



# THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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*Celebrate with us:*  
*June 7, Children's Day*  
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ENJOY ICED TEA  
on the Manning House  
Patio w/Pastor Dawn;  
Tuesdays at 11 a.m.,  
beginning June 23

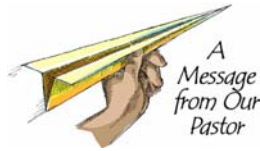
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*Gear Up  
for a Nice  
Summer!*

## Dawn's Doings

*I will sing to God  
as long as I live; I will  
sing praise to my God  
while I have my being.* (Ps. 104:33)



Psalms 104 is a song of praise to God, the Creator and Provider. I am out in our Carolina Room (remember Greg calls it the Porch). The grass is green, the leaves have spread their canopy about the back yard, and color and fragrance accent the landscape with the lilacs in blossom, the bleeding hearts dotting the garden, and the mountain blues ready to burst open as the daffodils wither so the green leaves can give nourishment to the bulbs. *Breathe*, an inner voice speaks to me, *breathe*, and in the stillness I live within God as the Apostle Paul spoke: *God in whom we live, and move, and have our being.* (Acts 17:28)

As summer will be upon us, children will be out of school and all of us at different times on vacation or away, remember to *breathe*. In New England we can make our summers as hectic as the rest of the year by cramming everything into a short span of time. *Breathe*. Pause and give thanks to God, the Creator and Provider, as you appreciate the beauty of creation. Take time to just be and be grateful, for this is *Sabbath rest and renewal*.

When you are away from Brookside and worship with another congregation, please bring back an order of worship for me. I am always interested in how other congregations worship and acquiring new ideas.

In June I will be at the House of Prayer for a couple days with colleagues on retreat planning worship for September – June, 2010. In July, Greg and I will be on vacation from July 3-17. And on Sundays, except July 5 and 12, I will be in worship with Brookside; I hope when you are around, you will be too. When you are not, remember Brookside in your prayers and *breathe* within God and sing a song of thanks and praise! Enjoy the summer!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Dawn

## Rob's Resignation

On May 10, 2009, our beloved Music Director Rob St. Cyr submitted his resignation to begin a Masters program in Choral Direction with Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. As much as we will miss him, we also recognize that this is an opportunity for professional advancement and wish Rob all the best. It has certainly been a joy working with Rob these past six months. Rob possesses a special combination of musical talent and deep faith that not every church musician has. He is also willing to try something new and respond in the moment when the flaky pastor changes her mind or gets some new thought! Rob's flexibility is such a gift. Rob's last Sunday with us is July 26.

During August we will have guest musicians, and in September and October, Peter Labombarde will direct our Chancel Choir and be the organist. Ads have gone out, and we hope to have a Director of Music in place by November, but if it takes longer, we will manage. My thanks to Elaine Giguere for serving as the contact person for applicants and leading us through the search process.

*by Pastor Dawn Berry*

## **Tuesday Ice Tea on the Patio at 11 AM, Wednesday Morning Walk & Talk, 8 AM**

Pastor Dawn invites you to join her in good weather for iced tea on the patio of Manning House at 11 a.m. on **Tuesdays, June 23–August 25**, except for July 7 & 14; and/or a morning walk around the neighborhood on **Wednesdays** from 8-9, **July 22–August 26**. We will meet in the Brookside parking lot, and anything and everything can be our topics.



# Many Thanks...

## **Audio on Website**

Thank you, Dennis Giguere, for getting audio recordings of the Scripture readings and sermons on our website for downloading and on CDs for those who do not have access to the internet. Dennis updates the web recordings weekly. When we have the proper equipment, we will be able to make recordings of the music in worship.

## **A Note from Bruce Adami**

Organist/choir director at Brookside until January 2004, Bruce lost his mother on May 9. He writes:

*I sincerely appreciate the many expressions of sympathy I have received from Brookside Church members upon the recent passing of my mother. Your love and caring is a reflection of the strength of the Christian Community within and without the walls of the church.* Bruce Adami

## **In Appreciation**

Thank you to Penny Stillman, Wake Stillman, Linda Stallard, and the Thrift Shop Ladies for their work in the garden by the shop. It is beautiful and will be lovely when guests come to the installation. Thank you also for the new spring tablecloth for the Manning House dining room table which actually fits!

## **More Good Works**

Have you noticed the sign outside? With new plexiglass in the door, you can read it. How about the vases in the Manning House Library and the cork strip for displays in the office hall way? Thank you, Art! Thanks to all who worked on the Spruce Up, May 9! Many hands made good work inside and out! Thanks to others who are signing up for projects to do when they are available.



## **Help Others Listen**

We are trying to make the digital recordings available to members of the church who do not have internet access and can not attend service. Please donate any used "Walkman" type CD players so that they could be used to listen to the sermons on CD. Call *Dennis Giguere (724-4828)* if you have any questions.

## **Fellowship Dinner BBQ – June 20, 4:30**

The Diaconate Board plans to host another session of good food, conversation and company, this time as a barbecue/cookout on **Saturday, June 20**. Then you can join Rod Leavell for an ALS fundraiser and Fisher Cats game. Watch Sunday bulletins for more details as the time gets nearer.

## **Returning to Brookside**

On **Sunday, July 26**, the Rev. Dr. *David Van Arsdale* will be preaching as a reunion of the 1970's Pro Christi Youth Group culminates with the former youth group members worshipping with us. A student minister with Brookside from 1970-72, Dave has completed 37 years of ministry and currently serves as pastor and head-of-staff at Faith Presbyterian Church in Sun City, Arizona ([www.scfaith.org](http://www.scfaith.org)). Pastor Dawn looks forward to welcoming the Pro Christi members and Dr. Van Arsdale.

If you were in Pro Christi, or know of someone who was, please contact the church office (**669-2807**) and we will put you in touch with the reunion organizer.

## **Rotation Workshop Wrap-up**

On May 31<sup>st</sup> we finish "Pentecost," our sixth and last Unit for this year. The teachers have been Linda Stallard, art; Karyn O'Neil, cooking; Colin and Kelli Fletcher, games; Elaine Giguere, music; Cyndy Carlson, science; Ed Mitchell, storytelling and Jeff Rapson, video. In this unit the children learned about Pentecost, the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit came to the disciples on Pentecost and enabled them to speak in many languages. Over the seven weeks of this unit the children learned about the Holy Spirit, and how through the Spirit we know that God is with us.



**THANK YOU TO OUR  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
TEACHERS**

### ***From Fran, Church School Coordinator***

I would like to thank all the people who made our church school program possible this year. We had many people who volunteered to teach:

- Art: Ann and Lance Auger; Dawn Brockett (2 units), Kathleen Dube, Brenda Law, Donna Molony and Linda Stallard
- Cooking: Sarah Duffley, Denise Forest, Karen Horsch, Donna Moody and Karyn O'Neil
- Games: Sam Ferranti, Colin Fletcher, Kelli Fletcher, Scott Harris, Chris Mitchell, Ed Mitchell and Karyn O'Neil
- Music: Kathleen Dube, Elaine Giguere, and Debi Rapson (2 units)
- Science: Cyndy Carlson (2 units), and Ellen Tourigny (2 units)
- Storytelling: Kevin Cate, Jeff Fletcher, Ed Mitchell (2 units), and Jean Dickson
- Video: Jeff Rapson

The Shepherds were the glue that held the age groups together. There was a team for each age group:

- Sandi and Taylor Decknick and Chris Taylor; 4 and 5 year olds.
- Sis Dunn and Peyton Fletcher; 1st and 2nd grades.
- Ellie Kelton and Bob Milling; 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.
- Robin Davison and Doug Thomas; 6th and 7th grades.
- Ann and Lance Auger; alternates

These shepherds served the full year; one of each pair were in the classroom, every Sunday.

By giving generously of their time and talents these individuals have made this program a success. They have helped our young people know more fully what it means to be a Christian and a part of a Christian community. We can teach the Christian Stories, but we learn how to be Christians by being a part of a Christian community. In church, the teachings are lived out in our lives, and our lives together. There is a saying that our faith is not taught, but caught.

### ***Celebrate at Children's Sunday***

Children's Sunday will be on **June 7**. Please come and celebrate the end of the Church School year. The children will be sharing one of their activities from the unit "Pentecost." The young people who went on the Mission Trip during April Vacation will be giving the Sermon. It will be great to hear about this meaningful experience. We will be recognizing the teachers and the shepherds during worship, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be receiving their Bibles.

After worship we will be gathering on the Manning House lawn for a picnic of hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and desserts. This is a good time when all the church family can come together and come to know one another in new ways as we share in a meal.





### **Please Give Us Your Feedback**

The Rotation Workshops has been a new way of organizing Church School. The Christian Education Committee would like to have input from children and parents on your experience with this program. Surveys have been given to the children on the 17th, 24th, and 31st of May. Some of you have returned them, thank you. If you haven't, we encourage you to bring them to worship on Children's Sunday, June 7th, or send them to the church. Your evaluation of the program is important to us.

### **Senior High Youth Group**

The Senior High Youth Group will go mini-golfing on **May 31** from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., after which we will serve as Ushers for Pastor Dawn's installation service at 3:00.



We also hope to have an end-of-year pool party sometime in June; once the date is determined, the group will be notified via e-mail. Call *Ed Mitchell* (345-4335) for more information.



### **Sign Up for Summer Secret Pal Program**

The Secret Pal program matches adults and children in the congregation. Adults who participate will be given a child to whom he/she will send a few notes throughout the summer. Deadline for adults and kids to sign up is Children's Day, **June 7**.

The kids will meet their Secret Pal at a luncheon on a Sunday in September.

### **Recognition of Graduates**

On **Sunday, June 14** those graduating from High School, College and beyond will be recognized in our service of worship. If you wish to be included, please call the church office (669-2807) or email [vickyw@brooksideecc.org](mailto:vickyw@brooksideecc.org), and include the particulars of your accomplishments/future plans.

### **Kids, Join in the Fun!**

While the Church School program year ends on June 7, we will have a children's activity during worship on **June 14**. We'll be making some new banners for the church. After the Time with God's Children, kids can come down to Rooms D-E (between the youth lounge and crib room) to help make the banners. Contact *Ed Mitchell* (345-4335) if you'd like to help.



### **Looking for a Few Good Folks**

Are you good at fundraising? Would you like to do something that helps to raise funds for Brookside? Here's your opportunity to shine.



The Music Committee is looking for a few volunteers to chair and work on the Silent Auction committee. The Silent Auction is slated to happen at Brookside on **October 17**. The chair of this committee has stepped down for personal reasons and we are looking for help. If you have any interest in being on this committee, or chairing it, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact *Elaine Giguere* at: [egiguere@comcast.net](mailto:egiguere@comcast.net) - Email or 603-224-5507 - Phone



### ***Brookside Team Walks to Fight Hunger***

On May 17th, 56 representatives of Brookside took part in the Walk Against Hunger to benefit New Horizons. This is the largest representation from Brookside in recent history! Thank you to all who walked and to all who supported our team – we raised over \$1,800 to help fight hunger!



### ***Loaves and Fishes***

Thanks for your generosity! During May, we collected **54 bags** of food for New Horizons food pantry. By remembering to place a few extra items in your grocery cart every month, you can make a big difference in the life of a neighbor. New Horizons' Food Pantry is most in need of the following items: diapers (especially larger sizes), baby formula, peanut butter, jelly, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, canned goods, tomato sauce, pasta, and tuna. Our next *Loaves & Fishes* collection will be held on **June 7**. Thanks for your support!

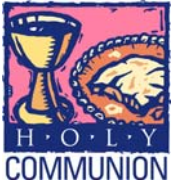


### ***Service Opportunity***

We are looking for a 5-member team of volunteers to serve supper at the New Horizons Soup Kitchen on **Tuesday, June 30** from 4:15-6:00 p.m. If you are interested, e-mail Rod Leavell at [RLeavell@comcast.net](mailto:RLeavell@comcast.net) or call **668-5574**.

### ***The Outreach Board Says Thank You...***

...to the following individuals for sorting clothing and books at the Family Outfitters thrift shop: Emily Lachance, Corey Wildes, Rejoice Dhliwayo, Kelley Guimont, Jean Dickson, Russ Dunn, and Sis Dunn. Thanks for making a difference to homeless families in our community!



### ***Date Change This Month***

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on the **second Sunday, June 14**, served by: *Russ Dunn, Chris Taylor, Dennis Giguere, Kathleen Dube, Joyce Lovejoy, Jeff Fletcher, Keith Hamer, Kerry Richardson.*

### ***Nursing Home Services***

A service of Communion will be held on **Monday, June 8** at 1:30 p.m. at the Masonic Home. There will be no services there during the months of July and August.

– Worship services at Courville are suspended until September.



### ***Interested in Membership?***

Joined on May 10: *Gregory Berry, Patricia & Rand Cayer, Jean Spruce, Silva Tanguay.*

Welcome, new members! The next scheduled date for receiving new members will be **October 18**. There will be a new member breakfast on **October 4** at 8:30 a.m. in the Manning House Dining Room. If you are interested in learning more, please contact *Pastor Dawn* (669-2807, ext. 101 or [pastor@brooksidecc.org](mailto:pastor@brooksidecc.org))

### ***Baptisms***

The sacrament of Baptism is generally scheduled monthly, on the third Sunday. If you are interested in receiving this sacrament on **June 21** or **August 16**, please speak with *Pastor Dawn* (669-2807).

### ***Church to be Painted***

After receiving estimates from six different painters, the Board of Trustees has awarded a painting contract to Fast & Flawless Painters. The maintenance committee of the board unanimously agreed that Fast &

Flawless offered the best combination of quality and price.

The work will include all painted surfaces of the church and chapel, including the steeple. Work has already begun and it should be completed by mid summer, depending on the weather. If you have any questions about the paint, the painter or the selection process, please speak with Trustees Dave Migliori, Laura Seigny, Joe Lachance or Norm Noel.

### ***Don't Forget to Support the Brookside Coffee Ministry!!!***

Summer is coming!! Many of us will be enjoying the outdoors and traveling. Don't forget to buy your equal exchange coffee for home or vacation.

The deacons are buying our coffee through the Equal Exchange Interfaith Program. Equal Exchange is a fair trade organization that buys coffee directly from farmers in rural communities in some of the poorest countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. You can support this ministry by putting some money into the basket on the coffee table and/or by buying coffee by the pound. The cost for 1 pound is \$8.00. We have regular and decaf percolator grind and drip grind. Thank you – the Deacons.

### ***You Are Invited to Help Us Celebrate!!!***

Joyce and Pete Lovejoy invite Brookside Congregational Church members to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage on **Saturday, June 27** in the Chapel. A renewal of vows ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the Manning House. If you can't make the renewal ceremony, please feel free to drop by anytime until 4:30 p.m. To make it easier to plan and if you know you can join us, please email us by **June 20<sup>th</sup>** at [joycelovejoy@comcast.net](mailto:joycelovejoy@comcast.net) or [petelovejoy@comcast.net](mailto:petelovejoy@comcast.net), or call 487-3532.

However, please feel free to just drop by even if you are not able to let us know ahead of time. No gifts please, just the gift of your presence.

## Deadline = Lucky 13!

The next issue of the *Chronicle* will be our summer issue, covering July AND August. Plan ahead so that your summer activities will be included! Please submit by **June 13**, either by email to [nicoleg@brooksidecc.org](mailto:nicoleg@brooksidecc.org), fax (668-9041), delivery in person, or mail.

June 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	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	27
28	29	30				



### To Your Health!

The Parish Nurse has hours here weekly, on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room E. (*Note: the nurse will NOT be here on June 11.*) 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!

Sign up for a session of *Chair Massage* on **Thursday, June 18**, between 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Call **663-8004** to reserve a time slot (the cost is \$10 for 15 minutes).

### Walk and Learn

Plan to join the yearly *Historical Church Walk*



sponsored by the Parish Nurse program. This year's walk takes place on **Tuesday, June 16** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It begins and ends at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 65 Sagamore Street, with a visit to St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Bring a bag lunch and a non-perishable food item for the food pantry. Pre-register by calling **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**. Remember, hospitals no longer can provide this information to us.

### Thrift Shop: Happy Tears and Flowers

Have you ever seen a happy person crying? Your "employees" who run the Thrift Shop have. The most-asked question by customers is "When are you going to have another \$5 bag sale?" We had one earlier this Spring as we do seasonally, with plans for another one in a few months. But the pleas in their eyes made us decide to hold another a few weeks ago. In better financial times, individuals will fill 2-3 bags. This time, most only purchased one bag each but there were many more customers. They were so grateful and the thanks were profuse, almost to the point of embarrassment. Others more affluent said, "Keep the change, we know all the good this shop does." Many walked out with tears running down their cheeks, smiles on their lips.

Keep up your generous gifts, folks. YOU are helping us to do much good. Right now we are short of small appliances, although recently we sold a microwave, a vacuum and two small TVs, which we generally don't accept for sale.

Personally, we are extremely proud of the almost completed shop gardens under the supervision of Wake Stillman, who brought along two other sports coaches from St. Anselm's who love gardening. The four of us worked from 9:30 to 3 on a Sunday, missing the special jazz service. Flowers are blooming already and it will be completed by our special Sunday, May 31. Be sure to come visit us! *Penny Stillman, co-chair*



**Checking Our Financial Health**

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, 2009			
<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>			
<b>April</b>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Var.</u>
Total Income	27,656	27,671	(14)
Total Expenses	23,279	23,190	89
Net Gain (Loss)	4,377	4,481	(104)
<b>Year-to-date</b>			
Total Income	107,600	107,959	(359)
Total Expenses	110,445	112,132	(1,688)
Net Gain (Loss)	(2,844)	(4,174)	1,329
<b>YTD Pledges</b>	<u>47,521</u>	<u>50,441</u>	<u>(2,920)</u>

<b>TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK</b>	
<b>June 7</b> Tricia Lucas	<b>June 14</b> Tricia Lucas
<b>June 21</b> Steve Ferranti	<b>June 28</b> Steve Ferranti

<b>CE PERSON OF THE WEEK</b>	
<b>June 7</b> Children's Day – All C.E.	<b>June 14</b> Donna Moody
<b>June 21</b> Liberty Dhlwayo	<b>June 28</b> Lance Auger

<b>DOORPERSON</b>	
<b>June 7</b> Dennis Giguere	<b>June 14</b> Dave Migliori
<b>June 21</b> Mike Wentzell	<b>June 28</b> Keith Hamer

**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.

<b>GREETERS</b>	
<b>June 7</b> Children's Day	<b>June 14</b> Graduation Day
<b>June 21</b> Jean Spruce, Cilva Tanguay	<b>June 28</b> Keith Hamer

**Fellowship Hour Schedule**

Monthly hosts for Fellowship Hour are:

- **June:** Board of Trustees
- **July:** Diaconate Board
- **Aug.:** Christian Ed. Board





# Kids' Activities

## SURPRISE DAD

..... at work!

Dads work so hard to provide for their families' needs. Here's a fun way to show your appreciation to your dad this Father's Day.\*

### What you need:

- Paper and envelope (any color)
- Markers and crayons
- Stickers
- Pencil
- Stamp
- Your dad's work address

### What you do:


1. Decorate the paper with drawings, stickers, etc.
2. Write a message to your dad, letting him know how thankful you are for his love and hard work.
3. With an adult's help, write your dad's name and work address on the outside of the envelope and your return address in the top-left corner.
4. Place a stamp in the top-right corner and then mail your special gift.

### Other ideas:

- Pack a lunch to eat with dad at or near his workplace.
- Send your letter in a box and include some homemade cookies.
- Pack your dad a special lunch. Place self-stick notes with messages of appreciation on various food items.
- Write appreciation messages on self-stick notes and, with your mom's help, place them all over the inside of your dad's car.



\*All these ideas will work also for Mom on Mother's Day or her birthday.



## Fathers of faith

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.  
**Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.**

**Directions:** Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

<b>1</b> The	<b>2</b> as	<b>3</b> tell	<b>1</b> living
<b>2</b> I	<b>3</b> their	<b>1</b> the	<b>2</b> am
<b>3</b> children	<b>1</b> living	<b>2</b> doing	<b>3</b> about
<b>1</b> they	<b>2</b> today	<b>3</b> your	<b>1</b> praise
<b>2</b> fathers	<b>3</b> faithfulness	<b>1</b> you	

“ \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ” Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answer: "The living, the living — they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness." Isaiah 38:19, NIV