



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected

This Sunday, September 13, Worship is at 10:00 am



Minister's Message

.This Sunday is our official start to the year 2026-2027. Along with the school systems, we begin our programming for youth and music this week. We are calling this our "Rally Day," because we want to rally around our congregation and our amazing sacred spaces.

Worship begins at 10:00 am and will be followed by a potluck lunch. Before we share the meal, I will offer a blessing of Fellowship Hall. As you may know, we have not used the space for almost a year while a fire suppression system was installed. By the grace of many Capital Campaign donations, we were able to fund this important life-saver.

Choir rehearsals begin at 9:00, and anyone is welcome to sing along. After the opening hymn, our Youth will join John Shaver from "Unchartered" to start a project painting bowls to be sold in support of people needing assistance. This is a fundraising collaboration with The Pinnacle Foundation to address homelessness, financial literacy, and veterans' needs in Manchester.

Come worship God, light-hearted and open to the Spirit, as we begin our year together!

Sincerely,
Rev. Laura



Blessing of the Backpacks

Next **Sunday, September 20**, we will bless youth backpacks. Please bring your school backpacks to church. If you need one, we will have some available for you.



Church Potluck and Blessing of Fellowship Hall - Sunday, September 13

Join us after the **10:00 am service** for a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall and Blessing of the newly renovated Fellowship Hall. **Families/individuals with last names A - M bring a dessert to share, families/individuals with last names N - Z bring a Main/Side dish to share!**



Outing to see "Sister Act" at the Palace Theatre, September 27th at 2 pm

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon at the Palace Theatre to see Sister Act! Brookside's very own Tina Alvarez is starring as Sister Mary Theresa! If we are able to get 20 people to attend, the cost will be \$40 for adults and \$35 for children 12 and under. **You can sign up at the church potluck on September 13 or call the office. Seats are going fast so we need to reserve our seats as soon as possible.**



Reaching Out for Help

Brookside Thrift Shop has contributed significantly to both the church's yearly budget and to funding several ongoing repair projects. The shop operates Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm and is staffed solely by volunteers. Some of the volunteers are members of the church, but many are also community members who show up week after week to assist us. We are fortunate and grateful to have a staff of dedicated workers.

We are currently seeking people who would like to volunteer one Saturday each month. The additional help on Saturday is needed to support the staff. The role includes assisting the lead on the register with bagging merchandise, assisting customers, and restocking and organizing merchandise.

We welcome you on other days, too! Please let us know if you would like to join us for any contribution of time Tuesday through Saturday between the hours of 9 am to 1 pm. Other roles include sorting donations, pricing merchandise, replenishing racks, and organizing backstock.

Please contact Denise Forest at denfor@comcast.net if you would like to help or for more information.



Empty Bowls Painting Time

Brookside Church, The Pinnacle Foundation, and Monica Leap of Studio 550-Community Art Center have been working together to organize a Soup Bowl

Fundraiser on Oct 25 at Brookside. Monica has graciously invited us to her studio for a tour and private painting time on **Monday, September 21, from 3:30-5 pm.**

The discounted cost is \$5/painter to help cover material costs of the underglaze used to paint. Reservations are required, as the studio can accommodate 25 painters in one sitting. Here is the link to reserve a spot.

<https://550arts.as.me/EmptyBowlsPinnacleBrookside>

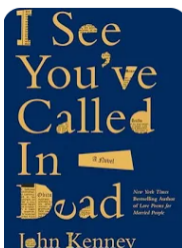
Leap of Faith Women's Spirituality Group

Let's begin meeting again on the last Sundays of the month: **September 27 and October 25**, immediately after church. Please RSVP to louise@brooksidecc.org so we can have plenty of room for all participants. This is an open group where all women belong.



Open Flower Date

We have one open flower date in September. If you would like to donate flowers for the altar on **September 27**, please reach out to Sarah Merrill.



Fall Book Group - October 27 on Zoom

Join Rev. Laura for our fall book group on **Tuesday, October 27 at 6:00 pm** on Zoom. We will be discussing "I See You've Called In Dead" by John Kenney. It is a dark comedic book about a disillusioned obituary writer who accidentally publishes his own death notice. We will explore themes of life and mortality, and grief and connection. Please get in touch with the [office](#) if you would like to join us.



After Worship Fellowship

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

Thursday, September 10th
7:30 am Capital Campaign
Mtg., via Zoom

Sunday, September 13th
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Pot Luck, Fellowship
Hall

Tuesday, September 15th
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's Office
6:00 pm COM Meeting, via
Zoom

Thursday, September 17th
7:30 am Capital Campaign
Mtg., via Zoom

Sunday, September 20th
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 22nd
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's Office
9:00 am No Green Bananas,
Granite State Lunchbox

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