

## *Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church*

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### **February 16, 2025**

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

# *Welcome to Worship!*

Warmest welcome to Ken Mawr Church! In Luke 6 Jesus uses a moment in which people are looking to him and expecting the world of him to say with all candor that the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful, and the hated are better off than the rich, the satisfied, the happy, and the well-liked. There's a Peanuts cartoon that's a favorite of mine where Charlie Brown tells Linus that a lady at the grocery store was complimenting him and telling him what a very nice boy he is. Then Linus reminds Charlie Brown of Luke 6:26: "*Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you...*" And Charlie Brown replies, "So much for feeling good!" By saying blessings and woes in the *Shortcut Beatitudes*, Jesus is in one moment describing a future reality of the kingdom of God and in the next moment tracing out for us the shape of our lives in the here and now. What Jesus proclaims as good news might be what most of us regard as a crying shame. Just remember that Jesus' *Shortcut Beatitudes* were meant to be taken seriously, but more importantly, taken to heart.

*-Pastor Karl*

## **Today at KMUPC**

- **Coffee, tea and hot chocolate** are available on the lower level at the coffee counter next to the Welcome Room.
- **Restrooms** are on the Sanctuary level, through the front Sanctuary doors, turn 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 room** is open 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. **Volunteers are needed as the nursery rooms re-open with staff on March 2. Please contact Tina Ernst if you can help.**
- **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.

# *The Service of Worship*

## **GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

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Preparing for Worship

“What Makes Me Sing?”

Welcome

Mission Moment

Liz Wassell from Sojourner House

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

## **GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD**

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\*Hymn of Praise #111

“When Morning Gilds the Sky”

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries,  
may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair, may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find,  
may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this, may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**The night becomes as day, when from the heart we say,  
may Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear  
when this sweet chant they hear, may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine,  
may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th'eternal song  
through all the ages long, may Jesus Christ be praised!**

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Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, with quarrelling, and divisiveness. Help us God, to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you and receive mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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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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.***

Congregational Prayer Response #559

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

## **GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

Scripture

Luke 6:17-26

*17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, 19 and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. 20 Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. 23 "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. 24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. 25 Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. 26 Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. (NIV)*

Sermon

"Shortcut Beatitudes"

\*A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
and triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His Kingdom cannot fail,  
he rules both earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope  
for Christ the Judge shall come  
to gather all his saints  
to their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

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\*Benediction

*Thank you for worshiping with us.*

**TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE:** "Sojourner House and Sojourner House MOMS (Mentoring, Opportunity, Motivation, Spirituality) provide compassionate, faith-based residential recovery services to mothers and children in the Pittsburgh area. We help mothers with substance use disorder learn to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty and substance use while rebuilding damaged relationships with their children. Sojourner House believes women can build a brighter future when surrounded by what means most to them: their children." <https://www.sojournerhousepa.org/about/>

February 23 – The Seed Company

## Confirmation Classes

Students in grade 7 or older are invited to confirm their faith at Ken Mawr Church by attending 6 classes beginning March 2, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. In preparation for a profession of faith and church membership, the students will study:

- an overview of the basics of the Christian faith
- an overview of the Reformed creeds and confessions
- the responsibilities of church membership.

Each student will write a statement of faith, meet with a mentor from the Session and present their statement of faith to the Session. Please direct questions to Pastor Karl or register for classes by calling the church office.

Schedule:

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 - Classes from 4-6 p.m. at the church (Sunday)

April 10 - Meeting with Session at 7:00 p.m. (Thursday)

May 4 - Confirmation Sunday

**NEW!** All high school girls are invited to a 7-session Bible study from Lifeway Publishing – "We've Saved You a Seat." Led by Chrissy Pelzer and Claudia Tyler, the group will meet in the library and explore building lasting friendships based on the model Jesus has given through scripture. Meetings are Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m.



# Growing Spiritually

## Developing deep roots with God and others

### Adult Ministries and Small Groups at Ken Mawr Church

*You are cordially invited and welcome to participate in any of the following groups:*

#### **Sunday morning:**

- Koinonia Class (upstairs past the office) 9:45
- New Vision (Friendship Lounge downstairs) 9:45
- Spiritual Journaling (Library downstairs) 9:45
- Woven Women (Memorial Lounge downstairs) 9:45

#### **Wednesday evenings:**

- Ken Mawr Choir (Koinonia room upstairs) Singing and fellowship 7:00

#### **Thursday morning:**

- Quilters (Friendship Lounge) – 10:00

#### **First Tuesday afternoon of each month:**

- Lord's Lambs Bible Study (Friendship Lounge) for men and women 1:00

#### **Second Tuesday evening of each month:**

- Esther Circle (Friendship Lounge) – Fellowship and study for women 7:00

#### **Second Saturday morning of each month:**

- Men's Breakfast and Bible study (Friendship Lounge) 9:00

#### **Third Wednesday afternoon of each month:**

- Jackie's Lunch Bunch (Friendship Lounge) – Bring a bag lunch. Men and Women 12:30

#### **Third Thursday of each month:**

- Helping Hands (projects around the church building) – come for any part of the day 10-3

### Children and Youth Ministries at Ken Mawr Church

#### **Sunday morning classes:** (Breakfast snacks and hot chocolate are available)

- Youngest learners meet downstairs to the right of the steps 9:45
- Elementary learners in grades 2-4 meet to the left of the steps, on the right 9:45
- Middle school students meet in the middle youth room on the left 9:45
- High school students meet in the first youth room on the left 9:45
- Children's Church for PreK – Grade 4 during the worship service at 11:00

#### **Sunday evenings as scheduled:**

- Middle school events are scheduled throughout the month for fellowship and further learning beyond the morning class 5:45 – 7:15

#### **Monday evening:**

- Youth412 meets Monday evenings for dinner, fellowship and devotions in the youth wing. Additional events are scheduled by the director. 6:00 – 7:30

#### **Wednesday evening:**

- J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 – 7:00 for activities, lessons, games and snacks for students in K-4.
- High School Girls Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 in the library.



## LENT: SAVIOR, SERVANT, FRIEND!

It may surprise you to hear this, but Lent isn't for God. God doesn't need our prayers, our fasting, or even our acts of sacrifice. God is complete in himself – unfathomable, unchanging, holy and sovereign.

So why does the Lenten season matter? Because we need it! Lent is a gift to us – a sacred invitation to slow down, look inward, and allow God to awaken our hearts to his presence, power, and purpose.

Lent provides us with a perfect chance to explore the extraordinary attributes of Jesus our Savior, Servant and Friend. Each service in this 6-week series dwells on a different aspect of our Lord and what each characteristic means to us as his followers and friends.

Dinners - 5:30 – 6:30. Entrees will be provided. Please bring a dish to share if you are able.

**The first reservation form will be in next week's bulletin. Reservations for the first dinner are due by Thursday, February 27.**

Worship - 6:30 – 7:00 **Join us just for worship if that is best for your schedule.** Childcare will be available.

**March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 2 and 9. Bring a friend!**

# Church Nursery



**Infant Care Available-Please text or email us to register your child for nursery service.**


*Volunteers are also needed.*







Age 0 - 3 years old  
Join us for church services and Sunday School classes!

**Tina Ernst**  
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(412) 596-0580

# SAVIOR SERVANT FRIEND

SERVICES FOR LENT



 <p>Week 1 ASK WEDNESDAY FORGIVER</p>	 <p>Week 2 HEALER</p>	 <p>Week 2 LISTENER</p>
 <p>Week 3 ENCOURAGER</p>	 <p>Week 4 PROTECTOR</p>	 <p>Week 5 COMFORTER</p>

## CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR  
COMMISSIONED PASTOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
TREASURER/ACCOUNTANT  
ASSISTANT TREASURER  
LIVE STREAM TECHNICIAN  
AUDIO/PERCUSSION  
J.A.M. DIRECTOR  
YOUTH 412 DIRECTOR  
CUSTODIAN

Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald  
Louise Schoppe  
Tiffany Kelly  
Tom Solack  
Lori Ryan  
Cameron Brown  
Adam Kantz  
Chrissy Pelzer  
Katie Herman  
P.J. O'Reilly

## 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  
Melissa McCormick  
Amy Schmidt/Val Kamenar

### ~ THANK YOU ~

**Children's Church:** Louise Schoppe  
**Ken Mawr Choir**

**Bass:** Mitchell Fleischman

**Counters:** Tom Simchak/Barb Cario

**Van Driver:** Tony Tresky

**Flower Delivery:** Anne Chimera/Judy Carney



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*The flowers today are given by Dan and Cindy Koller in memory of their nephew Ronnie Woshner and by the Klinger/Kappert family – Kathy, Katie and Tom – in memory of Bonnie Kappert on the day she joined the Lord.*

**TODAY AT KMUPC**

**February 16, 2025**

Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
<b>Congregational meeting.....</b>	<b>9:30</b>
Sunday School.....	9:45
Children’s Church.....	11:00
Deacons Meeting.....	12:00
Love is in the Air Congregational Dinner.....	5:00

**THIS WEEK AT KMUPC**

Monday	Youth 412.....	6:00
	Finance Meeting.....	6:00
	AI Anon.....	7:30
Tuesday	Lifewise.....	9:00 – 3:30
	Session meeting.....	7:00
Wednesday	Lunch Bunch.....	12:30
	JAM.....	6:00
	Choir.....	7:00
	Bible Study – High School Girls.....	7:15
Thursday	Lifewise.....	8:30 – 3:00
	Food Pantry.....	9:00 – 11:00
	Quilters.....	10:00
	Helping Hands.....	10:00 – 3:00
	Staff Meeting.....	10:00
Saturday	Soccer Shots.....	9:00
Sunday	Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School.....	9:45
	Children’s Church.....	11:00
	Middle School Youth Event.....	5:45

A congregational meeting is called by the Session today at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving annual reports and approval of the pastor’s terms of call.

*Thank you – Thank you... for the generous donations last week for the food pantry from the Souper Bowl collection. Donations totaled \$373.39 along with many cans of soup. We are blessed by such generosity. Thank you.*

## **AT HOME**

Betty Borden – 3501 Masonic Drive Sewickley, PA 15143  
Jean Bryan – c/o Manges, 9742 Valley View Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
Lovell 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  
Larry Dickson – 116 Connie Park Drive, 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  
Rose Ann Grannis - (Angela Schoppe's mom) 3121 47<sup>th</sup> Street, New Brighton, PA 15066  
Janet Gregory – 190 North Vireo Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Peg Harcha – 189 Williams Street, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Bob Hieber – 3104 Landing Lane, Moon Township PA 15108  
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  
Lee Leck – 22 Rossi Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Evelyn Lieberman – 1306 Brookline Blvd., Apt. 706, Pittsburgh, PA 15226  
Alex Lugin – 34 MacArthur Way, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
George McCurdy – (Russ' father) 1820 German Settlement Road, Ridgway, PA 15853  
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  
Ken Parme – 31 Hodgson Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15205  
Jeff Sammel – 145 Connie Park 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 – 125 Apple Blossom Way, Room 332, Moon Township, PA 15108  
David Gadsby – The Waters of Wexford, 210 Fowler Road, Room 1030, Warrendale, PA 15086  
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  
Helen Sharpe – Apple Blossom Senior Care, Rm 251, 125 Apple Blossom Way, Moon Twp, 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  
Carla Winter – Concordia Bridgeville, Room 118, 3580 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017

## **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