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The Newsletter of the Kearsarge
Community Presbyterian Church

THANK YOU



Dear Beloved Community, Wow. Thank you for all of your outpourings of love. Our hearts are overflowing from the Baby Shower and the many gifts of stories & of ever-so-practical items. Soon, we will learn how very practical they are!

Meanwhile, please come & read from the picture books that now fill the Office; and, when the time comes, swaddle & sing.

With love & gratitude in Christ,

Kurt & Katie



~ Reflections ~

For this I bless you most. You give much and know not that you give at all. – Khalil Gibran

Here we are, at the second month of a new year! It doesn't seem possible that a month of 2024 has gone by already. Golly, I still have some small Christmas decorations about the house that need to be stored away once more.

This month, we think of love and all those we care about and cherish. Maybe our feelings have altered somewhat, and we look at a person or situation a bit differently. Why not take this opportunity to renew and regain the relationship we once had?

One relationship that we should always think about in a positive way is our faith. Medical problems have kept me from attending church services as often as I'd like, but that doesn't mean my faith has diminished. On the contrary, it stays firm as I look for ways to increase my oneness with our Lord.

We see the winter wind blowing the snow as we look out the window. Sometimes, when my mood is down, I step outside for a moment and ask the wind to blow away my 'downer' thoughts. Try it sometime and then step back into the house with good thoughts to a hot cup of cocoa, coffee or tea.

Faithful February Hugs,
Elaine



Christian Ed

~ Roberta Hollinger
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Answer each one of these with **phone** or **prayer**:

Which is first in the morning?

Which is the last thing at night?

Which do you turn to when you're anxious?

When you have five minutes to spare?

WHAT'S GOING ON IN FEBRUARY...

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Upon the arrival of Baby Walsh/Shaffert, a Meal Train will be set up to assist Katie and Kurt with meals for a few weeks. Meals that freeze/reheat well are preferred. If you would like more details, please contact Lorelle: lvfoulds@gmail.com or 203-952-6687						
4 Worship 10:00	5 Small Group 10:30	6 Men's Brkfst. 7:30 Mission-Comm. 5:00 TOD 6:00	7 Bells 6:00 Choir 7:00	8 Gospel O' Mark 9:00 Music & Worship Com. 10:30	9	10
11 Worship 10:00	12 Small Group 10:30	13	14 Bells 6:00 Choir 7:00	15 Gospel O' Mark 9:00 Session 7:00	16	17
18 Worship 10:00 1st Sunday in Lent	19 Small Group 10:30	20 FBG 6:30	21 Bells 6:00 Choir 7:00	22 Gospel O' Mark 9:00	23	24
25 Worship 10:00 2nd Sunday in Lent	26 Small Group 10:30	27	28 Bells 6:00 Choir 7:00	29 Gospel O' Mark 9:00		

Birthdays!

Gunnar Nurme Feb. 1
Lauri Smerald Feb. 1
Nancy Nilson Feb. 6
Paul Seyfried Feb. 7
Kim Novak Feb. 17
Polly Wright Feb. 17
Jason Paquette Feb. 17
Maria Barnard Feb. 21
Jonathan Eylander Feb. 22
Kathi Kelly Feb. 23
Stacey Watts Feb. 23
Wally Borgen Feb. 25
Sandy Fajans Feb. 26



Please join us at our monthly **Men's Breakfast**
TUESDAY 7:30 AM Feb. 6th
 Serving great food & fellowship!



Frozen Season

A row of ice stalactites hangs

above the porch like crystal fangs.

And any hammock worth its swing

will keep away til half past spring.

– D.A. W.
(Yankee Magazine)

KCPC Missions

Each year, a percentage of the KCPC budget is dedicated to community outreach programs. Annually, the Mission Board scrutinizes to whom the dollars should be allocated. It goes without saying that there are hundreds of wonderful agencies that would be grateful for the assistance of KCPC, but of course, we cannot be all things to all agencies. Below is a list of efforts that KCPC supported in 2023 and are on the table for discussion for 2024. (The one exception is a donation to Grounds for Health which was a one-off contribution, not to be repeated in 2024).

We welcome and hope to receive comments, questions and thoughts regarding where mission dollars are spent. Please reach out to any of us on the Mission Board, we look forward to hearing from you!

Also, we meet the first Tuesday of each month at 5PM - consider joining us.

Current members of the committee: Lorelle Foulds, Kathi Kelly, Jerry Cooper, Jan Sahler, Barry Bradford, Doug Darling, and Ruth Storey.

Local Ecumenical Ministries

Camp Wilmot: *A Christian camp focusing on the Good News of Jesus Christ. Through diversity, ideas and acceptance, Camp Wilmot is a gold mine for Christian education and fellowship.*

Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministries (KREM): *A consortium of local churches meeting the emergency needs of area families when other services are unavailable.*

Local Food Ministries

Feed The Freezer: *A KCPC original! FTF provides frozen, ready-to-heat casseroles which are delivered to the Newport Food Pantry. Between 700 - 1000 meals are prepared annually and the distribution focus is on those clients who have limited ability to cook for themselves.*

Claremont Soup Kitchen: *A non-profit community resource which procures and distributes food to individuals and families needing food assistance in Sullivan County.*

Danbury Food Pantry: *Located in the Danbury Community Center, they provide food for those in need and an inexpensive hot meal every Thursday evening. Food donations from the KCPC grocery carts are delivered to either the Danbury or Wilmot food pantries on Tuesdays or Thursdays.*

KLS Community Food Pantry: *The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry is an all-volunteer organization, relying on donations to support their services. The food pantry provides a vital service to many who live in the eleven towns in the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee region. In recent years KLS Community Food Pantry has served over 2,000 families annually. Clients are able to shop the pantry on a weekly basis.*

Newport Food Pantry: *Overseen by a multi-church association, the Newport Food Pantry provides food to a large, needy population. Since the pandemic, they do not accept food donations and rely on funding to purchase the food they distribute.*

Local Health & Social Services

Council on Aging (COA): *COA serves the needs and interests of local residents over the age of 55 by promoting and developing programs that support health, well-being, dignity and independence.*

Good Day Respite: *A program run by the Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association offering respite care to caregivers of individuals affected by mild to moderate memory impairment. Supervised by a professional from the VNA and staffed with dedicated volunteers who provide social interaction, meaningful conversation and activities in a safe and secure environment.*

Lake Sunapee Regional Visiting Nurses Association (LSRVNA): *LSRVNA & Hospice provides health care and hospice services for families homes and community settings which enables people to stay in their homes as long as possible.*

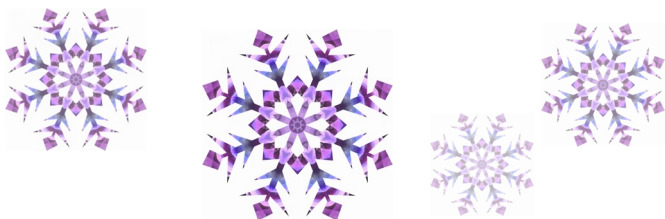
Public Schools: *Ten local public school nurses receive a small stipend to be used for emergencies at their discretion (personal care products, assistance with student prescription costs; assisting with student lunch debt, etc.)*

Turning Points Network (TPN): *TPN provides free services and shelter to survivors of domestic and sexual violence as well as stalking and bullying through empowerment and advocacy. TPN creates a community responsive to all victims and survivors through outreach, education and accountability.*

Global Ministries

Church World Service (CWS): *A comprehensive global effort focused on ensuring that everyone in the world has food, a safe place to call home and a voice. Responding to disasters and building relationships with local organizations, CWS partners with the most overlooked and underserved communities in over 65 countries around the world.*

Forman Christian College: *Founded in 1864 by the Presbyterian Church USA, this is the only university in Pakistan to offer American-style liberal arts education. Men and women, Muslims and Christians learn to study together in an environment of respect and interfaith harmony, training future leaders of Pakistan.*



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Deadline for the March issue of the newsletter is: Sunday, February 18th.

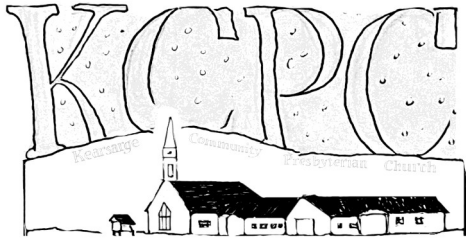
A Special Thank You Goes To: Our "Angels" who help us prepare the Petros newsletter for mailing each month.

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.



EVEN IN SNOWSTORMS... LOVE.

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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.



Thank you.

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