

# The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



#### Minister's Invitation

Gratitude is often considered an "attitude." Jesus doesn't require gratitude in healing people which he does in our lesson this week. He heals ten Lepers. Only one pauses to say Thank You. Come to church to hear traditional Thanksgiving Hymns and be grateful!!

Turkeys are the most common main course for Thanksgiving meals. Lots of people add potatoes and stuffing, but the feast is all about the bird! Is a turkey a modern-day dinosaur? Come to the Spiritual Art program and find out!

Please plan to stay with us after church to hear Katy Martey speak about Housing in New Hampshire. Now is the time of year for us to be compassionate with people who are in need of food and housing.

See you on Sunday! Rev. Laura

# BROOKSIDE HOLIDAY LIGHTS



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#### Volunteer. Donate. Bake. Enjoy. Brookside Holiday Lights 2023!

Brookside will again present its popular community light display during the month of December on the grounds of the church and everyone is welcome and invited to participate!

#### Volunteer

Partnering again with **The New England Holiday Light Company**, Brookside Church invites everyone to contribute to the community holiday light display. There will be just one Light Night this year on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 3-7 p.m. The event will again feature a Hero Ceremony honoring and giving gratitude to some of our everyday heroes in our community. We will also have the Christmas Market in the Fellowship Hall, Family fun including winter carnival games, a story walk, live music, nativity animals, food, and sweet treats! Please sign up to bake cookies or volunteer to help with the event. There is a job for everyone! Let's share Christ's light with our community again this holiday season! Sign up to volunteer here: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084CA4AF2DA7FB6-46160345-brookside">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084CA4AF2DA7FB6-46160345-brookside</a>



# COME CELEBRATE THE 30th ANNIVERSARY OF REV. LAURA BIDDLE'S ORDINATION

We will have a light brunch in the Manning House on **Sunday, December 3** after the service. Food and monetary donations are welcomed. Contact Louise at 669-2807 for items needed.

#### Circles of the Heart Adult Ed - Sunday, November 19th

Housing stability in New Hampshire is a significant challenge that leaves some of our most vulnerable citizens without access to the means necessary to meet their basic human needs. The latest statistics for New Hampshire demonstrate the critical need to address this issue.

The New Hampshire Council on Housing Stability (NHCHS – Council on Housing Stability) is tasked with addressing these challenges and providing short- and long-term recommendations to support planning, policy and resource allocation for statewide, regional and local community-based efforts. Katy Easterly Martey, a regular at Brookside Church, is the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority and is a co-lead of the Council on Housing Stability. She will provide information on the current status of housing affordability and strategies to increase housing inventory and convene a conversation around these issues. Please join us for the conversation on Sunday, November 19th at 11:00 am in the Manning House Parlor.



# **Advent Decorating at Brookside**

We are in need of volunteers to help with decorating the church for Advent. Help is needed after the service on **Sunday**, **November 26**, and **on Saturday**, **December 2**, at 9:30 am.

### Women's Union Gathering - Saturday, December 2

Please join us in the Manning House Dining Room 11:30 am-2:00 pm. Our December meeting will focus on sharing Christmas joy, fellowship, and lunch (\$5 to cover expenses). Remember to bring donations of new socks, underwear, and T-shirts for men and women to be delivered to veterans at Liberty House. We will also be signing cards for First Responders and Hospital Staff in our area. Contact Nan Cates if you have questions or want to volunteer to help.



## **Open Flower Date**

We have an open flower date on **Sunday**, **November 26**. If you would like to beautify the sanctuary by providing flower arrangements, please contact Sarah Merrill.



#### **After Worship Fellowship Hour**

Please join us after Sunday worship for Fellowship Hour! Following indoor worship, we meet in the Narthex. A great way to get to learn more about the happenings at Brookside and build relationships with your fellow Brooksiders. 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 <a href="mailto:admin@brooksidecc.org">admin@brooksidecc.org</a> 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 - NEW DATES!

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, ground floor 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 (669-2807) for more information.

\*\*\*Currently we are not accepting donations.

Thursday, November 16th 5:45 pm Brookside Ringers Rehearsal, Music Room 6:45 pm Brookside Singers, Sanctuary Sunday, November 19th
8:45 am Brookside Singers
Rehearsal, Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Circles of the
Heart, Manning House
11:00 am Wee Singers, Art
Room
11:00 am Junior Jammers,
Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 21st 8:00 am Team Meeting, via Zoom 6:00 pm COM Meeting, via Zoom

Sunday, November 26th 8:45 am Brookside Singers Rehearsal, Sanctuary 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary 11:00 am Wee Singers, Art Room 11:00 am Junior Jammers, Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 28th 8:00 am Team Meeting, via Zoom 9:00 am No Green Bananas, Granite State Lunchbox Thursday, November 30th 5:45 pm Brookside Ringers Rehearsal, Music Room 6:45 pm Brookside Singers, Sanctuary

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