

BROOKSIDE

Congregational Church



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Invitation

This Sunday is our day to celebrate the Spirit Squad!! Come with joy and extravagant gratitude for all that they have done this year!

Children will be making galaxy pillows in their Spiritual Art Class to represent the Milky Way.

Have a great week,
Rev. Laura

Joining Class

This Thursday evening, **May 12th, at 6:00 pm**, Rev. Laura is offering a "Joining Class" on ZOOM. Everyone is invited! Come with questions about Brookside, curiosity about the UCC, ideas for involvement, and an open heart for God's guidance and love. **The Joining ceremony will take place during worship on Sunday, May 15th.** Please send your email to be included in the class on May 12th to the [office](#).



Save the Date: Sunday, June 12

Rev. Laura's Installation Service will held during the service at 10:00 am. Our annual Church Photo will be taken on the sanctuary steps immediately after the service. We will then celebrate with our Annual Church Picnic on the Manning House Lawn.

Spring Clean Up - Saturday, May 14, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

The annual Spring clean-up day for Brookside is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14 from 9am-1pm**. Bring your own gloves and any special weeding tools you prefer; other equipment (rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.) and bottled water will be

provided. We will need 'all hands on deck' as there are several garden areas that need tending too and 'many hands make light work.' The more the merrier!! Jane Sherwin will be leading the charge and directing folks as to which gardens are in most need of some TLC! Plan on meeting in the grassy area to the left of the wheelchair ramp, near the handicapped parking spaces and the Thrift Shop.



Call to Special Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Brookside Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Manchester, New Hampshire will be held in the Sanctuary at **11:00 am on Sunday, May 15, 2022**. This meeting will be in person, with remote access, via Zoom; link below.

This meeting is called so that members and friends can receive a status update on the Capital Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith Tourigny
Clerk

Link for Zoom Meeting:

[Zoom Link for May 15 Special Meeting](#)

[Call to Meeting Notice](#)

Brookside's Women's Union Update

Eight women met for a Women's Union lunch fellowship this past week and we were happy to be together. WU will meet again on **Tuesday, May 3** for lunch, fellowship and our first Annual Business Meeting since the pandemic began. The gathering will be held at Moe Joe's Family Restaurant, 2175 Candia Rd, Manchester, starting at **11:45 a.m.** (near the Massabesic traffic circle). We will plan to order lunch at noon, with the business meeting to follow. Contact Jean Dickson (603) 860-3647 or Sally Sederquist (603) 858-4495 if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!



Interfaith Women of New Hampshire invites you to a special program via Zoom, 'An Evening of Joyous Celebration', on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:45pm.

"AN EVENING OF JOYOUS CELEBRATION" provides poetry and music from Muslim, Christian and Jewish traditions in celebrating the joy of being people together in faith. An Islamic poem, "I haven't come here (world) to settle down" by Turkish poet and Sufi mystic, Yunus Emre, in original language with English subtitles will open our program. From the Christian faith, a musical offering is shared by Adam Peithmann, Director of Music Ministry at First Congregational Church of Manchester

together with the adult choir's presentation of a Gospel choral sung as a virtual anthem. The Jewish presentation will close our program with a Simcha (Joy) circle led by Cantor Sarra Spierer of Congregation Beth Elohim, Acton, MA. We invite you to view these uplifting, faith-based presentations, and stay with us for Zoom discussions facilitated by the IWNH Leadership Team.

To register: email interfaithwomennh@gmail.com. Once registered you will receive a Zoom meeting invitation. Check-in on begins at 6:30pm, program begins promptly at 6:45pm. For questions, call 603-233-7760 or visit our website: interfaithwomennh.org to learn more about -us.



Send In Your Prayer Requests

Please remember to send in your prayers for our Sunday service. (joys and concerns) Email your request to admin@brooksidecc.org or call the office at 669-2807.

No Green Bananas

This group of retired Brookside men meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9 am at the Granite State Lunchbox, 1750 Elm St., rear entrance, ground floor to enjoy breakfast and discussion.



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Please consider a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund so that Rev. Laura can assist our members and friends facing critical financial needs.

Supporting Brookside Congregational Church

Offerings and pledges can be mailed to the Church office at the address below. If you would like to give online, [click here](#) to go to our giving page on the Brookside website.



Do You Need Medical Equipment?

Did you know that Brookside has a Medical Equipment Closet? There are crutches, canes, shower chairs, and more, available for use by anyone who needs them. Borrow for short-term or long-term use, keep as long as you need to. Contact the office (669-2807) for more information.

*****Currently we are not accepting donations except for gently used wheelchairs.**



Estate Planning

Have you remembered Brookside in your will? If you have any questions about planned giving, see Bill Hoysradt.

Tuesday, May 10th

8:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's Office

5:30 pm Building and Grounds,
via Zoom

6:30 pm Stewardship, via
Zoom

Saturday, May 14th

9:00 am Spring Clean Up,
Grounds

Sunday, May 15th

10:00 am Worship Sanctuary
and Online

11:00 am Special Meeting,
Sanctuary and Online

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