

October 16, 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

Our relationships with the churches of Zimbabwe have been a significant aspect of our mission ministries for many years. This Sunday, Area Minister of the NHUCC, Rev. Sara Marean, will bring greetings from our African partners. She traveled with a delegation that brought our cards and gifts to the Sukamba church. Please join me and our Mission Ministry team as we welcome Rev. Sara. God Bless You,  
Rev. Laura

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## African Partnership Sunday

Sunday, October 20 is African Partnership Sunday when we take time to recognize the long relationship or Ukama that has existed between the United Church of Christ/ New Hampshire Conference and the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe. Brookside has been in relationship with Sakubva Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe since December 1996 – 28 years! On 10/20 we welcome Rev. Sara Marean, the UCC/NHC Associate Minister, as she leads our morning worship service. Rev. Marean has recently returned from a UCC/NHC delegation trip to Zimbabwe and our UCC Ukama Partners. Please join us as we celebrate our long Ukama/Partnership with Sakubva Church and the UCC of Zimbabwe.

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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 11:15 am on Sunday, October 27, 2024. This meeting will be in person. Remote access via Zoom is also available using the link below.

This meeting is called so that members can discuss funding for the repair of Brookside's sewer line and installation of a pump station.

Respectfully submitted,

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Ellen Smith Tourigny" in a cursive script.

Ellen Smith Tourigny  
Clerk

### Link for Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89641715959?pwd=VtLmEuYOEDRbooJvKm58rlonqs2S2u.1>

Meeting ID: 896 4171 5959

Passcode: 374498

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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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## 2025 Stewardship Pledge Campaign

Up, up, and away we go! We make this very personal and important decision to give because we believe in Brookside. As stewards of the church, we must ensure that our amazing property with vast grounds and historic buildings are maintained. We have an incredible staff and very dedicated minister that need to be compensated, as well as, various administrative, mission, and program costs. Pledge money is critical for the success of our church as it makes up the largest source of revenue.

Please consider a pledge commitment for 2025. Complete the Pledge Certificate you received in the mail or donate through the website by 10/31/24.

Together we can reach new heights!!



Blessings,

Your Stewardship Ministry

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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**

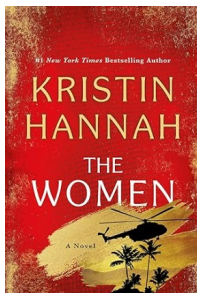
Worship is an important part of Sunday service at Brookside. We are grateful for our current choir members and musicians who are excited to work on musical selections under the leadership of our Music Leader, Jordan Gravel. We also want to extend an open invitation to anyone who would like to join this 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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### **Brookside Joining Ceremony and Reception**

Joining Brookside is an opportunity for everyone to know that they belong in this community. We will be holding a joining ceremony on October 27. This includes online worshippers. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rev. Laura at [revlaura@brooksidecc.org](mailto:revlaura@brooksidecc.org) or the office at [louise@brooksidecc.org](mailto:louise@brooksidecc.org).

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

On **Thursday, October 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "The Women". Join us for a fascinating discussion. Rev. Laura..."I am very excited about this book which focuses on three nurses serving in the military during the Vietnam War. Bring your experiences and those of others you know to this lively book group. Hope to see you there."

To register please send your name and email to the [office](#).

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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!

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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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### **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, October 13th**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,  
Sanctuary  
10:00 am Worship Service,  
Sanctuary

**Tuesday, October 15th**  
6:00 pm COM, via Zoom

**October 20th**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,  
Sanctuary  
10:00 am Worship Service,  
Sanctuary

**Tuesday, October 22nd**  
9:00 am No Green  
Bananas, Granite State  
Lunchbox

**October 27th**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,  
Sanctuary  
10:00 am Worship Service,  
Sanctuary

**November 3rd**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,  
Sanctuary  
10:00 am Worship Service,  
Sanctuary

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