October 13, 2026

BROOKSIDE Congregational Church

The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Message

Stewardship during the Autumn season is symbolic. Christianity is founded on endings and beginnings. The crucifixion is an ending while the resurrection is a beginning. Stewardship is our way of honoring both the ending and the beginning. Like leaves on trees whose colorful displays in early autumn represent the ending, autumn also promises new beginnings. Our Stewardship Campaign honors the ending of the current year's fiscal needs and the beginning of a new and exciting year with fiscal needs of its own.

This Sunday, Janice Morin, our trustworthy leader of the Stewardship Committee, will preach on a familiar story in Mathew's Gospel in which the leaders of the Temple challenge Jesus, tempting him to say that he is against paying taxes to the Roman Empire. But he flips their scheme and asks, "Whose face is on the coin?" "Caesar's face is on the coin." Then Jesus said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

What do you want to offer to God as a pledge for next year? What percentage of your income supports God in your life?

Churches need money to survive. Stewardship is a season of renewing our relationship with God by committing our time, talents, and treasures. Come to worship this Sunday prepared to deepen your relationship with God through your financial offerings. Join the Brookside community as we learn together how to be a generous congregation.

Additionally, I am inviting you to consider helping out behind the scenes of our worship services by becoming a Deacon or a member of our Spirit Squad!! PLEASE think about it!

Sincerely,
Rev. Laura

Join the Brookside Choir

The Brookside Choir is looking for new members to help us make a "joyful noise" during our Sunday worship services. No prior choir experience is necessary. You do not have to



commit to being there every week - all that is required is a desire to sing and have fun!

The Brookside Choir will host a breakfast of coffee and donuts in the Narthex on Sunday, November 1st at 8:30 am. Come meet the choir, have breakfast, and stay for choir practice at 9:00 am in the sanctuary. We will begin practicing music for Advent and Christmas that day.

Please join us!

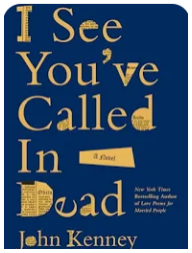
UCC Neighbors in Need Special Offering

Throughout the month of October, all of us at Brookside have the opportunity to participate in the 2026 United Church of Christ (UCC) Neighbors in Need offering. This year all of the Special Offerings are part of “A Year of Love” with each offering guiding and encouraging us towards generosity rooted in love.

The 2026 UCC Neighbors in Need theme is “Advocacy and Justice Ministries”. This offering is based on Ephesians 5:2 “Walk in love, as Christ loved us”. As noted by the UCC, “this offering is transformative because it calls us to work towards collective justice, creating a genuine ecosystem of people who work collaboratively across issues and geographies to bring about social change”

Neighbors in Need funds justice ministries engaged in advocacy and direct support. One-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), comprising over 20 Native congregations and over 1,000 individuals in the UCC, and two-thirds funds justice efforts in the National Ministries.

Donations for this special offering may be made via the DONATE button at **Brooksidecc.org/donate** or through Special offering envelopes located in the Narthex.



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.





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 Brooksiders. All are welcome!

Send In Your Prayer Requests

Please remember to send in your prayer requests for our Sunday service. 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, October 15th
7:30 am Capital Campaign Mtg., via Zoom

Sunday, October 18th
10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 20th
9:00 am No Green Bananas, Granite State Lunchbox
5:30 pm Building & Grounds, Meeting, via Zoom
6:30 pm Ste

Thursday, October 22nd
7:30 am Capital Campaign Mtg., via Zoom

Sunday, October 25th
10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 am Leap of Faith, Women's Spirituality Group, Rev. Laura's Office
11:30 am Soup Bowls, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 27th
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev. Laura's Office
6:00 pm COM Meeting, via Zoom

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