



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Message

We have crossed the threshold into Lent. We set out once again on the journey to Jerusalem, entering each day with devotion and prayer. I invite you to draw a sacred circle around the next 40 days, pledging to walk this "lonesome valley" with Jesus. Each year, we meet at the center of this Lenten labyrinth in the Wilderness. Jesus comes to this place led by the Spirit. He fasts and prays for visions of God's presence. Faced with temptations to stray from the pathway, we join him.

Our Youth will join Christina for a sacred time of exploring Lent together. After worship, the "Leap of Faith" women's spirituality group will gather in my office. All women are welcome.

God's Blessings to each of you,
Rev. Laura

Leap of Faith Women's Group

The Leap of Faith women's group will meet on **Sunday, February 22**, after worship in Rev. Laura's office.



Lenten Bible Study

March 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 8:30 am in Rev. Laura's office.

The theme for our Lenten series this year is "The Last Words of Jesus." Our study will prepare us for the worship experience at 10:00 am. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.



Corned Beef Boiled Dinner - Saturday, March 14, 4-7 pm

Due to the installation of fire suppression, we are offering our Annual Corned Beef Boiled Dinner to members & their invited guests on **Saturday, March 14, 4-7 pm** at no cost.

RSVP is required because of seating is limited to 50 in the **Manning House**.

RSVP to Louise at admin@brooksidecc.org

Maundy Thursday

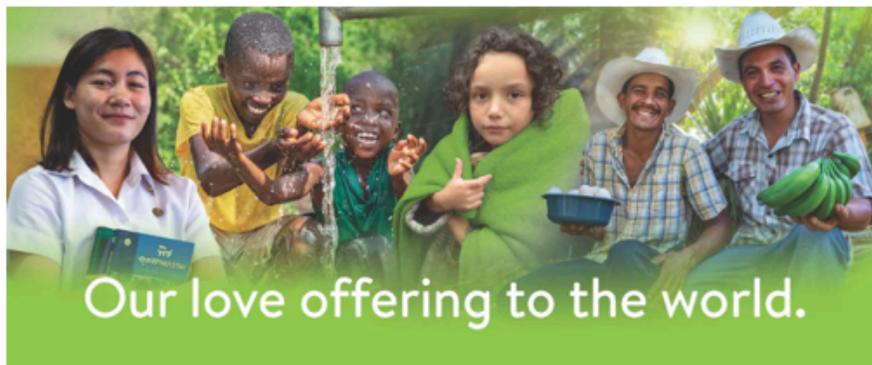
April 2 at 7:00 pm gather for a reading of "Following Jesus in the Shadows," a script written by Rev. Laura. This dramatic experience includes Holy Communion and storytelling from people who loved Jesus and were present at his crucifixion.



Easter

Easter comes early this year. On **Sunday, April 5**, come to the garden where you will see the empty cross. During our worship service, we will journey towards the resurrection made visible by placing flowers on the cross. This colorful transformation from emptiness to fullness symbolizes that Jesus Christ is risen today. The Nottingham Brass will join us as the whole

community sings the Alleluia Chorus together. An Easter egg hunt will follow for grades 3 and under.



One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten season offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries.

Watch this video to learn more - https://youtu.be/4_GIXO-kyOw

Once again, Brookside is making an initial donation, on behalf of the church as a whole, through our general Mission Ministry funds. However, given the continued tremendous needs around the world at this time, we encourage you to make a personal donation to OGHS through Brookside during the special collection period of February 8th – March 8th.

Please scan the QR code to donate through our website (brooksidecc.org/donate) Please note: **OGHS special collection**



One Great Hour of Sharing



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@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

Thursday February 19th
7:30 am Capital Campaign
Mtg., via Zoom

Sunday, February 22nd
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship,
Narthex

Tuesday, February 24th
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's Office
9:00 am No Green Bananas,
Granite State Lunchbox

Thursday February 26th
7:30 am Capital Campaign
Mtg., via Zoom

Sunday, March 1st
8:30 am Bible Study,
Manning House Dining
Room
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship,
Narthex

Tuesday, March 3rd
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's Office
11:45 am Gals on the Go,
Granite State Lunchbox

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