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# BROOKSIDE

Congregational Church



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## The Brookside Bridge

*Keeping You Connected*

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### Office Notes:

The office will be closed from Thursday, July 3, through Monday, July 7.

On Sunday, July 6, worship will be **ONLINE** only.

We will not publish a Bridge the week of June 30.

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### Minister's Message

Summertime is here, and our worship services begin at 9:00 until Labor Day. I want to announce a shift in music leadership beginning on Sept. 7th. Jordan Gravel, our current leader and amazing pianist, has given his notice of resignation for August 31st due to a new employment situation in the schools of Lynn, MA. We will celebrate his gifts and time with us on that Sunday, along with our Animal Blessing.

Beginning this summer, Heather Bridges, a member of the choir, has agreed to be our choir director and summer music leader. She will be collaborating on summer music opportunities with Jordan.

Michelle Jaques, an accomplished musician, will start on Sept. 7th. Heather and Michelle will work together on our music program.

The next two Sundays, we'll gather at 9:00 to sing songs of peace and hope. This week, we'll celebrate communion because the following Sunday is live-stream only.

I look forward to seeing you.

Peace,

Rev. Laura

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## Strengthen the Church

Brookside will be collecting donations for The Strengthen the Church Offering during July and August. STC Offering furthers the work of our conferences and national UCC as we work together to strengthen / renew existing congregations, fund leadership development and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying regionally within your conference and 50% supporting National Ministries.



Holy One,  
Thank you for the many ways we find connection in being church together. Whenever we feel alone, remind us of how we are a part of your vast creation. Let us find a sense of playfulness and joy in knowing our place in your world. May our joy turn to abundance as we share with one another resources that lead to the flourishing of all people. Come, Holy Spirit, and bless us we pray, Amen.

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## **Zimbabwe Updates**

This summer Brookside Mission Ministry will once more be participating in a container shipment to Zimbabwe. We are hoping to send books for children and youth, Bible commentaries to support adult Bible studies, cards/letters/drawings from young people and adults, health kits, and/or ibuprofen (please be aware of expiration dates - these will not arrive until Dec. or Jan.) **Donations will be accepted through August 10th** and should be marked for Zimbabwe or Sakubva Church. Thank you for your support for our brothers and sisters in Christ across the sea.

**Pen pals wanted** - We have received letters from teenage males and young women from Sakubva Church. They would like to have a pen pal at Brookside. If you are interested in writing to a person from Sakubva Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe, please contact the church office or Jean Dickson at 603-860-3647.

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## Mural Camp at Brookside

8/18-8/21, 8:00am-3:00pm

### Mural Camp at Brookside

Join us **August 18-21** for a one-of-a-kind mural-making camp in the Youth Room at Brookside! This free camp, led by Uncharted Tutoring, gives K-6th graders the chance to co-create a large-scale abstract mural centered on the themes of inclusion, welcome, and belonging. Guided by artist and educator Amber Nicole, campers will explore art, teamwork, and creativity in a hands-on, engaging environment. The mural will be unveiled during a special reception for the congregation after church on Sunday, September 7th.

#### Campers Will:

- ☐ Design and Plan a Real Mural

Campers will sketch ideas, create scale models, and help map out the final design through hands-on planning, learning how artists turn big ideas into finished work.

- ☐ Learn Professional Art Techniques

From using a projector for tracing to proper brush handling and color fill-ins, kids will build real mural-making skills and get messy in the best way.

- ☐ Take Responsibility for the Studio

Every camper helps prep, clean, and care for the space—learning that being part of a creative team means showing up for each other.

- ☐ Balance Creativity with Outdoor Play

Camp days include breaks for games, outdoor time, and solo creativity, making sure kids stay energized, focused, and inspired.

(Password: I-Love-Rev.Laura2025) The link to sign up:

<https://unchartered.org/product/muralcamp/>

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### After Worship Fellowship

Please join us after Sunday worship for Fellowship! Following indoor worship, we meet in Fellowship Hall. It's a great way to get to learn more about the happenings at Brookside and build relationships with your fellow Brooksideers. All are welcome!



### 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](mailto:admin@brooksidecc.org) or call the office at 669-2807.

### Gals On The Go

Join us for an informal fellowship for members and friends of Brookside on the **first Tuesday of the month at 11:45 am** at the Granite State Lunchbox, 1750 Elm St., rear entrance. Come enjoy lunch, fellowship, and discussion.



### No Green Bananas

This group of retired Brookside men meets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 9 am** at the Granite State Lunchbox, 1750 Elm St., rear entrance, 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, please click on the button below.

Donate Here



### 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 (**603-669-2807**) for more information.

**\*\*\*Currently we are not accepting donations.**

## BROOKSIDE CALENDAR

**Sunday, June 29th**  
9:00 am Worship Service,

**Thursday, July 3rd**  
through Monday, July 7

**Sunday, July 6th**  
9:00 am Online Worship.

Sanctuary

Brookside Offices will be  
Closed.

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