

May 13, 2026



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Message

This Sunday, we return to the place where Jesus first called the disciples, down to the lake shore. Showing up with a wood fire and food, he reminds us that though he was crucified, he is always blowing in the winds of our lives. Everywhere we turn, we see signs of his presence. Our Bible study at 8:30 am in the Manning House will continue to focus on Acts of the Apostles. Everyone is welcome! Youth will join Amber Nicole to learn about the importance and power of "hydration."

The Memorial Day Sunday service will be pre-recorded this week. Please join us on our Live Stream for the May 24th 10:00 am service.

Blessings and Peace,
Rev. Laura

Memorial Day Worship Service - LIVESTREAM ONLY

The Memorial Day Sunday service will be live-streamed on May 24th at 10:00 am. You can find us on Facebook and YouTube.



Bible Study

Please join Rev. Laura for a Springtime Bible Study on **Sunday, May 17 and 31, 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.



Spring Clean Up - Rescheduled Date

Join the Stewardship Ministry as we clean up the Brookside grounds on Saturday, June 6, from 9 am to noon. Bring your work gloves and any tools, rakes, etc. Wheelbarrows will be provided. All volunteers are greatly appreciated to help keep this large property looking spectacular! Many hands make light work!

Attention High School Graduates

Graduation time is quickly approaching. Please help us celebrate both our recent graduates and also those who are planning to start their college or trade school journey in the fall. We want to celebrate these achievements on Gratitude Sunday, June 14, 2026. It would be great if you could share the accomplishment and the plans for the future.

Please get in touch with Louise at admin@Brooksideecc.org with information to help us ensure that we recognize all important student milestones.



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 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
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's office
6:00 pm COM Meeting, via
Zoom

Thursday, May 21st
7:30 am Capital Campaign
Mtg., via Zoom

Sunday, May 24th
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 26th
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Granite State Lunchbox

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