

May 5, 2026



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Message

Our Springtime Bible Study started with enthusiasm and joy. Being the church in prayerful study can truly be FUN. Please join us at 8:30 am this Sunday!!!

The Brookside Bookers will meet through ZOOM on May 26th to discuss "The Correspondent" by Virginia.... A marvelous story of family, grief, and the art of letter writing. Louise finished the book last week and said, "This was one of my favorite books we've read." PLEASE join us, and start reading or listening now.

Mother's Day invites us to consider the meaning of love once again. "Love God with all your heart, mind, body, and soul; and love your neighbor as you love yourself." Join me to celebrate and wrestle with the unique experience of mothering adult children. Our youth will be with Amber Nicole for Spiritual Art.

Finally, I want to encourage parents to sign kids up for our free summer camp July 27 - 31, 2026. This year's focus will be on Matthew's Gospel, using songs and choreography from the musical Godspell. Each day, students will learn how to use microphones, speak publicly, and move to the rhythms of great music. Time for outdoor play, snacks, and lunch is included. A final "performance" in the sanctuary will allow us to participate in the fun.

See you Sunday,
Rev. Laura

Moderator's Missive



THE MODERATOR'S MISSIVE

The Romanian congregation that worships in our chapel every Sunday has been with us for nearly 30 years. Father Sandu and four members of his congregation have reached out to ask if Brookside would partner with them to put on a Romanian Food Festival in the fall to raise funds for the NH Food Bank and Families in Transition. There would be traditional Romanian food, vendors, and music. Their goal is to increase community partnerships and engagement. I need 2-3 people to help me with the planning of this event. Please call or text me by Friday at 603-491-3491 if you can help.

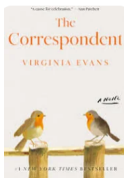
Blessings,

Dale Trombley



Bible Study

Please join Rev. Laura for a Springtime Bible Study on **Sunday, May 10 and 17, at 8:30 am** in the Manning House Dining Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Book Group

Join Rev. Laura for a riveting discussion of The Correspondent on **Tuesday, May 26, at 6:00 pm** on Zoom. To register, please email the [office](#). A Zoom link will be sent out to participants the week before the group meets.



Altar Flowers

We have an open flower date on **Sunday, May 19**. If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one, please reach out to Sarah Merrill.



I want to share my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Loretta Brady for her service and leadership on the Elliot Health System Board of Directors since 2017. Loretta, you have made a beautiful difference.

Brookside Congregational Church is proud to be one of the city churches that has a permanent position on the Elliot Health System Board of Directors. Elliot Health System is the largest provider of comprehensive healthcare services in southern New Hampshire. Elliot Hospital, is a not-for-profit, 296-bed acute care facility that was established in 1890.

We are seeking an individual to serve on the Elliot Health System Board of Directors. It is a three-year term. The Board meets monthly. For more information, contact Dale Trombley or Loretta Brady.



Summer Camp Scholarships

Scholarships are available for Brookside members who are registered to attend the Horton Center summer camp. Scholarship amounts will be determined based on the number of requests received. If you would like to request a scholarship, please contact the office.



Brookside Summer Activity Kits to support children & youth

Help us to pack our Brookside "You Belong" string bags.

How can you help?

1. Please choose items from this checklist and bring to Brookside between April 20th – May 17th. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex. We are trying to fill a total of 30 packs with these items!

Sidewalk chalk package – 8 piece pkg size	Playground balls (6" – 8" size)
Washable markers – 8 piece pkg size	Inflatable beach balls
Crayons – 16 or 24 piece pkg size	Bubbles (4 oz size)
Coloring or Activity Books (appropriate for preschool – 5 th grade)	Children's sunglasses
Single Subject Notebooks (8 ½" X 11" paper size)	Nut-free snacks (individual portion/package size)
Books (appropriate for preschool – 5 th grade)	Monetary donations to help fill the string bags are very welcome as well

We will all be able to help to pack these bags Sunday, May 31st. Thank you for your help!

This work helps us further support our Community Partners – Waypoint: (ages 12 – 25yrs), Amoskeag Health Services: (Elem School Age Children & Families), and Community Action Partnership Hillsborough/Rockingham (CAPHR): (Preschool Age & Families)

Youth Troupe Summer Camp 2026
 Excerpts from the Musical
GODSPELL
 July 27 - 31

**FREE 1-week performing arts day camp
 for kids ages 6* - 13!**

*Children must be able to read fluently at 1st grade level

Register at: 

Street Medic Full 2-Day Training Class

No previous medical experience or licensure is required for this course.

Community Mutual Aid & Response

Become a trained asset for your community. The Street Medic Aid & Response Team (S.M.A.R.T.) is hosting a comprehensive training course for individuals interested in providing first aid and emergency care at rallies, marches, and demonstrations.

Training Curriculum

Experienced trainers and members of the B.A.L.M. Squad lead our program. Participants will receive instruction in the following areas:

- **Basic First Aid & Emergency Care:** Fundamentals of treating injuries in the field.
- **Chemical Weapons Decontamination:** Safe treatment for exposure
- **Street Medic Logistics:** Organizing and operating
- **Emotional Support:** Providing care and aftercare for demonstrators and fellow activists.
- **Health & Safety Education:** Knowledge to share with your "pod" or community.

Course Logistics

This is a 20-hour intensive training course condensed into two long days to facilitate community participation. Registration Link: [Street Medic Full Training Course Registration](#)



Please Bring A Dish!

Detail	Information
Dates	May 16th and May 30th
Time	8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Location	(Venue confirmed after registration)
Cost (Please bring a food item to share)	Free (Volunteer-led effort)

Why Join Us?

Street medics are volunteer activists. We fill the gap in medical care during public actions when traditional resources may be unavailable or inaccessible. This training empowers you to look out for your neighbors and defend your community through mutual aid.

Registration

Pre-registration is required as class size is strictly limited to 25 students. You will receive an email before class to confirm your attendance. [Street Medic Registration Form](#) to apply.

Contact Information: Jenn Coffey jenncoffey16@gmail.com

Registration Link: [Street Medic Full Training Course Registration](#)



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

Sunday, May 10th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
8:30 am Bible Study,
Manning House Dining
10:00 am Worship,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship,
Narthex

Tuesday, May 12th
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's office
9:00 am No Green Bananas,
Granite State Lunchbox
5:30 pm Building and Grounds,
via Zoom
6:00 pm Stewardship, via Zoom

Thursday, May 14th
7:30 am Capital Campaign
Mtg., via Zoom

Sunday, May 17th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
8:30 am Bible Study,
Manning House Dining
10:00 am Worship,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship,
Narthex

Tuesday, May 19th
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