

# BROOKSIDE

Congregational Church



## The Brookside Bridge

*Keeping You Connected*



### Minister's Invitation

On this Eastertide Sunday, we join Jesus and his disciples around a firepit on the beach. He is cooking fish for them to share. They are still confused about the resurrection of their beloved Rabbi. After the meal, Peter, is given new instructions: Feed my flock, Tend to my lambs, Love my people. Join me at our Communion table to receive this same message in the sharing of bread and cup. Children will create Terrestrial Planets with oceans and land, in celebration of the Earth and the sea. See you soon.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Laura



### Save the Date: Sunday, June 12

Rev. Laura's Installation Service will be held during the service at 10:00 am. Our annual Church Photo will be taken on the sanctuary steps immediately after the service. We will then celebrate with our Annual Church Picnic on the Manning House Lawn.

### Spring Clean Up - Saturday, May 14, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

The annual Spring clean-up day for Brookside is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 from 9am-1pm. Bring your own gloves and any special weeding tools you prefer; other equipment (rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.) and bottled water will be provided. We will need 'all hands on deck' as there are 8 garden areas that need tending too and 'many hands make

light work.' The more the merrier!! Jane Sherwin will be leading the charge and directing folks as to which gardens are in most need of some TLC! Plan on meeting in the grassy area to the left of the wheelchair ramp, near the handicapped parking spaces and the Thrift Shop.



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### Call to Special Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Brookside Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Manchester, New Hampshire will be held in the Sanctuary at **11:00 am on Sunday, May 15, 2022**. This meeting will be in person, with remote access, via Zoom; link below.

This meeting is called so that members and friends can receive a status update on the Capital Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith Tourigny  
Clerk

Link for Zoom Meeting:

[Zoom Link for May 15 Special Meeting](#)

### [Call to Meeting Notice](#)



### Manning House Emergency Repair

Jeff from NH Refrigeration and Mechanical LLC came to our rescue when a main return pipe ruptured and began leaking water and steam into the Manning House basement. It was a condition that was being monitored since the fall. Ultimately, we had to replace about 75 feet of pipe and the condensation tank for a cost of \$16,000. If you can

[make a donation](#) toward this repair, it would really be appreciated. Please note Manning House repair in the memo field.

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### Easter Community Outreach

Traditionally, Brookside families have worked together in the Fellowship Hall to create holiday food baskets for local families at Christmas and Easter – a wonderful all church effort! However, our partner organizations (Amoskeag Health/Child Health Services, Waypoint, Southern NH Services/Head Start and Salvation Army) have suggested that grocery gift cards, instead of actual food items, may better meet the families' needs this year. Your donations are needed. Through your donations, Mission Ministry will create holiday gift bags, inclusive of grocery gift cards and a coupon for our own Brookside Thrift Shop, for 40 local families served by our partner



organizations. Donations may be made by checks sent to the church office or [click here to donate on the Brookside website](#), please note **Easter Holiday Baskets** in the memo field. Donations for this Easter season effort will be collected through April 30. Thank you!

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### Brookside's Women's Union Update

Eight women met for a Women's Union lunch fellowship this past week and we were happy to be together. WU will meet again on **Tuesday, May 3** for lunch, fellowship and our first Annual Business Meeting since the pandemic began. The gathering will be held at Moe Joe's Family Restaurant, 2175 Candia Rd, Manchester, starting at **11:45 a.m.** (near the Massabesic traffic circle). We will plan to order lunch at noon, with the business meeting to follow. Contact Jean Dickson (603) 860-3647 or Sally Sederquist (603) 858-4495 if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

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### Interfaith Women of New Hampshire invites you to a special program via Zoom, 'An Evening of Joyous Celebration', on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:45pm.

"AN EVENING OF JOYOUS CELEBRATION" provides poetry and music from Muslim, Christian and Jewish traditions in celebrating the joy of being people together in faith. An Islamic poem, "I haven't come here (world) to settle down" by Turkish poet and Sufi mystic, Yunus Emre, in original language with English subtitles will open our program. From the Christian faith, a musical offering is shared by Adam Peithmann, Director of Music Ministry at First Congregational Church of Manchester

together with the adult choir's presentation of a Gospel choral sung as a virtual anthem. The Jewish presentation will close our program with a Simcha (Joy) circle led by Cantor Sarra Spierer of Congregation Beth Elohim, Acton, MA. We invite you to view these uplifting, faith-based presentations, and stay with us for Zoom discussions facilitated by the IWNH Leadership Team

To register: email [interfaithwomennh@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwomennh@gmail.com). Once registered you will receive a Zoom meeting invitation. Check-in on begins at 6:30pm, program begins promptly at 6:45pm. For questions, call 603-233-7760 or visit our website: [interfaithwomennh.org](http://interfaithwomennh.org) to learn more about -us.

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### 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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## No Green Bananas

This group of retired Brookside men meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9 am at the Granite State Lunchbox, 1750 Elm St., rear entrance, ground floor 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, [click here](#) to go to our giving page on the Brookside website.



## 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 **(669-2807)** for more information.

**\*\*\*Currently we are not accepting donations except for gently used wheelchairs.**



## Estate Planning

Have you remembered Brookside in your will? If you have any questions about planned giving, see Bill Hoysradt.

**Tuesday, April 26th**

**8:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.  
Laura's Office**

**Sunday, May 1st**

**10:00 am Worship Sanctuary  
and Online**

**Tuesday, May 3rd**

**8:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.  
Laura's Office**

**9:00 am No Green Bananas,  
Granite State Lunchbox**

**6:00 pm Christian Formation  
via Zoom**

[Visit our Website](#)

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