

June 9, 2026



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# The Brookside Bridge

## *Keeping You Connected*

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### Summer Worship

Starting **Sunday, June 21**, worship will begin at **9:00 am** in the sanctuary and continue through Sunday, September 6, with outdoor worship and the Blessing of the Animals.

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### Minister's Message

Celebrate with one another this Sunday! Our youth will lead worship, the choir will sing with the kids, we'll thank our many volunteers and ministry leaders, and gather on the Manning House lawn for a church photo and our annual Spring picnic. Come with your arms spread wide open for all the people who have worked behind the scenes this year. Bring friends and something to share for the traditional potluck.

Our summer worship begins at 9:00 am on June 21 - Father's Day. We are promoting guest musicians throughout the summer. It will be like a Sunday morning Music Festival at Brookside.

With great expectations,  
Rev. Laura

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### All-Church Potluck Picnic!

Join us on **Sunday, June 14**, on the Manning House Lawn for food, fellowship, and fun following our worship service. 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 dessert to share

Families/individuals with last names N-Z, please bring a side dish to share!

We will also be assembling summer activity kits for children and youth in our community.

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### Women's Spirituality Retreat

Friday, October 30 - Sunday, November 1, 2026 - Waterville, NH



Inviting all Brookside women to join us for a weekend at the lovely home of Judi & Ed Mitchell in the White Mountains, building community, exploring nature, and deepening our faith by delving deeper into the life of Mary Magdalene.

The retreat will run from Friday evening, with a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm, to midday Sunday. Final details and pricing to be determined; estimated cost will be between \$200-\$350 per person. Scholarships are available. If interested, please contact Rev. Laura.

For additional information or to **RSVP by July 1st** or direct questions to: Dorice Reitchel ([dodiesrepurposed@gmail.com](mailto:dodiesrepurposed@gmail.com)) or Sarah Duffley ([duffleytaylor@gmail.com](mailto:duffleytaylor@gmail.com))

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### **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.

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**Brookside Congregational Church  
Youth Troupe Summer Camp**



**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:**



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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 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](mailto: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

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

**Tuesday, June 16th**  
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev. Laura's office  
6:00 pm COM Meeting, via Zoom

**Thursday, June 11th**  
7:30 am Capital Campaign Mtg., via Zoom

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7:30 am Capital Campaign Mtg., via Zoom

**Sunday, June 14th**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
8:30 am Bible Study, Manning House Dining  
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00 am Church Picnic, Manning House Lawn

**Sunday, June 21st**  
9:00 am Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00 am Fellowship

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