

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**Notes:** *Vicky will be out on Monday, Nov. 30.*  
*Nicole will be out on Fri., Dec. 4 and Mon., Dec. 7.*

Sun., Nov. 29	9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship – First Sunday of Advent (Dedicate New Advent Stand; Celebrate Fran's 35 Years of Ordained Ministry)
	11:15 am	Church Tour – Meet by Coke Machine in Fellowship Hall
	11:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Mon., Nov. 30	- - -	<i>Vicky Is Out Today</i>
	7:00 pm	Monday Matters, at Temple Adath Yeshurun
Tues., Dec. 1	9:00 am	<i>No Green Bananas</i> Men's Group, Blake's Restaurant
	6:30 pm	Christian Formation Ministry, Lounge
Wed., Dec. 2	Noon-4 pm	Thrift Shop
	Time TBA	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Manchester Choral Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Thurs., Dec. 3	9 am-1 pm	Thrift Shop
	10-11:30 am	Parish Nurse, Room D
	6:30/7:00 pm	Interfaith Women NH at Unitarian Universalist Church
Fri., Dec. 4	- - -	<i>Nicole Is Out Today</i>
	- - -	<i>Pastor Dawn's Day Off</i>
Sat., Dec. 5	9 am-1 pm	Thrift Shop
	7:00 pm	Manchester Choral Society Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
Sun., Dec. 6	9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship – Second Sunday of Advent (Communion; <i>Loaves &amp; Fishes</i> )
	11:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	11:30 am	Potluck Reception for Pastor Dawn, Fellowship Hall

**INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NH** will hold its next meeting this **Thursday, December 3**, 7 pm (registration starts at 6:30) at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 669 Union Street, Manchester. Various traditions of the season will be presented, along with a holiday sing-along. Following the program will be a time for refreshments and conversation. RSVP to [interfaithwomennh@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwomennh@gmail.com) or call **623-7461**.

**HEIFER FARM HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** and living gift market will take place in Rutland, MA from 10 am to 4 pm the weekends of **December 5-6 and 12-13**. For more information, visit [www.heifer.org/farm](http://www.heifer.org/farm).

**November 29 Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36**  
**Pastor Dawn Berry preaching: "Room for Hope"**



First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2015

Welcome to our service of worship this morning. Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall after worship to enjoy fellowship and coffee, hosted by the Officers and At-Large Members.

The flowers this morning are given in celebration of Fran's 35 years of ordained ministry.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. If you desire child care, it is available for infants and pre-school children from 9:45 am until the end of worship. Ask an usher for directions to the nursery/crib room.

Please wear your name tag to help us all connect names and faces. Hearing devices and large print bulletins for today's service are available; please ask an usher for assistance.

Handicapped access into the church is via the ramp near the night/weekend entrance. All levels of the facility are accessible by means of an elevator, and there is a rest room available in the Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary). Please speak with one of the staff if you need to use the elevator to reach another level of the building.

Doorperson: *Steve Morehouse*   *Acolyte: Isabelle Whitehead*  
Deacons of the Week: *George Abbott, Gary Trahan*  
Ushers: *Bob & Donna Howard, David Gates, David Migliori*  
Reader: *Loretta Brady*   *Nursery: Sandy Mun*

Total attendance on Sunday, November 22 was 131.

Check out Brookside's website, [www.brooksidecc.org](http://www.brooksidecc.org).

The bulletin insert is posted on the website weekly, so you can check on Friday morning for the upcoming Sunday's information – just click on the link appearing under the Worship or News & Events dropdown menus.



**CHURCH TOUR TODAY** Meet *Bill Hoysradt* by the Coke machine in Fellowship Hall around 11:15, and he will share tidbits about Brookside that you never knew!

**MONDAY MATTERS** will next meet at Temple Adath Yeshurun from 7 to 8:30 pm on **Monday, November 30**. We will be discussing the General Synod Resolution on “A Call for the United Church of Christ to Take Actions Toward a Just Peace in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.” This will be the last session of Monday Matters.

**CELEBRATE PASTOR DAWN’S TIME WITH US** Next **Sunday, December 6**, join with Brookside members, friends, neighbors, and supporters as we come together to joyfully celebrate Pastor Dawn Berry’s seven years of ministry at Brookside and to wish her well as she steps into retirement. Worship begins at 10 am and a potluck reception will be held in Fellowship Hall starting at 11:30.

**THE NEXT WOMEN’S UNION MEETING** will take place on **Saturday, December 12** from 11 am to 2:30 pm in the Manning House. We will be wrapping Christmas gifts for Liberty House, so please bring a new sweatshirt and/or socks, any size, for men or women. These will be wrapped and presented to the residents. If you have any questions, call meeting chair *Carole Whitcher* at **497-8197**.

**OPEN FLOWER DATES:** **December 13** and **January 31** are available; please call *Anne Lachance* at **370-1770** if you would like to provide flowers in memory or honor of a loved one on either date.

**EASING INTO THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS**

1. We will continue to make ornaments for our Christmas tree on **Sundays, November 29 & December 6**. There will be a table set up at Fellowship Hour so that you can help us adorn the tree with stars, manglers, and stables. Please join us!
2. **Sunday, December 13** will be the day that we decorate the tree during worship, and we will also be treated to a special Cantata to get us in the spirit.
3. **Saturday, December 19** is a big day at Brookside: save the date! Our 6th annual Christmas concert “Tidings of Comfort and Joy” will begin at 3:00 pm\*, followed by a Living Nativity at 5:00. Cocoa and cookies will be available in between the two events. Concert admission is free, but we ask concert-goers to bring non-perishable food donations for New Horizons and suggest a \$5 donation to support Brookside’s music ministry.  
\* Come at 2:15 to enjoy 1/2 hour of seasonal music played by Heath Auger on the carillon (dress warmly).
4. **Christmas Eve, December 24** (Thursday)  
4:30 pm, Children’s Service featuring pageant, “Making Room for Christmas”  
7:00 pm, Traditional Candlelight Service

**TODAY’S CHURCH SCHOOL ROUTINE** During the second hymn, shepherds will meet children in the hall outside the Sanctuary and escort them to the multi-age workshop.

**SCHEDULE FOR “GIVING & RECEIVING HOSPITALITY” UNIT**

Age Group	Pre-K/K/Gr. 1	Gr. 2 & 3	Gr. 4, 5, 6, 7
Location	Room E	Room C	Upstairs Lounge
Nov. 29	Multi-age Workshop (making decorations for tree)		
Dec. 6	Video	Storytelling	Games

Teachers are:

Games	Mickie Mokos
Storytelling	Bob Boisvert
Video	Kurt Strandson

**PLEASE FILL OUT A PLEDGE CERTIFICATE** for 2016 if you have not already done so, and help ensure that Brookside Church is able to continue its work in the year ahead.

**PARISH NURSE PROGRAM** - every **Thursday** in Room D, 10:00 to 11:30 am. Stop by for free nurse consultation, blood pressure checks, health information, and more.

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***Poinsettia Donations – Order Early! Deadline Is December 7***

The Sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias beginning December 20. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **Monday, December 7**. The cost is \$13 each. Plants may be taken home after the Christmas Eve candlelight service.

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ *wish to donate*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Poinsettias in memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

*Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (made payable to Brookside Cong. Church)*

