



In everything I did, I showed you that by  
this kind of hard work we must help the  
weak, remembering the words the Lord  
Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to  
give than to receive.' ”



Acts 20:35

## *Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church*

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### February 9, 2025

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

# *Welcome to Worship!*

Thank you for joining in our worship at Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church. As we continue with the sermon series, “Why Church”, we journey with Paul and get a glimpse of the faithful friendships that he developed while introducing the love of Christ to others while establishing the early church. The relationships like those he formed are becoming increasingly rare in today’s society. But, they seem to “flourish” within the fellowship of believers. Yes, it takes time to develop friendships but we can thank God for our praying friends; our giving friends; mentoring friends; supporting friends; and healing friends – authentic, encouraging, faithful friends who help us flourish. Welcome to all!  
~ *Pastor Louise*

## **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. Please see the information for registration for nursery care during the services.
- **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

“Write Your Word Upon My Heart”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

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

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\*Hymn of Praise #56

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
My soul with comfort rich he fills,  
and every grief he gently stills:  
to God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty power has made,  
in mercy he is keeping;  
by morning glow or evening shade  
his eye is never sleeping.  
And where he rules in kingly might,  
there all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!**

**We sought the Lord in our distress;  
O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness  
and came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
who is by one and all adored:  
to God all praise and glory!**

**Let all who name Christ's holy name  
give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know his power proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast every idol from its throne;  
the Lord is God, and he alone:  
to God all praise and glory!**  
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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 #482

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary;  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you. (repeat)**

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Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

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

Scripture

Acts 20:7-12, 32-38

*7 On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. 8 There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. 9 Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. 10 Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!" 11 Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. 12 The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.*

*32 "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. 34 You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. 35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" 36 When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. 37 They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. 38 What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship. (NIV)*

Sermon

"Flourish"

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.**

The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Sending Hymn #580

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,  
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own,  
let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;  
taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then to his summons, dedicate to him our all,  
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,  
standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.  
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill.  
that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

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\*Benediction

*Thank you for worshiping with us.*

**Thank you for your Souper Bowl of Caring donations!**

**TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE:** Since 1984, Witnessing Ministries of Christ has worked to bring education and empowerment to Dalit children in rural India. Through the work of indigenous teachers and staff at established school centers, children living in extreme poverty have the opportunity to access a full education, from primary school to through university.

February 16 – Sojourner House

## 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

## PENNY WARS - with a TWIST! FEBRUARY 2025



Bring a box of cereal  
with your pennies for extra points!

**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.



# CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR  
COMMISSIONED PASTOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
TREASURER/ACCOUNTANT  
ASSISTANT TREASURER  
LIVE STREAM TECHNICIAN  
AUDIO/PERCUSSION  
J.A.M. DIRECTOR  
YOUTH 412 DIRECTOR  
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Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald  
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Lori Ryan  
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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:** Jessica Robinson  
**Worship Assistants:** Jim Weikel/Dan Koller  
**Ken Mawr Choir**  
**Pianist:** Jim Heckethorn  
**Bass:** Mitchell Fleischman  
**Counters:** Tim Chimera/Bucky Savatt  
**Van Driver:** Tom McCullough  
**Flower Delivery:** Dona Adamski/Kathy Strand



*The flowers today are given by the Tresky family in  
loving memory of Bob Tresky on his birthday on  
February 13<sup>th</sup>.*

## TODAY AT KMUPC

**February 9, 2025**

Worship Services/Souper Bowl of Caring.....	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School.....	9:45
Children's Church .....	11:00

## THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	Youth 412.....	6:00
	Girl Scouts .....	6:30
	AI Anon .....	7:30
Tuesday	Lifewise.....	9:00 – 3:30
	Garden Club.....	10:30
	Esther Circle .....	7:00
Wednesday	JAM.....	6:00
	Choir .....	7:00
	Bible Study – High School Girls .....	7:15
Thursday	Lifewise.....	8:30 – 3:00
	Quilters .....	10:00
	Staff Meeting.....	10:00
Saturday	Soccer Shots .....	9:00
Sunday	Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
	<b>Congregational meeting</b> .....	9:30
	Sunday School.....	9:45
	Children's Church .....	11:00
	Deacons Meeting .....	12:00
	<b>Love is in the Air Congregational Dinner</b> .....	<b>5:00</b>

## LOOKING AHEAD

- February 17 – Finance meeting
- February 18 – Session Meeting
- February 19 – Jackie's Lunch Bunch
- February 20 – Helping Hands
- February 20 – Food Pantry
- February 23 – Middle School Youth Event
- March 2 – Confirmation Classes begin

A congregational meeting is called by the Session for February 16 at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving annual reports and approval of the pastor's terms of call.

**June 15 – 20, 2025** **Week of Hope** is a "community service mission trip for youth. Students come alongside seasoned local ministries and nonprofits to make a lasting difference through meaningful community service. They'll learn Christ-like empathy and compassion for others as they meet the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of disadvantaged children, youth, and adults." **See Pastor Louise for more information!**

## **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 – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 236, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
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

Please join us for:

# Love is in the Air

—♡—  
Sunday, February 16  
5:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

The event is sponsored by the Deacons and is free.

The entree will be catered, so please bring a  
side dish or dessert to share.

Live entertainment will follow the dinner.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

How many attending \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and place in the offering plate or return to the  
church office by February 9.