
BROOKSIDE

Congregational Church



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Message

Holy Communion this week marks the last Sunday before our Pentecost season begins. Traditionally considered Ascension Sunday, Jesus bids farewell as he joins God in the realm of Holiness. Our scriptures invite us to empathize with the deeply intimate moment when someone we love is pivoting from one lifetime to another. Many of us have been present for this encounter with God's unconditional love. Also in a second scripture reading, a man who has lived with pain and suffering for a long time, is healed by Jesus. This healing story is another reminder of how faith healing gives us courage to trust that we can rise up from any kind of difficulty, with God's help.

Our youth will be rehearsing for their leadership of our Pentecost worship service on June 8th before they join us for Communion.

Much love,
Rev. Laura

Summer Worship Hours

Beginning **Sunday, June 22**, worship will begin at **9:00 am** in the sanctuary.

Pentecost Sunday – Sunday, June 8

Our second annual Pentecost worship service, led by our Youth Troupe, will include the story of Pentecost told through a skit, music, and prayer. This year's theme is titled "What's that About?" The service will end with the confirmation of Audre Brady. We will also be celebrating the 99th birthday of Lloyd Freese during fellowship hour.



All-Church Potluck Picnic!

Join us on **Sunday, June 15th**, on the Manning House Lawn- it's great to be together! Food, fellowship, and fun await after worship. We will also be taking an all-church photo. Stewardship will provide meat, a vegan option, and drinks.

Families/individuals with last names A - M please bring a side dish to share, and families/individuals with last names N - Z please bring a dessert to share!



Mural Camp at Brookside

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

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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/>



Brookside Summer Activity Kits to Support Children and Youth

Working with our Community Partners - Waypoint: ages 12-25, AHS/CHS: children & families, CAPHR (formerly SNHS): preschool & families

Help us pack string bags on **Sunday, June 15**, during the All Church Picnic (bags will be provided).

Donations received April 27 through June 14

Items to fill 10 bags for young children: bubbles, chalk, crayons, coloring books/activity pads, balls, water toys, building blocks, socks, sunscreen

Items to fill 10 bags for school-aged children: art supplies, books, colored chalk, water bottles, notebooks, toothpaste/ brushes, water toys, balls, personal care items, sunscreen

Items to fill 10 bags for 12 to 25-year-olds: notebooks, pencils/pens/crayons/markers, books, socks, water bottles, personal care items, combs/brushes, sunscreen

Non-perishable food is always helpful, too. Peanut butter, Tuna, Cereal, Shelf-safe Snacks

HORTON CENTER

SIGN UP FOR A CAMP SESSION OR RETREAT TODAY!

Horton Center, the Outdoor Ministries site of the NH UCC, atop Pine Mountain in the White Mountain National Forest is YOUR summer camp! Registration is still open for all of our camp sessions. We are also offering more intergenerational and adult retreats than ever this year. Come away to the mountain to enjoy time of adventure, spiritual centering, and fun among a wonderfully inclusive camp community! All are welcome to experience God and Christian community this summer!



Youth Summer Camping

Week and Half-Week Sessions
June 22- August 9
for youth entering grade 3 -
'25 high school grads

CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
call 603-545-9660

VOLUNTEER COUNSELORS NEEDED

Camp is made possible by people like you! Consider spending a week as a counselor at camp changing lives (including your own!).



Adult & Intergenerational Retreats

Women's Retreat, Men's Fellowship
Retreat, Ministries and Mission Groups
Weekend, Family and Friends,
Pieceful Quilting, Yoga and Meditation



Other Happenings

Open House (6/14)
Church Retreat Weekend (9/26-28)
Apple Crisp Day (9/27)
Confirmation Retreat (10/3-5)

ACTIVITIES

- Rock climbing
- Hiking
- Arts and Crafts
- Caving
- Archery
- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Team building
- and MORE!



LEARN MORE
visit www.hortoncenter.org
contact Tivvi: TPare@nhcucc.org



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 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

Sunday, June 1st
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 3rd
8:00 am Staff Meeting,
Rev. Laura's office
6:00 pm Christian
Formation Meeting, via
Zoom

Sunday, June 8th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 10th
8:00 am Staff Meeting,
Rev. Laura's office
5:30 pm Building &
Grounds, via Zoom
6:30 pm Stewardship, via
Zoom

Sunday, June 15th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary
11:00 am All Church Picnic
and Church Picture

Tuesday, June 17th
8:00 am Staff Meeting,
Rev. Laura's office
6:00 pm COM Meeting, via
Zoom

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