

As we prepare for Easter, in the 40 days of Lent, we are reminded of three habits- prayer, fasting and giving to the poor.

- ❖ **Prayer:** Increasing personal prayer time, studying scripture, and reflecting on personal faith as we draw closer to God.
- ❖ **Fasting:** Voluntarily giving up a meal or specific food we enjoy leading up to Easter or specific pleasures (like social media or sweets) to create space for God and reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made.
- ❖ **Almsgiving:** Sharing resources, time, or money with those in need as an act of charity and justice, embodying love for others. This can be writing a note of encouragement or paying for someone's groceries or paying a utility bill for someone in need.

I focus on each of these habits and I am often drawn to fasting by giving up food or an activity. When I give something up, I find myself turning to God more intentionally and wanting to show His love to my neighbors in need.

As you go about your day, take time to reduce your screen time and increase your awareness of God in your life. Pray about what you can turn over to God and ask Him to put people in your path you can be light to.

Blessings,

Pastor Kevin

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS:

Worship Committee has posted the second quarter sign-up sheets for Worship Leaders and Ushers. Please look for them on the bulletin board in the Gribbel Room and find your favorite Sunday(s) to serve. If you are interested in leading Sunday worship or ushering, Susan Hugel is happy to add names to the list of servers and answer any questions you might have. Thank you to those who serve God and our congregation on Sunday morning.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2026

	2026 Full Year Budget	2026 Jan YTD Actual	Percent of Full Year Budget
Member Pledges, Plate Offerings, Donations	\$174,450	\$20,888	12%
Other Income ¹	\$80,829	\$636	1%
Total Income	\$254,779	\$21,524	8%
Total Expenses	\$254,779	\$14,873	6%
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$0	\$6,651	

- Pledges, all other donations, plus other income ended January right on budget. A strong start to 2026, praise God!!
- January expenses were below budget.
- The result is a year-to-date surplus of \$6,651.

SAVE THE DATE



74th ANNUAL MELVIN VILLAGE CHURCH FAIR AND AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 11th

We've set the date for the 74th Annual Fair and Auction and we are off and running! The planning committee meets from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM (before Exec Board meeting so meetings never go over an hour) beginning in April. Exec Board meets the first Tuesday of the month so our planning dates will be April 7, May 5, June 2, and July 7 (if necessary). Many people volunteer on the day of the Fair and for that we are so appreciative but if you are interested in helping with the planning or taking on a bigger role this year reach out to Debi Lynch (lynchkg124@gmail.com) or just show up at the first meeting!

Outreach Corner

Lakes Region Food Pantry - The Outreach Committee is gathering personal care and food donations throughout the month of March to support the Lakes Region Food Pantry in Moultonborough. If you can give, items that are especially appreciated include personal care essentials such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, and body soap as well as boxed pantry staples like mac and cheese, pasta, and rice. Collection baskets will be available in the narthex, and every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful difference for our neighbors. Thank you for sharing kindness and care with our community.

Souper Bowl Sunday – Thank you also for making Souper Bowl Sunday such a success! We collected 126 cans of soup which were donated to LIFE Ministries Food Pantry in Wolfeboro and Provisions Food Pantry in Ossipee. Both pantries were so appreciative and said what a difference these warm cans of soup make to their clients at this time of year.



Fellowship Among our Church Friends!

Dinner circle at Peggy Johnson's home.
Peggy Johnson
Eileen and Larry Gil
Suzie, Michael and Katie McCarthy
Tom and Kim Tremblay
A good time was had by all.



Suzie McCarthy's visit with Bob Ketcham on Mardi Gras festivities at Taylor Community.

2026 Lenten Breakfast









2	Ani Hastings	Birthday
3	Cindy Barnard, Duke Southard, Beth Williams	Birthday
5	Joyce Munsey	Birthday
9	Ben Tessier	Birthday
10	Chris Burnett, Ali Reed, Anna Smith	Birthday
10	Doug & Diane Plude	Anniversary
11	Doug Plude	Birthday
13	Jim Craigie	Birthday
16	Kerry Lynch	Birthday
17	Gary Tepe	Birthday
19	Eileen Gil	Birthday
22	Susan McKenna	Birthday
23	Mark & Dianne Larson	Anniversary

MARCH CELEBRATIONS



**April/May Visitor Submissions due
March 16, 2026**

March Visitor

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Melvin Village, NH 03850

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*To provide the best environment for young and old together to grow
and experience the richness and generosity of Christ.*

