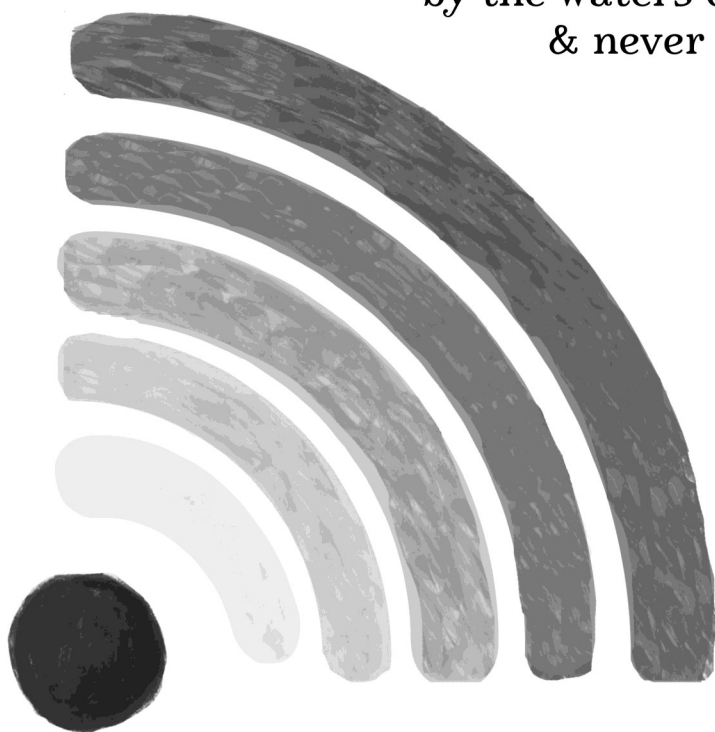


PETROS

The Newsletter of the Kearsarge
Community Presbyterian Church

GOD said, "I establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all flesh be cut off
by the waters of a flood,
& never again shall there be
a flood to destroy
the earth."
(GENESIS 9:11)



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DEAR BELOVED COMMUNITY---

*As I write this, Katie & I are expecting Baby any day.
When on Parental Leave, I'll be tuning in for Music, Community
& the stellar roster of Guest Preachers breaking open the Word with you.
There are many ways to share a journey,
as there are many varieties of rainbows.
I am grateful for the varieties of ways we share GOD's Good News.
KCPC can be a rainbow. And rainbows... save lives.*

In Christ,

Kurt



~ Reflections ~

*Then you will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free
– John 8: 22*

Having just finished reading Mitch Albom's latest book, *The Little Liar*, I find myself thinking about truth in all aspects of life. This thought-provoking novel brings out how we, as humans, are prone to lie – "just a little." We learn, at the end of the story, that it was based on lies and that resolution of those lies was based on the truth of life.

The entire story is about a young boy caught up in the lies of Germany during the second world war and the treatment of Jews during that time. The boy, being a Jew, was always hidden from the enemy. His whole life was altered because of this – life would never be the same for him and those he loved.

"Always tell the truth, God is watching." Remember being told that as a child growing up? Being a young Christian, I always felt I was truthful, but misguided thoughts were often bound to pop up. Then there were the small "white" lies – I never grasped what was "white" about a hidden fact or some uncertainty of life. As adults, we try not to hold back the facts of a situation. But if we do, as faithful folks, we are forgiven – always and fully! We just need to ask.

Many hugs,
Elaine

p.s. I would be happy to lend the book!



To begin, on behalf of the congregation, I would like to thank the members of the Mission Study Team for their hard work over the past months. They are to be commended for their enthusiasm and commitment to their task, and their diligence is greatly appreciated.

We are now entering Phase 2 of the search for a set pastor. To this end, a committee has been formed, and charged with creating a slate of potential candidates to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee.

If you wish to be considered for an interview as a candidate for the PNC, or if you have in mind a church member whom you believe to be a strong candidate, please speak with a member of the candidate nominating committee. These members are: Lorelle Foulds, Susan Bradford, Paul Seyfried, Paul Sahler, and Jane Barban.

WHAT'S HAPPENIN' IN MARCH...

KCPC March Calendar of Events:

Sunday Worship @ 10 AM In Person & Online

March 3rd Lent III, Worship

March 10th Lent IV, Worship with Guest Rev. Joel Eaton

March 17th Lent V, Worship with Guest Rev. Skye Murray

March 24th Palm Sunday Worship with Guest Chaplain Katie Grosh

March 31st Easter Worship with Guest Chaplain Katie Grosh

Every Monday

Small Group 10:30 AM

Tuesday, March 5th

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, March 7th

Deacons 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 10th

Stay & Play BINGO Immediately after Service

Thursday, March 21st

Session 7:00 PM

MARCH Birthdays

**March 5th Melissa Smart
David Rhodes**

March 12th Bud Dick

March 13th Leonora Jennison

March 18th Andrew Csontos

March 19th Naomi Cleaveland

March 23rd Jane Barban

March 31st Ruth Pratt



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



Navigating Faith

Roberta Hollinger

Since we returned from our time of isolation, KCPC has been a very busy place. Many things have stayed the same: the choir is amazingly beautiful, the kids make us laugh, the freezer has been filled, coffee has been served, community organizations have returned to enjoy our facilities, and the furnace occasionally gives out. (But just until some hero comes and fires it up again.) We are a community of people who seek a relationship with God and each other, as we strive to learn and grow to become followers of Christ's teachings.

The thing about community though, is that it implies communal thoughts and works. As a community, it is important that everyone can feel included. When feeling left out there's a chance for a variety of emotions, for conclusions to be drawn, assumptions to be made, and communication to break down. When that happens, it's important to take a moment, check our own signals, remember self-worth, that we each have our gifts and talents, and speak up.

One could think, "Oh well, the same people are doing all the things," but if offered, there's a very good chance besides relief, and the feelings of support, your efforts of contribution to the community would be greatly appreciated. So, if you're feeling left out, volunteer to do something, share your ideas, and exhale. You are not alone, and together we can navigate the waters ahead.

We all share the same goal – to follow Jesus.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.



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 Chattelier Scholarship fund.

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

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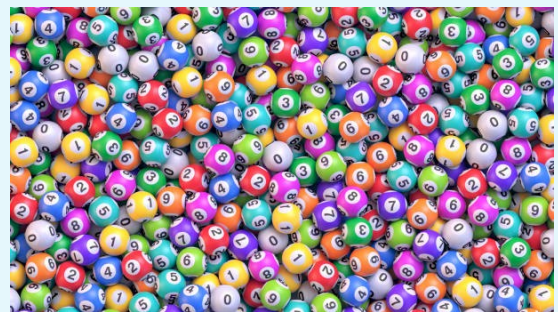
Kathi Kelley
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The Soup and Salad lunch
is a treasured tradition at KCPC. We look
forward to seeing you there!

It's time to join PW & Youth Group for
fun-filled family friendly

STAY & PLAY BINGO!



Sunday March 10th
Right after Worship
in Foulkes Hall.

We'll provide supplies
and popcorn.
Hope to see you there!

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		Susan Bradford ~ Moderator of Deacons	
Anne Holmes ~ Financial Secretary		Barbara Cooper ~ Secretary of Deacons	
John Walters ~ Asst. Financial Secretary			
Bob Koester ~ Asst. Financial Secretary			
Sara Scheuch ~ Treasurer			

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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 April issue of the newsletter is: Sunday, March 17th.

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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