

Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church

# PETROS

MAY



2024

“Never Be A  
Bystander”



Irene Butter

DEAR BELOVED COMMUNITY IN CHRIST,

IN PREPARATION FOR YOM HASHOA (*Holocaust Remembrance Day*) I have been re-reading Irene Butter's memoir, *Shores Beyond Shores: From Holocaust to Hope*:

*When I got off the ship that brought me to the United States in 1945, the American relatives who took me in urged me to forget everything that had happened to my family—and to me—in the Holocaust. They told me to never think or speak of it again. I was fifteen years old and they were adults, so I listened to them. For forty years I was quiet. I was not truly free until I started to tell what happened to me as a child.*

Similarly, the Gospel of John recounts Rabbi Jesus teaching, “**The truth shall set you free**” (JN 8:2) and “**Do not be afraid**” (JN 6:2).

Deepening our life together as a community of faith in this time and place, may we not be afraid to live in spirit and truth (JN. 4:24).

I am grateful to be yours in Christ,

Kurt



## Live and Learn

When I was working with small humans, aka taught kindergarten, I was always aware of the responsibility of providing a learning environment where they could question, explore, test, stretch and bloom. This didn't only apply to academic subjects. In fact, I spent as much attention on their human qualities such as conflict resolution, respect, and compassion.

As we worked together throughout the year's trials and triumphs, one thing moved us forward: *practice makes permanent.*

We all know that compassion is a necessary muscle we need to flex to become more in line with Christ's teachings. As we continue to work on being compassionate towards others, though, don't forget to give yourself the same grace of compassion as well.

**Having compassion starts and ends with having compassion for all those unwanted parts of ourselves. The healing comes from letting there be room for all of this to happen: room for grief, for relief, for misery, for joy.**

-Pema Chodron, *Start Where You Are: A Guide to Compassionate Living*

## ~ Reflections ~

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. – Psalm 126:3



Did you see it – the wonder-filled eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup>? Bob and I drove about two hours north, spending the night before and after to avoid traffic. Predicted clouds held off and we were treated to one of nature's greatest spectacles – totality. Like our previous eclipse experiences, this was a spiritual one as we watched things happen exactly as predicted. There were shouts of celebration and tears of joy as the moon covered the sun. We saw the sun's glorious corona and some brilliant pink prominences. There was a definite feeling of being close to God as we watched this gift take place. Then, all too soon, it was over!

The next day, over lunch, we shared our experiences with Barbara and Jerry Cooper who also had traveled north for the event. We all agreed that it was well worth the journey and that we will share the treasured memories with family and friends always.

Back home, life did not feel quite the same. The sun hid behind clouds and there was lots of rain. But we know that will change. Friends, enjoy the gentle month of May and the spring days that are soon to come. Springtime awaits. The Lord has more gifts of love to give to those who know and love Him.

Spring hugs,  
Elaine

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY...

### KCPC April Calendar of Events:

#### Sunday Worship @ 10 AM In Person & Online

- May 5<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Remembrance Day
- May 12<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day ~ Communion
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost
- May 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Weekend

#### Every Monday

Small Group 10:30 AM

#### Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Deacons 5:00 PM

#### Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

- Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM
- Stewardship 3:30 PM
- 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, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Session 7:00 PM

#### Monday - Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

Yard Sale Set-Up Week

#### Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Yard Sale 8:00 - 1:00 PM



## MAY Birthdays

- 5/2 Steve Wolf
- 5/4 Rick Marsh
- 5/5 Kate Scheuch
- Jessie Mae Wilson
- Kurt Shaffert
- 5/6 Bob Koester
- 5/7 Pete Brigham
- 5/10 Grace Schad
- 5/11 Joan McCulloch
- 5/14 Elaine Koester
- 5/18 Douglas Darling
- 5/23 Joan Harris
- 5/28 Bette Bennett
- 5/30 Donna Young

# KCPC Yard Sale, May 25, 2024

*Still the biggest church yard sale in NH!*



## Your help is needed:

- Please sign up on the poster in the narthex.
- Spring cleaning time. Set aside donations now, and bring the box to church Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Ask your friends and neighbors to bring donations during Set-up week, May 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 8 am to 1 pm.
- Come join the preparations and have lunch during Set-up week. It is a great feeling of community.
- Invite your friends to come shop at the KCPC Yard Sale, Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Furniture donations will be accepted starting Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Furniture must be clean and in good condition. The KCPC truck fleet can pick up your donations from your first floor or garage. 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 note: we cannot accept books, broken electronics, mattresses/box springs, baby car seats, entertainment centers, hutches, large desks, or tube TVs .



## PW Spring Soup & Salad Lunch



*Hey Soup and Salad crew, thanks to all of you for pitching in and bringing delicious soup, salad, rolls and bread and desserts. You set-up and cleaned up, brought beautiful centerpieces, did dishes, cleared tables, and packaged leftovers for our friends to take home or deliver to people who couldn't be with us.*



*Kathi Kelley and I thank you so much for supporting this fun event. We raised about \$600 for scholarships for our young people and I hope that you had a good time.*



*Many thanks to all of you.*

*Anne Holmes  
co-coordinator of S and S  
with Kathi Kelley*



## 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**

<u>Session</u>		<u>Deacons</u>	
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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KLS Food Pantry, *Kathi Kelly*  
KCPC Food Bank, *Doug Darling*

**PETROS PUBLICATION**

**Deadline for the June issue of the newsletter is: Sunday, May 19th.**

**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**

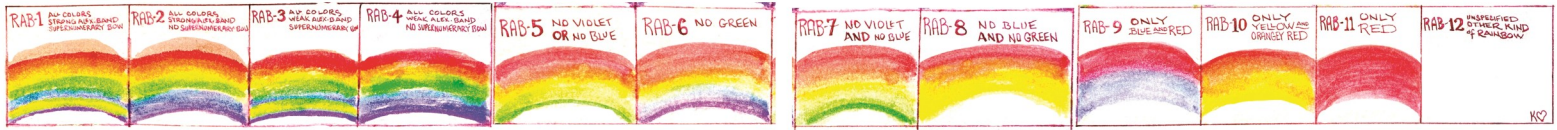
**Or: You may submit a typewritten copy of your article. The above may be left in the church office mailbox.**

**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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