

October 30, 2024

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**BROOKSIDE**  
Congregational Church



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# The Brookside Bridge

## *Keeping You Connected*

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### Minister's Message

Dear Brookside friends and members,  
This Sunday we offer our All Saints worship service where we light candles for people we love who have died. During this ritual, the congregation will come forward as One Compassionate Community, to honor the many people who live in our hearts. Followed by Holy Communion, our monthly sacred ritual during which we celebrate love everlasting in our relationship with Jesus.

Remembering Tiny Rituals with people who have died, is a practice, when we are grieving, that connects us to one another. Please join me on Sunday. If you are unable to be with us in person, I hope you will send the names of people you'd like

included during the prayers.

Youth will go immediately to Performing Arts class where Christina will focus on the theme, Rising Up. Kids will join us for the candle and communion rituals.

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### Advent Bible Study

Rev Laura will be leading her traditional Advent Bible Study on **Thursdays, December 5, 12, and 19 on Zoom**. Our theme this year will be glimmers of light in the darkness.

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### Open Flower Date

We have an open flower date on **Sunday, November 10**. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please get in touch with Sarah Merrill.

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### Manning House Tour

On **Sunday, November 3**, Bill Hoysradt will offer a Manning House tour. If you are interested in attending, please meet Bill at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

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## Christmas at the Brook - Light Night, Saturday, December 7

Brookside will again be hosting its popular Holiday Light Night on December 7 from 5-7 p.m. Because of the tremendous interest in vendors to be a part of our holiday market, we are going to host the craft fair, Christmas at the Brook, in the fellowship hall from 10 a.m. running through the evening. We are excited to bring the community together in the hope and light of Christ at Brookside Church during the holiday season. In order to continue these special traditions, we need volunteers! We will need cooking/baking, welcome desk help, set up/clean up, program ad sales, elevator operator, and more. If you would like to be a part of this event in any way, please reach out to Lisa Brock and she will find a way for you to get involved. Reach her at [fleminglisarae@yahoo.com](mailto:fleminglisarae@yahoo.com). Alternatively, you can also call the church office and speak to Louise.

Sign Up Here Thank you!:

[Christmas at the Book & Brookside Holiday Light Night - Dec. 7, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.](#)



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## Neighbors in Need Offering

Throughout the month of November, all of us at Brookside have the opportunity to participate in the 2024 UCC Neighbors in Need offering.

The 2024 UCC Neighbors in Need theme “Mental Health Justice for All: Mental Health is a Universal Human Right” provides us with an opportunity to re-ignite our efforts to build a more just world for all, dismantling the shame and stigma of mental health challenges.

The UCC invites us to be part of God’s work of mental health justice, join the WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) movement for mental health in our congregation and support the Neighbors in Need offering. .

Donations for this special offering may be made via the DONATE button at [Brooksideucc.org/donate](https://Brooksideucc.org/donate) or through Special offering envelopes located at the church entrances.

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## UKAMA 2024 Appeal

The Ukama Partnership is a church to church prayer partnership between the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ and the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe. **Brookside** has been in UKAMA relationship with **Sakubva Church** in Mutare, Zimbabwe since 1996, praying for one another, communicating by letters, Facebook and email. We have hosted visiting delegates and had opportunity to go to Zimbabwe twice in 1997 and 2010. Through the Ukama Partnership, we have understood that “hama” or ‘family’ in Christ knows no boundaries or borders.

The Ukama Mission Group of the NHC/UCC has launched an appeal to assist the UCCZ

to purchase food and seed for its members. The 2024 Ukama Partnership Appeal focuses on Food Security for our Hama in Zimbabwe through a shared project of the UCCZ and the NHC/UCC UMG.

**Brookside's appeal will start on Ukama Sunday, October 20 and go through early January 2025.** Checks can be made to Brookside Church or to NHC/UCC with the notation: *Zimbabwe Appeal* on the memo line. Funds will be transmitted periodically through the Conference office as travelers go to Zimbabwe or wire transmissions are deemed safe.

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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!



### **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.



### 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, November 3rd**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00 am Grief Group, Rev. Laura's Office

**Tuesday, November 5th**  
11:00 am Gals on the Go, Granite State Lunchbox  
6:00 pm Christian Formation Meeting, via Zoom

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

**Tuesday, November 12th**  
11:00 am No Green Bananas, Granite State Lunchbox  
5:30 pm Building and Grounds Meeting, via Zoom  
6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting, via Zoom

**Sunday, November 17th**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Tuesday, November 19th**  
6:00 pm COM Meeting, via Zoom

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