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The Newsletter of the Kearsarge
Community Presbyterian Church



Listen

Emily Dickinson listened deeply. Consider this poem of hers from the late 1900s:

"Hope" is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without words -
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm -

I've heard it in the chillest land -
And on the strangest sea -
Yet - never - in extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.

In these days of so many urgent concerns, it can be difficult to listen to what is being said. It can be even more difficult to hear the "tune without words".

When we join our hearts in prayer... when we coordinate our hands and feet in service... when we engage in the Mission Study process... may we listen deeply. May we be mindful of the "tune without words" that inspires us, sustains us and calls us to be a congregation.

Taking deep breaths... pausing... listening.

Jesus taught with words and with deeds that GOD's Love calls to each generation. "Do not be afraid," Jesus repeatedly advises disciples. "Do not be afraid... Love one another as I have loved you."

May we listen. May we follow. May we "never stop at all" -- in listening.

In Christ,

Kurt



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From the KCPC Library...

Two new books are being added to the library this month:

The first one is titled, "The Linen Cloths...Jesus Left Behind". It is written by Dr. Michael L. Dourson. Our Bible tells us that Jesus lived and was crucified.

However, what about the resurrection evidence? We have two artifacts: The Shroud of Turin and the Sudarium of Oviedo. Carbon dating puts the age of The Shroud of Turin at approximately 1,000 years. Other findings show it to be much older. What is the truth? And can the truth tell us anything about the Resurrection? The author makes the case that The Shroud of Turin is not only real, it holds the key to the greatest mystery of the Christian religion. An interesting read, especially appropriate for the season.

The second book is for children. It is titled, "Bare Tree and Little Wind" by Mitali Perkins. Since we are entering the time of Palm Sunday and Easter, this book tells how Little Wind and the trees can't wait for the Real King to visit. But when Little Wind sees The King he finds that The King doesn't look like he expected. Bare Tree shows him that strength is found in sacrifice and that new life can present itself when all hope seems lost. What a beautiful little book to read to your grandchildren when they visit for Easter! It is a book for young readers and older children alike!



KCPC Yard Sale

Bring your donations: Sunday May 22nd

Set-Up Week: May 23rd – 27th

YARD SALE: Saturday May 28th 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please plan to donate both your attic treasures and your time. Volunteers will be needed to help receive, sort, and tag thousands of donations during the week before the sale. Lunch will be served for those working during Set-Up Week.



Now is the time for spring cleaning and renewal; donate your furniture, tables, rugs, jewelry, tools, lamps, flat-screen TVs, working electronics, fine china, glassware, gently used children's clothing, toys, gas grills, wicker furniture, yard + gardening equipment, bicycles, and other sporting goods. Clear the decks for a good cause! Run and tell your neighbors!

Furniture donations will be accepted starting April 16th. Furniture must be clean and in good condition. The KCPC truck fleet can pick up your donations from your first floor or garage and move it to our storage container. Schedule pick-up of large items before April 16th by calling Lorelle Foulds (cell) 203-952-6687, or email Maria at officem@tds.net.



FEED THE FREEZER

Happy Spring! Feed the Freezer has had a steady supply of cooks in the kitchen since the New Year, and our total number of containers of food produced stands at around 300. One of our volunteer cooks even committed to 3 cooking sessions in honor of her 30th birthday, rounding up friends and family for what looked like a big party in the kitchen! What a fun and creative idea! We have some new “stuff” too - the New London Food Pantry at First Baptist Church generously shared some of their abundance with us, so we have a few starter ingredients in our pantry that are available for use - take a look! Maria is also ordering up some new soup containers for us so that we can package soups or chilis in a way that is safer than a shallow bowl. It's always wonderful to have enthusiastic cooks in the kitchen, so if you'd like to get involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We'd love to welcome new folks to the team! If you're not interested in cooking, but would like to be a meal courier, it would be wonderful to have a volunteer to bring the meals to the Newport Food Pantry on Monday mornings. Our minds and hearts are very much with the Ukrainian people right now as we hear and see news of their suffering, leaving so much behind while they flee for their survival. At Feed the Freezer, our meal recipients may not always be in such incredibly dire circumstances, but their needs are still significant. With this in mind, here is a recipe for a hearty Ukrainian Red Borscht Soup (adapted from Allrecipes.com) which you might consider making for Feed the Freezer. In loving our neighbors, we can extend a hand and a heart to all those in great plight in our world.

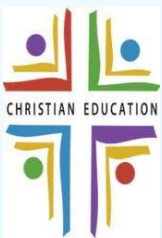
Ukrainian Red Borscht Soup

Servings: 30



Ingredients

- 3 (16 ounce) package pork sausage
 - 9 medium beets, peeled and shredded
 - 9 carrots, peeled and shredded
 - 9 medium baking potatoes, peeled and cubed
 - 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 3 medium onion, chopped
 - 3 (6 ounce) cans tomato paste
 - 2-1/4 cup water
 - 1-1/2 medium head cabbage, cored and shredded
 - 3 (8 ounce) can diced tomatoes, drained
 - 9 cloves garlic, minced ● salt and pepper to taste
 - chopped fresh parsley for garnish
- Directions**
- Crumble the sausage into a skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir until no longer pink. Remove from the heat and set aside.
 - Fill a large pot halfway with water (about 2 quarts), and bring to a boil. Add the sausage, and cover the pot. Return to a boil. Add the beets, and cook until they have lost their color. Add the carrots and potatoes, and cook until tender, about 15 minutes. Add the cabbage, and the diced tomatoes.
 - Heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the onion, and cook until tender. Stir in the tomato paste and water until well blended. Transfer to the pot. Add the raw garlic to the soup, cover and turn off the heat. Let stand for 5 minutes. Taste, and season with salt, pepper and garnish with fresh parsley.



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Kids – We need you on Palm Sunday to hand out the palms. Let me know if you can help.

Easter Sunday – bring an egg day...be on the lookout for a note home about this activity.

Adults (big kids) –

Faith Book Group returns for the spring. Our April read is The Stranger in the Lifeboat, by Mitch Albom. Please let me know if you'd like to join us.

TOD – I've been asked when TOD (Theology on Draft) was going to return. That is an interesting question. Please let me know if you're ready to resume this spring, or you'd rather wait until autumn.

Small Groups meets each Monday, 11:30 – 12:30ish.
All welcome anytime.



~ Reflections ~

April 2022

“Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the son of the living God.”

– Matthew 16:15-16

Recently I finished reading a very thoughtful and compelling book, by Mitch Albom. This gifted author also wrote the best seller *“Tuesdays with Morrie,”* which I’m sure many of you have heard about. However, this is a story of a different nature –about meeting a stranger. It kept me focused on just who was this stranger. The book, entitled *Stranger in a Lifeboat*, is a must read!

Ten persons, adrift in a lifeboat, come across the stranger. After pulling him aboard, one of the survivors uttered, “Thank the Lord we found you.” “I am the Lord,” the man whispers. From there, the story is set in motion. My first thoughts were that it was our Lord, but as he said nothing most of the time, nor did he ever give his name or quote scripture when asked questions, I couldn’t be sure.

My own thoughts sought answers to his words, when he did speak to questions asked by the others, especially relating to events that occurred. In the end, we are left to the answers and to wonder, who was this stranger.? The ending will surprise!

This story nudged at my own faith and my understanding of what I had read – was it indeed the Lord or an actor? Did I believe in the story and the various personalities portrayed in that lifeboat? After reflection on the story and as the weeks went by, I found I did trust in my own faith and power of my beliefs: to trust ultimately in our Risen Lord.

Hold true to your faith, dear friends and when you need his love, He will be there for you.

Easter Hugs,
Elaine

p.s. I’d be happy to lend this book. – E.

*April showers hang around
To see if they can drown the ground.
Resourcefully, the garden copes
By raising yellow periscopes
- D.A.W., Yankee Magazine*



*Love is friendship
set to music.
– Joseph Campbell,
American Professor*



*Why does everybody sing
“Take me out to the ball game”
when they’re already there?
James Powers,
Woodbury, Minnesota*



*Discovering the truth
about ourselves is a
lifetime’s work, but
worth the effort.
- Mr. Rogers*





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Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church

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<p>3</p> <p>Worship 10:00</p> <p>5th Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Small Groups 11:30</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Kearsarge Comm. Band Practice 7:00</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Line Dancing 10:00</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:15</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Gospel Mark 9:00</p>	8	9
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KCPC Office Hours

Maria is in the office every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. It is always best to call (526-4800) prior to stopping by the church office during the week or email Maria at officem@tds.net. A facemask is required when visiting the office for all vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

What are we up to? Well, a *whole* lot more than baking cookies!

Under the leadership of co-moderators Kathi Kelly and Roberta Hollinger, a group of circle leaders, aka Leadership Team, have been meeting regularly for future planning. The additional team members are Sara Scheuch, Kris Walters, Anne Holmes, Barbara Cooper, Paula Schoonmaker and Lorelle Foulds with support from Nancy Brause. We have embraced this time of transition, during these pandemic years, to determine who PW is, who we want to be, and where we are led to best serve. Sound familiar? We'll fill you in and ask your input soon. There will be a meeting of all the women this spring.

All women are considered KCPC Presbyterian Women. If you'd like to be on our mailing list, just email us at kcpcpw@gmail.com, or just grab one of us.



April Birthdays!

- 4/3 Peter Hager
- 4/3 Cara Wolf
- 4/4 Sara Scheuch
- 4/5 John Walters
- 4/7 Mary Gutsell
- 4/8 Courtney Lauster
- 4/14 Verne Datthyn
- 4/15 Jennifer Nurme
- 4/17 Jen Schad
- 4/22 Don Schad
- 4/22 Joanne Miller
- 4/23 Finn Ericson
- 4/24 Nancy Walters
- 4/26 Debbie Seyfried
- 4/28 Enid Chandler
- 4/28 Karen Eylander
- 4/29 Josephine Brigham
- 4/30 Eric Scheuch





PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

*Partners for Missions in Christ
Common Prayer List*

Prayers this month are for:

April 3rd

One Great Hour of Sharing

April 10th

Holy Week

April 17th

Leadership Commission and
Committees of the Presbytery

April 24th

Litchfield Presbyterian - A Community Church
Litchfield, NH

Rob Heinze, CRE



KCPC Weekly Emails

For the foreseeable future, KCPC will continue to utilize MailChimp to send a weekly email to our members and friends. It will provide timely news, worship announcements, and other in-person meeting specifics.

If you are not on our email list, you can sign-up on the homepage of our website (www.kcpcnlh.com, scroll down until you see "Want to Receive our Weekly Email?" about half way on the left side), call the church office at 603-526-4800 or email Maria at officem@tds.net.

If you have signed up and don't receive our weekly email (normally sent on Friday afternoons), check your junk folder and move it to your inbox. This will assist your email program to "learn" that MailChimp emails from KCPC are worth reading! Gmail users should check their "Promotions" Tab at the top of the Gmail web page. If you don't use email, and would like a hard copy sent, we will arrange to do so. Please contact the church office.

KCPC Mission: *Feeding Our Neighbors*



You are invited to join with others in our KCPC mission to support the local food pantries. If we act together in this, it will make KCPC's support for the food pantries impactful and significant. It has been a hard winter for many families in the area, and you can help. Consider picking up 2-3 items each time you shop for groceries.

A huge 'Thank You!' to everyone who was able to donate this past month. All three pantries greatly appreciate KCPC's efforts. To help support these food pantries, the KCPC grocery cart will be at the church door every Sunday. When many KCPC members make a few donations a few times each month, we have a significant effect.

TEAR OUT SHOPPING LIST:

The pantries need any of the following: canned meats including: Spam, chicken, or tuna; pasta sauces; canned vegetables; beans; hearty canned soups; Chef Boyardee cans; boxed mashed potatoes; small bags of rice; Skillet Meals; Rice-A-Roni; jelly; medium boxes of cereal; peanut butter; canned vegetable drinks; boxed UHT milk; juice drinks (including 2 qt bottles); tea bags; cooking oil; spices; cake mixes; small ground coffee.

Importantly, please check the "**Best By**" date on your donations. The food pantries must follow local and NH Food Bank regulations, so they cannot use food past either the "Best By" or expiration dates.

KCPC Guidelines for Worship and In-Person Gatherings

can be found at www.kcpcnlh.com/re-opening-at-kcpc.html

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The Kearsarge Community Presbyterian
Church is a community of Christians striv-
ing to do God's work on earth. We pro-
claim that the life and teaching of Jesus
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