



PETROS

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The Newsletter of the Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church

Dear friends,

It was just a year ago this weekend that I made the journey from Maine to moderate the congregational meeting to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Since then I was able to worship, preach, moderate and train your leaders. Your leaders taught me everything I know about your congregation, history and hopes. Therefore, I'll use them as my lens to report on the health of the congregation.

From the Deacon lens: Although I've worked the deacons the least, the reason is clear: this is a dedicated group of individuals who understand their specific ministry and pursue it with confidence and joy. The Book of Order charges deacon to teach charity, urge concern, and direct the people's help to the friendless and those in need. It takes a strong faith and an even stronger heart to be a deacon. But, as I listened as each deacon shared their engagement with their flocks, I understood this congregation is blessed with deacons who "watch over their flocks" and attend to the needs they see.

From the Session lens: I've spent most of my time with your elders. I've learned the unique gifts each brings to their shared work of guiding the congregation. This year your session faced difficult decisions with measured emotions and abundant wisdom. They listened to one another and leaned in to receive the Spirit's guidance. Their decisions were never quick and always well considered. I've come to trust them completely and am able to simply moderate; I do not micro-manage their work or provide "the answers" or push for any outcome. Because they freely share their thoughts, listen to one another, and ponder together, your session guides with energy, imagination and love. It is a privilege to work with your elders.

Give thanks and praise!

Peace, Kay Huggins

~ Reflections ~

Paula Schoonmaker

Gratitude

I am sitting here in the partial dark of my living room, looking at a deadline for next month's Petros article and I had no idea of what to write about. As I looked out the window, I see that it is snowing even though we are about two weeks away from Easter!! You know what they say: Don't like the weather here in New England, just wait five minutes. And you know what? For that, I am grateful. I find that I am grateful for the many things in my life that remind me of just how blessed I am, including our wonky weather.

I am grateful that life is never boring. Even though you may find yourself in an extended "season of winter", spring always comes. I am also grateful that music fills my heart and soul to remind me of love, gentleness and hope. While I am a fervent listener of KLove radio, our beautiful church filled with beautiful music on a Sunday morning is my absolute favorite time of the week. Are you like me? Does your heart fill with emotion when the choir and bell choir lift our worship, and fill even more when you get to sing one of your favorite hymns? I would be remiss not to mention the many soloists and instrumentalists that so freely share their gifts with us. We are so blessed.

How about the many truly wonderful sermons we've been blessed with in the past months? My gratitude to the guest preachers and to our KCPC friends who arrange for these messages is insurmountable! Lastly, the warmth and hospitality of our KCPC family buoy me every week, and even though I am not able to be as active during the week as I would like (pesky teaching job!), I am still grateful for the inclusion and love from my friends.

So, feel grateful for all of your blessings this week. I bet that you can name two or three even while you read this rambling message. So, take a moment and let people know you think about and care about them. No time like the present!





KCPC Yard Sale May 24, 2025 Get Ready, Mark your Calendar!

**33rd Annual YARD SALE: Saturday, May 24th
8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Bring your donations: Sunday May 18, 2025
Set-Up Week: May 19 – 23**

Mark your calendar: *Saturday May 24, 2025* for the 33rd KCPC Yard Sale, and plan to volunteer during Set-Up Week.

Now is the time to label a box for things you want to donate to the KCPC Yard Sale. Clean out your closets and save your best items for donation. We will need gently used kid's and adult clothing, rugs, jewelry, tools, working electronics, fine china, glassware, mirrors, toys, patio furniture, yard + garden equipment, bicycles and other sporting goods. Email Maria at officem@tds.net, or call Lorelle Foulds (cell) at 203-952-6687 to discuss furniture donations.

We can be proud of bringing our community into our church for 33 years. Please plan to donate both your attic treasures and your time.

Interested in Participating in Sunday Worship?

We love seeing new faces
“up front” on Sunday mornings.
Would you like to be part of
worship as a reader or lay leader?



Liturgist or welcoming worshippers or making
the announcements? If so and for information,
please contact Lorelle at 203-952-6687 or by
email at lvfouldes@gmail.com

We Need You!

Would you like to meet
and greet fellow KCPC
members and visiting
guests as they enter the
Sanctuary? If so, please
sign up on the board in
Foulkes Hall.

Let's Celebrate April Birthdays!

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| April 3 | Peter Hager |
| April 4 | Sara Scheuch |
| April 5 | John Walters |
| April 7 | Mary Gutsell |
| April 15 | Jennifer Nurme |
| April 24 | Nancy Walters |
| April 26 | Debbie Seyfried |
| April 28 | Karen Eylander |
| April 30 | Eric Scheuch |



Please Support KCPC Mission: Food Pantry Donations

Please bring one or two food items to church for our local food pantries. Donations are collected every Sunday.

The local food pantries need: canned meats including 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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

PETROS is now Online!

The monthly Petros newsletter is now available online! The Petros will be posted at the beginning of each month on the KCPC website www.kcpcnlh.com



If you'd like a printed copy mailed to you, please let Maria know by calling the KCPC Office at: 603-526-4800 or by email at: officem@tds.net

Printed copies will also be available in the office and on the table in the narthex.

We hope you enjoy receiving and reading the Petros online.

Please join us at
Men's Breakfast
 Tuesday,
 May 6th
 at 7:30

Serving great
 food & fellowship.

Gospel of Mark
 Thursdays
 9:00 a.m.
 at KCPC

Easter Chancel Flowers



If you would like to place an Easter plant in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please complete the form below and return it to the Church Office no later than **Tuesday, April 15th** (Easter is on April 20th). There are two prices for the plants this year:

- Easter Lilies: \$20.00**
- Tulips and daffodils: \$15.00**

Checks may be made payable to: KCPC with Easter Flowers in the memo line.

Donated by: _____

Number of plants: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of/or Celebration of: _____

KCPC April Calendar of Events:

- Sunday Worship @ 10 AM In Person & Online**
- April 6th Guest Preacher Rev. Kay Huggins
Annual Meeting of the Congregation
 - April 13th Leading Service Bill Stockwell
~ Palm Sunday
 - April 20th Guest Preacher Rob Heinze
~ Easter Sunday
 - April 27th Guest Preacher Rev. Skye Murray

Every Monday
 Small Group 10:30 AM

Every Wednesday
 Bells 5:00 PM
 Choir 7:15 PM

Every Thursday
 Gospel O'Mark 9:00 AM

Tuesday, April 8th
 TOD 6:30 PM



Live and Learn

by Roberta Hollinger

A funny thing happened on the way to the Children's Moment...last week...when I forgot the Lord's Prayer. Oh. No. The children were repeating after me, swimmingly well, phrase by phrase, in easy to recall chunks until I drew a complete and total blank at the end of "on earth as it is in heaven." Nothing. I couldn't remember what came next. Thank goodness for the saintly gallery in front of me, throwing me the lifeline of the next verse and the next all the way to the end of the prayer. Thank you.



Yes, it was a bit humiliating, I mean, come on. It's the Lord's Prayer that I've been saying since I was four. As I was trying to figure out how I could forget, I realized that it was one of those recitations that must be said aloud from the beginning all the way through to the end. Therein is the problem. The Lord's Prayer is not a recitation, it is a prayer.

The Lord's prayer is more than just a set of words to recite. It is a profound spiritual tool given to us by Jesus that shapes our faith, encourages unity, strengthens our relationships with and draws us closer to God.

It was a good reminder for me to make sure that my Lord's Prayer is my personal communion with God, not an exercise in memory.

These books look interesting in taking a deeper dive:

Praying by Heart: The Lord's Prayer for Everyone

By Stephen Cottrell

The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught

By Adam Hamilton

On Earth as It Is in Heaven: How the Lord's Prayer Teaches Us to Pray More Effectively

By Warren W. Wiersbe



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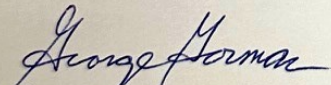
Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church

82 King Hill Road

New London, NH

Hello. Enclosed please find a check for \$1.00 in payment for the Schickler organ that we purchased from you in 2024. The organ has been installed in our Chapel and has been dedicated. We greatly appreciate your generosity in making this fine instrument available to us. I understand that this has been a happy outcome for your Church also in allowing you to make room for other improvements. As I understand the situation, you weren't using the organ. However, I suspect that it may have been difficult for some of your members to part with this instrument. Please know that it has found a good home at SUMC and is, and will be, very much appreciated.

Best Regards,


George Gorman

Treasurer, SUMC Endowment Committee

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**Deadline for the May
issue of the newsletter is:
Sunday, April 20th.**

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.

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.



Wishing You Easter Blessings.

