

WE ALL STUMBLE

James - Wisdom from above

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!

I welcome each one of you to Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church on this “Back to Church” Sunday. On one stormy night in 1752 the spectacled inventor Ben Franklin ventured outside with a makeshift kite, a trusty ball of string, and his house key. He was out to test a highly controversial theory, soon to be called the Philadelphia Experiments. He believed that lightning was simply a discharge of electricity—a lot of it! Today we know he was right. Lightning will strike the earth 100 times every second today. Somewhere on earth, the Spirit of God will strike human hearts in an effort to introduce them to God’s love in Jesus Christ today. Each person that God touches could use an innovative and daring inventor to teach them the wonders of knowing and serving God. That’s where we come in. We all stumble. But amazingly, God can tame our tongues to use for his purposes and for his glory. *-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 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.
- **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 (choir)

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymns of Praise

“Psalm 121” (I Lift My Eyes)

I lift my eyes up to the hills; from where does my help come?

My help comes from the Maker of the heavens and the earth.

He will not let my foot be moved; he keeps my journey safe.

Oh my soul, praise the Lord, Most High. Strong to save, he upholds my life.

Forevermore, he will be my life. I lift my eyes up to the Lord, Most High.

He is the shade at my right hand, my shelter in the storm.

No sun by day, nor moon by night shall ever bring me harm.

He will not slumber, will not sleep; he watches all my days.

Oh my soul, praise the Lord, Most High. Strong to save, he upholds my life.

Forevermore, he will be my life. I lift my eyes up to the Lord, Most High.

I lift my eyes up to the hills; from where does my help come?

My help comes from the Maker of the heavens and the earth.

The God of Israel is my guide wherever I may go.

And in his strength, I will abide until He leads me home.

Oh my soul, praise the Lord, Most High. Strong to save, he upholds my life.

Forevermore, he will be my life. I lift my eyes up to the Lord, Most High.

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*Prayer of Confession

Father of the heavenly lights, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love. We all stumble in many ways. We have fallen and we have not risen to new life. Lift us up and baptize us with your Holy Spirit. Forgive and renew us so we may be a kind of first fruits of all you have created and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. 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.

Prayer Response #473

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

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Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

James 3:1-12

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. 2 We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water. (NIV)

Sermon

"We All Stumble"

*The Belgic Confession—from Psalm 99

The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name; he is holy.

The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them.

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

LORD our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn #356

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

**I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me;
on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

**I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

**I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant power I'll tell:
how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

**I will sing of my Redeemer and his heavenly love for me;
he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

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*Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us.

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: Off the Floor Pittsburgh is a local faith-based volunteer ministry which, since 2004, has provided basic used furniture like beds, dressers, tables, and chairs to disadvantaged families who lack these items. The mission of Off the Floor Pittsburgh is to strengthen families and to reduce the pain and indignity of extreme poverty in the greater Pittsburgh region by recycling used furniture in good condition and delivering it free of charge to families in deepest need. Learn more at offthefloorpgh.org.

September 22 - Emerging Mission Needs
September 29 - The Gideons International



Children age 4 – Grade 4 are invited to join in our mid-week Children’s program led by Chrissy Cannella. The lessons and activities reinforce the Sunday lesson and help to grow a solid faith foundation for our kids. Snacks are provided. JAM begins on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. –



CHECK OUT THE BOOK NOOK!

There are **lunch box cards** in the Book Nook for \$3.

New cards, books, gift bags, Bibles and more are available – Downstairs to the left of the steps....





Children and Youth:

These classes meet downstairs - either to the right to the three classroom in the back hallway OR to the left with grades 2-4 near the LifeTree door and the youth rooms in the hallway on the left.

Nursery

Ages 2 - 4

Pre-K - Grade 1

Grades 2 - 4

Grades 5 - 8

Grades 9 - 12

Adults:

Koinonia Class - upper level, left of the office

Woven Women - lower level, turn left at the bottom of the steps, in the Memorial Lounge

Scripture Journaling - turn right at the bottom of the steps - in the Library

New Vision - Friendship Lounge across from the youth rooms.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Use the QR code to register for Sunday School.

Adult Small groups

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. They are continuing the study of Ezra and Nehemiah.

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

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

Youth Calendar:

Middle School (grades 5 – 8) 2nd event will be meet on September 22 from 5:45 – 7:15 at the church.

Bring a friend!

High School (grades 9 – 12) – Youth 412 will continue to meet on Mondays 6:00 – 7:30 in the high school youth room.

September 16 – Meet at church

September 23 – Wendy's

September 30 – Meet at church

CHURCH STAFF

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VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY

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ELDER OF THE MONTH
DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Diane Kuffner
Cheryl Simchak
Jayne McDonald
Tina Ernst
Bob Ramsey
Tina Freyermuth/Diane Haney

THANK YOU ~

Ken Mawr Choir

Bass – Mitchell Fleischman

Children's Church: Louise Schoppe

Counters: Tim Chimera/Renee Trunick

Van Driver: Tom McCullough

Flower Delivery: Cheryl Simchak/Tina Ernst

What is the meaning of our church name – Ken Mawr? *The two words are derived from the Scottish language. *Ken* meaning “knowledge” and *Mawr* meaning “more.”

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church began its life as the Ken Mawr Mission. Rev. Wilson V. Grove received the first members on February 15, 1931 at the Ken Mawr School. The phrase Ken Mawr, already given to the school in 1922, is of Scottish descent meaning “more knowledge.” Thus Ken Mawr, very fitting for a school, also applies to those seeking more knowledge of Jesus Christ. (from the 75th anniversary booklet in 2008).

TODAY AT KMUPC

September 15, 2024

Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
Children's Church	11:00

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	Finance Meeting	6:00
	Youth 412 (Grades 9 – 12)	6:00
	AI Anon	7:30
Tuesday	Session	7:00
Wednesday	Lunch Bunch.....	12:30
	JAM	6:00
Thursday	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00
	Quilters	10:00
	Staff Meeting.....	11:00
	Presbytery Event	4:00
Sunday	Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School.....	9:45
	Children's Church	11:00
	Middle School Youth (Grades 5 – 8).....	5:45 – 7:15

LOOKING AHEAD

- October 1 – Lord's Lambs 1:00 p.m.
- October 1 – Christian Ed/Sunday School teachers meeting 7:00 p.m.
- October 2 – JAM (6:00 p.m.) and Choir practice (7:00 p.m.) - Every Wednesday
- October 3 – Quilters (10:00 a.m.) and Staff Meeting (11:00 a.m.) - Every Thursday
- October 7 – Youth 412 (Every Monday) 6:00 p.m.
- October 8 – Esther Circle 7:00 p.m.
- October 10 – Food Panty 9:00 – 11:00
- October 12 – Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
- October 13 – Middle School Youth
- October 16 – Lunch Bunch 12:30 p.m.
- October 20 – Deacons meeting 12:00 p.m.
- October 21 – Finance Meeting 6:00
- October 22 – Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- October 24 – Food Pantry
- October 27 – Middle School Youth



*The flowers today are given in memory of my sister,
Betty Schoppe, by Helen Sharpe.*

AT HOME

Betty Borden – 3501 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
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
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
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
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
Mary Kuffner – Concordia at Wexford, 125 Brown Rd., Wexford, PA 15090
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