raise money for a future mission trip.

~ Assistance is also needed in a variety of ways to make our end-of-the-year celebration a successful and enjoyable event. To help out, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact *Donna Ferranti (471-1041)* or *Jean Dickson* (see top of page).

Parents of Third Graders – Take Note

It is the custom at Brookside to give a gift Bible to our Sunday School children completing Third Grade. Bibles will be presented on Children's Sunday, **June 10**. Please call the church office (669-2807) and let us know if your 3rd grader will be at church on that day, or if you would like to arrange a different time for your child to receive his/her Bible.

Gearing Up for Secret Pals

It is time once again to ask adults and children to sign up to be a Secret Pal to get to know other people in the church over the summer. A sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall for adults who like sending mail. Kids will have an information sheet to complete. Sign up during Fellowship Hour between now and Children's Day, **June 10**.

Teaching in June

June 3, Music Sunday:

- Infant/Toddler Room:

CE Person of the Week

- Preschool (3-5 Year-olds): *Karen Horsch*

June 10, Children's Day – No Sunday School

June 17:

- Infant/Toddler Room: *CE Person of the Week*

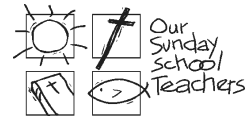
- Preschool (3-5 Year-olds):

Peyton Fletcher, Thandiwe Dhlwayo

June 24:

- Infant/Toddler Room: *Kaitlyn & Bonnie Hoyt*

- Preschool (3-5 Year-olds): *CE Person/Week*



Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 17 will be a special day to recognize and honor those individuals who graduate this year from a high school or college/university program. If you are, or know of, a graduating senior, or an individual who has completed a graduate level program this spring, please call the church office (669-2807) so that we can include you in recognition of a job well done.

Graduating Seniors, please join us at worship on Sunday morning, June 17.

1. Help to Teach This Summer

Summer Sunday School will be provided for children ages 5 and younger beginning on **June 17**.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED (adults and high school teens) to help teach for a Sunday or two. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall, or speak with *Jean Dickson* (669-2807, ext. 104).



2. Help Teach Next Year

Volunteers are needed for the fall, winter and spring to provide care in the Infant/Toddler Room and teach Sunday School for ages 3 through 14. Adults and high school teens are encouraged to think about teaching or helping in a classroom for 3-to-4 week sessions. The more volunteers we have, the lighter individual schedules are, and the quicker children and adults in Brookside get to know one another. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact *Sue Benson*, *Jean Dickson* or anyone on the Christian Education Board.

SoulFest 2007 at Gunstock Aug. 3-7

Are you thirsty to know more about God's love for you? Do you wonder how this love can heal, transform and re-ignite a passion in your soul? Then you and your family are invited to join thousands of Christian youth and adults at SoulFest 07 at Gunstock Mountain Resort. SoulFest is unparalleled by any other event in New England! Combining over 125 artists, authors, and speakers, SoulFest is an event that will profoundly impact your life! Five days and nights of fellowship, music, and inspired teaching – all at a breath-taking location – SoulFest is an event you'll be drawing from for years to come. For more information see brochures in Fellowship Hall, on the bulletin board near the office, or go to www.thesoulfest.com

Middle School Youth Hoping to Meet One More Time

Friday, June 22 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 Benson home at 5:00 with plans to eat at 5:30. Then spend the evening in fun and fellowship, ending at 8:00 p.m. Please contact *Sue Benson* (627-3300) or *Jean Dickson* (see top of pg. 5) for information, including directions.



Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, June 3**, served by: *Jeff Fletcher, Raymond Brooks, Don Waldrupe, Kathleen Dube, Dennis Giguere, Keith Hamer, Dale Trombley* and *Russlyn Dunn*.



Consider Joining Brookside Church

A New Members' Class will be held in the Lounge classroom on **Sunday, June 3** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those who desire to be received as new members may do so on **Sunday, June 17**.

Please let Pastor *Carolyn Keilig* know if you intend to be at the class.



Nursing Home Services

Worship services this month are as follows:

– **Sunday, June 17**

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

Parishioners are always welcome to come along as visitors or participants. Please try to work it into your schedule this month!

Baptisms

Upcoming dates for baptisms are **Sundays, June 17** and **July 15**. If you would like to schedule for one of these dates, please speak with *Pastor Carolyn*.

Losses in Our Church Family

Marjorie Lieby, a Brookside member since 1954, died in Florida on March 31. She leaves a son and two daughters.

Muriel Cuddy, wife of Jeff Cuddy Jr. and a Brookside member since 1965, died May 9. Family members include two children and two grandchildren. Pastor Keilig officiated at her memorial service.

Donald Noel, son of Norm Noel, died May 10. He leaves numerous family members, including stepmother Myrtle Walker Noel.

We offer our condolences to these families and hold them in our prayers.



Nurse to Take a Few Days Off...

The Parish Nurse usually has hours here weekly, most **Thursdays** from 10 a.m. to Noon in Room E. BUT... she will be away on **June 14** and **July 5**, so don't come looking for her on those dates!

Lots of folks stop by regularly for blood pressure checks, free nurse consultation, 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) notify the church office as soon as possible. Call us at **669-2807**. Remember, hospitals no longer can provide this information to us.

Meet Your Boards and Committees – Here Is the Outreach Board



We continue publishing our "mini biographies" to help us get to know one another better; meet the Board of Christian Outreach!

Denise Forest lives in Auburn with her husband Joe. She has been a covenant member of Brookside for four years. She is a teacher in the Goffstown School District and danced with the Granite State Cloggers for 9 years. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, reading, walking, gardening, and being outdoors.

Karen Horsch has attended Brookside Church since coming to New Hampshire 11 years ago and has been a member of the Outreach Board since 2004. She is self-employed as a consultant and works with nonprofit organizations and foundations to help them better measure and understand the impact of their work. Her most important role is being mom to 8-year-old Carl and 10-year-old Emily. In her spare time, she runs and reads.

Janet Kolkebeck lives in the North End of Manchester. Currently serving as associate vice president for college advancement at Saint Anselm College, she moved to New Hampshire from southeastern Vermont two years ago to assume the position. In addition to her involvement at Brookside Church, she also serves on the Board of Directors of the Manchester Community Music School.

Nancy Lachance lives in Manchester with husband Joe and daughters Emily and soon to be Gabrielle. Nancy and Joe are in the final stages of adopting a baby girl from Guatemala and hope to have her home by September of this year. Nancy has a degree in early

childhood education from Notre Dame College and is currently employed by a local dentist working as an office assistant. Nancy enjoys outdoor activities, antiques, theatre, and spending time with family.

Rod Leavell retired from a 34-year career in sales & sales management with Moore Business Forms. He met his wife Donna at Brookside in a Hospice grief group in 1999 after both of them lost their former spouses in the fall of '98. They became covenant members several years ago. Between them they have 5 daughters, 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Rod was a Trustee before joining the Outreach Board. He is a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels and was a founder and President of the Northern New England ALS Chapter.

Lindsay MacPhail is a freshman at Goffstown High School. Her school activities include the Field Hockey Team, the Tennis Team and Model Congress. She works at the YMCA Allard Center in the Climbing Gym where she is also co-captain of the Climbing Team. Her other activities include reading, ballet and flute.

Dawn Mahoney has had an eclectic church experience. She was baptized Lutheran, confirmed Episcopalian, first joined a Congregational church in Minneapolis and then joined a Presbyterian church while living in St. Louis. She was born and raised in the Minneapolis/St Paul area and lived there until 1999 then moved to St. Louis. Her husband is originally from the Northeast so they moved out here 2 years ago to be closer to his mother, first renting for a year in Manchester and then buying a house in Hampton. She works in the mental health field, is married and has 2 dogs – a pug (hers) and a Great Pyrenees (his).

Paula Ninivaggi has been a member of Brookside for just over two years, and in that time has contributed to both Outreach and Fellowship. Paula's feelings about Outreach are summed up by this quote by Dr. Joseph E. Murray, Surgeon and Nobel Laureate:

"Service to society is the rent we pay for living on this planet."

Beverly Robie lives in Manchester and has been a member of Brookside for just over a year. She works for NH-JAG as a Youth Specialist in their dropout prevention program at Manchester West High School. She is a devout Red Sox fan who has often spent the off-season "waiting for next year."

Mike Wentzell was born and raised in the Worcester, Mass. area, moving to New Hampshire in 1999. Mike currently resides in Derry. He began attending services at Brookside when he moved to the Manchester area in the fall of 2005, joining shortly thereafter. Mike's interests include reading, music, and dining out. He also enjoys his time at Brookside and serving on the Outreach Board.



Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree...

Yes, you heard correctly – CHRISTMAS TREE! The Thrift Shop needs a tree to replace the sad-looking one they keep outside and decorate with seasonally-appropriate "treasures." If you happen to have a 6-foot artificial tree that you don't need anymore, please call the church office (669-2807) and let them know. Thanks!

THANK YOU!!!

The church office staff and the *Chronicle* editor, in particular, wish to thank the team of women who helped to assemble 400-500 newsletters each month for mailing. This involved collating, folding, stapling and sorting (not to mention talking, laughing, indulging in coffee and munchies). We salute you, the "Last-Wednesday-Morning-of-the-Month Club," who were ably rounded up each time by *Joan Constantine*. You did a great job!



NH Conference Offers Bus Trip to Synod in the City

The NH Conference, UCC will sponsor a chartered bus trip to Synod in the City, the day-long gala celebration of the UCC's 50th anniversary, taking place on **Saturday, June 23**, in Hartford, Connecticut, as part of the 26th General Synod.

The day begins with worship at 8:30 a.m. at the Hartford Civic Center and a keynote address by Bill Moyers. Other presenters will offer distinctive insights into our mission as a multicultural, multiracial, open and affirming, accessible to all, just peace church. More information, including a complete list of presenters, may be found by logging on to www.ucc.org/synod/pdfs/synodinthecity.pdf. In addition, the national UCC office has just announced that active UCC member U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) will be a featured afternoon speaker. Synod in the City will close with a celebration at the Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.



The NH Conference bus will leave the Pembroke Conference Center at 5:00 a.m. and stop

at the Park-n-Ride Lot in Windham, at Routes 111 and 93 (exit 3 off I-93). It will then depart from Windham at 5:45 a.m. to arrive in Hartford by 8 a.m. The bus will depart Hartford after the evening celebration is over, at approximately 9 p.m.

The bus fare will be \$30 per person. Please make checks payable to NHCUC, with "Synod Bus Trip" in the memo line. Remember that separate registration is required for Synod in the City (\$50 per person). Synod in the City registration may be completed online at www.ucc.org/synod.

If you would like to be part of the NH Conference bus trip, please contact *Sue Farris* at **603-225-6647**, or by email at sfarris@nhcucc.org with your name, phone number and preferred pickup location (Pembroke or Windham). The deadline to reserve your seat is **Thursday, May 31**, and refunds will not be granted after Friday, June 8.

An Early Summer Fundraising Event



We invite you, your family, and friends to an evening of Christian music right here in our own house on **Saturday, June 9**, featuring Christian bands UNSPOKEN and local artists NEW EXPERIENCE BAND as the opening act. You may have heard UNSPOKEN at SOULFEST 2006 in Gilford last year and they will be there again this year. Fellowship hour will be outside from 6-7 p.m. with food and drinks for sale. The opening band will start promptly at 7:00 and UNSPOKEN will hit the stage around 8 p.m. People of all ages will enjoy both bands and their message – it should prove to be a great family event!

Please join us for what is expected to be a sellout crowd. Tickets are \$9.00 per person and are available in Fellowship Hall after worship. You may also visit the Brookside website at www.brooksideecc.org to print out a mail order form. By the way, if you have not checked out the new website, it's great!

We are looking for people to help out with this event. Anything you could do to help would be appreciated, and please remember that all proceeds remain here at our church. We need:

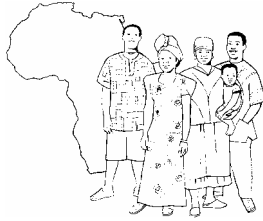
- ~ Ticket Takers
- ~ Security (Peace Patrol)
- ~ Food/Beverage Sales
- ~ BBQ Helpers
- ~ Set-up for the event
- ~ Clean-up after the event
- ~ General help

We are currently seeking sponsors for the event, and so far, we have been successful. If you know a business that would like to donate food or help with underwriting the event in exchange for promotional advertisement, please see *Joe Lachance* or one of the Trustees with the information.

Get your tickets while you can, because there are only 350 available. We look forward to working with you and/or seeing you at the show. If you would like more information on this event please e-mail *Joe Lachance* at: brooksideconcert@comcast.net

More Sagas from the Thrift Shop

*by Penny Stillman,
Co-chair*



Have you ever been to Africa? One hot spring morning, while sitting at my desk, I spun around to look out at our lilac bush. My mind flew back 20 years to Morocco, where I had often traveled to be with my daughter, Linda, while she and her husband were stationed there in the German Embassy. Blinking rapidly, I saw a single file of African women walking past to the lawns behind Manning House, dressed brilliantly in multi-colored gowns, walking proudly with their heads wrapped high with what looked like turbans. I dashed to the opposite window as they stopped suddenly, looking quiet and serious.

A little later, into the shop came a state worker to discuss the situation with me. Remember, as I have told you, the variety in that small shop is indeed the spice of our lives. The woman informed me they were Somalians, refugees sent here at the rate of 50 per month. They were crowded into two-room apartments by our city fathers. She pointed out two women with eight children total, now living in two rooms with almost no furnishings. Could we help them? Of course!

Into the shop came about eight women, looking scared (of little old me, yet!). I thought they needed American clothing – WRONG! They were on our land because our church had granted them a section of garden so they could plant vegetables to eat. I instructed the interpreter to tell them that they could have anything in the shop they needed. My co-workers, aghast, didn't know how to cope for that one day; everything was free! The Somalian women took sheets, laid them on the floor and piled on every pot, pan and mug, etc. they could find.

Memories returned, for I saw that shopping method in the marketplace (sooks) in Africa. When the shelves were empty, they proceeded to wrap their new possessions in the sheets and put these huge bundles on top of their heads. Smoothly they glided,

necks stiff, to a waiting car. Not one thing fell to the ground.

Then, we noticed one woman left behind. There was no room for her, what with all the bundles. The social worker appeared and said the African lived on Brook Street, and someone would come for her. We all waited for an hour, but no one came. We were hot and thirsty inside and she was out in the hot sun. There was iced tea in our little fridge, so we took a big glassful to her. No one needed a common language; we saw the gratitude in her eyes and the only smile seen that day. When she had drained the glass, she rose, put her bundle on top of her head and walked off towards Brook Street. These women came every Friday to work in the fields harvesting huge crops and they were proud, and so were we.

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Flash forward to another small story. On a recent Saturday, little children trooped into the shop, off and on. We knew they would show up, from past experience. We keep little chairs next to a low shelf of colorful kids' books, etc. They sit and read while their parents shop. But it was the day before Mother's Day and most had a one-dollar bill clutched in their hands. They were looking for gifts for their Moms, and they averaged about six years old. The adults stayed outside; the little ones came to the desk holding up various little gifts, maybe a piece of costume jewelry or a pretty scarf. Whatever the real price, usually much higher, I told them their purchase was one dollar. Those children were not looking for toys for themselves that day. The last one spotted a big yellow pin with the imprint "World's Best Mom" on it. "How much is it?" she asked. I knew she had spent her dollar, so I replied, "It is only 25 cents."

"That is just what I have left," she beamed.

I am sure there were proud Moms that Sunday and we were proud of the mothers, because it certainly showed that they are bringing up their children to think of others before themselves.

Fellowship Hour Schedule

Monthly hosts for Fellowship Hour are:

- **June:** Diaconate Board
- **July:** Board of Trustees
- **Aug.:** Music Committee



Chronicle Deadline Is Soon!

The next issue of the *Chronicle* will be our summer issue, covering July AND August. In order to have it all ready to appear on the web site by June 25, you need to be an early bird and submit your news by **Thursday, June 7**. Plan ahead so your summer activities will be included both in the print version and on the web site!

You can deliver your news in person, send it by mail, fax it to **668-9041**, or e-mail it to: nicoleg@brooksidecc.org. Thanks.

Our Monthly Financial "Check-up"

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 April 30, 2007			
	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>		
April	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	35,898	28,985	6,914
Total Expenses	27,957	25,758	2,199
Net Gain (Loss)	7,942	3,227	4,715
Year-to-date			
Total Income	117,126	108,515	8,611
Total Expenses	119,448	118,018	1,429
Net Gain (Loss)	(2,322)	(9,504)	7,182
YTD Pledges	\$56,860	\$54,411	2,449

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June 3 Keith Hamer Ed Mitchell Jeff Rapson Don Waldrup	June 10 Children's Day
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June 17 Brock Swetland Marcy Lyman David Gates Benjamin Williamson	June 24 Kelli Fletcher Jeff Fletcher Peter Lovejoy Rod Leavell
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June 3 Mark Wentz	June 10 Leandra George
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June 17 Cindy Migliori	June 24 Donna Moody
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TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

June 3, 10, 17, 24
Judi Mitchell

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The objective of *The Brookside Chronicle* is to disperse church news; inspire people to a new awareness; and interpret the ministry of our church. We will be faithful to the truth, honest and caring, and strive for accuracy.

The *Chronicle* staff appreciates and welcomes input from all organizations, boards, officers, members and friends of Brookside Congregational Church. We reserve the right to edit, cut or leave out articles according to available space, timeliness and priority.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

June 3 Don Waldrup Sandi Decknick	June 10 Sandi Decknick Kathleen Dube
June 17 Kathleen Dube Joyce Lovejoy	June 24 Dennis Giguere Jeff Fletcher



This Month's Bible Readings

Each issue of the *Chronicle* features monthly Bible readings, so that you can read and reflect at home, on your own schedule.

Readings for June

June 3	
Old Testament	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8
New Testament	Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
June 10	
Old Testament	Proverbs 4:10-18 Psalm 146
New Testament	Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 8:16-18
June 17	
Old Testament	1 Kings 21:1-21a Psalm 5:1-8
New Testament	Galatians 2:15-21 Luke 7:36-8:3
June 24	
Old Testament	1 Kings 19:1-15a Psalms 42 & 43
New Testament	Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

READERS

June 3 Lindsay MacPhail	June 10 Children's Day
June 17 TJ Rapson	June 24 Linda Lambert

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Please remember that the pastor is frequently called away, or may have other commitments during the day. It is best to call first if you need to speak with her.

GREETERS

June 3 Williamson family	June 10 Children of Brookside
June 17 Graduates	June 24 Tracey McDonough

ACOLYTES

June 3 Laura Chitakunye	June 10 Delaney Guimont
June 17 Duncan Cate	June 24 Christopher Davison

DOORPERSON

June 3 Dave Migliori	June 10 Mike Wentzell
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Kids Activities

A Verse Frame

Make this special gift for your dad, uncle, grandfather or father-figure. It is nice to be reminded of our heavenly Father's love for us.

What you need:

- Piece of craft foam (8½" x 11", any color)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Piece of paper (8½" x 11", any color)
- Pencil, crayons or marker
- Foam shapes, stickers (optional)
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

1. Use your ruler to measure a rectangle inside the piece of craft foam. Draw the rectangle, and then cut it out. Your foam should now look like a frame.
2. Place the piece of paper under the foam frame, and trace the shape of the frame's window onto the paper.
3. Choose a verse to write inside the rectangle on your paper. (Your frame can go horizontally or vertically.) Suggested verses include 1 Corinthians 8:6, Philippians 4:20 and 1 John 3:1.
4. Turn the frame over (face down), and put glue around the edge. Lay the verse face down on the back of the frame, and let it dry.
5. Decorate the outside of the frame with foam shapes, stickers or drawings.
6. Use your hole punch to punch two holes at the top of the frame. Tie a piece of ribbon or yarn through the holes to hang the frame.



Remember Our Heavenly Father

Father's Day is a time to thank our dads, who work hard to keep the family fed, safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill in the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

ANSWER: "HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE THE FATHER HAS LAVISHED ON US, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD!"