

November 21, 2023

BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Invitation

This Sunday is all about letting go, relaxing, and enjoying each other's company. Come worship God in music, prayer, and word. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

See you on Sunday!
Rev. Laura

Thomas Cleary Memorial Service

Services for Thomas will be held on **Monday, November 27** at 10:30 am in the sanctuary. Click [here](#) for his obituary.

BROOKSIDE HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Donate Lights in Honor or Memory of Someone
Walk in the Lights this Holiday Season
Makes a Great Holiday Gift

2013 Elm St, Manchester

www.brooksideholidaylights.com



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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084CA4AF2DA7FB6-46160345-brookside>



Christmas Poinsettias

The Sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias for Worship on December 10, 17, and Christmas Eve. To donate a poinsettia, please submit your completed order form to the church office by **Friday, December 1**. The cost is \$15.00 per plant.

I/We _____

wish _____

to donate _____ poinsettia(s)
in memory/honor of:

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (made payable to Brookside Congregational Church).

_____ I will pick up my plant on Christmas Eve.

_____ Please donate my plant to the homebound.

(Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service)



**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.



A Very Special Christmas Outreach Effort is about to begin -

Mission Outreach is coordinating our **Brookside Congregational Church Christmas Food Drive** with all proceeds going to the NH Food Bank. Food insecurity is noted as a #1 critical concern by our community partners.

Our Christmas Food Drive will begin on the Sunday following Thanksgiving, November 26th and continue throughout Advent to Epiphany, January 6th. We will incorporate this focused effort into multiple of the Christmas activities at Brookside, including our Holiday Lights, Sunday services, Thrift Shop, and more! **All of us and our friends, young and older, near or far, can participate in these activities and this outreach effort.**

For those who live locally - Specially marked Christmas Food Drive boxes will be located in multiple locations within Brookside. Please bring non-perishable, non-glass containers of fruit, vegetables, or protein (such as tuna, peanut butter) with you on every Brookside visit! Some of the most urgently needed items are noted in the [NHFB Most Needed Items 2023.pdf](#)

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 ONLINE button on our website (www.brooksidecc.org/donate). Please note "Christmas Food Drive" when donating.

As we celebrate this special Christmas season in this way, we can touch many lives, and provide much needed food, to many individuals and 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.

Please reach out to the Brookside Church office or any of the Mission Outreach members if you have questions. The current Mission Outreach members are Jean Dickson, Denise Forest, Dottie Richards or Cindy Migliori



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.



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 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 - 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.**

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

Saturday, December 2nd
11:30 am Women's Union
Gathering, Manning House

Sunday, December 3rd
8:45 am Brookside Singers
Rehearsal, Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Junior Jammers,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Reception for Rev.
Laura, Manning House

Tuesday, December 5th
8:00 am Team Meeting, via Zoom
11:45 am Gals on the Go, Granite
State Lunchbox
6:00 pm Christian Formation, via
Zoom

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