

THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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From Pastor Carolyn:

"Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God." (Deuteronomy 5:12-13 NRSV)

"Shabbat" is a Hebrew word that literally means "to stop." For thousands of years God's people have believed we should stop whatever it is we are doing and so observe a day of Sabbath. To follow the Biblical understanding of Sabbath literally means "a stopping from things that distract you."

Which leaves you and me and other people of faith wondering 'what are we being distracted from?' – a question that Martha must have pondered when she prepared a meal to serve Jesus and all his disciples, only to be chided that she was "distracted by many things" (Luke 10). The difficult answer for any task- or goal-oriented person is that we are to stop doing the many hundreds of tasks and jobs we do and spend time getting reacquainted with God on a regular basis.

"Stopping" can take many forms. Of course, gathering with other Christians on Sunday morning is one way we follow this Biblical mandate. However, one hour once a week is not enough for a God who invites us to "stop" for 24 hours each week. So, some of us find renewal by taking a daily walk with God or by doing those things that support the relationships we have with family and friends. We may also take time to rest from distractions by enjoying a hobby – art, gardening, music, woodworking – or we might observe Sabbath by becoming centered in the stillness of daily prayer and meditation.

"Stopping" is important for you and for me. Did you know that the Pastoral Relations Committee of the church has the responsibility for making sure that your pastor takes weekly days off and vacation time, and honors the part of the Minister's Code of Ethics that includes this commitment: *I will honor my need for time for physical and spiritual renewal, recreation, and vacation?* Amazing!

Yet time and time again, when pastors do not take weekly days off or go on vacation, not only does the pastor suffer, the church does also. Renewal is important for all of us.

My hope is that we observe Shabbat on a regular basis.

Blessings,

Carolyn

Pastor's Vacation/Renewal Time:

Pastor Carolyn will take some "renewing" vacation time from **August 15-24**.

During her time of absence, pastoral emergencies will be handled by the Revs. *Pete and Joyce Lovejoy* and members of the Board of Deacons; please call the church office at **669-2807** for assistance.

A Letter of Thanks to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

With the close of the month of June comes my last day as a member of the staff at Brookside Church. It has been my great honor and privilege to have served as Director of the Christian Education Program over the past 8 years. It has also been a joy to work with so many wonderful people here at Brookside.

I will enjoy being in worship and fellowship with you all as we continue to define who we are as a Christian community, and look forward to the excitement of a new rotation model within the Sunday School program, new leadership through an Acting Church School Coordinator & Acting Youth Coordinator, and with God's grace and leading, the calling of a settled pastor.

Thank you all for your involvement in and support of the spiritual and fellowship life of the children and youth of the church. I count myself blessed to know you.

In Christ's Service,

Jean Dickson

BROOKSIDE IS SEEKING:

ACTING CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Brookside Congregational Church is looking for a part-time Acting Church School Coordinator for the program year 2008-2009. This person will work with the Board of Christian Education and be responsible for overseeing the Rotation model church school program for preschool through grade 8, including administration and implementing the policies of the Board. A full job description can be found at www.brooksideecc.org. If interested, please send a resume with references, to Rev. Carolyn Keilig, Brookside Congregational Church, UCC, 2013 Elm St., Manchester, NH 03104.

ACTING YOUTH COORDINATOR

Brookside Congregational Church is seeking a part-time Acting Youth Coordinator for the program year 2008-2009. This person will work with the Board of Christian Education and youth group advisors, and be responsible for coordinating the programs and activities offered to youth. A full job description can be found at www.brooksideecc.org. If interested, please send a resume with references, to Rev. Carolyn Keilig, Brookside Congregational Church, UCC, 2013 Elm St., Manchester, NH 03104.

2008-09 Church School Curriculum to Feature Rotational Model

In the fall of 2008, the Board of Christian Education is introducing a new teaching model for the Sunday School program. We are going to use a *rotational model* for teaching. With this approach, each 4-5 week session focuses on a single Bible story. Classes rotate among kid-friendly multimedia workshops, where each workshop teaches the story through different mediums, like storytelling, art, games, drama/puppets, science, and cooking.

Each week, the children are told the story from a different perspective. Kids retain more through repetition, and the different teaching mediums resonate better with different children. This allows the teacher to refine his/her lesson each week, making adjustments for the age of the children. Teachers are encouraged to share their area(s) of interest with the kids through the medium that they present. If you love cooking, please come teach a lesson through cooking. If you have a passion for art, please share that passion with

our children by teaching a lesson through art. The curriculum has several suggested activities for each medium, or create your own.

Each class is accompanied by a "shepherd" throughout the year. The shepherd provides continuity for the kids, and helps with any communication and discipline issues. However, the shepherd does not need to prepare class material. If you like spending time with the kids but don't want to worry about planning a lesson, then you could be a great shepherd!

We are currently surveying the congregation to inquire about your hobbies and interests. We hope that you'll consider teaching a 4-5 week session and share your interest(s) with the children of our Sunday School program. It's a modest commitment with a tremendous impact.

Thanks to those of you who came to our informational session on May 18. If you have any questions about the rotational model, please feel free to contact someone from the Curriculum Committee (*Ed Mitchell, Fran Hakenson, & Peter Lovejoy*).



Many Thanks to Many Hands

~ To all who helped make Children's Sunday such a great

day of celebration, Thank You! Once again our children and youth displayed wonderful leadership in the morning worship and during the crafts and games following the picnic. We should all be proud of the future leaders in our midst. Let us continue to encourage their faith through prayer, fellowship and fun.

~ And to the folks who taught in our Sunday School program during the 2007-08 program year: we are grateful for your time and guidance, your patience and thoughtfulness in helping to lead our children in their journey of faith.

Youth Program Update

On June 7th, nine 5th-7th graders enjoyed a cookout/pool party as the Middle School Youth Group ended another year. June 15th was the end-of-year pool party for the Sr. High Youth Group. Keep an eye out for summer/early fall plans for both groups. Announcements will be made through the bulletins and group email lists. If you're not sure your contact information is on the list, please call the church office (669-2807) or email Mr. Mitchell at epmitchell@comcast.net.



Keeping Up with Secret Pals

Adult Pals should have received the name of your Secret (Child) Pal by the end of June. We hope you have sent your Pal a note or small activity by now. Be sure to do so two or three times more this summer. If you've misplaced your Pal's address or have questions, please contact *the church office*, 669-2807.

A reminder: **September 14, 2008** is Homecoming Sunday when you'll meet your Secret Pal for a special lunch. Be sure it's on your calendar!

July/August, 2008

Many More Thanks

On behalf of all who have benefited from *Jean Dickson's* eight years of service to Brookside Congregational Church, a sincere thank you is extended and best wishes for her future plans. A time of celebration and thanksgiving was held during worship on June 8. Thank you, Jean!

Thank you, also, to *Sue Benson* who so ably and joyfully gave of herself to the children of our Church School as Sunday School Superintendent during the past two years.



Parents and Kids, Please Take Note:

During summer, child care will be available for children ages 5 and younger. Although some older children/pre-teens may, on occasion, help when one of their parents is teaching, we ask that elementary school aged children use the quieter summer time to be in worship. Thank you for your assistance.

Heading to Horton for Heavenly Hiatus

A number of folk from Brookside will be attending camp this summer at Horton Center, an outdoor ministry of the New Hampshire Conference, UCC.

- ~ June 29–July 5: Kelley Guimont
- ~ July 1–5: Delaney Guimont, Unit Leader Rebecca Guimont
- ~ July 20–27: Kimberly MacPhail
- ~ July 27–Aug. 4: Phil & Taylor Decknick, Unit Leader Sandi Decknick

Please keep these campers and unit leaders in your prayers for a safe, restorative, spirit-filled time in this beautiful setting.

Should you wish to send some mail to any of the campers, the address is:

Horton Center
PO BOX J
Gorham, NH 03581



Congrats to our 2008 Grads!

Graduated from Manchester High School Central, June 19:

Thomas Richards – Tom achieved High Honors for his senior year at CHS and was an active participant on the Central Crew Team throughout high school. He served as Coxswain for the CHS varsity 8 boat at the Head of the Charles Regatta for two successive years. After working at Hannaford this summer, Tom will study Business Administration at Jacksonville University in Florida, where he was recruited for its Division 1 Crew Team with athletic and academic scholarships and an opportunity grant.

Ben Williamson – Ben has been active on the crew and wrestling teams at Central. He will be finishing up the summer at his job at Milford Lumber, before heading off to James Madison University in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia mid-August. Ben has not yet decided on a major.

Bow High School, June 14:

Katie Giguere – Katie's artistic interest and skill have been recognized through Scholastic art awards, earning a Silver Key for sculpture during the 2007 All-State Art Competition, and a Gold Key for a sterling silver ring in 2008. She will be working at YMCA summer camp before heading off to Boston to attend Massachusetts College of Art & Design with a focus in Art Education.

Campbell High School, Litchfield, June 13:

Alyssa Mun – Alyssa has been very active in high school, playing in concert band, as well as serving the past two years as secretary of the National Honor Society, secretary for Student Government, and captain of the varsity soccer and track teams. She will travel to Hawaii for a family reunion in July & August before heading off to Worcester Polytechnic Institute for Computer Engineering.

Brittany Shafer – Brittany has been an active participant in the Drama Club at Campbell following her interests in the performing



arts. Brittany earned a Diploma of Distinction and received special recognition as a NH Scholar. She is currently enrolled in early entry classes in the Nursing Program at Manchester Community College, with plans to work toward a B.S.N.

Hopkinton High School, June 13:

Pamela Keilig – Pamela has been active in the National Honor Society and the National Foreign Languages Honor Society, and has played Varsity Field Hockey and Lacrosse. She will attend Susquehanna University in Penn., majoring in International Studies.

College/University and Beyond:

Elaine Giguere – received a Master's of Education Degree in Integrated Arts from Plymouth State University.

Renee Grinnell (daughter of Administrative Assistant, Nicole) – graduated from Cornell University with a B.A in Psychology.

Scott Migliori – received a Master's Degree in Accounting from UNH's Whittemore School of Business. Come fall, he will work at Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Boston.

Debi Rapson – was awarded a Master's Degree in Community Economic Development, with a focus on education, from Southern NH University.

David Watts – graduated from UNH with a B.S. in Business Administration.

More Christian Ed. Tidbits to Note:

Watch Sunday bulletins for information on Classroom cleaning/prep and Teacher Training, to happen later in August.

Baptism Schedule

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





Loaves and Fishes

Thank you! Due to your generosity, we collected **40 bags** of groceries and other non-perishables for New Horizons in June. That's nearly double our May collection! With summer here, eligible children do not receive their free meals at school, so families rely more than ever on the food pantries for help. Please consider putting some extra items in your supermarket basket for the food pantry. Our next collections are **Sundays, July 6 and August 3**. Please remember to bring your donations in another week if summer vacations will keep you away during our *Loaves and Fishes* collection days. Thanks again!

Summer Service Opportunity

We are looking for a five-member team of volunteers to serve supper at the New Horizons Soup Kitchen on **Tuesday, July 29** from 4:15-6:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact *Linda Purdy* by phone, **647-0294**, or email, ljptlc@comcast.net.



Bridging Cultures in our Garden

Once again, Brookside is able to share our resources with the Manchester International Community. Under the guidance of Margaret Hagen, a UNH Cooperative Extension Educator, three Ukrainian families, a Rwandan woman and Somali Bantu, Somali and Burundi refugees, clients of the International Institute of NH, work in the community garden on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 and on Friday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00. Their goal is to grow vegetables, including those that they are familiar with from their home country as well as those best adapted to our short summers. It is also important to grow vegetables that will provide families the most food: vegetables like green beans, grape and slicing tomatoes,

zucchini, cucumbers, radishes, carrots, lettuce, cabbage, onions, peppers and Swiss chard. After planting and before harvest time, Alice Mullen, a nutritionist from UNH Cooperative Extension, will teach the gardeners how to make healthy, delicious dishes using some of the vegetables they are less familiar with, like green beans and Swiss chard.

These families are also giving back to Brookside. They will be weeding the perennial bed in front of the church and adding some perennials donated by the Amherst and Frankestown garden club plant sales. If you're in the area on Tuesday evenings or Friday mornings, stop by to visit or to lend a hand.

Another Garden, for Remembering

The Compassionate Friends have gifted Brookside Congregational Church and our wider community with a Memory Garden that is a place of beauty and peace. Located within the Manning House lawn, it includes a bench for sitting and the vision of a well-maintained floral garden. Remember you are welcome to visit it and find spiritual rest and healing.



Veggies, Anyone?

Buy local: sign up for Middle Branch Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) shares, and receive 16 weeks of fresh local organic produce from the farm in New Boston. The weekly share is intended to provide veggies for a couple with small children; the share price is \$465 for Church members.

Pick-up is in Brookside's parking lot on **Tuesdays** from 4:45-6:30 p.m., running from July 8 through October 21. Please email middlebranchfarm@comcast.net for more information.

In appreciation for the use of our parking lot, Middle Branch Farm donates produce for our holiday baskets.

Barbecue, Cookout – What’s in a Name?

The fellowship dinners have been met with a favorable response and many have enjoyed food, drink and conversation at the last two events. For July and August, we are suggesting that we move the event(s) outdoors and barbecue. **The dates are Saturdays, July 12 & August 16, 5-7 pm.** On July 12, the barbecue will be followed by the “Barnstormers” concert, increasing our venue to food, drink, conversation and music.



The Diaconate will again sponsor the barbecues, and we are looking forward to grilling hamburgers & hot dogs, and serving up potato salad, etc. All are welcome and we invite you to bring a friend. Please look for more reminders in the upcoming church bulletins, and feel free to ask a Deacon for more information.

We thank all who have volunteered time and money to make these times of fellowship so pleasurable. We look forward to seeing you there.



Treat Yourself to a Summer Concert!

The Barnstormers, a male chorus of over 70 men, have been giving concerts throughout the Northeast for the past 62 years. They will be singing in Manchester, NH, for the very first time at the Brookside Congregational Church on **Saturday July 12**, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and admission is free (a free-will offering will be received). In addition, the group will participate in our worship service on **Sunday, July 13**, 10 a.m.

Founded in 1946 in Waterbury, CT by Loring Burwell, a music teacher and choral director in the community, the Barnstormers enjoy singing arrangements of both contemporary and traditional music. The repertoire in Manchester will consist of show tunes, popular, sacred, and secular music.

The members of this volunteer singing group, who come from all walks of life,

gather on weekends in a variety of communities three times yearly, usually in April, July and October. They are from the New England states, as well as New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Georgia, Florida and North Carolina. Each weekend gathering begins with rehearsals on Friday and Saturday morning to prepare for the concert. “New” recruits from the communities are always welcome to join the voices of regulars who have been with the group for many years. The Barnstormers are looking forward to their very first performance in Manchester.



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.

Serving on **Sunday, July 6** will be *Jeff Rapson, Joyce Lovejoy* and *Keith Hamer*.

Deacons serving on **Sunday, August 3** will be: *Dennis Giguere, Kathleen Dube* and *Dale Trombley*.

Open, Greet, “Ush,” Light, Read...

The Diaconate Board is looking for folks who are interested in being Doorpersons, Greeters, Ushers, Acolytes and/or Readers next year (the schedule/rotation begins in September). If you are interested in helping out with one or more of these “jobs” (generally once every 4-6 weeks), please contact the appropriate person(s) as listed below:

Acolyte: *Kathleen Dube*, 867-5284, email kadube@comcast.net.

Doorperson and/or Greeter: *Keith Hamer*, 497-4409, email hamer20@comcast.net.

Reader: *Raymond Brooks*, 624-8567 (before 8 p.m.), email raymondbrooks@juno.com.

Usher: *Don Waldrup*, 623-2382.



Process Is Moving Along

In past updates, we have outlined the various steps in the search process and updated you on where we are in the process. This article and accompanying announcements made in church on June 8, 15 and 22, are intended both to update you on our progress and to alert you to the possibility that covenant membership involvement and action may be required during the summer months.

To date, the committee has reviewed more than 40 pastoral profiles, conducted 18 telephone interviews, reviewed written, audio and video materials submitted by candidates, and conducted personal interviews with 6 candidates. The personal interviews are comprehensive and include an in-depth interview, a tour of Manchester, and a meal with the candidate and his/her spouse.

If, after the personal interview, the committee decides to continue our conversation with the candidate, we call the candidate's references and work with the NH Conference to schedule a neutral pulpit so that the committee may observe the candidate conduct a worship service. If, following the committee's participation in worship led by the candidate at a neutral church, we and the candidate believe that the Holy Spirit is calling us together, the committee and the candidate will negotiate the financial and other business terms of a proposed pastoral call to Brookside. Upon the successful completion of this negotiation, the committee will be ready to present to the congregation the committee's recommendation that the covenant members vote to call the candidate to Brookside.

The process by which the committee will present its recommendation to the covenant members and by which the congregation will meet the candidate prior to the congregational vote has a number of steps:

- The committee will send a letter to each covenant member of the congregation to let everyone know that we are ready to recommend a candidate to the congregation.

- The letter will include information about the candidate and details about the candidating weekend.
- The candidating weekend will include:
 - The opportunity for members and friends of the congregation to meet the candidate prior to Sunday worship in an informal social setting such as a Saturday evening potluck supper or picnic;
 - The candidate will conduct the worship service at Brookside on the Sunday of the candidating weekend;
 - At a congregational meeting following the worship service, the committee will present its recommendation to call the candidate to Brookside and answer any questions that covenant members may have;
 - Covenant members will vote on the committee's recommendation to call the candidate to Brookside; and
 - Assuming that the congregation votes to call the candidate, a reception will follow to welcome our new pastor.

The full and enthusiastic participation of the congregation in the candidating weekend is essential. Because it is possible that a candidating weekend could be scheduled during the summer, we want to make certain that you know what is involved in such a weekend and how very important it is that each member makes every effort to participate in this process.

The committee continues to be strengthened by your prayers and your expressions of support. Thank you.

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

Nursing Homes: "See You in September"

No worship services are scheduled during July and August for Courville and the Masonic Home. Monthly services will resume in September.



Recent Losses

Betty Lord died June 1, after a lifetime of involvement in numerous community, environmental and charitable organizations. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Robert Lord, three children, three grandchildren & three great-grandchildren.

Ginny DesRosiers died June 5. A Brookside member since 1999, she was a longtime area music teacher and church musician. Survivors include her husband, Ernie, two children, six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Pastor Keilig participated in the funeral service at Hooksett Congregational Church, where Ginny had served as organist/choir director for many years.

Please keep these families in your prayers during this difficult time.



Some History for Today

By Ellie Kelton, Historian

For those of you who sat home Saturday evening, June 7 and complained about the heat, you missed a great occasion. The progressive dinner began at the Miglioris' with a wonderful and tasty array of appetizers and a chance to chat with people we see on Sunday but don't know all that well. The group then split up and went to various homes to enjoy refreshing salads and a chance to get to know a smaller group of friends. Next, it was the main course at yet another venue and another set of friends. The last stop was Fellowship Hall where we were greeted with an awesome variety of desserts, and more conversation. It was my first experience, but won't be my last.

Thanks to Dave and Laura for pushing the right buttons to get everything going, and to all those who cleaned, cooked, opened their homes, and presented us with a memorable evening.

Looking for a Sign

by Peter Farwell



The Board of Trustees has asked me to investigate the possible replacement of the Brookside Church sign on Elm Street. It has served us well but is showing signs of wood rot, is hard to read while driving on Elm Street and it is not very visible at night.

I would like to put together a collection of pictures of already existing signage around Manchester that might be suitable to use as a basis for designing our new sign, and I need your help! If you see something that you think might work for us, please take a picture of it, and send it to me either via the church office or email it to me directly at p.farwell@comcast.net. Please include the location of the sign and tell me what you like about it.

If you see a great sign and cannot take a picture, just let me know where it is and I will make sure to go and get some pictures. Thanks in advance for your help.

2nd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Fair

Saturday, August 16, 8 am-2 pm in the Brookside Parking Lot

- sponsored by Twin Peaks, to benefit Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Please call *Diane St. Pierre, 624-8347* or *Sally Sederquist, 668-6917* to donate or volunteer, or for info.

**Hot Dogs, Chips, Soda & Water
Raffles, Bake Sale, Books,
Christmas Table, Crafters**



Beautifying Brookside

*The trees are God's great alphabet:
With them He writes in shining green
Across the world His thoughts serene.*

Leonora Speyer



Brookside's landscaping project has begun on Clarke Street! With the blessing of a generous donation, planting starts this month on the corner of Elm and Clarke.

You can be part of the Clarke Street beautification project by donating a tree in honor or memory of a loved one. A \$150 donation allows a tree to be planted and a plaque created. Donations of any amount can be made to incorporate shrubs, flowers and mulch to the project. Each donation enables us to work our way along Clarke Street toward Chestnut Street!

YES! I want to donate a tree to the Beautifying Brookside Project.

This gift is in honor of/ in memory of: _____

Please accept my donation of \$ _____ toward shrubs and flowers.

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I wish to remain anonymous.

Please make your check payable to Brookside Congregational Church, UCC and indicate "Landscaping" on the memo line.





Chronicle Deadline – Please Sing!

*Yankee Doodle went to town,
Writing on a laptop,
Sent an e-mail with his news—*

“Let’s shout it from the rooftop!”

*Yankee Doodle, keep it up,
Articles are dandy—
Keep our readers up to date,
The latest news is handy!*

The deadline for the September *Chronicle* is **Thursday, August 14**. However you choose to get us your news – whether by email (nicoleg@brooksidecc.org), snail mail, fax (**668-9041**), pony, or hand-delivery, please plan ahead so you can submit it in a timely fashion. (Ponies must wait outside.)

Finances? Here’s the Latest Scoop:

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 May 31, 2008			
	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>		
May	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	27,255	25,727	1,528
Total Expenses	28,605	25,384	3,221
Net Gain (Loss)	(1,350)	343	(1,693)
Year-to-date			
Total Income	136,632	136,576	57
Total Expenses	137,737	135,194	2,543
Net Gain (Loss)	(1,105)	1,381	(2,486)
YTD Pledges	60,166	62,145	(1,979)

Nurse to Take Two Vacation Days



The Parish Nurse generally has hours here every week, on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room E. **She will, however, NOT be here on July 3 and August 7**, so make a note of it and save yourself a trip!

On any the other Thursday, you may stop by for 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**.

In the Hospital? Let Us Know!

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.

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.

REMEMBER YOUR PLEDGE THIS SUMMER!



TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

July 6
Laura Sevigny

July 13
Norm Noel

July 20
Norm Noel

July 27
Laura Sevigny

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August 3
Dave Migliori

August 10
Dawn Brockett

August 17
Dawn Brockett

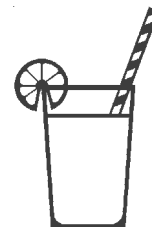
August 24
Steve Ferranti

August 31
Karyn O'Neil

Fellowship Hour Schedule

Monthly hosts for Fellowship Hour are:

- **July:** Diaconate Board
- **Aug:** Outreach Board
- **Sept:** Music Committee



CE PERSON OF THE WEEK

July 6
Fran Hakenson

July 13

July 20
Donna Moody

July 27
Ed Mitchell

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August 3
Liberty Dhlwayo

August 10
Fran Hakenson

August 17
Donna Moody

August 24

August 31
Pete Lovejoy

USHERS

July 6
Norm Noel
Ellie Kelton
Heather Soucy
Jim Soucy

July 13
Doug Thomas
Dennis Giguere
Dave Migliori
Joe Lachance

July 20
Sis Dunn
Robert Dunn
Russlyn Dunn
Kerry Richardson

July 27
Fran Hakenson
Bill Hoysradt
Bruce Richards
Mike Wentzell

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August 3
Sally Sederquist
Sandi Decknick
Taylor Decknick
Kathleen Dube

August 10
Keith Hamer
Ed Mitchell
Jeff Rapson
Don Waldrupe

August 17
Don Waldrupe
Rod Leavell
Bruce Richards
John Cooperider

August 24
Betsy Antonucci
Karyn O'Neil
David Gates

August 31
Kelli Fletcher
Jeff Fletcher
Peter Lovejoy
Becky Guimont

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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.

READERS

July 6 Jeff Rapson	July 13 Elizabeth Dunn
July 20 Joe Forest	July 27 Lindsay MacPhail
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August 3 Linda Seabury	August 10 Jim Soucy
August 17 Doug Thomas	August 24 Janet Kolkebeck
August 31 Paula Ninivaggi	

August 10
Old Testament 1 Kings 19:9-18
New Testament Matthew 14:22-33

August 17 (Rev. Pete Lovejoy preaching)
Old Testament Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
New Testament Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15(10-12), 21-28

August 24 (Rev. Joyce Lovejoy preaching)
Old Testament Exodus 1:8—2:10
Psalm 124
New Testament Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 31
Old Testament Exodus 3:1-15
New Testament Romans 12:9-21



Keep Up with Your Summer Reading

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

July Readings

July 6
Old Testament Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
New Testament Matthew 10:40-42

July 13
Old Testament Psalm 137:1-6
New Testament Revelation 5:8-13

July 20
Old Testament Genesis 28:10-19a
New Testament Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 27
Old Testament 1 Kings 3:5-12
New Testament Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August Readings

August 3
Old Testament Genesis 32:22-31
New Testament Matthew 14:13-21

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

July 6 Don Waldrup Kerry Richardson	July 13 Kathleen Dube Don Waldrup
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July 20 Raymond Brooks Kathleen Dube	July 27 Russlyn Dunn Raymond Brooks
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August 3 Sandi Decknick Russlyn Dunn	August 10 Keith Hamer Sandi Decknick
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August 17 Jeff Fletcher Keith Hamer	August 24 Joyce Lovejoy Jeff Fletcher
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August 31
Dennis Giguere
Joyce Lovejoy



Kids Activities

God's Creation SCAVENGER HUNT

You can easily spot God's beautiful creation not just in majestic mountains and vast oceans but also in the smallest bits of nature. Try this fun activity at a park, in your backyard or on a hike.

What you need:

- Paper
- Pencils, pens or crayons
- Plastic cups or bowls



What you do:

1. Write out the same list of items for each player. One person can do this ahead of time, or the group can determine what to hunt for. Items must be small enough to fit in the container provided. Suggestions include: flower, grain of sand or dirt, seed, blade of grass, feather, small stick, pebble, insect (preferably alive), leaf, thorn, berry and so on.
2. Give a list and a cup (or bowl) to each player.
3. Designate a place to search for items, as well as a time limit (for example, look in the backyard for 15 minutes).
4. During the scavenger hunt, enjoy seeing the beauty of God's creation in the tiniest things. Players should cross off items when found.
5. When time is up, compare items. Point out similarities and differences. Discuss why these items are so amazing. Share Bible verses or stories about some items (for example, Isaiah 40:8 talks about grass and flowers, 1 Corinthians 10:4 talks about Jesus' being our rock, etc.).



Just for **KIDS**

God has made everything
Beautiful

As God's special creations, people should take every opportunity to appreciate all that He has made.

Use the words in the box below to complete this puzzle. Then match the number for the word to the blank below to finish Psalm 104:24, NIV.

WORD BOX

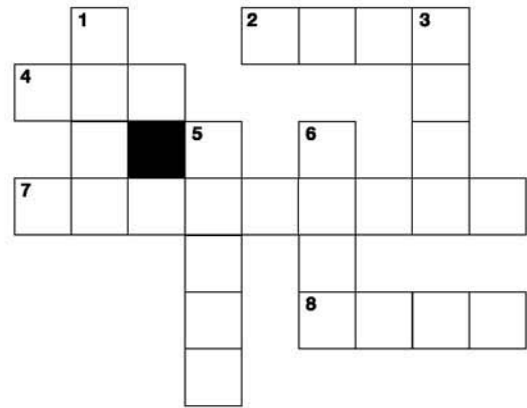
CREATURES EARTH
THEM MADE HOW
LORD YOUR FULL

ACROSS

2. Rhymes with gem.
4. Rhymes with cow.
7. Rhymes with features.
8. Rhymes with cord.

DOWN

1. Rhymes with pour.
3. Rhymes with fade.
5. Rhymes with worth.
6. Rhymes with pull.



" _____ many are _____ works, O _____ !
4 1 8

In wisdom you _____ _____ all;
3 2

the _____ is _____ of your _____."
5 6 7

Psalm 104:24, NIV

Answers: "How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." Psalm 104:24, NIV

Kids Activities

REFRESHING ★ SUMMER ★ ACTIVITY

Try this activity with your Sunday school. It's a fun way to give people more than just a cold drink. It helps them learn about the Bible and your church.

What you need:

- Bottled water
- Tubs or ice chest filled with ice
- Printed labels or cut pieces of paper the same size as the existing water-bottle label
- Permanent markers (if you're not using preprinted labels)
- Clear contact paper
- Scissors
- Clear packing tape
- Poster board
- Adult supervision



What to do:

1. On labels or pieces of paper, write a verse about the living water Jesus gives us (for example, John 4:13-14; John 6:35; Revelation 22:17). Also include your church's name and contact information, as well as an invitation to worship or to an activity.
2. Either laminate the new labels or cover them in clear contact paper (to keep them from getting soggy).
3. Tape the labels to the back of the bottles.
4. Make a "FREE Water!" poster.
5. Find a park, local festival or corner where people pass by needing a cold drink. Be sure to have adult supervision.



Just for KIDS

The Water of Life

To beat the summer heat, we're often refreshed by a cold drink. Complete the puzzle below for a reminder of what Jesus offers us when we thirst.

KEY:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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$\overline{19+4}$ $\overline{10-2}$ $\overline{10+5}$ $\overline{10-5}$ $\overline{18+4}$ $\overline{1+4}$ $\overline{20-2}$ $\overline{8+1}$ $\overline{12+7}$

$\overline{18+2}$ $\overline{1+7}$ $\overline{10-1}$ $\overline{20-2}$ $\overline{18+1}$ $\overline{20-0}$ $\overline{26-1}$ $\overline{6+6}$ $\overline{5-0}$ $\overline{10+10}$

$\overline{4+4}$ $\overline{8+1}$ $\overline{8+5}$ $\overline{1+2}$ $\overline{10+5}$ $\overline{15-2}$ $\overline{1+4}$; $\overline{0+1}$ $\overline{7+7}$ $\overline{1+3}$

$\overline{26-3}$ $\overline{7+1}$ $\overline{20-5}$ $\overline{2+3}$ $\overline{21+1}$ $\overline{6-1}$ $\overline{19-1}$

$\overline{21+2}$ $\overline{9+0}$ $\overline{18+1}$ $\overline{10-2}$ $\overline{7-2}$ $\overline{15+4}$ $\overline{10+2}$ $\overline{7-2}$ $\overline{17+3}$

$\overline{6+2}$ $\overline{11-2}$ $\overline{11+2}$ $\overline{20+0}$ $\overline{2-1}$ $\overline{9+2}$ $\overline{8-3}$ $\overline{22-2}$ $\overline{11-3}$ $\overline{2+3}$

$\overline{3+3}$ $\overline{22-4}$ $\overline{5-0}$ $\overline{1+4}$ $\overline{3+4}$ $\overline{7+2}$ $\overline{9-3}$ $\overline{9+11}$ $\overline{14+1}$ $\overline{8-2}$

$\overline{23-3}$ $\overline{12-4}$ $\overline{8-3}$ $\overline{21+2}$ $\overline{4-3}$ $\overline{20-0}$ $\overline{10-5}$ $\overline{20-2}$ $\overline{13+2}$ $\overline{4+2}$

$\overline{5+7}$ $\overline{12-3}$ $\overline{9-3}$ $\overline{6-1}$ " *Revelation 22:17, NIV*

Answer:
"Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17, NIV