

THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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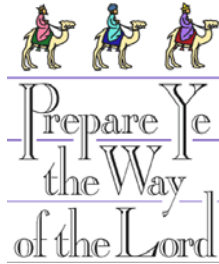
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~ Christmas Eve Services ~

Monday, December 24:

4:30 p.m., Children's Service

7:30 p.m., Lessons and Carols





Advent and Christmas at Brookside



Dec. 1, Saturday, 8:30-11 a.m. – Advent Morning of Prayer & Reflection, Manning House & Chapel

Dec. 2 – 1st Sunday of Advent – (Communion Sunday)

10:00 a.m. – Worship – All ages worship; decorating the Sanctuary Christmas Tree
– Begin collecting mittens, hats, scarves for Mitten Tree

Dec. 9 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. – Worship and Church School
11:15 a.m. – Advent Activity – Decorating Christmas Cards

Dec. 16 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. – Worship – Mitten Tree (gloves, hats, scarves)
11:15 a.m. – Christmas Basket assembly in Fellowship Hall
2 & 3 p.m. – Christmas Caroling & Worship at Courville & Hillcrest Terrace
4 – 6 p.m. – Neighborhood Christmas Caroling

Dec. 20, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – “Holiday Blues” Service in the Chapel

Dec. 23 – 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. – Worship; NO CHURCH SCHOOL

Dec. 24, Monday – CHRISTMAS EVE – (*Office Closed*)

4:30 p.m. – Children’s Christmas Eve Service, especially planned with children in mind – from the selection of hymns to the extended children’s time (no sermon). Our hope is that families with young children will feel especially welcomed.

7:30 p.m. – Traditional Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service

Dec. 25, Tuesday – Christmas Day – *Building Closed*

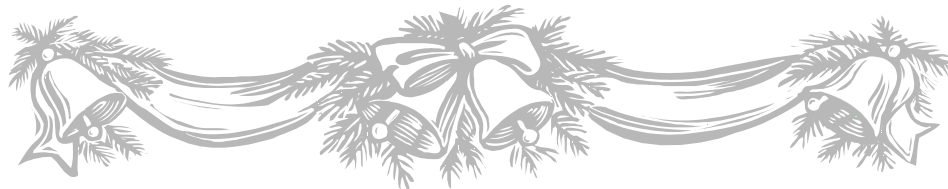
Dec. 30, Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Worship; NO CHURCH SCHOOL

Jan. 1, Tuesday *Building Closed for New Year holiday*

Jan. 6 – Epiphany Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Worship (Communion) – a service for all ages; NO CHURCH SCHOOL

Jan. 13, Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship; Church School resumes for all age levels.





Carolyn's

Corner

From Pastor Carolyn:

"A voice cries out, 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God' "

(Isaiah 40:3)

Years ago, I was the pastor at a church in Kittery Point, Maine that was right down the road from the Kittery-Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. One Saturday, on a cool December morning, I woke up and glanced out the parsonage window which overlooked the church parking lot. To my amazement, there were about 2 dozen men all dressed in red sweat suits, doing vigorous calisthenics. Was I seeing a number of Santas working out for their stint at the mall? Or was it Santa and friends getting ready for the upcoming evening when they would be required to squeeze down millions of chimneys? Was Santa (and company) getting serious about lessening the size of their collective girth? No, it was not Santa and colleagues preparing for Christmas; it was the Marines from down the road, who found the parking lot a handy place to stop and work out.

When the prophet Isaiah foretold the birth of the Christ-child, he set in motion long years of preparation for his people. They waited; they watched; and they prepared. They prepared for the coming of a time when the world would no longer be completely in the darkness caused by human sin. They prepared in faith and in hope for the day of the coming of their Savior; that time when

there would be peace with no end, a time of justice and righteousness.

Like our ancestors in faith, it is important for each of us to set aside time during Advent for preparation. This is a time not to prepare all the externals we believe we need to welcome the Christ-child, but instead to prepare our hearts to receive him.

May your days of preparation this Advent Season be such that you will receive Christ's peace.

Advent Blessings,
Carolyn

"Holiday Blues" Service of Worship

Each year Pastoral Counseling Services, along with Temple Adath Yeshurun and Brookside Congregational Church, sponsor a "Holiday Blues" service. Sometimes known as a "Blue Christmas" or "Hard to Be Merry" service, it is designed as a time to gather for healing, remembrance, and thanksgiving to God. Anyone who has or is facing a time of sorrow, loss, or uncertainty is most welcome to attend and to bring their concerns to God in prayer and meditation. If you know of anyone who might find a time of reflection and peace helpful during what is too often a very hectic time of year, please extend an invitation to them.

Join with your neighbors and friends for this service of worship designed to bring a time of peace for those who would appreciate the support of the wider faith community. Please join us on **Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**



Poinsettias for Christmas ~ \$15 Each ~ Deadline to Order is Mon., Dec. 10

I/We _____ wish to donate

_____ poinsettia(s) in memory of _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (made payable to Brookside Congregational Church).

~ Plants may be taken home after the Christmas Eve candlelight service ~



We Are Family

During the past few months, we have experienced a return to cross-generational worship on Communion Sundays. Sunday School classes are offered for children in preschool and kindergarten, while school aged children remain in the Sanctuary. Children and their families continue to be most welcome to attend the full hour of worship on the first Sunday of every month as we are designing these services for people of all ages. On the First Sunday of Advent, **December 2**, we will be decorating the Sanctuary Christmas tree as part of our worship. This multi-age activity is designed to help us prepare our hearts to receive the Christ-child.



Advent: Preparing, Participating

As we begin the season of preparing for Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth, here are some ways for you and your family to participate:

December 1 - Remember to start using your **Advent Calendars** which were distributed the last Sunday in November. If your family did not receive a calendar, and would like to have one to count the days of Advent, please see *Donna Ferranti* or *Jean Dickson*.

Children and Teens - Help us decorate our *Mitten Tree* in the Sanctuary by bringing gloves, mittens, hats, or scarves beginning **December 2**. These items will help provide warmth this winter for families in need and will be distributed through a local community agency following our Christmas Eve service.

Folks of all ages - Help us decorate Christmas Cards for our Holiday Baskets on **December 9** in Fellowship Hall. We need 75 cards, so everyone's help and creativity is needed.

December 16 - Help fill Christmas baskets in Fellowship Hall.

- Join Pastor Carolyn and the Middle & Sr. High Youth Groups and sing Christmas Carols at Courville (2:00) and Hillcrest Terrace (3:00).

December Teachers:

Infant/Toddler Room:

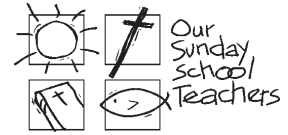
Cindy Migliori

Preschool (3-5 yr olds):

Gina Swetland, Thandi Dhlwayo, Peyton Fletcher

Grades 1-4: *Brock Swetland, Ann Auger*

Grades 5-7: *Debi & Jeff Rapson*



Could You Help Fill These Sunday School Teacher Vacancies?

Infant/Toddler Room - December; February through May.

Preschool (ages 3-5) - Lead Teacher needed for January, February, March, April, May.

Grades 1-4 - 2nd Teacher needed for Feb.

Grades 5-7 - 2nd Teacher needed for April and May.

Please consider volunteering some time to be with our children on Sunday morning. Contact *Sue Benson* (627-3300) or *Jean Dickson* (669-2807 ext. 104). Thank you.

Epiphany Preparation

Brookside will celebrate Epiphany on **Sunday, January 6, 2008** with a cross-generational service which will include sharing of Communion. If you are interested in participating in an active role, please contact *Pastor Carolyn* at **669-2807**.



Confirmation Class to Begin

The Confirmation Class, along with their mentors, will be having their first class on **Sunday, December 9** at 8:30 a.m. in the upstairs Lounge. We will be getting to know one another and studying the Sacraments. We will also be planning a class meeting schedule during this time, so come with your weekly schedule in mind (or bring a planning calendar).

Senior High Group's "December Doings"

Saturday, December 1 – Meet at Brookside at noon to cut and set up the Christmas Tree for the Sanctuary and prepare decorations. Pizza will be served!

Sunday, December 16 – Vertical Dreams – leave from the youth lounge at 11:30 – then caroling at Courville (2:00) and Hillcrest Terrace (3:00).

Middle School Youth Group

Saturday, Dec. 1 – 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Have you ever been to the NH Food Bank? This is a great time to bring a friend and help organize food at the Food Bank that has been donated by local stores to feed hungry people all over New Hampshire. Meet at Brookside at **8:30 a.m.** Lunch at Pappy's afterward will be paid for by the youth budget.

Sunday, December 16 – Join us for a Christmas Party, 11:30-1:30 in the 2nd floor Lounge – then help us share Christmas joy by caroling at Courville (2:00) and Hillcrest Terrace (3:00). Lunch will be served during the party. And don't forget a Yankee Swap gift (something that is unused from your home like a candle that has never been lit, a book you have never read, a can of food from a recent grocery trip, etc.) or a \$5 limit if you buy something new for your Y.S. gift.

Women's Group Upcoming Plans

The Women's Study Group will continue to meet on **Wednesdays, December 5 & 12 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Lounge. The book we are sharing is Reading the Bible Again for the First Time. We are planning for a short break during the rest of December, with a 'Supper at Shorty's' on **January 9, 2008**. Come one, come all for fellowship and study.

A Letter to the Congregation:

Dear Friends,

Although some of you may have already heard the news, I am writing to formally share with all of you my intention to resign

from the position of Christian Education Director at the end of the current church school year, June 2008. It has been my great honor and privilege to have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people here at Brookside in leading the Christian Education Program over the past eight years.

When I accepted the position as C.E. Director in August of 2000, my schedule permitted an average of about 12-14 hours a week. The C.E. Board, and by extension the church, made a compromise in lowering the number of hours initially determined as necessary, and I made a commitment to remain in the position for five years, at the end of which time to present recommendations for moving forward while remaining true to the vision for Christian Education put forth by the Board in the spring of 2000.

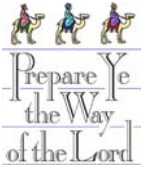
I want to make it clear that my resignation is not related to the calling of a new minister, but rather a decision that has been some time in the making; and as such, it seemed only fair to make these intentions known early in the process of defining who we are as a Christian community called together under of the name of Brookside Congregational Church.

Many changes have occurred over the past seven and a half years, both positive and regrettable, and as we move ahead in year eight I am clearly reminded that despite the dedication of members of the C.E. Board, parents and volunteers, the work that needs to be done cannot be effectively completed in a 12-15 hour week, even with supplemental assistance. Equally important, I find my time and energy pulled in other directions and truly believe I cannot continue to focus on the demands of this position beyond the current program year.

I have no defined plans to move out of the Greater Manchester area, and expect to continue my involvement in the spiritual, educational, and fellowship life of the church working together with you as fellow church members and friends.

In Christ's Service,

Jean Dickson



Quiet & Prayer in Advent

Please join us on **Saturday, December 1** from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel and Manning House for a time of prayer and reflection in which to enter Advent. During this Diaconate-sponsored event, we will gather for fellowship, the exercise of several expressions of prayer, a time to hear and reflect on scripture and interludes of quiet. To sign up, please speak with *Raymond Brooks* (624-8567, before 8 p.m.).



CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Sharing Our Blessings

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and volunteered to put together our Thanksgiving Baskets!

Christmas is just around the corner and we will again be gathering food to be distributed to over 70 needy families in the Manchester area. Sign-ups for food donations and volunteer assistance will begin on **Sunday, November 25**. Members of the congregation who wish to donate food can bring it to Fellowship Hall through Sunday, December 9th where members of Outreach will inventory and store the food. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

Many volunteers are needed:

Saturday, Dec. 15 (9-11am), to assist us in carrying the food we order into Fellowship Hall and set up the hall for basket assembly.

Sunday, December 16 - All members of the congregation and visitors are invited to join in the fun of assembling the baskets, immediately following worship.

Monday, December 17 (8:30-11am) Volunteers are needed to help distribute the baskets to families and agencies.

Thinking Ahead to 2008 and Wednesday Evening Lenten Study

Have you ever come across a Bible passage that does not make sense to you or that causes you to wonder what was really going

on? Have you read a scripture passage that intrigues you and you wish to learn more about its meaning? Or how about the passages that are filled with violence or questionable behaviors that God seemingly condones?

Carolyn is looking for your input on "tricky" scriptures, that will then become the basis for the 2008 Lenten Study. Please send your suggestions to pastor@brooksideecc.org or call them in to her at **669-2807**.

Loaves and Fishes

Thank you for your November donations—we collected 32 bags of food for New Horizons Soup Kitchen!



Our next collection will be on **Sunday, December 2**.

NH Conference Sponsors Workshops

"Prepared to Serve," 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on **Saturday, February 16, 2008** is designed for all persons — ordained and lay — who share leadership in the congregations and associations of the NH Conference of the United Church of Christ. The schedule for the day includes workshops, worship services, and exhibits that provide practical information, hands-on experiences and "exchange of ideas" with other participants.

Registration materials are available on the NH Conference website at www.nhcucc.org or from the Church office.

Drama Program Has Scholarships

This Fall, Brookside has been host to Drama Kids International on Wednesday afternoons, which provides learning activities aimed at increasing confidence, self-esteem and verbal skills for children ages 5-12. As a host site, Brookside has been offered scholarships for the second term beginning in February. Brochures are on the bookcase near the pastor's office, or email Director *Rebecca Michaud* at dramakidsmv@hotmail.com.

Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 2**, served by: *Kathleen Dube, Joyce Lovejoy, Russ Dunn, Keith Hamer, Jeff Fletcher, Kerry Richardson, Dale Trombley and Raymond Brooks.*



Communion to Homebound

Pastor Carolyn and members of the Diaconate are offering those members who are homebound the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Communion during the Season of Advent. If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at your residence, please contact *Pastor Carolyn* at **669-2807**.

Nursing Home Services

Worship services this month are as follows:

- **Sunday, December 16:**
 - Courville, 2:00 p.m.
 - Hillcrest Terrace, 3:00 p.m.

The Youth Groups will be coming along to sing Christmas Carols; why not join us?



Brookside Receives Two New Members

We welcome into the Brookside Church family the following two New Members, who joined on November 11: *Melody Whitcher* and *Thomas Wright*.

If you are interested in becoming a covenant member of Brookside Church, please speak with *Pastor Carolyn* (**669-2807**).

Baptisms

Gabrielle Dayana Lachance (born 10/19/06), daughter of Joseph and Nancy Lachance, was baptized on November 18.

The sacrament of Baptism is generally scheduled monthly, on the third Sunday. If you are interested in receiving this sacrament on **December 16** or a date further out, please speak with *Pastor Carolyn* (**669-2807**).



Losses in Our Church Family

We Mourn:

Kenneth Stillman, son of Penny Stillman, died suddenly November 12. Other family members include brothers Wake and Peter, sister Linda, and son Jonathan.

Former Brooksider *Libby Robinson* died in Concord on November 13. She leaves her husband, Arthur (Robbie), a daughter and 3 grandchildren.

Frank Horsch, father of Karen Horsch, died November 15. Also surviving are his wife, Karen's two sisters, and four grandchildren.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families in their time of loss.

Nurse's News



The Parish Nurse has hours here most weeks, on **Thursdays** from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room E. Avail yourself of free nurse consultation, blood pressure checks, health information and more. **Please note** that she will NOT be here on **December 27**. For more info, 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.



Heads-up for Annual Reports

Please submit all Annual Reports for 2007 (written and financial) to the office by **Friday, January 4, 2008**.



Women's Union to Hear Top Brass

The Nottingham Brass will delight us with seasonal music at our meeting on **Thursday, December 20**. Please join us in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 for social time; **POT LUCK** dinner will be at 5:30, then a short business meeting and the program will follow. Please be sure to call and let us know you'll be attending and what you plan to bring; *Shirley Newell (668-8425)* or *Hope Pearson (483-2295)* will be glad to hear from you!

PS We are collecting non-perishable food and/or personal care items for the benefit of Veterans at Freedom House; please bring along what you can to the meeting. Thanks.

Christmas Fair Does It Again

Yes, you heard it right: another successful year with net profits of \$3,452.11! The Christmas Fair continues to be a tradition from Franklin Street Church to the present. Although times and volunteers have changed throughout the years, the Fair continues to set the example of a Christian community at work.

Women's Union truly appreciates everyone past and present who contributed to the success of the Fair. Your generosity allows us the privilege of offering support to: Union Leader Santa Fund, Boylston Home for Girls, Church Women United, Webster House, Staff Gifts, Senior Youth Group Mission Trip, Outreach Thanksgiving & Easter Baskets, Choir Dinner, Organ Fund & additional requests throughout the year.

We had many positive comments from crafters who wish to be notified of next year's date and shoppers who were pleased with the variety of items offered. It's never too early to plan for 2008. Please continue to save your donations for the Church tables and consider how you would like to participate in the next all-Church Fair.

Thank You,
Jodi delSordo & Sally Sederquist,
Co-Chairs

Trees? What Trees?

by Dave Migliori, Trustee Co-chair

This fall, the Board of Trustees voted to remove the red pines on the north side of the parking lot. We felt that most of the trees were dead or dying and that they presented a danger to people and automobiles in the lot. This decision was precipitated from conversations that we had with the loss prevention group from our insurance company.

Those concerns were confirmed during a meeting that Laura Sevigny, Carolyn and I had with Joe Davis, a certified arborist with Bartlett Tree Service. Joe told us that the trees were suffering from Fungal Spores, Diploia Tip Blight, and boring insects, both Pitch Moss bores and Ambrosial beetles. Joe told us that, since the trees worked together, if we were going to take some of them down then they all should come down.

We also asked him to look at the other trees on the property and he made some recommendations on ways that we could save some of the other trees, which we intend to pursue next spring.

Next spring, the area on the north side of the parking lot where the pine trees were will be graded and hydro seeded. We also plan to have the NH Cooperative and Bartlett Tree Service give us plans to add new, healthy trees back in the same area. Next year we will be offering members of the congregation and the neighborhood, the chance to donate a tree. The cost will be approximately \$1,200 - \$1,500 and we already have two families who have expressed an interest in donating a tree.

The total cost for the tree removal and the grading and hydro seeding is approximately \$14,000. That money was appropriated from donations that had been made to the capital fund campaign before it was postponed. That fund was also used to refurbish the restrooms and will be used to replace the roof. It is a completely separate fund for capital improvements only and it will have no effect on next year's budget. If you have any questions about the project, please see me [Dave Migliori].

Please Support Your Church

Pledges made on Faith Promise Sunday (October 28) totaled over \$106,000. The average of the 57 promises made on that day was \$1857 per family or individual. Since that time, we have received an additional 38 faith promises and the total is now \$140,666 from 95 donors, compared to \$154,000 from 115 donors last year at this time.

If Brookside Church is to continue with a vital Music and Christian Education program and to assist the needy in our community and the world, then we will need generous support from all of our members.

Thank you for giving so generously.

Fellowship Hour Schedule

The Board of Trustees will be hosting Fellowship Hour during the month of December.



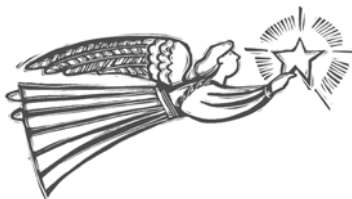
Back by Popular(?) Demand: Sing-It-Yourself Chronicle Deadline!

Sung to the tune of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ♪ ♪

Hark! The office angels sing,
 Help for them, we hope you bring;
 Articles for all to read—
 Information that we need.
 Send it in, please, don't be shy—
 Be on time, don't make us cry—
Wednesday, 12 December, please,
 Get us your stuff, we're on our knees.
 Heed the deadline for the full
 January Chronicle.

(You get a gold star if you stop by and sing it for us; bonus points for groups in harmony!)

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 a bunch!



Curious About Our Building and Its Past?



Learn about some of Brookside's secrets during a tour of the Church and Manning House. *Bill Hoysradt* will be your knowledgeable tour guide – meet him by the Coke machine in Fellowship Hall around 11:15 a.m. on **Sunday, December 30**.

Checking Up on Our Finances

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 October 31, 2007			
	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>		
October	Actual,	Budget	Variance
Total Income	22,577	27,262	(4,685)
Total Expenses	29,705	24,359	5,347
Net Gain (Loss)	(7,128)	2,902	(10,031)
Year-to-date			
Total Income	276,824	271,649	5,175
Total Expenses	282,141	283,870	(1,729)
Net Gain (Loss)	(5,317)	(12,221)	6,904
YTD Pledges	\$126,109	\$130,618	\$(4,509)

Dear Friends,

As you can see from the information above, we have begun to fall behind on our anticipated revenue from pledges. Our budget for 2007 was pared down so lean that any shortfall will present us with difficult decisions for the balance of this year.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am appealing to all of you to dig down deep in your hearts. I have faith that, as in the past, our fellowship of generous supporters will come through for us.

Thank you. Gail Goodman, Treasurer



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 December

December 2

Old Testament	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122
New Testament	Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

December 9

Old Testament	<u>Isaiah 11:1-10</u> Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
New Testament	Romans 15:4-13 <u>Matthew 3:1-12</u>

December 16

Old Testament	<u>Isaiah 35:1-10</u> Psalm 146:5-10
New Testament	James 5:7-10 <u>Matthew 11:2-11</u>

December 23

Old Testament	<u>Isaiah 7:10-16</u> Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
New Testament	Romans 1:1-7 <u>Matthew 1:18-25</u>

December 30

Old Testament	<u>Isaiah 63:7-9</u> Psalm 148
New Testament	Hebrews 2:10-18 <u>Matthew 2:13-23</u>

READERS

December 2 Lindsay MacPhail	December 9 Meridith Antonucci
December 16 John Cooperider	December 23 Kathleen Dube
December 30 Doug Thomas	

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Pastor Carolyn plans to be in Manchester Monday through Thursday.
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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.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

December 2 Sandi Decknick Keith Hamer	December 9 Keith Hamer Dale Trombley
December 16 Dale Trombley Dennis Giguere	December 23 Dennis Giguere Russ Dunn
December 30 Russ Dunn Kerry Richardson	

CE PERSON OF THE WEEK

December 2 Liberty Dhlwayo	December 9 Sue Benson
December 16 Pete Lovejoy	December 23
December 30	

ACOLYTES

December 2
Sara Swetland

December 9
Kyle Swetland

December 16
Jason Davison

December 23
Ashtyn Milling

December 30
Emily Harris

GREETERS

December 2
Ferranti family

December 9
Jeff & Kelli Fletcher

December 16
Anne & Lance Auger

December 23
MacPhail family

December 30
Keith Hamer

DOORPERSON

December 2
Jim Peace

December 9
Don Waldrupe

December 16
Rod Leavell

December 23
Scott Antonucci

December 30
Dennis Giguere

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

December 2
Gail Goodman

December 9
Gail Goodman

December 16
Scott Harris

December 23
Scott Harris

December 30
Laura Sevigny

USHERS

December 2
Ed Mitchell
Mike Ninivaggi
Paula Ninivaggi
Kathleen Dube

December 9
Brock Swetland
Karyn O'Neil
David Gates
Benjamin Williamson

December 16
Kelli Fletcher
Jeff Fletcher
Peter Lovejoy
Becky Guimont

December 23
Norm Noel
Ellie Kelton
Heather Soucy
Jim Soucy

December 30
Doug Thomas
Don Waldrupe
Dave Migliori
Joe Lachance

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.

