



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Message

Who knows what is fair in God's eyes? This Sunday, Jesus teaches about fairness using a parable of day-laborers, some who work all day long while others show-up at the end of the work day. Everyone gets the same pay. Do you think that's fair? Our scriptures challenge us to consider fairness in a new way.

The Chancel choir will be meeting at 9:00 am to prepare the anthem; we are looking for new choir members!! The Youth Bell choir will rehearse at 9:00 am with Christina Alvarez. And, if you or your child uses a backpack for work or school, bring them to church this week for a blessing and a special gift.

Blessings and Peace,
Rev. Laura



Sister Act Ticket Payment

For those of you who signed up for tickets to Sister Act, please submit a check made out to Brookside and drop it in the offering plate or to the office. Thank you!

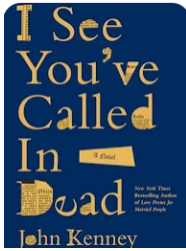


Blessing of the Backpacks

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

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.



Open Flower Date

We have one open flower date on **Sunday, October 11**. If you would like to donate flowers for the service, please reach out to Sarah Merrill at slmerrill50@gmail.com.



Fall Community Concert

Join us Saturday, **October 3, 2026, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm** in the sanctuary for a free concert (donations welcome) with local favorite Chad LaMarsh. Let music fill our church as we usher in a new season and kick off the 2027 stewardship campaign. Following the concert, all are invited to visit our newly renovated Fellowship Hall for socializing and ice cream Sundays. Don't miss this exciting event at Brookside!!

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.



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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!



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

Sunday, September 20th
10:00 am Worship

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

Thursday, September 24th
7:30 am Capital Campaign
Mtg., via Zoom

Sunday, September 27th
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 29th
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's Office

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