

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!

It is my privilege to welcome you to Ken Mawr Church as we gather to worship in spirit and in truth. We believe that Christians are set free from their sins. We are forgiven and freed from the condemnation and dominion of sin. This also means we are to live in that freedom—forgiven, not condemned by our sinfulness. Will that produce lawlessness? Both Paul and James answer NO. It produces love. For James the summary of the royal law that gives freedom is stated in verse 8: *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* The issue of favoritism, whether because of riches or ethnicity is an important issue in the lives of Jesus' followers. Are we partial in our attitudes or actions? Or are we trusting Jesus as our glorious Lord? If we are, his glory will put us in the right place, and we will be secure in him. And from that humble and secure place will flow love, not favoritism. Mercy, not judgment. *-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)

"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.

O my soul, praise the Lord most high, strong to save, He upholds my life. Forevermore, He will be my light, 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 ways.

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Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymns of Praise #646 & #651

"As We Gather/ We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

As we gather may your Spirit work within us, As we gather may we glorify your Name. Knowing well that as our heart begin to worship, We'll be blessed because we came, We'll be blessed because we came.

As we gather may your Spirit work within us, As we gather may we glorify your Name. Knowing well that as our heart begin to worship, We'll be blessed because we came, We'll be blessed because we came. We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord; We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving; And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord; We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving; And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

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*Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, our lives and all our ways are like an open book before you. There is nothing we can hide from you and with humility we return to you and repent of those things where we have fallen short of the standard set by Jesus Christ our Lord. The spirit of true charity motivates us only occasionally; concern for ourselves crowds out the compassion we should show toward others. Have mercy on us, forgive all our sins, strengthen us in goodness, and bring us to eternal life, we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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!

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! © 1998 Jonathan Gilley | CCLI #800917, #20719925

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.

What 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. Public Domain | CCLI #800917, #20719925

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

James 2:1-13

1 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. 2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes. and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. 3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," 4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? 8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. 9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. 11 For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. 12 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom. 13 because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment. (NIV)

Sermon

"Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment"

*A Prayer for Renewal

O Lord, uphold us by your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in each one of us your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, that we may be stewards of your mysteries, both now and forever. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn #556

"Go Forth in His Name"

We are his children, the fruit of his suffering, saved and redeemed by his blood; Called to be holy, a light to the nations, clothed with his power, filled with His love.

Go forth in His name, proclaiming "Jesus reigns." Now is the time for the church to arise and proclaim him, "Jesus, Savior, Redeemer and Lord." (repeat)

Countless the souls that are stumbling in darkness, why do we sleep in the light? Jesus commands us to go make disciples, this is our cause, this is the fight.

Go forth in His name, proclaiming "Jesus reigns." Now is the time for the church to arise and proclaim him, "Jesus, Savior, Redeemer and Lord." (Repeat)

Listen, the wind of the Spirit is blowing, the end of the age is so near; Powers in the earth and the heavens are shaking, Jesus, our Lord soon shall appear.

Go forth in His name, proclaiming "Jesus reigns." Now is the time for the church to arise and proclaim Him, "Jesus, Savior, Redeemer and Lord." (Repeat) © 1990 Make Way Music | CCLI #800917, #20719925

*Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us.

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: This Sunday's Benevolence at KMUPC is CHOSEN International Medical Assistance (based in Erie, PA) which has helped to place medical equipment in 110 countries since 1969. CHOSEN is all about serving Christ through medical missions, equipping clinics, and meeting home health care needs. Your support matters. Website: www.chosenima.org

September 15 - Off the Floor Pittsburgh 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. – 7:00 p.m.



NEW CHOIR MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!



9:45 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Pre-K through Grade 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 – The 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. 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 Knowing Jesus through the Gospels and Hebrews from Rooted Ministries. 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 left across from Friendship Lounge.

Grades 9 – 12 – With leadership from Chrissy Cannella and Jim Weikel, the high school students will study Bible lessons and current issues – Thinking Biblically – through study and discussion. First room on left across from Friendship Lounge.

Sunday School Meet & Greet with registration for both children and adult classes will be TODAY at 9:45 a.m. in Sharpe Hall. Refreshments will be served!



Use the QR code to register for Sunday School.

SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Most people agree that it is important to teach our children about the Bible and to help them grow in their faith. But, it is just as important for adults. Learning doesn't stop just because you turn 18. Ken Mawr Presbyterian Church offers several Sunday morning adult groups where you will be welcomed and made to feel a part of the community of faith. Check out the current list of groups that will begin meeting this fall.

KOINONIA CLASS - Led by Bucky Savatt & Diane Haney.

The Koinonia class meets down the hall to the left of the church office and will be studying Resolving Everday Conflict from Peacemaker's Ministires.

WOVEN WOMEN – Led by Rachel Ramsey.

The class meets on the lower level of the church in the Memorial Lounge and will be studying "Surrendered – Letting Go and Living Like Jesus."

SCRIPTURE JOURNALING - facilitated by Sue Marcinko.

Bring your favorite Bible, a pen, a journal, an open mind and heart. Meeting in the library on the lower level to the right at the bottom of the steps.

NEW VISION

This class meets in Friendship Lounge 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.

Other 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.

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.

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR COMMISSIONED PASTOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TREASURER/ACCOUNTANT ASSISTANT TREASURER LIVE STREAM TECHNICIAN AUDIO/PERCUSSION J.A.M. DIRECTOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM DIRECTOR CUSTODIAN Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald Louise Schoppe Tiffany Kelly Kelly McCurdy Lori Ryan Cameron Brown Adam Kantz Chrissy Cannella Katie Herman P.J. O'Reilly

VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY

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THANK YOU ~ Ken Mawr Choir

Bass – Mitchell Fleischman Children's Church: Louise Schoppe Counters: Bucky Savatt/Bill and Linda Kent Van Driver: Tony Tresky Flower Delivery: Tony Tresky/Val Kamenar

National Back to Church Sunday!

September 15, 2024

Bring a friend!

TODAY AT KMUPC

September 8, 2024

Worship Services	8:30 and 11:00
Children's Church	
Middle School Youth Welcome Event (Grades 5 – 8)	6:00 – 7:30

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	Girl Scouts	
	Youth 412 (Grades 9 – 12)	
	Al Anon	
Tuesday	Esther Circle	
Wednesday	Choir Practice	
Thursday	Quilters	
	Staff Meeting	
Saturday	Men's Breakfast	
Sunday	Worship Services	
-	Sunday School Classes Begin	
	Children's Church	
	Deacons Meeting	

LOOKING AHEAD

September 16 – Finance Meeting 6:00 p.m. September 17 – Session Meeting 7:00 p.m. September 18 – Lunch Bunch 12:30 p.m. September 18 – JAM Begins (Age 4 – Grade 4) at 6:00 p.m. September 19 – Food Pantry September 19 – Presbytery Event at 4:00 p.m.



The flowers today are given in memory of our Mother / Grandmother LaRue Muellerschoen on her 96th Birthday (September 12) from the Sanko Family.

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....

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, Pittsburah, 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 Georae McCurdy – (Russ' father) 1820 German Settlement Road, Ridaway, 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 Hodason 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, Bridaeville 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 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