

THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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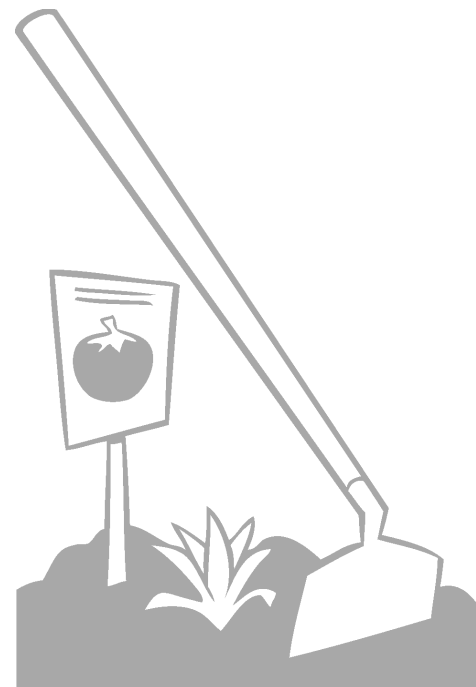
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FAITH PROMISE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

*Join us at 10 a.m. worship;
Cookout follows.*

Carolyn's



The Big Secret

What can be better than to take a walk on a sunny autumn afternoon? The air has just the right amount of crispness that keeps you from being neither too hot nor too cold. The leaves scattered on the ground give off a very satisfying crunchy sound, that makes you want to crunch them all the more. The leaves on the trees are at their colorful best, sparkling when the sun shines through them. But, I particularly like the way the woods smell in autumn; the smell of the earth being renewed, as all the old leaves and plant material begin to decay and turn into rich and fertile soil, to be ready for the new growth that comes in the spring.

Melodie Beattie once wrote, "Gratitude... can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. It turns problems into gifts, failures into successes, the unexpected into perfect timing, and mistakes into important events." She understands that gratitude can turn our old ways of seeing and being into new ways.

Just as every autumn trees shed their leaves, and in a sense die, so that everything can be renewed, so too can we find renewal if we acknowledge those areas in our lives where problems, failures, unexpected results, and mistakes keep us from living into the vision of God's reign that is always before us. With our hopes and dreams before us as we face the future, this season lends itself to careful planning in our life together to realize our shared vision for tomorrow.

In his *Letter to the Philippians*, Paul writes, "I know what it is to have little, and what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and going hungry. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:12-13). Paul discovered that the big secret of giving has very little to do with how much you have, but instead has everything to do with how you show gratitude to the God who strengthens us in all our endeavors. As with most things in life, having an attitude of gratitude makes all the difference in how you move forward and are renewed.

October is the month at Brookside when we will emphasize stewardship and remember the Big Secret that brings the same joy to us as it did to Paul. We can do all things through our God who strengthens us. As we share our hopes and our dreams for the future of Brookside, planning our financial commitments is a major part of making the future a reality. I urge and encourage you to look carefully at your personal commitment to the future of Brookside Congregational Church, with the hope that you will consider increasing the percentage of income you give to the church.

As you enjoy the upcoming weeks of fall, I invite you to release to God those things that hold you back from being renewed in spirit, and to let your life be touched by gratitude put to action.

Blessings,
Carolyn

What Gifts Do You Bring?

The Congregational Church of Amherst, UCC would like to extend a special invitation to the churches in the Hillsborough Association to join them on **Sunday, November 4** from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. for a significant event. *Christy Trudo*, Minister for Parish Life in the national setting of the UCC, will present a workshop, "Unwrapping Our Gifts: Discipleship Basics."

We all wonder "What is God's purpose in my life?" Christy will share some approaches to that question and demonstrate how a congregation can use some of the same methods to explore its mission and future.

Christy Trudo is Minister for Parish Life for the Parish Life and Leadership Team of Local Church Ministries. She helps equip congregational leaders for their roles, assists congregations with organizational issues, and has a special focus on ministry in daily life.

The session will close with a fellowship meal at 5:00 p.m. The church is located on the green in the middle of Amherst Village.

Registration deadline is **October 15**; please contact andrea@ccamherst.org.



Pastoral Search Committee Asks: Have YOU Completed your Survey Yet?

The Pastoral Search Committee is in the process of preparing the Local Church Profile for Local Churches Seeking New Leaders. This document requires information about our congregation, our strengths, and our expectations for a new pastor.

The Pastoral Search Inventory was developed to assist us in compiling this information. In addition, the survey results will provide valuable insight to the new pastor and our committees. The inventory was distributed in church on September 9th. Those surveys that were not picked up were mailed.

You can complete your survey on paper and return it in the return envelope provided, or complete your survey on-line by typing in the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=wAsPwbTc017Je5JuXQ726w_3d_3d. (The survey may also be accessed via Brookside's web site, www.brooksideecc.org.)

Copies will also be available in church throughout September. Enlarged print versions can be obtained through the church office by calling **669-2807**.

The Committee will be following up on missing surveys, so please complete yours before September 30th.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of the survey questions. If you have any concerns, please contact one of the members of the Search Committee.

The committee will also need to prepare a brochure. If you have any pictures that you would like to offer or if you have graphics or layout experience and would like to assist with the brochure, please contact *Dale Trombley* at **456-3403**.

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	

Worldwide Communion

Sunday, October 7 is a special day when we celebrate Communion with the Christian Church worldwide. It is also the first Communion Sunday of Brookside's new church school year. We are excited to be returning to a time of celebrating Communion as a whole congregation with an intergenerational service. While our youngest children (ages 5 and under) leave for their Sunday School classrooms, children in grades 1-4 and 5,6,7 will remain in the congregation for the rest of the service, including our time of Communion. We at Brookside regard the timing of a child's first Communion as a family decision. We encourage you to talk about this opportunity with your child, share your faith walk and what a worldwide celebration of Communion means to you.

Kids' Creations Will Bowl You Over

On **Sunday, October 14** the children in our Sunday School classes will again have the opportunity to decorate bowls which will be sold at the Empty Bowls event hosted here at Brookside the following Sunday, **October 21**. Children will go to their classrooms following the Time for God's Children, and travel to Fellowship Hall when their group is called. **All children will be dismissed from Fellowship Hall** at the end of worship.

* As a point of clarification, this is a service project activity allowing our children the opportunity to help those who are hungry. Bowls will be placed in the youth category for general sale on October 21st. We cannot guarantee availability of specific bowls.

Workshop for Teachers & Youth Leaders!

The NH UCC Conference is sponsoring a workshop day for Sunday School teachers, youth group leaders, and others interested in Christian education. "Apple Polishing Workshops" will be offered on **Saturday, Oct. 20** at South Congregational Church, Pleasant Street, Concord NH. The event runs from 8:45-1:30 (lunch included). Registration forms can be found in the narthex and in Fellowship Hall. The registration fee will be paid by the CE Board for all registrations received by the end of the day on **Sunday, Oct. 14**. For more information, contact *Pastor Carolyn Keilig* or *Jean Dickson*.



Please Fill Out a New Registration Form

Did you notice the new Sunday School Registration Forms in the narthex and/or your child's Sunday School class? We are asking everyone with children in the Infant/Toddler through the Middle School church school classes to complete a new (colorful) registration form. Even if you have filled one out in the past, we would like to have up-to-date information for each family in our records. Please help us by taking a few minutes to fill out the form. Forms can be given to Sue Benson, Jean Dickson, teachers, or returned to the church office.

October's Teachers:

Infant/Toddler Room:

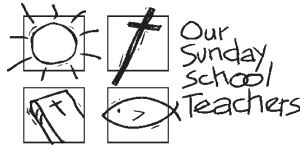
Sue Bilodeau

Preschool/Kdg:

Lance Auger, Thandi Dhliwayo

Gr. 1-4: *Marcia Connors, Donna Moody*

Gr. 5-7: *Ed Mitchell, Robin Davison*



Can You Help to Teach?

Adults and high school teens are encouraged to consider teaching or helping in a classroom for 3 Sundays a month. The more volunteers we have, the lighter individual schedules are, and the quicker children and adults in Brookside get to know one another. Volunteers are needed for the following grades:

Infant/Toddler: Nov. to May.

Preschool/Kdg: an adult teacher is needed for Nov., Jan. and the spring months.

1st - 4th Grade: a second person is needed for Nov. and Feb.

5th 6th 7th Grade: an adult teacher is needed for Feb.; teachers are needed for spring.

Sign up on the forms in the narthex or on the bulletin board by the main office or contact *Sue Benson, Jean Dickson* or anyone on the Christian Education Board.

Senior High Youth Group

A Calendar of meetings, outdoor adventures, and special events has been mailed to all Sr. High young people and posted on the CE information bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Friends and visitors are welcomed!

Oct 13-14 – Hiking Mt. Monadnock and overnight at Ferranti lake house in Marlboro. For more information and/or a permission form, please contact *Ed Mitchell, Steve Ferranti* or *Jeff Fletcher*.

Middle School Youth Group Gears Up

During the month of October, our Middle School Group will have a games and fellowship lunch meeting (**Sunday, 10/14**), and a **Mystery Dinner** with overnight lock-in (**Friday, 10/26**). A letter with a Fall Calendar of meetings, service projects and special events has been mailed to all Middle School aged young people (grades 6-8). If you know of a Middle School young person who has not received it, please contact the church office (**669-2807**) to make certain we have his/her name and mailing address. We look forward to an exciting year of fun and fellowship!

Annual Evacuation Drill to Take Place October 28

October is Fire Prevention Month, a time when schools and child care facilities focus some extra energy on helping children learn about safety in an emergency. For the past several years, Brookside Congregational Church has practiced an all-church emergency drill. This year, we have planned the drill for **Sunday, October 28**. Copies of Brookside's Evacuation Plan can be found in the Narthex and posted in the classrooms.



At the end of the evacuation drill, children and teens will return to their classrooms, adults will return to the Sanctuary, and we will all, as a community of God's children, sing praise to God before being dismissed in prayer.

News from Zimbabwe: Celebrate African Partnership Sunday, October 21

October 21 marks the eighth annual celebration of the wonderful gift of community shared among United Church of Christ (UCC) and Disciples of Christ congregations in the United States and nations of Africa. As we join this larger celebration, we also recognize and celebrate our ongoing Ukama/Partnership with Sakubva Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe (11 years and counting). – *The mission of our Ukama is to bring about a deeper understanding of our relationship as people of God and Christ, regardless of who we are, where we are or what we do. Ukama/Partnership is understood as a relationship in which each partner enters as an equal into common ministry. Each partner is expected to bring respect and genuine desire to enter the lives of the other, not as a benefactor nor as a recipient, but as equals with strengths and needs that enhance the even growth of the relationship.*

Come join us in celebrating an important link in our Christian lives from one continent to another.

Does your Thanksgiving Table have an Extra Place? Thanksgiving Hosts Wanted for International Students

Southern New Hampshire University is looking for Thanksgiving Hosts for their international students. Many international students are eager for the chance to visit an American family and learn more about our culture and traditions. Reactions of students and families who have participated in the past are overwhelmingly positive -- both students and families have the opportunity to learn about each others' cultures over a good meal.

If you are interested in hosting a student or two (newer arrivals to our country often feel most comfortable when they can bring a fellow student), contact *Debbie Donnelly*, International Student Advisor, at **603-645-9629** or d.donnelly@snhu.edu.

Mark Your Calendars!

~ On **Sunday, October 7** Brookside will participate in the UCC's annual *Neighbors in Need* offering. This special offering supports ministries that address poverty, economic development, human rights, peacemaking, violence, racial and economic justice, environmental concerns, and public policy advocacy.

~ Brookside will once again host the *Empty Bowls Project* on **Sunday, October 21** from 11:30-1:30. Here's how it works: buy a handcrafted bowl made and donated by a member of the New Hampshire Potters Guild (or by a church school student) and then fill it with soup from one of many local restaurants participating in the event. This community project is sponsored by the New Horizons Community Kitchen and the New Hampshire Potters Guild and benefits New Horizons. Bring your appetites, have some great soup, and take home a reminder that there are always empty bowls in the world.

Loaves and Fishes

In September, we collected 28 bags of groceries and other non-perishables for New Horizons. Thank you for your support. Due to the Religious Response to Hunger Drive on September 23, we will not be having a Loaves & Fishes collection in early October. November's collection will take place on **Sunday, November 4**.



New Horizons Volunteers Needed

We need a 5-member team from Brookside to serve supper at the Soup Kitchen on **Tuesday, October 30**, from 4:15 to 6 p.m.

To sign up, or to learn more about opportunities to serve at New Horizons, please contact *Mike Wentzell* at **603-818-8071** or mike.wentzell@advantagegases.com.



Notes From Our Music Director

I do hope you have settled from your summer fun at the beach or where ever your travels brought you this summer. It is good to be back in the swing of things, however, it does not come without a bit of regret for the things I wanted to do this summer. If you and I share the woes of unfinished business, then I also hope we share in the idea that if whatever I wanted to do was so important, then I would have done it. In the end, these summer wishes didn't happen for a reason and that was the way it was intended to be. There is no use crying over spilt milk now!

Do keep your eyes and ears peeled for several events coming up in the church over the next few months. The Music Committee and I are working on providing a few opportunities to hear some fantastic music, both of professional and semi-professional quality. What I will say about these concert events is the reaction from the concert artists about our gorgeous sanctuary. These artists have performed in numerous venues throughout New England and are quite pleased with what Brookside has to offer. It is reassuring to know there are other church junkies like us who appreciate a good sanctuary!

One final note of business I should cover happens to deal with our Musical Feast event held every year at Brookside. Customarily our Musical Feast extravaganza is held sometime in late October. However, this year's event will take place in February 2008 to coincide with Valentine's Day. Be on the lookout for specifics on this event. I hope you are already planning on joining us!!

Blessings,
Rob



Baptisms

Lucas David Daugherty (born 5/31/07) was baptized on September 16. He is the son of Joseph and Nicole Daugherty.

The sacrament of Baptism is generally scheduled monthly, on the third Sunday. If you are interested in receiving this sacrament on **October 21** or a date further out, please speak with *Pastor Carolyn* (669-2807).

Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 7**, served by: *Keith Hamer, Raymond Brooks, Kerry Richardson, Don Waldrupe, Russ Dunn, Dale Trombley, Jeff Fletcher and Kathleen Dube.*



Nursing Home Services

October worship services are as follows:

– **Sunday, October 21:**

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

Parishioners are always welcome to come along; why not accompany us this month?

Fellowship Hour Schedule

Monthly hosts for Fellowship Hour are:

- **Oct:** Christian Ed. Board
- **Nov:** Diaconate Board
- **Dec:** Board of Trustees

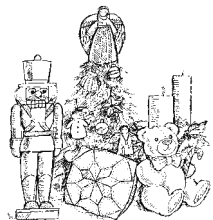


November 6 Election Helpers Needed

We are grateful to the Brooksidiers who volunteered for Primary Election Day in September. Our next event is the municipal election on **Tuesday, November 6**, when many more people are expected to vote. Be sure to speak with *Dave Migliori* (623-2241) if you can help us out as a church volunteer/guide/elevator operator on that day. Thanks.

It's Not Your Mother's Museum...

Join us at this month's Women's Union meeting as *Aurore Eaton* tells us about "The Millyard Museum Today." **Thursday, October 18** is the date -- we meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 for social time; dinner is served at 5:30, then a short business meeting and the program follow. Please call either *Martha Cushing* (669-8368) or *Ethelda Chamberlain* (268-0582) to make your supper reservation.



Holiday Craft Fair

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Come one, come all to Brookside's annual Christmas Fair **Saturday, November 3** from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Luncheon will be served from 11:30 – 1:30. Contact *Jodi del Sordo* (485-5121) or *Sally Sederquist* (668-6917) for donations of books and baked goods, table rentals, or opportunities to volunteer.

Come early, stay late and get an early start on your shopping – we'll see you there!

Oh, Christmas Cards, Oh, Christmas Cards

Joan Constantine is collecting unused Christmas cards for the Women's Prison in Goffstown. Since many charities are beginning to send unsolicited Christmas cards along with their requests for money, you can put those to good use by passing them along for the inmates to use. Just put Joan's name on the bag or box and leave them in the new mail box ("Thrift Shop" slot) inside the front door, by the church office. Please note: donations of postage stamps are not allowed.

Striding "Over the Top"

We're thrilled to announce that our "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Giant Yard Sale raised over \$5,000 and monetary donations are still coming in. We also have our walk on **October 14** and feel confident "Twin Peaks" will exceed their contributions of last year. Many thanks to everyone who helped us in this endeavor and Brookside for

allowing us the use of the parking lot. Also, thanks and appreciation to the Thrift Shop for donating the day's profits to our mission.

We plan to have a table at the Church Fair on **November 3**, and look forward to seeing you there.

With sincere gratitude,
Twin Peaks Co-Captains:

Carole Borichevsky
Sue Coviello
Diane St. Pierre
Sally Sederquist

Parish Nurse Adjusts Hours Slightly



Beginning this month (October), the Parish Nurse will be here every Thursday from **9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**, 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) notify the church office as soon as possible. Call us at **669-2807**. Remember, hospitals no longer can provide this information to us.



Chronicle Deadline

Please submit all news for the November *Chronicle* by **Thursday, October 11**. You can deliver it in person, send it by mail, e-mail it to: nicoleg@brooksidecc.org, or fax it to **668-9041**. Please be on time!

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

October 7 Kathleen Dube Russ Dunn	October 14 Russ Dunn Kerry Richardson
October 21 Kerry Richardson Joyce Lovejoy	October 28 Dennis Giguere Raymond Brooks

VOLUNTEERS:
WE LOVE 'EM!

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Worship and Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Pastor Carolyn plans to be in Manchester
Monday through Thursday.**
Office tel. 669-2807 x 101; (H) 226-0625
email: pastor@brooksideecc.org

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.



The Lectionary

Each issue of the *Chronicle* features monthly Bible readings, so that you can read and reflect on your own. Underscored passages will be used by Pastor Carolyn in worship.

Lectionary for October

October 7
Old Testament Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
New Testament 1 Corinthians 11:23-25
John 13:1-17

October 14
Old Testament Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
New Testament 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 21
Old Testament Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
New Testament 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 28
Old Testament Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
New Testament 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 8:9-14

CE PERSON OF THE WEEK

October 7 Ed Mitchell	October 14 Sue Benson
October 21 Liberty Dhliwayo	October 28 Sue Benson

READERS

October 7 Mackenzie Cate	October 14 Sally Sederquist
October 21 Fran Hakenson	October 28 Denise Forest

ACOLYTES

October 7 Matt Dube	October 14 Katherine Cross-Powers
October 21 Colin Fletcher	October 28 TJ Rapson

DOORPERSON

October 7 Rod Leavell	October 14 Scott Antonucci
October 21 Dennis Giguere	October 28 Dave Migliori

GREETERS

October 7 Walter & Janet Stiles	October 14 Kevin Cate
October 21 Dawn Mahoney	October 28 Mary & Pete Farwell

USHERS

October 7 Brock Swetland Karyn O'Neil David Gates Benjamin Williamson	October 14 Kelli Fletcher Jeff Fletcher Peter Lovejoy Becky Guimont
October 21 Norm Noel Ellie Kelton Heather Soucy Jim Soucy	October 28 Doug Thomas Bruce Richards Dave Migliori Joe Lachance

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

October 7 Mark Cross-Powers	October 14 Mark Cross-Powers
October 21 Peter Farwell	October 28 Peter Farwell

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.

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 August 31, 2007

	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>		
August	Actual,	Budget	Variance
Total Income	18,743	21,788	(3,045)
Total Expenses	25,676	26,026	(349)
Net Gain (Loss)	(6,933)	(4,238)	(2,695)
Year-to-date			
Total Income	221,119	211,160	9,959
Total Expenses	221,662	225,646	(3,984)
Net Gain (Loss)	(543)	(14,486)	13,943
YTD Pledges	\$103,056	\$101,981	\$1,075