

BROOKSIDE

Congregational Church



The Brookside Bridge

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Minister's Message

Martin Luther King Sunday has always been important in our church. We worship God with songs of liberation and freedom. We sing "We Shall Overcome" with united voices. And we remember the song Dr. Rev. King chose for his funeral: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Come sing for peace, justice, and strength. Our youth will celebrate this holiday with an Art and Science project. Wear your name tags PLEASE.

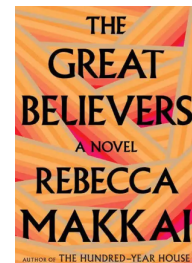
Sincerely,
Rev. Laura

Sunday, January 18

Christian Formation is asking for volunteers to help take down Christmas decorations after next Sunday's worship service. Please help if you can.

January Book Group - "The Great Believers"

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.



Women's Spirituality Group

The Women's Spirituality Group "Leap of Faith" will not be meeting in January due to the annual meeting. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 22, after worship in Rev. Laura's office.



Call to Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Brookside Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Manchester, New Hampshire will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026, at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. See link below.

This meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To receive and act upon the budget and the reports of its minister and officers.
2. To elect officers and ministry members for the forthcoming term.
3. To consider funding options for the replacement of two oil furnaces.
4. To discuss use of the cottage and playground for a childcare training program run by the International Institute of New England (IINE)
5. To consider and transact other business as it may legally come before the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith Tourigny
Clerk

Link for Zoom Meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83111844884?pwd=EBiyo6FFaBmtZfVbflitBQKhkkaUVq.1>

Meeting ID=831 1184 4884

Passcode=601217

2026 Pledge Campaign Update

Greetings, Brookside family & friends!

The current pledge total for the 2026 Campaign is \$100,231.00 with 43 pledges in. That means we are \$69,769.00 away from our goal of \$170,000.00. A great big thank you goes out to all those who have made a commitment to support Brookside, together we have reached 59% of our campaign goal. If you are considering making a financial contribution, **it isn't too late**, and your generosity sets the foundation for the upcoming budget, as pledges are the largest source of revenue for our church. It is very important that all pledges are in prior to the Annual Meeting, so we can present a realistic budget. Don't miss out on your opportunity to be part of this exciting 2026 Brookside Pledge Campaign! Send in your pledge form, contact the office, seek out one of the Stewardship ministry members or donate online.

THANK YOU!!!



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 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.**

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

Sunday, January 18th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship,
Narthex

Tuesday, January 20th
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's Office
6:00 pm COM Mtg., via Zoom

Thursday January 22nd
7:30 am Capital Campaign
Mtg., via Zoom

Sunday, January 25th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship,
Narthex

Tuesday, January 27th
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's Office
6:00 pm COM Mtg., via Zoom

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