

I AM THE VINE;
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.
IF YOU REMAIN IN ME
AND I IN YOU, YOU WILL
BEAR MUCH FRUIT;
APART FROM ME
YOU CAN DO NOTHING.



JOHN 15:5

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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*Declaring God's Grace & Demonstrating God's Love,
as Directed by God's Word*

Welcome to Worship!

We extend to each of you a very warm welcome! The Lord says, *“Apart from me you can do nothing.”* Of course, some people are perfectly content with doing nothing—watching the world go by. And it also seems there are a number of Christian people who live in a way that their faith is stored on a USB drive in their heads. They know they can access it when they need it but it’s not really visible to the naked eye. It very rarely becomes tangible. That kind of understanding of the Christian faith, I believe, is contrary to the type of gospel that Jesus taught and lived. Because the Vine lives, so do we. The life of Christ flows to us through Word and Sacrament. As Jesus said, *“Apart from me you can do nothing.”* Nothing that really matters, anyway. *-Pastor Karl*

Today at KMUPC

- **Coffee and tea** are available on the lower level at the coffee counter next to the Welcome Room.
- **Restrooms** are on the Sanctuary level, through the front of the Sanctuary doors, right at the office door and follow signs toward the elevator. Additional restrooms are on the first floor at the bottom of the steps and in the lower hallway.
- **Nursery care** is staffed and available on the lower level, turn right at the bottom of the steps, turn left in the children’s department, the nursery room is the last door on the right. There are changing tables, rocking chairs and toys. There is a speaker in this room to hear the service. Please feel free to use this space for you and your child.
- **Children’s church** is offered for children Preschool age to Grade 4 after Time with the Children during the 11:00 a.m. service. There is a 3-4 year old room and 5 – grade 4 room. The children will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn.
- **Elders/Deacons of the month** are available to help you with general questions and information. The Elder of the Month is usually in the church office throughout the morning.

Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship

"Ancient Words"

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart. Oh, let the Ancient words impart.
Words of Life, words of Hope give us strength, help us cope.
In this world, where-e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.
Ancient words ever true, changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, oh let the ancient words impart.
Holy words of our Faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice. Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.
Ancient words ever true, changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, oh let the ancient words impart.
In this world, where-e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.
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Welcome

Teacher Appreciation

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise

"Come People of the Risen King"

**Come, people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise,
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.
Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing shore to shore we hear them call.
The Truth that cries through every age: Our God is all in all!
Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

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***Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, you have called us to worship you. We gladly gather! We joyfully sing! But as we praise you, we remember that while you have been faithful to us, we have sinned against you. Our worship fails to be what it could. We go through the motions, pretending to honor you, but we are mostly thinking about ourselves. We forget that you seek us, you choose us, you want to engage us deeply. Forgive and renew us according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

***Congregational Response**

**All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises, Alleluia! Ye, who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him with humbleness!
O praise him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One,
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Bible Dedication for Allegheny County Jail (11:00)

Time with the Children (Kids spell love T-I-M-E)

*Children PreK – Grade 4 are invited to children's church.
They will rejoin their families during the last hymn.*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit. Holy Communion, Three-in-One.

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit. Holy Communion, Three-in-One.

Come with your peace, with your invitation. Bind us together in holy love.

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Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

John 15:5, 9-17

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other." (NIV)

Sermon

"Doing Nothing"

*A Statement of Faith—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 1

**My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me
free from the tyranny of the devil.**

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn #68

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise his name – I'm fixed upon it – name of God's redeeming love.**

**Here I raise to thee an altar, hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

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*Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us.

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE - Since 1999, the High School youth of Ken Mawr Church have been given the opportunity to serve God doing home repairs in economically depressed communities through the Group Work Camp Foundation. Over the years, students have also participated in one-day opportunities through The Pittsburgh Project on Pittsburgh's Northside.

May 12 – Family Guidance

May 19 – Good Samaritan Fund

May 26 – Camp Crestfield

Dedication of Bibles in Memory of Rev. Dr. Robert Downs

All who were blessed by the ministry of Pastor Bob Downs know of his profound faith and his unwavering love for the Word of God. His dedication to Prison Ministry served as an inspiration for others to find strength and hope in the sacred scriptures. His compassion, his kindness, and especially his devotion to God's teachings surely touched many of those who faced daily struggles while being incarcerated. As these Bibles are dedicated, we pray that they will find their way into the hands and hearts of men and women in the Allegheny County Jail, to bring comfort and strength as they seek God's Word.

With gratitude and reverence, we dedicate these Bibles to the cherished memory of Rev. Dr. Robert Downs as a testament to the enduring impact of a life lived in faith and love to the glory of God.

Announcements



The annual Memorial Day Prayer Service will be held on Monday, May 27 in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. Donuts and coffee will be provided to enjoy during the Kennedy Township parade.

Mark your calendars! The annual church picnic will be held on June 30 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Vituccio Shelter –at Fairhaven Park (next to the basketball court on Fairhaven Rd.) If you are able, the deacons ask that if you come as a single, you are asked to bring one covered dish (vegetable, salad or dessert). Families are asked to please bring two dishes. However, there's always plenty of food – everyone is welcome!

Are you registered for Music Camp at Camp Lambec? Visit the website at www.camplambec.com to register! If you have any questions, please see Kristen Brown, Adam Kantz or Pastor Karl and Jayne McDonald.

VBS will be here soon with Breaker Rock Beach lessons and fun for kids PreK – through Grade 6. Watch for registration details and save the dates – July 21 – 25, 2024 from 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Thank
You
Sunday School Teachers

Thank you to our Sunday School classroom teachers this past year:

Nursery: Marlene Chioda, Bob and Ruth Ramsey

PreK-Grade 1: Susan Chimera and Renee Trunick

Grades 2 – 4 Team: Dan and Diane Felter; Nick and Melody Coholic; Claudia Tyler and Ken Barth, Dona Adamski and Marcie Petkovich

Middle school teachers:

Pastor Karl and Jayne McDonald (Tess Smith/Anne Chimera helpers)

High school teachers:

Chrissy Cannella

Jim Weikel

Thank you to our substitute teachers throughout the year:

Lari Skowron

Diane Kuffner

Claudia Tyler

Dina Roberts

Pastor Louise

Our adult class leaders:

Woven Women – Rachel Ramsey

Koinonia Class – Bucky Savatt and Diane Haney

Scripture Journaling class – Susan Marcinko

New Vision Class – Diane Weber and Kathy Gadsby

Common Ground – Jon and Tiffany Kelly

Thank you to our Children's Church leaders:

Pastor Louise, Rachel Ramsey, Tina Ernst, Lari Skowron, Renee Trunick, Chrissy Cannella, Katie Herman, and Tess Smith

Thank you to our JAM leaders:

Chrissy Cannella, JAM Director
Linda Planz

Thank you to our Youth group leaders:

Middle School:

Pastor Karl and Jayne McDonald
Tess Smith
Anne Chimera

High School:

Katie Herman, High School Program Director
Rachel Ramsey

Thank you to our Nursery volunteers:

Tina Ernst, Coordinator
Diane Kuffner
Bob Ramsey
Ruth Ramsey
Ciara Ernst
Angela Schoppe
Aundraya Schoppe
Marlene Chioda
Barb Cannella
Chrissy Cannella
Debbie Bucek
Wyatt Bucek
Kim Madura
Kaley Madura
Rachel Ramsey
Austin Ramsey
Allie Ramsey

Thank you small group leaders:

Lord's Lambs:

(First Tuesday 1PM)
Tina Ernst

Esther Circle:

(Second Tuesday 7PM)
Diane Weber

Men's Breakfasts:

(Second Saturday 9AM)
Jim Mitchell
Dan Koller

Lunch Bunch:

(Third Wednesday 12Noon)
Jackie Summers
Nick and Melody Coholic

Quilters:

(Every Thursday 10AM)
Chris Willy
Liz Strobel



CHURCH STAFF

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VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY

CLERK OF SESSION
MODERATOR OF DEACONS
MUSIC DIRECTOR
NURSERY COORDINATOR
ELDER OF THE MONTH
DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Diane Kuffner
Cheryl Simchak
Jayne McDonald
Tina Ernst
Lynne Bryan
Cheryl Simchak/Lauri Picard

Today's Nursery Care Schedule:

8:30 – Diane Kuffner
9:45 – Marlene Chioda
11:00 – Tina and Ciara Ernst

THANK YOU ~

Ken Mawr Choir

Bass – Mitchell Fleischman

Children's Church – Louise Schoppe

Children's Church Youth – Kaley Madura, Liam Robinson, Brendan Herman

Counters: Joe McCormick/Bill and Linda Kent

Van Driver: Tony Tresky

TODAY AT KMUPC

May 5, 2024

Worship services.....	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School.....	9:45
Children's Church.....	11:00
Children/Youth Choir.....	12:00-12:30
Confirmation Class.....	4:00 – 6:00

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	Al Anon.....	7:30
Tuesday	Lord's Lambs.....	1:00
	Christian Education/Sunday School Teachers meeting.....	7:00
Wednesday	JAM.....	6:00
	Choir practice.....	7:00
Thursday	Quilters.....	10:00
	Staff Meeting.....	11:00
	Lifewise.....	12:30
Saturday	Men's Breakfast.....	9:00
Sunday	Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Children's Church.....	11:00
	Confirmation Class.....	4:00 – 6:00

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 14 – Esther Circle
- May 15 – Lunch Bunch
- May 16 – Confirmation class meets with Session
- May 19 – Confirmation Sunday
- May 19 – Deacons meeting
- May 20 – Finance Team meeting
- May 21 – Session meeting
- May 23 – Food Pantry Distribution
- May 27 – Memorial Day Prayer Service

The flowers today are given by Mike and Sandy Moschak in memory of Marcella Pontiff and by Lari and Willy Skowron in loving memory of our son, Jordan Skowron.



AT HOME

Betty Borden – 2133 Masonic Drive Sewickley, 15143
Jean Bryan – c/o Manges, 9742 Valley View Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Lovell and Eileen Bryant – 108 Homer Circle, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dorothy Burgunder – 3927 Windgap Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204
Sandra Camarota – 2314 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108
Ralph Chasey– Coraopolis Towers, #818, 951 1st Ave, Coraopolis, PA 15108
Bill Conrad – 115 Phillips Lane, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Alice Davis – (Amy Savatt's mother) – 29 Enlow Road, Imperial, PA 15126
Larry Dickson – 116 Connie Park Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Evelyn Dithrich – 1103 Broadway Ave. #4, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Betty Dorsey – 115 Starling Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Joan Downs – 906 Canterbury Drive, Moon Twp., PA 15108
Pippa Downs – 136 Marie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
John Gehr – 129 Mallard Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Rose Ann Grannis - (Angela Schoppe's mom) 3121 47th Street, New Brighton, PA 15066
Janet Gregory – 190 North Vireo Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Peg Harcha – 189 Williams Street, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Patricia Hildebrand – 2027 McKees Rocks Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Corinne Irwin – 20 Kenridge Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Ann Joseck – 2107 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143
Carol Kaczmarek – 664 Magnus Lane, Coraopolis, PA 15108
Mary Kuffner – 220 Coraopolis Road, Apt 4, Coraopolis, PA 15108
Lee Leck – 22 Rossi Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Alex Lugin – 34 MacArthur Way, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
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Roberta Meixell – 32 Eichelberger Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15136
Suzanne Murr – 1780 Pine Hollow Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Mercedes Niehoff – 226 North Vireo Dr, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Marty Novoselski – 970 Glenhayes Drive, Crescent, PA 15046
Ken Parme – 31 Hodgson Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15205
Jeff Sammel – 145 Connie Park Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Helen Sharpe – 56 S. Vireo Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dave Smith – 1464 Critchfield Drive, Bridgeville PA 15017
Ellen Tresky – 84 Thorncrest Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Ray Walter – 1042 Fiddleback Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dee Young – 400 Adams Drive, Apt 106, McKees Rocks, PA 15136

IN CARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES

Cliff Brown- The Grove of New Castle, 715 Harbor Street, New Castle, PA 16101
Elaine Crist – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 236, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Gloria Dazen – Fair Oaks of Pittsburgh, 2200 W. Liberty Ave, Apt. 314, Pittsburgh, PA 15226
Myralin Miller – 880 S. Main Street, Washington, PA 15301
Addie Mitchell – Evergreen Personal Care, 25 Glade Ave., Waynesburg, PA 15370
Loretta Osborne – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 210, 32 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Peggy Ponte – Caring Heights, Room 201, 234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108
Virginia Shaw – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 301, 32 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Clare Webb – Apple Blossom Senior Care, Rm 321, 125 Apple Blossom Way, Moon Twp, PA 15108

IN THE MILITARY

LCpl Andrew Gregory - 731 College Avenue, Old Town, ME 04468
Sgt. Paul McCurdy - 7436 McAuliffe Loop, Ft. Campbell, KY 42223
Jackson Dorsey - U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 16 Mohegan Ave., Chase Hall, New London, CT 06320