

# BROOKSIDE

Congregational Church



## The Brookside Bridge

*Keeping You Connected*



### Minister's Message

Join us this Sunday for Holy Communion and the blessing of backpacks. If you know of a student in need of a blessing, bring an extra backpack that we can bless for them. Our Fellowship following worship will be an opportunity to meet and greet people new to Brookside. Please wear your name tags. In our Gospel story, Jesus emphasizes sharing a meal with neighbors and strangers alike. Let's be the Open and Affirming community that Brookside is known to be.

See you Sunday,  
Rev. Laura



### Brookside Choir

Do you like to sing? Does music bring you joy? 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. Just come, sing, and have fun! We practice at 8:30 am in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Please join us!



### Join the Spirit Squad

Spirit Squad is a great way to get to know Brookside better, for those who are called to serve, but have limited time, and for families to experience and teach a mindset of service, leadership, community, and active church participation. Spirit Squad provides worship engagement opportunities for families and individuals, young and old, members and non-members.

The Spirit Squad assists the Deacons in preparing the sanctuary for worship, setting-up post-worship fellowship, ushering and greeting, reading the call to worship and scripture, collecting offertory, and preparing and serving communion.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, or has any questions, please contact Joy Drewry at [thedrewrys@comcast.net](mailto:thedrewrys@comcast.net) or 603-486-8040.



### Upcoming Construction at Brookside

Our contractor will begin excavating in the parking lot after September 15 to bring the water line needed for the fire suppression system into the building. Once they start on the inside, we will not be able to use Fellowship Hall for any activities until this part of the work is completed.



### AN EVENING UNDER THE STARS

#### “Heart of the Matter”

Join us Saturday, September 20th from 5:00pm – 7:30pm for what is sure to be a wonderful get-together for our church community. Enjoy a delicious meal by Brambleberry Farm & Catering with specially paired wines and live music by Carleton Page.

A time to reconnect and be energized as we enter a new season and a very exciting time for Brookside. Last year's event proved to be truly magical, what a great opportunity to invite family and friends to experience this evening under the stars as we mingle in the Manning House and on the beautiful grounds that abut this historic space.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person and can be purchased by sending a check to the office or you can order online by clicking the link below. The deadline for purchasing tickets is September 12th. Seating is limited to 40 - don't delay!

See you on the 20th!!

Please click on the link below to order your tickets.

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/85BGH9A8E53BC/checkout/WEEGWLNIN7P7W2QQNSU7JB4R>



### Donations Needed for Homeless Youth/Young Adults

Mission Ministry has recently received a request from the Waypoint Homeless Youth and Young Adult department for camping supplies (**tents, gently used and new sleeping bags, sleeping pads, flashlights, tarps, warm gloves and hats, hand warmers, hygiene products**) to provide for Manchester area youth and young adults (ages 12-25) who are living outside and cannot access shelters. This is a focused drive where we are asking for donations not only from Brookside, but also from the larger community to support unhoused young people in need. Monetary donations would be accepted in addition to physical items. Thank you for your support



### Hunger Food Drive

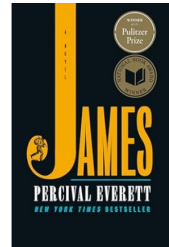
Mission Ministry is encouraging Brookside members and friends to participate in the 2025 FIT Religious Response to Hunger food drive. As in past years, nonperishable food items to help replenish the Families In Transition/ New Horizons food pantry, should be brought to Brookside during September – **deadline 9/30/2025**. Volunteers will deliver your donations to Temple Adath Yeshurun on Friday, October 3.

Specially focused food includes soup, lean-canned protein (PB, tuna, beans, etc.), cereal/granola bars/pasta. Thank you for your donations in support of Manchester area families in need

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

On **Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 pm**, the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "James" by Percival Everett. 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 book group.





\*\*\*\*\* *Fall Event* \*\*\*\*\*  
*Ancestry..... Our Spiritual Heritage*

**Thursday September 18th, 2025**

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church  
18 Baboosic Lake Road,  
Merrimack NH 03054

*Program starts at 6.45 pm*

*Check in begins at 6.15 pm*

*Our Lady of Mercy is located just a couple of miles  
south of the Bedford line.*

In person and  
streamed live on  
Interfaith  
Women of NH  
Facebook Page



*Our Presenters*

Valerie Earnshaw: *Women's Group Leader, Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter Day Saints*

Marilyn Cavanaugh: *A member of the PNWH Leadership Team and  
Temple Adath Yeshurun*

Kristen Oser-Allen: *Passamaquoddy, Trustee, Mt. Kearsarge  
Indian Museum*

***Join us for social time and refreshments  
after the program***

Please RSVP to [interfaithwomennh@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwomennh@gmail.com) or call 603-490-3584

Visit us online at: [interfaithwomennh.org](http://interfaithwomennh.org)

**OUR MISSION:**

To share religious beliefs, cultures, and traditions among women of diverse faiths in order to develop understanding and friendship among us and within our community.



**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.

**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

**Sunday, September 14**  
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00 am Fellowship,  
Narthex

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

**Saturday, September 20**  
5:00 pm Evening Under the  
Stars, Manning House

[Visit our Website](#)

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