



# THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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## SUNDAYS IN JUNE

~ *Worship is at 10 a.m.* ~

### **June 1: Music Sunday**

~ *Communion; Loaves/Fishes*

### **June 8: Children's Day**

~ *All-church Picnic afterwards*

### **June 15: Father's Day**

~ *2 p.m. Worship Service,  
Courville at Manchester*

### **June 22: Graduate Recognition**

**June 29: Explore Brookside's  
grounds & story: 11:15 tour**



Join Us in  
**JUNE!**



### **From Pastor Carolyn:**

#### **A Time to Talk**

by Robert Frost

*"When a friend calls to me  
from the road*

*And slows his horse to a meaning walk,  
I don't stand still and look around  
On all the hills I haven't hoed,  
And shout from where I am, 'What is it?'  
No, not as there is a time to talk.  
I thrust my hoe in the mellow ground,  
Blade-end up and five feet tall;  
And plod: I go up to the stone wall  
For a friendly visit."*

Many of us rush through much of our lives, without taking the time to tend to the things that are most important for our health and wholeness. We look at "all the hills I haven't hoed" – the many chores and obligations we take responsibility for – and we miss the opportunities that abound for reconnecting with family, friends, and with God.

During the summer months, I invite you to allow God, our Holy Creator, to restore your soul. I invite you to take time during your busy day to pray and be open to the wisdom and guidance that is yours for the asking and to participate regularly with your community of faith in worship on Sunday morning. I invite you to "set aside your hoe" and take time to be with those you love most; because you understand that the chore or job you are in the middle of is not what is most important in the long run.

The life we have been gifted by our Creator is too precious not to enjoy and not to give thanks for. May you find plenty of time and opportunities this summer for many a friendly visit with your friends, your family, your faith community, and with God.

Blessings,

Carolyn

### **Christian Education – What Next?**

When Jean Dickson, our Director of Christian Education for the past eight years, tendered her letter of resignation, the Board of Christian Education agreed to begin a thorough review and evaluation of the programs and ministries they oversee. Although Jean is with us through the end of June, the assessment process has been on-going with some significant changes being suggested. One is the implementation of the Rotation Workshop model for our Church School. The second transition involves the staffing of our educational ministries.

The Board has started the process to combine the roles of CE Director and Sunday School Superintendent into two new roles: Acting Church School Coordinator and Acting Youth Group Coordinator. Ed Mitchell, Donna Ferranti, and Pastor Carolyn worked with the personnel committee to review these new positions and the new job descriptions will be posted on our website. We hope to hire someone for these "acting" positions on a one year trial basis, allowing any new pastor who will at some point arrive, to work with them and the Board of Christian Education in determining whether Brookside should keep the acting coordinator positions or reorganize in another manner. The Board of Christian Education hopes these new opportunities will strengthen our mutual ministries.

If you are interested in applying for one of the positions, please speak to Pastor Carolyn.

### **Tour the Church – June 29**

Learn about some of Brookside's secrets during this tour of the Church and Manning House. *Bill Hoysradt* will be your knowledgeable tour guide – meet him near the lemonade area in front of the church around 11:15 a.m. on **Sunday, June 29**.





# CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S DAY WITH US!

## ***Children to Lead Worship on June 8***

**Sunday, June 8** is the closing day of the 2007-08 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 1**, in the Sanctuary immediately after the morning service.

## ***Note to Parents of Third Graders***

As has been the custom at Brookside Congregational Church for many years, we look forward to recognizing our Sunday School children who are completing third grade with a gift Bible. Bibles will be presented on **Children's Sunday, June 8**.

***Please notify the church office if you would like your child to be included in this special recognition.***

## ***Gearing Up for Secret Pals***

The Secret Pals program at Brookside Congregational Church has been a way to help connect adults and children over the summer through the mail. Adults who volunteer to be a 'Pal' are given the name and address of a child who has signed up or been signed up by their parents. The adult agrees to send 3 or 4 pieces of mail (postcards, short notes, easy to mail paper/pencil games, etc.) during the months of July and August, without giving away who they are. A picnic is held in September at the close of the summer and the beginning of the new church school year, and the 'Pals' get to meet and spend a little time together. Many enjoyable

relationships between the generations have been established over the course of the past 10 or so years of the program.

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. Kids have an information sheet to complete. A sign-up sheet for adults who like sending mail will be available during Fellowship Hour through Children's Day, **June 8**. Don't forget to sign up!

## ***Teacher Recognition, June 8***

Come celebrate our end of the year with a special thanks to all the youth and adults who taught and cared for the children of Brookside during the Sunday School hour throughout 2007-08:

*Ann Auger, Lance Auger, Alycia Belcourt, Victoria Benson, Sue Bilodeau, Mackenzie Cate, Marcia Connors, Shawn Connors, Robin Davison, Sandi Decknick, Thandiwe Dhliwayo, Sarah Duffley, Sam Ferranti, Peyton Fletcher, Becky Guimont, Bonnie Hoyt, Kaitlyn Hoyt, Joe Lachance, Nancy MacPhail, Cindy Migliori, Bob Milling, Chris Mitchell, Ed Mitchell, Donna Moody, Erin Powers, Debi Rapson, Jeff Rapson, Joyce Stantial, Brock Swetland, Gina Swetland, Chris Taylor, Doug Thomas.*

## ***Graduate Recognition***

**Sunday, June 22** 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 22.***

## Brookside and Sakubva Youth Connect

On Sunday, May 4 a conference call was made between 15 youth from Sakubva Church in Zimbabwe and 9 Brookside youth. The phone connection was broadcast via a speaker phone at both ends, which sometimes made voices difficult to understand – but there was singing and laughter shared by both groups of young people. We look forward to making more focused connections when school resumes in September.

JUST 4 YOUTH!

### Senior High Youth Group

Our end of the year pool party will be **Sunday, June 15**, Noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Ferrantis' home in Bedford. Please call *Ed Mitchell* at **345-4335** or RSVP in person if you plan to come.

### Middle School Youth Group

**Saturday, June 7** – 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders welcome at our end of the year pool party at Mrs. Benson's home!!! 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please RSVP (call *Mrs. Benson* - **627-3300** or *Ms. Dickson* - **669-2807, ext. 104**) if you plan to come.

### Women's Study Group

The Women's Study Group will be meeting **Wednesday** evenings at 6:30 in the second floor lounge through mid-June. We will be finishing *The Faith Club*, and will discuss a summer hiatus with possible plans for less formal get-togethers in July and August.



**BOOK  
STUDY**

*Book Discussion  
Concludes June 2*

The group discussing Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity*, will have its last meeting on **Monday, June 2** at 7 p.m. in the Lounge. Join leaders *Fran Hakenson* and *Pete Lovejoy* as we wrap up this thought-provoking series.

## Summer Child Care Needed Sunday Mornings

Adults, middle & high school aged teens are encouraged to sign up to supervise our little folks, Infants/Toddlers through 5-year olds, in the crib room during July and August. Sign-up sheets are available at Fellowship Hour. Please contact *Jean Dickson* (**669-2807, ext. 104**) with any questions.

### 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. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact *Ed Mitchell* (**345-4335**) or anyone on the Christian Education Board.



### Baptisms

The sacrament of Baptism is generally scheduled monthly, on the third Sunday. If you are interested in receiving this sacrament on **July 20** or **August 17**, please speak with *Pastor Carolyn* (**669-2807**).

### Nursing Home Services

- **Monday, June 2:**
    - Masonic Home, 1:00 p.m.
  - **Sunday, June 15:**
    - Courville at Manchester, 2:00 p.m.
- Parishioners are always welcome to come along as visitors or participants.





### **Tools & Blankets Results**

On May 11, Brookside joined 8,000 other congregations across the U.S. to raise funds for the Tools & Blanket Program of Church World Service, which provides aid to individuals in more than 80 countries. Brookside's donations of \$714 come at a critical time, as Church World Service is responding to the Myanmar Cyclone, where an estimated 100,000 people have died and one million people have been left homeless. For more information on their response visit <http://www.churchworldservice.org/Emergencies/international/2008/myanmarcyclone-ud.html>. Recently, Church World Service has responded to other disasters such as a flood in Fernley, Nevada, a flood in Burkina Faso, and rare winter storms including tornadoes from Mississippi to Wisconsin. Your generous donations enable Church World Service to aid those at their time of greatest need. Thank you!

### **Loaves and Fishes**

In May, we collected **22 bags** of groceries and other non-perishables for New Horizons. Thank you for your generosity. With the increase in fuel cost, more and more people are turning to food pantries to help. Please consider putting some extra items in your supermarket basket for the food pantry. Their wish list currently includes: diapers, baby formula, peanut butter, jelly, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, canned goods, tomato sauce, pasta, and tuna. Our next collection is **Sunday, June 1**.



### **Walk Against Hunger – Update**

Kudos to the 22 people + 2 dogs from Brookside who joined with others from our community in the Walk Against Hunger. More than \$1,079 was raised to fight hunger and homelessness in the greater Manchester area! Thank you!

### **Holy Communion**

In June, July, August and September, Communion will be celebrated by intinction. The servers will walk to the center aisle. One person will have a cup with juice and the other a plate of bread. After taking a piece of bread, the recipient dips the bread into the juice and then eats the bread immediately. Those who are unable to walk forward will be served at their pews.

Deacons serving on **Sunday, June 1**, will be: *Kerry Richardson, Kathleen Dube and Russ Dunn*.

### **Stay Healthy**

The Parish Nurse has hours here every week, on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room E. Avail yourself of blood pressure checks, health information, and more. *(NOTE: The Nurse will NOT be here on **June 12, July 3, August 7.**)*



### **Take a Walk, Boost Your Knowledge**

Plan to join the yearly *Historical Church Walk* taking place on **Tuesday, June 3** beginning and ending here at Brookside Church (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). In addition to Brookside, stops will be made at Holy Trinity Polish Cathedral and Temple Israel to learn of their architecture, history, culture and traditions. Bring a bag lunch and a non-perishable food donation for the food pantry. To pre-register for this event, call Ask-a-Nurse at **626-2626**.

### **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**.



### **Chronicle Deadline**

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 26,

you need to submit your news by **Thursday, June 12**. Plan ahead so your summer activities will be included in print *and* online!

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

### **Fellowship Hour Schedule**

Monthly hosts for Fellowship Hour are:

- **June:** Christian Ed. Board
- **July:** Diaconate Board
- **Aug:** Outreach Board



### **Keeping You Up to Date**

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](mailto:ggoodman@elliott-hs.org).

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>			
For the period ending April 30, 2008			
	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>		
<b>April</b>	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	27,050	26,705	345
Total Expenses	22,485	24,849	(2364)
Net Gain (Loss)	4,565	1,855	2,709
<b>Year-to-date</b>			
Total Income	109,377	110,848	(1,471)
Total Expenses	109,132	109,810	(678)
Net Gain (Loss)	245	1,038	(793)
<b>YTD Pledges</b>	49,313	50,165	(852)

### **NHCUCC Annual Meeting**

Clergy and delegates from around New Hampshire will be heading to Wolfeboro the weekend of **June 13-14** to attend the 207<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the NH Conference, United Church of Christ. The theme this year is *Sanctuary: Living into the Image of God* based on Exodus 25:8, "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them." Keynoter is the Rev. Martin Copenhaver and Kim and Reggie Harris are the worship leaders, musicians and storytellers. Besides doing the business of the Conference, there will be time for worship, workshops, and fellowship. Representing Brookside as delegates are *Walter and Janet Stiles, Joe and Denise Forest, and Jean Dickson*. Those who serve on Conference committees are also voting members of Annual Meeting. For more information, go to [www.nhcucc.org](http://www.nhcucc.org) and click on "Annual Meeting."

### **A Note from the Treasurer**

As the image of six foot snow banks still lingers on in the fringes of my memories, I rejoice as I am sure you all do that summer has finally reached our doorstep! After last winter, we all deserve the warmth and relaxation that long summer days offer us.

I hope that as you all enjoy your break from our usual hectic routines, you will remember that our Church staff continues to chug along making sure all our needs are met. There are still payroll expenses to cover as well as most of our normal operating expenses. I offer a gentle reminder to please, please remember to keep your pledges up to date during the summer months so we will be able to meet all of our obligations.

Enjoy!  
*Gail Goodman*





**Read the Good Book**

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 June**

**June 1 – Music Sunday; Communion**

Old Testament Psalm 105:1-6, 43-45  
 New Testament Matthew 18:19-20

**June 8 – Children’s Day**

Old Testament Psalm 16:7-11  
 New Testament Philippians 4:4-7  
 Romans 12:15-17  
 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27  
 Galatians 5:22-25  
 1 Thessalonians 5:17-22

**June 15**

Old Testament Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7  
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
 New Testament Matthew 9:35–10:8  
 Romans 5:1-8

**June 22**

Old Testament Genesis 21:8-21  
 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
 New Testament Matthew 10:24-39  
 Romans 6:1b-11

**June 29**

Old Testament Genesis 22:1-14  
 Psalm 13  
 New Testament Matthew 10:40-42  
 Romans 6:12-23

<b>READERS</b>	
<b>June 1</b> Mike Wentzell	<b>June 8</b> Children’s Day
<b>June 15</b> John Cooperider	<b>June 22</b> Kathleen Dube
<b>June 29</b> Joyce Lovejoy	

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 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Pastor Carolyn plans to be in Manchester  
 Monday through Thursday.**  
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 email: [pastor@brooksideecc.org](mailto: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.

<b>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</b>	
<b>June 1</b> Dennis Giguere Keith Hamer	<b>June 8</b> Joyce Lovejoy Dennis Giguere
<b>June 15</b> Jeff Rapson Joyce Lovejoy	<b>June 22</b> Dale Trombley Jeff Rapson
<b>June 29</b> Kerry Richardson Dale Trombley	

<b>CE PERSON OF THE WEEK</b>	
<b>June 1</b> Ed Mitchell	<b>June 8</b> Children’s Day
<b>June 15</b> Kira Morehouse	<b>June 22</b> Liberty Dhliwayo
<b>June 29</b> Peter Lovejoy	

**ACOLYTES**

<b>June 1</b> Kimberly MacPhail	<b>June 8</b> Phoenix Thomas
<b>June 15</b> Sara Ferranti	<b>June 22</b> Duncan Cate
<b>June 29</b> Matt Dube	

**GREETERS**

<b>June 1</b> Walter & Janet Stiles	<b>June 8</b> Williamson Family
<b>June 15</b> Dennis & Elaine Giguere	<b>June 22</b> Sally Sederquist
<b>June 29</b> Anne & Bob Lachance	

**DOORPERSON**

<b>June 1</b> Mike Wentzell	<b>June 8</b> Keith Hamer
<b>June 15</b> Jeff & TJ Rapson	<b>June 22</b> Keith Hamer
<b>June 29</b> Jim Peace	

**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK**

<b>June 1</b> Pete Farwell	<b>June 8</b> Karyn O'Neil
<b>June 15</b> Dawn Brockett	<b>June 22</b> Laura Sevigny
<b>June 29</b> Laura Sevigny	

**USHERS**

<b>June 1</b> Doug Thomas Sandi Decknick Taylor Decknick Kathleen Dube	<b>June 8</b> Children's Day
<b>June 15</b> Keith Hamer Ed Mitchell Jeff Rapson Don Waldrup	<b>June 22</b> Betsy Antonucci Karyn O'Neil Rod Leavell Benjamin Williamson
<b>June 29</b> Kelli Fletcher Jeff Fletcher Peter Lovejoy Becky Guimont	

**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.

