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The Newsletter of the Kearsarge
Community Presbyterian Church

"To Everything There Is A Season"

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

DEAR KCPC,

THE ONLY TIME TO DO GOOD MINISTRY... IS NOW.

Interim times, by definition, are between one time and another. Several years ago (and a few congregations)... one congregant expressed impatience, frustration and anger about waiting for "the real ministry" to begin with a new pastor. Another congregant replied:

"Isn't all of life 'interim'?"

In other words: Do not miss the opportunity for doing good ministry. The time is always now.

As your Intentional Interim Pastor, my job is to "speak the truth in love" with you about matters that you might not want to hear. (This is an opportunity afforded by Interim Pastors arriving "pre-fired"!)

Do not worry: A church newsletter is not the place for such. When asked in person, though, I value discussing the dynamics of congregational life: the wonderful... the weird... the heart-warming... the disappointing... the disorienting... the amazing grace in the midst.

Indeed, in our tradition of being "reformed & always reforming", the real ministry often is done by the least expected. It might be you.

In Christ,
Pastor Kurt

NOVEMBER
2024

SUNDAY, 11/3
COMMUNION

*Rev. K.F. Shaffert,
preaching & presiding*

SUNDAY, 11/10

*Rev. K.F. Shaffert,
preaching*

SUNDAY, 11/17

*Rev. K.F. Shaffert,
preaching*

SUNDAY, 11/24

*Rev. Amanda Grant Rose,
preaching*



Hugs,
Elaine

~ **Reflections** ~
"I am deeply grateful
for your prayers, cards
and comforting words
over the past months.
A Celebration of Life
service for Elaine will
be held on **Saturday,
November 9th,
at 11:00 AM.**"

Bob Koester

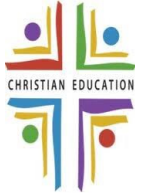
Christian Education November '24 ~ Roberta Hollinger ~ kcpcyouth@tds.net

Advent Lunch and Learn

Mondays – 11:45 – 12:45

Dates: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/30

BYOL. (Bring your own lunch...candy canes will be provided.)



Please join us for discussion of Advent in Plain Sight - A Devotion Through Ten Objects—by Jill J. Dullield. At Christmas, God came into our ordinary world in the form of a child, and still today, God is at work through the ordinary stuff of life, if we train our eyes to see. In this daily devotional for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, Jill J. Duffield draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that appear in the biblical narratives of messianic prophesy and incarnation—objects we encounter in our own lives. Through objects such as gates, trees, cloth, light, and water, readers will find new meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' coming. By connecting everyday objects with biblical texts, Advent in Plain Sight prompts readers to see the near kingdom of heaven on earth and ponder what that divine proximity enables and asks them to do and be. Each daily devotional features a Scripture reading, prayer, and reflection, reminding Christians that God still dwells among us, even in the most ordinary places.

Contact Roberta if you're interested in getting the books or if you're interested in an evening Zoom group discussion.

Deadline date to order: 11/18

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER...

KCPC November Calendar of Events:

Sunday Worship @ 10 AM In Person & Online

Nov. 3rd Worship ~ Communion

Nov. 10th Worship

Nov. 17th Worship

Nov. 24th Worship ~ Guest Rev. Amanda Grant Rose

Every Monday

Small Group 10:30 AM

Tuesday, Nov. 5th

Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM

Thursday, Nov. 7th

Deacons 5:00 PM

Saturday, Nov. 9th

Elaine Koester 11:00 AM

Celebration of Life

Tuesday, Nov. 12th

Theology on Draft 6:00 PM

Thursday, Nov. 14th

Session 7:00 PM

Every Wednesday

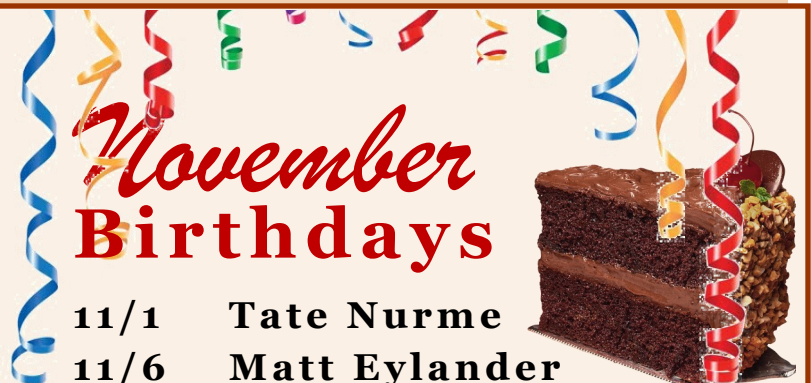
Bells 6:00 PM

Choir 7:15 PM

Every Thursday

Gospel O' Mark 9:00 AM

KCPC Composts!
Coming soon to a kitchen near you!
Stay Tuned...



- 11/1 **Tate Nurme**
- 11/6 **Matt Eylander**
- 11/9 **Russ Doughty**
- 11/20 **Fran Steven-Putnam**
- 11/27 **Lavinia Csontos**
Bruce Herd
- 11/28 **Emily Cleaveland**
Robin Brigham



PW Fall Soup & Salad ~ November 3rd

The PW Fall Soup & Salad is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 3. This is a wonderful fellowship event and this year all funds raised by the luncheon will be sent to World Central Kitchen, a non-profit deemed one of the most influential companies providing critical aid during a crisis. WCK is a team of first responders, mobilizing to get meals to people in need. Right now they are on the ground in Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Gaza, Lebanon and Ukraine.

*Thank you,
Kathi*



*If you'd like to
be included on the
KCPC Prayer Chain List
please email Maria at
officem@tds.net*

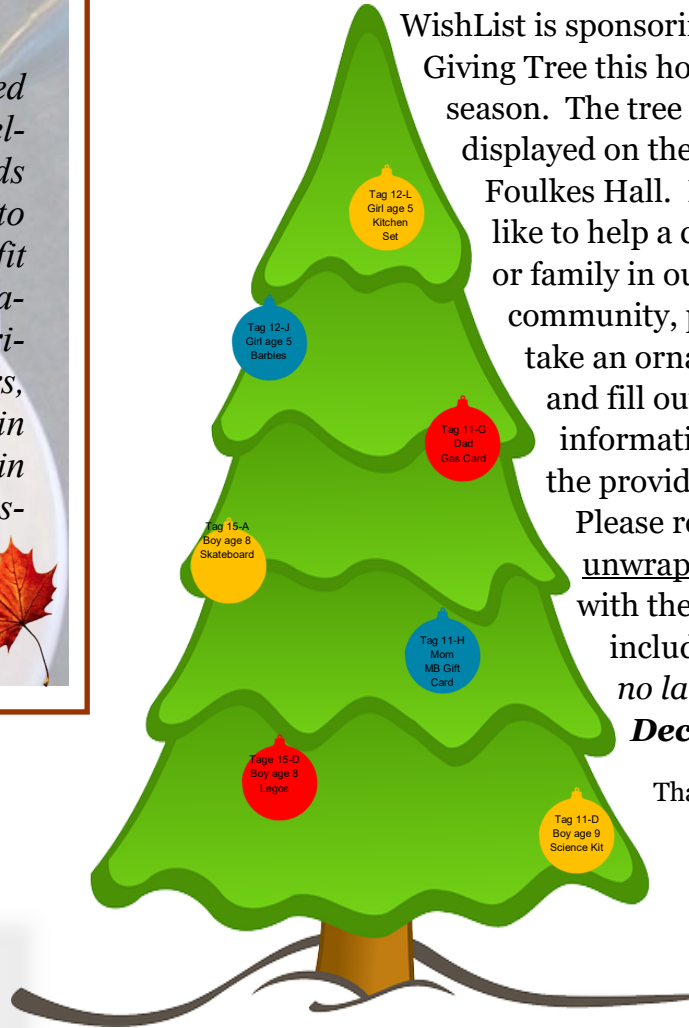


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officem@tds.net by the third
Sunday of the month.*

The **2024 KCPC Giving Tree**



WishList is sponsoring a Giving Tree this holiday season. The tree will be displayed on the wall in Foulkes Hall. If you'd like to help a child or family in our community, please take an ornament and fill out the tag information on the provided form. Please return all unwrapped gifts, with the tag included, **no later than Dec. 8th.**

Thank you.

Soon it will be time to place your order for Christmas Poinsettias that will beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas Services.

Information will be included in future bulletins and on the weekly Mail-Chimp.



CHURCH OFFICERS

Session

Annie Beck
Lorelle Foulds
Jeff Hollinger
Paula Schoonmaker
Russ Doughty
Bruce Herd
Paul Seyfried
Ruth Storey
Doug Darling
Linda Hoffman
Gerald Putnam

Barbara Rothe

~ Clerk of Session

Anne Holmes

~ Financial Secretary

John Walters

~ Asst. Financial Secretary

Sara Scheuch

~ Treasurer

Deacons

Betty Stockwell
Barry Bradford
Rick Marsh
Jan Sahler
Barbara Cooper
Anne Holmes
Kris Walters
Donna Young
Susan Bradford
Jerry Cooper
Wanda Doughty
Nancy Marsh

Rick Marsh

~ Moderator of Deacons

Barbara Cooper

~ Secretary of Deacons

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KCPC Food Bank, *Doug Darling*

PETROS PUBLICATION
Deadline for the December
issue of the newsletter is:
Sunday, Nov. 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.

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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