

December 11, 2024

BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Message

The Sunday of joy has traditionally been our Sunday to celebrate the kids at Brookside. This Sunday will be exactly that, a celebration of our youth. Joining the shepherds in the fields and the angels from on high our worship service will be filled with joyous music, spunky spirits, and a message of hope, peace, and joy this Sunday. We'll be gifting each child with a special treat at the end of worship. I can't wait to see you.

Sincerely,
Rev. Laura

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund

is one of the UCC's special mission offerings. The **Christmas Fund** has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. Thanks to your generosity, last year the Christmas Fund provided over \$1.9 million in pension and health benefits, emergency grants, and thank-you checks to retired church servants and their families. Every gift came from people like you. This year, please give what you can to continue supporting those who've devoted their lives to serving others.

*"...AND AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO THEM AND
THE **GLORY OF GOD** SHONE AROUND THEM..." LUKE 2:9*

THANK YOU!

Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered, enjoyed the Craft Fair, played in the lights, petted the farm animals, ate great food, and had a jolly Christmas Celebration at Brookside.

Special thanks to Lisa Brock who made it all possible!



Christmas Drive for Elementary Schools

The Mission Ministry has decided to collaborate with Webster and Jewitt Elementary schools next month to help the kids who attend those schools and their families. We are having a socks and book drive. Please bring new children's socks and books to church and drop them off at the designated boxes. The target age of the children is between 5 and 10 years old. They are hopefully going to be placed at the narthex and near the offices. The plan is to drop off what we have on December 18th ahead of the Christmas/New Year vacation. If there is an abundance of donations we may extend it to January.

Women's Union Christmas Lunch - Saturday, Dec. 14

Come join the Women's Union Christmas luncheon on the second Saturday of December, 11 am-2 pm. We will be enjoying the beautiful Manning House dining room for a lunch of sandwiches and munchies. New 2024-25 WU Directories will be available. Please contact Nan Cates to RSVP. Please bring donations of socks and underwear.

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.



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.

[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

Thursday, December 12th
6:00 pm Advent Bible
Study, via Zoom

Saturday, December 14th
11:00 am Women's Union
Christmas Luncheon,
Manning House

Sunday, December 15th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 17th
6:00 pm COM Meeting, via
Zoom

Thursday, December 19th
6:00 pm Advent Bible
Study, via Zoom

Sunday, December 15th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

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