

# BROOKSIDE

Congregational Church



## The Brookside Bridge

*Keeping You Connected*



### Minister's Message

Epiphany is the season of dreams. An "epiphany," considered an AHA moment in secular terms, can change the course of our lives. In our scripture story of the three Magi visiting Mary and Joseph at their home in Bethlehem, dreams guide the Magi and Joseph to follow a different pathway forward. Dreams changed their lives forever.

Come join me on Sunday to consider how dreams have affected you. Maybe a dream caused you to pivot your career or family in a brand new direction that changed the purpose of your life forever. Our celebration of Holy Communion will include all generations.

Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Sincerely,  
Rev. Laura

### Joining Ceremony - Sunday, January 11

If you are interested in joining Brookside, we will be holding a joining ceremony on Sunday, January 11, during the worship service. Please let Rev. Laura or the [office](#) know if you would like to join.

On **Sunday, January 4th**, after the worship service, we will be hosting a gathering in the Manning House for those interested in joining Brookside.

### January Book Group - "The Great Believers"

Please register this week.

On **Thursday, January 29 at 6:00 pm**, the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "The Great Believers" by Rebecca Makkai. 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 book group.



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### **A Very Special and Important Brookside Holiday Season Outreach effort is about to begin -**

Mission Outreach is coordinating a Brookside Congregational Church Holiday Food Drive, which will run from this Thanksgiving season through Epiphany Sunday, with all proceeds going to the NH Food Bank. Food insecurity is noted as a #1 critical concern nationwide and by our community partners. We believe, through our collective outreach, this Holiday Season Food Drive will enable us to best serve the increasing needs of individuals and families in our community.

**Our Holiday Season Food Drive will begin Sunday, November 16th, and continue through Epiphany, January 11th.** There will be many opportunities to participate! We are incorporating this focused effort into all of the programs and activities at Brookside, including our Sunday services, Thrift Shop, Blue Christmas Service, and more! All of us and our friends, young and older, near or far, can participate in these activities and this outreach effort throughout this Winter Holiday Season (November 16th– January 11th)

For those who live locally - Specially marked Holiday Season Food Drive boxes will be located in multiple locations within Brookside and during Brookside activities. Please consider bringing some non-perishable, non-glass containers of fruit, vegetables, soups, or protein (such as tuna, peanut butter) with you on every Brookside visit!

For those who may not be in the area – Monetary donations may be sent directly to Brookside Congregational Church, 2013 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03104 or by pressing the DONATE button on our website ([www.brooksidecc.org](http://www.brooksidecc.org)). Please note “Holiday Season Food Drive” when donating.

Again, food insecurity is a critical issue in our wider community and beyond. As we celebrate this special Holiday season by contributing to the Brookside Holiday Food Drive, we can touch lives and provide much-needed food, to families in our community as they celebrate the season with their own special traditions. May hope, peace, joy, and love be a part of this season and let us BE the Light of Christ for people in New Hampshire who are dealing with food insecurity.

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### **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 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@brooksideecc.org](mailto: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.**

**Sunday, January 4**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Worship,  
Sanctuary  
11:00 am Fellowship,  
Narthex  
11:00 am New to Brookside  
Gathering, Manning House

**Tuesday January 6th**  
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.  
Laura's Office  
11:45 am Gals on the Go,  
Granite State Lunchbox,  
6:00 pm Christian Formation  
Mtg, via Zoom

**Thursday, January 8th**  
7:30 am Capital Campaign  
Mtg., via Zoom

**Sunday, January 11**  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Worship,  
Sanctuary  
11:00 am Fellowship,  
Narthex

**Tuesday, January 13**  
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.  
Laura's Office  
5:30 pm Building and  
Grounds Mtg, via Zoom  
6:30 pm Stewardship Mtg.,  
via Zoom

**Thursday January 15th**  
7:30 am Capital Campaign  
Mtg., via Zoom

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