

March 3, 2026

**BROOKSIDE**  
Congregational Church



# The Brookside Bridge

## *Keeping You Connected*

### **Daylight Savings Time**

Don't forget to set your clock ahead this Sunday at 2:00 am so you don't miss worship on Sunday!



### **Minister's Message**

The third Sunday of Lent falls on International Women's Day. Our scriptures, in both the Bible Study at 8:30 am, and the worship service at 10:00 am (remember the time change) focus on women who encounter Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem.

In our Bible Study, we will talk about the story of the woman who anoints Jesus with Spike Nard before the Last Supper. Come and learn more about the scent and properties of this Sacred Oil from Scripture.

Youth will begin in the sanctuary to learn about the Samaritan woman who meets Jesus at Jacob's Well. Then they will join Amber Nicole for a lesson about women scientists who change the world.

Our Lenten Journey is an opportunity to be with one another in this Wilderness time.

Sincerely,  
Rev Laura



## Lenten Bible Study

**March 8, 15, & 22 at 8:30 am** in the Manning House.

Our scripture passage for this week is Matthew 26:1-19. We will be talking about the story of the woman who anoints Jesus with Sijke Nard. Come learn more about the scent and properties.

Now, while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."



## Easter Plants

Donate an Easter plant to help us adorn the altar on Easter (April 20) with a profusion of lovely flowering plants – in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special person or event, or "just because." If you would like to donate a plant for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by **Wednesday, March 18**.

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ wish to

order \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Plant (s)

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_ **and/or:**

**in honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Plants:    *Quantity*  
Easter Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00 each  
Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 each  
Hyacinths \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Please donate my plants \_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plants

*Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Made payable to Brookside Congregational Church). Plants may be picked up after the 10 am service on Easter Sunday*

## Women's Union March Gathering

Women's Union will be meeting at Sis Dunn's home (43 S Mast Rd., Goffstown) on **Friday, March 13, beginning at 3:00**. We will be preparing vegetables for the Corned Beef Dinner (bring peelers and/or knives). Please RSVP to Sis Dunn (603-497-3800) to let her know if you can join us on Friday, March 13. We will enjoy fellowship, pizza & salad while we work.

## Musical Lenten Journey

Brookside's got talent and we want you to share it! Throughout Lent (February 22 – March 29), we will feature instrumentalists during Offertory each Sunday. If you play an instrument and would be willing to share your talent with us, please reach out to Heather Bridges so we can get you on the schedule. ([hjbridges@comcast.net](mailto:hjbridges@comcast.net))



### **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](mailto:admin@brooksidecc.org)

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### **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.

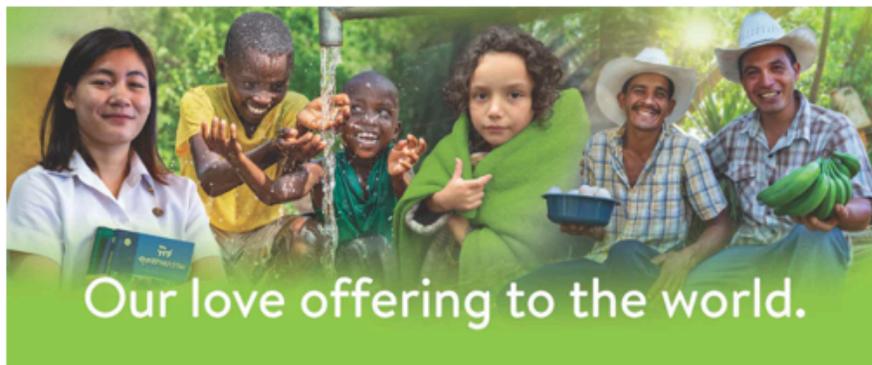
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### **Easter**

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.

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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](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 8<sup>th</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please scan the QR code to donate through our website ([brooksidecc.org/donate](http://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](mailto: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 March 5th  
7:30 am Capital Campaign  
Mtg., via Zoom

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

Tuesday, March 10th  
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.  
Laura's Office  
9:00 am No Green Bananas,  
Granite State Lunchbox

Thursday March 12th  
7:30 am Capital Campaign  
Mtg., via Zoom

Friday, March 13th  
3:00 pm Women's Union  
Meeting, Sis Dunn's Home

Saturday, March 14th  
4:00 pm Corned Beef Boiled  
Dinner, Manning House

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