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The Newsletter of the Kearsarge
Community Presbyterian Church

“LET THE VULNERABLE COME TO ME.

**G^oD’S imagination
is made up of
people like these.”**

cf.
Matthew
19:15

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Dear Beloved Community,
How is LOVE calling us as
a faith community here-and-now?

Amidst a world of power & might,
our faith tradition teaches us that LOVE
is known in vulnerability:
welcoming the stranger,
the hungry, the thirsty,
the frail elderly,
the survivor,
the children.

Blessed are the vulnerable.
Blessed may we be in Christ...
who welcomes us.

Kurt



~ Reflections ~

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them,
is the true measure of our thanksgiving – W. T. Purkiser (1910-1992) American

As a perennial passenger in our car (I no longer drive), I couldn't help but notice the lack of color in the leaves in our area this fall – it just wasn't there! How disappointing our autumn tradition has been this year! Those 'in the know' blame it on climate change, but even they are often mistaken in their assessment of seasonal changes. Bob and I think the surprise early spring freeze was the culprit. But it was still a joy to see the hints of reds, golds and rusts where they did show!

Now our thoughts turn to, at least thinking about, the upcoming holidays and all the plans that run through our minds. The one definite thing that is sure to be evident in our thoughts is the LOVE and HUGS that we share with those we hold dear.

I love the comic strip "The Family Circus" by Bill Keane that appears in the *Valley News* each Sunday. In a recent edition, the child character Lucy progressively hugged each member of her family as well as some of her friends. She ended her hugging spree by saying: "Our arms are the only ones God has to hug people." This statement 'hit home' with me – when we share hugs, we share a meaningful part of our faith.

Friends, no matter where you are during the holidays, share the joys of your journey of faith with hugs and words of love and thankfulness for each other.

Thankful Hugs,
Elaine



This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. – Psalm 118:24

Love is a friendship set to music. – Joseph Campbell (1904-1987) American Professor

'Tis the mind that makes the body rich. – William Shakespeare

Killing them with kindness is taking much longer than I expected. – Reader's Digest



NOVEMBER

Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK Sunday Nov. 5 th		Please Recycle	1	2 Deacons 5:00	3	4
5 Worship 10:00	6 Small Group 10:30	7 T.O.D. 7:00	8 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:15	9 Gospel of Mark 9:00	10	11
12 Worship 10:00	13 Small Group 10:30	14	15 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:15	16 Gospel of Mark 9:00	17	18
19 Worship 10:00 Petros Deadline	20 Small Group 10:30	21 Session 7:00	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26 Worship 10:00	27 Small Group 10:30	28 El Camino Discussion & Potluck 5:30-7:00	29 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:15	30 Gospel of Mark 9:00		Sun., Dec. 3rd <i>Blue Christmas Coffee House 3 PM</i>

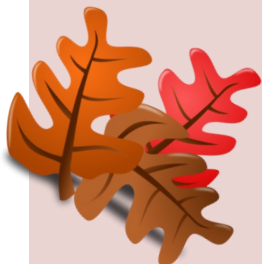
Hello November

Birthdays!

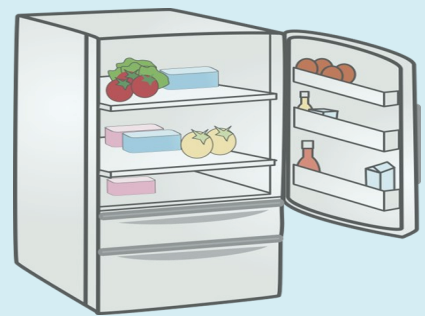
- 11-1 Tate Nurme
- 11-4 Susan Datthyn
- 11-6 Matt Eylander
- 11-17 Elizabeth Merrill

- 11-18 Mary Bachelder
- 11-20 Fran Steven-Putnam
- 11-23 Brenda Perry
- 11-27 Lavinia Csontos

- 11-27 Bruce Herd
- 11-28 Emily Cleaveland
- 11-28 Robin Brigham



Feed the Freezer



Feed the Freezer needs new cooks to make tasty meals for the Newport Food Pantry. Whether you'd like to cook occasionally or on a regular basis, it would be great to have your help in the kitchen! If you'd like to know more, or arrange a time to join a cooking session and see how it works, please contact Ruth Storey jetsetruth@gmail.com or (603) 252-0238

CHURCH OFFICERS

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Gary Rothe '24
Paul Sahler '24
John Walters '24
Annie Beck '25
Lorelle Foulds '25
Jeff Hollinger '25
Paula Schoonmaker '25
Russ Doughty '26
Bruce Herd '26
Paul Seyfried '26
Ruth Storey '26

Deacons

Barry Bradford '24
Rick Marsh '24
Jan Sahler '24
Barbara Cooper '25
Anne Holmes '25
Kris Walters '25
Donna Young '25
Susan Bradford '26
Jerry Cooper '26
Wanda Doughty '26
Nancy Marsh '26

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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.

Holiday "Must See KCPC"

- Dec. 3rd** First Sunday of Advent
Blue Christmas Coffee House 3 PM
- Dec. 10th** Second Sunday of Advent
Caroling & Cocoa After Worship
- Dec. 17th** Third Sunday of Advent
No Stress Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 24th** Fourth Sunday of Advent
Simple Service 10 AM

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 Family Service

6:00 Choir Service



Please join us at our monthly Men's Breakfast

TUESDAYS @

7:30 AM

Dec. 5th

Feb. 6th

Mar. 5th

Apr. 2nd

May 7th

Serving great food & fellowship!

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