



KEN MAWR CHURCH

Fall 2025

TOGETHER
WE
GROW



Together...

Ken Mawr Church is focused on God's grace, God's love, and God's word, which is what motivates us to do what we do.

About Our Church

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church is a community of believers focused on God's Grace, God's Love, and God's Word as we answer God's call to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. The church was organized in 1933 by the United Presbyterian Church in North America, taking the same name as the Ken Mawr school, which is a Scottish phrase meaning "more knowledge."

God is at work through Ken Mawr Church in different ways and in many places. Our priorities are expressed in the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and in the word of God. Through God's people we find that his purpose is being lived out in their lives of worship, service and devotion, inside and outside of the church. We are a growing church family which is evident by our ministries to children, youth and adults.

The Bible is the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal and God's written word. Therefore, the Bible is our starting place for preaching, teaching, education, ministry and mission. Our ministry is focused on the Bible in order to make us inwardly strong and outwardly focused as a community of Jesus' disciples.

Ken Mawr believes that faith is meant to be shared and its identity as a church is tied up in its call to do mission and support mission locally and globally. Although many denominational backgrounds, religious traditions and attitudes are represented in our church we are united in the mission of sharing God's grace and love. Our church is a supportive, caring and accepting community of faith. We are glad you are part of our church family.

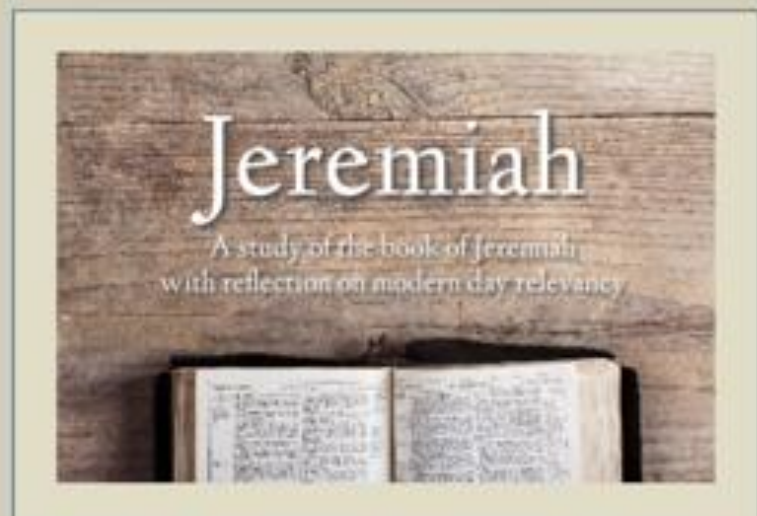
Sermons in September and October



Fall 2025 Sermon Series...

Eugene Peterson writes in the introduction to the book of Jeremiah in The Message Bible that, "Jeremiah's life and Jeremiah's book are a single piece. He wrote what he lived, he lived what he wrote. There is no separation between his life and his book." Adding to Peterson's comments, I would say that Jeremiah speaks his mind—a somewhat disturbed and distressed mind at times. More than any other prophet he complains to God about the job assigned to him. I think that makes the Sunday after Labor Day a perfect time to begin a sermon series from Jeremiah. Not entirely satisfied with your work situation? Listen to the word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah in disruptive and troubling times. Please join us on Sunday mornings in September and October. -Pastor Karl

The days are
coming,"
declares the
LORD, "when I
will make a
new covenant
with the people
of Israel and
with the people
of Judah."
Jeremiah 33:31



...WE GROW CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings: 9:45 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Preschool (ages 3 and 4) - Lari Skowron will introduce our youngest learners to the love of God each Sunday morning. In the middle room of the primary department - right at the bottom of the steps.

K – 1 - Teachers Renee Trunick and Susan Chimera provide a loving environment for children to meet God as they begin a new series of lessons from The Gospel Project. On the lower level – right at the bottom of the steps.

Grades 2 - 4 – Amy Savatt and a team of teachers for grades 2 - 4 will be helping these students to grow in their walk of faith through new lessons from The Gospel Project and applying the lessons through a variety of activities. This class meets on lower level – left at the bottom of the steps.

Grades 5 – 8 – Josh Bryan and Jayne McDonald will be leading a group of middle school learners in Bible study that explores “God Is All That” from Lifestone Ministry. In addition to Sunday mornings, monthly special events will provide students with an opportunity to serve, have some extra time for fun, and grow deeper in faith. Second room on the left in the youth hallway.

Grades 9 – 12 – With leadership from Chrissy Pelzer and Jim Weikel, the high school students will study Bible lessons and current issues –In addition to Sunday mornings, monthly special events will provide students with an opportunity to serve, learn and grow. First room on left across from Friendship room.

STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ADULTS...

Sunday morning opportunities - 9:45 - 10:40

Cornerstone - What we believe as Christians is a part of our everyday lives. It is interwoven in the reasons behind all that we say and do. The Bible is 'His' - story, Jesus' story. Come join us in a study of Luke's gospel. The class will meet in the third room on the left in the youth hallway.

Koinonia Class - Sabbath: The Gift of Rest,

What is the sabbath? A weekly day of rest and worship. A day to rejoice in abundance. A day to practice thankfulness. Come and discover God. Upstairs to the left of Pastor Karl's office.

New Vision - This class meets in Friendship Room downstairs and will be studying the Gospel of John. Lovingly begun by Kathy Gadsby, this class seeks to study scripture by helping God's word to be available for all learners.

Spiritual Journaling - Bring your favorite Bible, a pen, a journal, an open mind and heart. Meeting in the Memorial room.

Woven Women - More Than a Carpenter

'More Than a Carpenter' by Josh McDowell has become a significant evangelistic tool. It seeks to answer profound questions about who Jesus is and what he means to humanity. Downstairs in the library.

Small Groups meeting monthly:

Lord's Lambs - Meets on the lower level in Friendship Lounge, the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Esther Circle - Meets on the lower level in Memorial Lounge the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast - Meets in Sharpe Hall on the upper level, the second Saturday morning of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Jackie's Lunch Bunch - Meets in Friendship Lounge the third Wednesday of each month at Noon. Bring a brown bag lunch.

J.A.M. Jesus and Me

During the Fall Fellowship dinner/worship time, children ages Preschool - Grade 4 are invited to join Amy Savatt and Sheila Konn for a mid-week lesson planned just for them. Bible-centered and fun-focused, it's sure to bring smiles and fun! Children eat first at the 5:30 dinner, then head downstairs for J.A.M. at 6:00.

Wednesdays
October 10 - November 19
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Youth

Mission:

1. to pass on Christian faith to the next generation
2. to create a strong community of faith among Middle School and High School students
3. to build a foundation upon which their faith will grow.

Sunday morning classes will serve as the foundation, anchor, and starting place for our youth ministry programs, events, outings, trips, and retreats.



you Are
Welcome!



Teachers and Leaders:

- High School Sunday School: Jim Weikel and Chrissy Pelzer
- Middle School Sunday School: Josh Bryan and Jayne McDonald
- High School Events: Chrissy Pelzer and TBD
- Middle School Events: Jayne McDonald, Jonas Halaja, Renee Trunick

“Lambec Club” Worship Night

November 8 at 6:00 p.m.



*Worship
Refreshments
Friends
Glory to God!*



Music Ministry

Colossians 3: 15-17

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Believing we are called to serve God through music and worship, we give all praise to God for the opportunity to sing, play instruments and honor God with music. We are thankful for the technology that allows us to share our worship services to those who are unable to be here in person, and we are grateful for all those who are part of the music and technology team.

The Ken Mawr Choir prepares for worship by practicing on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 September – May. We rehearse before worship in June and August. The choir prepares special music seasonally, especially for the Maundy Thursday service. We are grateful for the gifted professional musicians who also enhance the music ministry.

How to join the choir?

Simply come to rehearsals on Wednesday evening, beginning September 3 at 7:00 p.m.. There's a chair and a folder waiting for you!



Fall Fellowship Dinners



There is a
place for
you at
our table...



Fall Fellowship Dinners are new for Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church. This series of 6 dinners begins on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

The dinners will be exactly like our Lenten Dinners with an entree provided. You may bring a side dish or a dessert to share with everyone.

A 30-minute service of worship follows dinner at 6:30 pm. These brief midweek services arise from the 23rd Psalm. Pastor Karl will be focusing on the theme, "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

Please plan on enjoying Fall Fellowship Dinners with your family of faith on six Wednesday evenings this fall. And please invite family and friends to join you.

The dates for the fellowship dinners are Wednesdays, October 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 12, 19.

Fall Dates to Remember

September

9/3 : Choir Practice Resumes @ 7pm

9/7 : Sunday School Kick-off and Meet & Greet @ 9:45am

9/14 : 1st day of Sunday School 9:45 - 10:40

9/21: Back to Church Sunday

9/28: New Member Lunch & Seminar @ 12pm

October

Pastor Appreciation month

10/5: World Communion Day

10/15 - 11/19 : Fall Dinners

Dinner @ 5:30pm

JAM 6-7pm

Evening Service 6:30-7pm

November

Packing of Operation Christmas

Child Boxes

11/8 - Lambec Club Worship 6:00

11/25: Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bag Pick-ups

11/27: THANKSGIVING (Office closed)

11/28: Office Closed

11/29: Deacons Decorate

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Please join us in-person on Sunday morning at
8:30 or 11:00 AM, or on YouTube for the
livestream at 11:00 AM.

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