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# The Brookside Bridge

## *Keeping You Connected*

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### Minister's Message

Last Sunday, in our scripture story, Jesus came home to Nazareth. He read a passage from the Prophet Isaiah and allowed the congregation to ponder its meaning for themselves. This Sunday, he remains in the same hometown synagogue with another message. Still referring to prophets of old, he speaks to his childhood community of God's healing powerful Spirit; and makes a clear statement that we cannot hold expectations of what and how God heals. With no expectations, he teaches us to create space for the Holy Spirit.

His message causes fury in his congregation. They expect him to heal them just as he healed Gentiles in Capernaum. But he holds fast to the truth of his own power: God heals the world.

We are charged this week, to trust that God's works are beyond our personal expectations. Keep praying!

Kids will remain in church so we can worship together before I begin my two-month sabbatical. Rev. Doug Brendel, who is covering during the Sabbatical, will join us for worship and Holy Communion.

See you Sunday!

Rev. Laura



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### Open Flower Date

We have an open flower date on Sunday, February 2. If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please reach out to [Sarah Merrill](#).

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### Painting Update

Wardell & Associates will begin interior painting on February 10th. Areas include the Ceiling of the chapel, the Bride's room, the Pantry of Manning House, Gold leaf painting in hallway to Manning House outside porch, Fellowship Hall, both bathrooms in the hallway



outside of Fellowship Hall, and the classroom not previously painted.

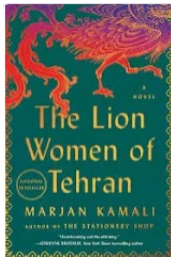
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## Women's Retreat July 7- 9

### Adelynrood Retreat & Conference Center, Byfield, MA

Rev. Laura has found a wonderfully affordable location for a women's retreat just 45 minutes south of Manchester. One or two-night stays are available. We are planning to arrive on Monday, July 7 at 11 am, and spend the afternoon enjoying the grounds. Room check-in is at 3 pm. Check-out is Wednesday by 11 am. A shared room with 2 beds would be \$137/per person, per night which includes 3 full meals, snacks, coffee, and tea. A private room is \$164/night.

Here is a link to the photo tour <https://www.adelynrood.org/phototour/>. It's a beautiful 14-acre campus developed in the early 20th century by landscape architect and early member of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, Deaconess Mary Potter. Her design vision of "indigenous plantings, a naturalized setting and simplicity" remains evident in the gardens and grounds. Features include paths through five wooded acres, a guided meditation walk called the "Stations of Creation," a stone labyrinth, and many gardens. Bicycling and the beach are close by. A deposit is required to hold the dates. If you would like to be included, please **RSVP to [dtrombley@tds.net](mailto:dtrombley@tds.net) by February 1<sup>st</sup>** letting her know if you want one or two nights, and a shared or private room.



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## Rev. Laura's Spring Book Group - Save the Date

On **Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 pm** the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "The Lion Women of Tehran". Join us for a fascinating discussion led by Rev. Laura. To register please send your name and email to the [office](#). The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants the week of the discussion.

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## An Invitation to join the Brookside Choir

Worship is an important part of Sunday service at Brookside. We are grateful for our current choir members and musicians who are excited to work on musical selections under the leadership of our Music Leader, Jordan Gravel. We also want to extend an open invitation to anyone who would like to join this inclusive and music-loving community. The choir rehearses on Sunday mornings before service from 8:30-9:30 am. If you have any questions about joining, contact Jordan at [jordangravel@gmail.com](mailto:jordangravel@gmail.com).



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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!



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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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](#)

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## 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.**

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## BROOKSIDE CALENDAR

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**Sunday, February 2nd**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,  
Sanctuary  
10:00 am Worship Service,  
Sanctuary

**Tuesday, February 4th**  
11:45 am Gals on the Go,  
Granite State Lunchbox  
6:00 pm Christian  
Formation

**Sunday, February 9th**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,  
Sanctuary  
10:00 am Worship Service,  
Sanctuary

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**Tuesday, February 11th**  
9:00 am No Green  
Bananas, Granite State  
Lunchbox  
5:30 pm Building &  
Grounds, via Zoom  
6:30 pm Stewardship, via  
Zoom

**Sunday, February 16th**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,  
Sanctuary  
10:00 am Worship Service,  
Sanctuary

**Tuesday, February 18th**  
9:00 am No Green  
Bananas, Granite State  
Lunchbox  
5:30 pm Building &  
Grounds, via Zoom  
6:30 pm Stewardship, via  
Zoom

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