

Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church

PETROS

JUNE



2024

PILGRIMAGE INVITATION

Dear Beloved Community of KCPC,

Upon our return from El Camino de Santiago (*The Way of St. James*) last October, we shared a presentation about our journey on this ancient pilgrimage path in Spain.

Several KCPCers expressed interest in going with us when we return. Now that we have a good idea of Baby John-Louis' convivial "good trouble" personality, Kurt and I invite you to walk the Camino with us this October.

We have walked "the Way" twice --- different sections --- and have found it a profound experience. More than beautiful scenery and good company (though we have enjoyed both), a pilgrim on pilgrimage steps into an ancient tradition which includes openness to the Holy Spirit.

We have met pilgrims along the way who had clear reasons for walking --- clear questions, clear intentions. Some pilgrims did not. One woman shared, "I did not begin with questions. But now, with all this quiet, questions are bubbling up."

We invite you to journey with us, to engage in this ancient spiritual practice of pilgrimage, and to see how the Spirit moves within you.

October 11-25, 2024

10/11 - depart Boston

10/12 - arrive in St Jean Pied de Port, France

10/13 - begin walking...

10/23 - ...last day of walking

10/24 - travel to departure city Madrid/Barcelona

10/25 - return to Boston

What kind of shape do I need to be in?

We particularly appreciate how accessible the Camino is. It is not technical or wilderness, like the Appalachian Trail. Roads, towns, cafes... most is paved (stroller-friendly!). Public transportation is available when wanting a break.

We met pilgrims who walked 5 miles per day, and pilgrims who walked 18 miles per day. We envision averaging about 7-9 miles per day, and then meeting up for supper, debriefing and Night Prayer.

Some pilgrims carry backpacks, others utilize a baggage service and just carry a day-pack. There are options for a wide range of ages and physical ability levels. We have met babies and we have met octogenarians!

Support

While this is by no means a professionally organized tour, we are happy to coordinate group logistics (lodging arrangements, etc) and facilitate opportunities for reflection along the way.

Please let us know if you are interested in joining us. Questions, of course, are most welcome.

Yours in Christ,
Katie & Kurt

P.S. Yes, Baby John-Louis is coming.
The Camino truly is for all ages and abilities.

Buen Camino!

~ News from the PNC ~

KCPC Pastor Nominating Committee

On April 7, 2024, the PNC was elected, and we began the process of finding the new pastor for KCPC. Since then we have been meeting every week, including the two sessions where the congregation communicated to PNC the areas that were most important as the PNC develops a position description.

We thank all of the individuals who participated in these events, and also those who helped us when we needed it.

Throughout the summer, we will work with the Presbytery to fulfill their required steps to begin the search in earnest. During this time, we ask for your support and prayers as the committee works diligently. We will update the congregation as we receive more information as our activities continue throughout the summer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of us on the PNC.

In Christ, your Pastor Nominating Committee:

Jane Barban, Tom Cleaveland, Russ Doughty, Bill Hoffman, Roberta Hollinger, Stephanie Jennison, Betty Stockwell, and Kris Walters

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE...

KCPC June Calendar of Events:

Sunday Worship @ 10 AM In Person & Online

June 2nd Worship

June 9th Worship

June 16th Worship Father's Day

June 23rd Worship Juneteenth Guest Preacher Sarah Hathaway
Music by Pearly Gates Jam Band

June 30th Worship

Every Thursday

Gospel O'Mark 9:00 AM



Summer Smiles and Hugs

There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.

– Charles Dickens

You have no time but this present time.

Therefore, prize your time for your soul's sake.

– George Fox (1624-1691) English

We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are.

– The Talmud

June Birthdays

- 6/3 Kristian Nurme
- 6/7 Ken Holmes
- 6/8 Barbara Rothe
- 6/11 Jerry Cooper
Anita Wolf
- 6/16 Rusty Brause
- 6/18 Steve Nurme
- 6/23 Jan Sahler
- 6/25 Ruth Ann Eastman
Stephanie Jennison
- 6/27 Marion Willse
- 6/30 William Cleaveland

~ 2024 ~

Yard Sale



Thank you to all the people of KCPC, and people from the community, who helped energize and organize the 32nd KCPC Yard Sale. Your hard work during the weeks of preparation, and during the sale, made it highly successful. Bringing so many people into our church is an act of openness that helps define us. Coming together to create the yard sale shows faith in the commitment of KCPC and courage to go forward.



Thank you all for your commitment, openness and courage.



CHURCH OFFICERS

Session		Deacons	
Jane Barban	'24	Betty Stockwell	'24
Gary Rothe	'24	Barry Bradford	'24
Paul Sahler	'24	Rick Marsh	'24
John Walters	'24	Jan Sahler	'24
Annie Beck	'25	Barbara Cooper	'25
Lorelle Foulds	'25	Anne Holmes	'25
Jeff Hollinger	'25	Kris Walters	'25
Paula Schoonmaker	'25	Donna Young	'25
Russ Doughty	'26	Susan Bradford	'26
Bruce Herd	'26	Jerry Cooper	'26
Paul Seyfried	'26	Wanda Doughty	'26
Ruth Storey	'26	Nancy Marsh	'26

Barbara Rothe
~ Clerk of Session

Anne Holmes
~ Financial Secretary

John Walters
~ Asst. Financial Secretary

Bob Koester
~ Asst. Financial Secretary

Sara Scheuch
~ Treasurer

Susan Bradford
~ Moderator of Deacons

Barbara Cooper
~ Secretary of Deacons

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Jason Paquette, *Church Accompanist*

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WishListNH Ministry, *Lorelle Foulds*
Christian Education, *Roberta Hollinger*
Bell Choir, *Gary Rothe*
Good Day Respite, *Jan Sahler*
Feed the Freezer, *Ruth Storey*
KLS Food Pantry, *Kathi Kelly*
KCPC Food Bank, *Doug Darling*

PETROS PUBLICATION

Deadline for the July/August issue of the newsletter is: Sunday, June 23rd.

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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