

October 9, 2024

BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Message

The earth is our best view of God. This Sunday we'll enjoy the smells, colors, and insights of nature. Kids will practice listening to nature during the Spiritual Art class. Worship and Art will be a meditative experience focused on the songs of the earth. Youth are invited to dress for an outside adventure. Indeed, the Earth glorifies God.

God Bless You,
Rev. Laura

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

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.

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.

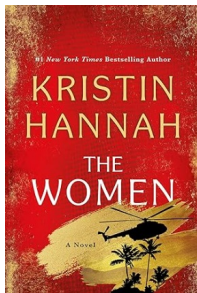
Brookside’s appeal will start on Ukama Sunday, October 20 and go through early January 2025. Checks can be made to Brookside Church or to NHC/UCC with the notation: *Zimbabwe Appeal* on the memo line. Funds will be transmitted periodically through the Conference office as travelers go to Zimbabwe or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

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.

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@brooksideecc.org or the office at louise@brooksideecc.org.



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](mailto:office@brooksideecc.org).



After Worship Fellowship

Please join us after Sunday worship for Fellowship! Following indoor worship, we meet in the Narthex. It's a great way to get to learn more about the happenings at Brookside and build relationships with your fellow Brooksidiers. 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@brooksideecc.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, 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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