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The Newsletter of the Kearsarge
Community Presbyterian Church



Beloved Community,
Is it awe? Wonder? Mischief?
All-the-above?

There is something about babies..
something irresistible
about new life that stirs emotions:
Hope? Fear? Mischief? Delight?

Whether it be a fresh-baby-smell...
the sight of the first crocus...
the feel of fresh air...

May we live into the invitation
to fall in love again and again.
GOD is in that love. Jesus shows us.
The Spirit nudges... no matter what.

With gratitude in Christ, Kurt



~ FEED THE FREEZER ~

A DAY FOR DAVE

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th
10AM - 1PM

Please join us in Foulkes Hall and the KCPC kitchen for an informal gathering to honor and celebrate our friend and founder of Feed the Freezer, Dave Barden, who passed away in December. We will be making a batch of Dave and Fay's famous healthy ziti to send to the Newport Food Pantry to feed our neighbors in need. If you'd like to help in the kitchen, or simply come to chat, enjoy some refreshments and be with others who loved and appreciated Dave, please come! (It's also a great opportunity to see how Feed the Freezer works, if you are curious about getting involved!) We hope that Fay will be with us, as well as their son Jeff, so we would love to see many of you there to reconnect, share hugs and stories.

Please let us know if you plan to come by emailing Ruth at: jetsetruth@gmail.com. Thanks!

- Anne Holmes and Ruth Storey

~ Reflections ~

*Keep your face always toward the sunshine,
and shadows will fall behind you.*
- Walt Whitman



As I opened the sliding door to step out onto our deck, I was delighted to feel the soft coolness of the spring air. It surprised me, but that is how the seasons happen – suddenly and with the promise of many surprises and gifts that the new season holds.

This year, spring brings us the gift of an eclipse to view. Although the moon won't completely cover the sun in our area, it will be a joy to witness the changes that take place around us. And for those who wish to see totality, how fortunate that they will not have to travel great distances to experience this gift from God.

Amid the softness in the spring air, there is the forgiveness of the Easter season, just passed. As you view the cross, do you have in mind an empty cross, or do you see it bearing our Lord? I am happy to see an empty cross, knowing I am forgiven now and always.

Dear friends, take a few moments, go outside and breathe in the fresh, new air. Enjoy the feeling of peace and the newness of life. Let the April breeze rustle your hair and clear your soul. Face the sun and as the poet said, “- - - shadows will fall behind you.” Rejoice in your new life and the warm sun upon your face. It's Spring Time!

Warm spring hugs,
Elaine

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL...

KCPC April Calendar of Events:

Sunday Worship @ 10 AM In Person & Online

April 7th Worship Leader Roberta Hollinger & Congregational Meeting
April 14th Guest Preacher Rev. Rachelle Eaton
April 21st Communion Worship with Guest Preacher Rev. Skye Murray
April 28th Guest Preacher Rev. Scott DeBlock

Every Monday

Small Group 10:30 AM

Tuesday, April 2nd

Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM
Theology on Draft 6:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bells 6:00 PM
Choir 7:00 PM

Every Thursday

Gospel O'Mark 9:00 AM

Thursday, April 4th

Deacons 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 14th

PW Hosted Soup & Salad Lunch After Service

Thursday, April 18th

Session

Saturday, April 20th

Feed The Freezer ~ A Day for Dave 10 am - 1 pm

APRIL Birthdays

4/3 Peter Hager
Cara Wolf
4/4 Sara Scheuch
4/5 John Walters
4/7 Mary Gutsell
4/15 Jennifer Nurme
4/17 Jen Schad
4/22 Don Schad
4/23 Finn Ericson
4/26 Debbie Seyfried
4/28 Karen Eylander
4/29 Josephine Brigham
4/30 Eric Scheuch





Live and Learn

Roberta Hollinger



In the Presbyterian Planning calendar on my desk, I see April 22nd is Earth Day, a day to remember to care for our planet. Every year Jeff and I have walked our road collecting trash as the warmer weather kicks off. I'm always amazed at how much debris we collect in one day, only to be repeated throughout the summer and fall months. It leads me to the question: What would Jesus recycle? In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus tells the disciples not to worry about any issue. My thought is, don't worry about it – *do* something about it. While Jesus did not say anything directly about environmental stewardship we do need to become more aware of environmental justice issues. "What would Jesus do?" Would Jesus throw out his aluminum cans, or walk the extra mile (Matthew 5:41) to recycle them? Would Jesus waste energy by leaving on lights and computers, or would he conserve every iota of God's creation? God uses us and our hands to enact justice. So, how can you and your family use your hands for earth day? You can walk your road and pick up trash, start a compost bin, visit a National Park, find an Earth Day Festival, or up your own recycle game. Check out <https://www.earthday.org/> for more ideas and information.



Get Ready, Mark your Calendar!

Bring your donations:

Sunday May 19, 2024

Set-Up Week: May 20th – 24th

YARD SALE:

Saturday May 25th 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 unused furniture, tables, rugs, jewelry, tools, flat-screen TVs, working electronics, fine china, glassware, gently used children or adult clothing, toys, gas grills, outdoor 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 Friday, May 10th. 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. To schedule pick-up of large items, or if you have questions, call Lorelle Foulds (cell) 203-952-6687, or email Maria at officem@tds.net.



Please join us at a Presbyterian Women Soup & Salad Lunch on April 14th

**Immediately after church enjoy
a delicious lunch with fun fellowship.**

**Proceeds from day-of donations
will go towards the
Peg Chatellier Scholarship fund.**

**If you can cook/bake/create a salad,
soup or dessert please let Anne Holmes or
Kathi Kelly know at:**

Anne Holmes
603-491-5299
abrennerholmes@gmail.com

Kathi Kelley
603-454-44
kathi.kelly2324@gmail.com



**The Soup and Salad lunch is a treasured
tradition at KCPC. We look forward to
seeing you there!**

Attention KCPC Bakers

Get ready! Your wonderful pies, cakes, cookies & snack bags are enormously popular at the yard sale, May 25th. I'll be reaching out in a few weeks to gather names. If you don't use email just let me know when you see me in church!

With hugs, Kathi Kelly



CHURCH OFFICERS

Session

Jane Barban '24
 Gary Rothe '24
 Paul Sahler '24
 John Walters '24
 Annie Beck '25
 Lorelle Foulds '25
 Jeff Hollinger '25
 Paula Schoonmaker '25
 Russ Doughty '26
 Bruce Herd '26
 Paul Seyfried '26
 Ruth Storey '26

Deacons

Betty Stockwell '24
 Barry Bradford '24
 Rick Marsh '24
 Jan Sahler '24
 Barbara Cooper '25
 Anne Holmes '25
 Kris Walters '25
 Donna Young '25
 Susan Bradford '26
 Jerry Cooper '26
 Wanda Doughty '26
 Nancy Marsh '26

Barbara Rothe

~ Clerk of Session

Anne Holmes

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John Walters

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PETROS PUBLICATION

Deadline for the May issue of the newsletter is: Sunday, April 21st.

A Special Thank You Goes To: Our "Angels" who help us prepare the Petros newsletter for mailing each month.

One way to send info to us: officem@tds.net

Or: You may submit a typewritten copy of your article. The above may be left in the church office mailbox.

Statement of Purpose:

The Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church is a community of Christians striving to do God's work on earth. We proclaim that the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, give us direction and purpose as a people of faith.

12 TYPES OF SINGLE ARC RAINBOWS



If KCPC were a rainbow... what type of rainbow would KCPC be?

Online Giving now at KCPC!

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce that KCPC now has an online giving platform. Click on this QR code to direct your pledge payment, monetary gift in the general offering plate, or specific donation to things like WishList NH, planned gifts, staff Christmas presents or a gift in memory of a loved one.

You will receive an immediate email acknowledgement of your gift and an end--of-the-year acknowledgement of your tax-deductible donations from the church.



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