

February 4, 2025

BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Message

Dear Brookside Friends and Neighbors,

I can hardly believe that we are nearing the end of our sixth year together. For all your resilience, creativity, passion, and faithfulness, I am eternally grateful. We have been a trusting and trustworthy congregation, practicing inclusivity, belonging, and joy in the living Spirit. You have balanced the many facets of your faith journeys with one another, with me, and with Jesus. What an awesome community you are!!!

For me, taking a sabbatical is both a gift and a responsibility. During this time, I plan to renew my energy and restore a sense of my calling to ministry. I hope to return in two months having spent time reading, singing, walking, and cherishing my loved ones.

I leave you in great hands. Rev. Doug Brendel has much to teach you and to learn from you. I hope you join one another each Sunday, as you deepen your relationship with God.

I will see you on Palm Sunday, ready to wave palms with all of you, as Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey.

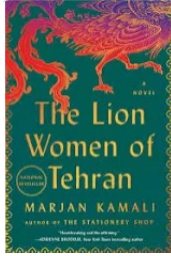
With love,
Rev. Laura

Women's Retreat July 7- 9 Adelynrood Retreat & Conference Center, Byfield, MA

Rev. Laura has found a wonderfully affordable location for a women's retreat just 45 minutes south of Manchester. One or two-night stays are available. We are planning to arrive on Monday, July 7 at 11 am, and spend the afternoon enjoying the grounds. Room check-in is at 3 pm. Check-out is Wednesday by 11 am. A shared room with 2 beds would be \$137/per person, per night which includes 3 full meals, snacks, coffee, and tea. A private room is \$164/night.

Here is a link to the photo tour <https://www.adelynrood.org/phototour/>. It's a beautiful 14-acre campus developed in the early 20th century by landscape architect and early member of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, Deaconess Mary Potter. Her design vision of "indigenous plantings, a naturalized setting and simplicity" remains evident in the gardens and grounds. Features include paths through five wooded acres, a guided meditation walk called the "Stations of Creation," a stone labyrinth, and many

gardens. Bicycling and the beach are close by. A deposit is required to hold the dates. If you would like to be included, please **RSVP to dtrombley@tds.net by February 1st** letting her know if you want one or two nights, and a shared or private room.



Rev. Laura's Spring Book Group - Save the Date

On **Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 pm** the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "The Lion Women of Tehran". 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 discussion.

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.



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 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.

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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, February 9th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 11th
9:00 am No Green
Bananas, Granite State
Lunchbox
5:30 pm Building &
Grounds, via Zoom
6:30 pm Stewardship, via
Zoom

Sunday, February 16th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 18th
6:00 pm COM Meeting, via
Zoom

Sunday, February 23rd
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 25th
9:00 am No Green
Bananas, Granite State
Lunchbox

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