

# Peter's Way of Life

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus

Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of

Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.

1 Peter 1:3-4

## *Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church*

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## April 26, 2026

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

# Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to Ken Mawr on this beautiful Lord's Day! Thomas More was England's Chancellor during the reign of the insufferable Henry VIII. After he was convicted of failing to support the king as head of the Church the authorities unjustly sentenced More to be executed. Some say it was his finest hour in a life filled with days, months and years of far less than moral finery. Just before More's execution, he prayed, "Almighty God, have mercy on all that bear me evil will and would me harm and make us saved souls in heaven together, where we may ever live and love together with thee and thy blessed saints." So, whether Jesus' followers today choose to patiently tolerate or somehow battle unjust suffering, we never try to deal with it on our own. You and I remember God. God's people always soak our responses to undeserved suffering in humility, praying as Jesus did, "*Father...yet not my will, but yours be done*" (Luke 22:42). The question for us is how we will respond to unjust treatment that nearly all of us experience at some point in our lives.

*-Pastor Karl*



You are invited to a fun-filled, family movie night for ALL ages. Come and enjoy the great movie, DAVID, along with some yummy snacks. We're calling it DAVID and Doritos, and you are all welcome to join us on Sunday evening, **May 17 at 6:00 p.m.**

Pastor .....	The Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
Commissioned Pastor .....	Louise Schoppe
Administrative Assistant .....	Tiffany Kelly
Treasurer/Accountant .....	Nancy Gilkey
Assistant Treasurer .....	Lori Ryan
Clerk of Session .....	Diane Kuffner
Elder of the Month .....	Dave Ewonce
Deacons of the Month .....	Kathy Boots/Tony Tresky
Director of Music.....	Jayne McDonald
Instrumentalists .....	Jim Heckethorn/Mitchell Fleischman/Alex Weibel
Children's Church .....	Louise Schoppe
Nursery .....	Tammy Bischak
Counters .....	Diane Kuffner/Bill & Linda Kent
Van Driver.....	Tony Tresky
Fower Delivery.....	Kathy Conrad/Amy Schmidt

# The Service of Worship

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

Preparing for Worship

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

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

\*Hymns of Praise #356

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, accept our true repentance and show us your mercy, we humbly pray. By the power of your Spirit form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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!**

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.***

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Faith #73

"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"

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

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Scripture

1 Peter 2:12-25

*12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. 16 Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. 17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. 18 Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. 19 For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." 25 For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (NIV)*

Sermon

"Show Proper Respect to Everyone"

\*The 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.  
Amen.**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Sending Hymn #499

"He Leadeth Me"

\*Benediction

*\*All are invited to stand*

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

**TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE:** What does it mean to be a servant? For the Board of Deacons here at KMUPC it means helping those in need inside and outside the church. It means delivering chancel flowers that have decorated our sanctuary on a Sunday morning. It means a card ministry to individuals, families, shut-ins, new members, families celebrating weddings, births, graduations and other significant milestones. It means festively decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. It means serving funeral lunches to families that have experienced loss...and it means much more.



The Pirates Faith-night will be held, Saturday, May 2 at 4:05 p.m. as the Pirates take on the Cincinnati Reds. Tickets are available in the office – cost \$40.

## **TODAY AT KMUPC**

**April 26, 2026**

Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School .....	9:45
Children's Church .....	11:00

## **THIS WEEK AT KMUPC**

Monday	Girl Scouts .....	6:30
Tuesday	Confirmation Meeting with Session.....	8:00
Wednesday	Choir .....	7:00
Thursday	Staff Meeting .....	10:00
Saturday	Faith Night at the Pirates games .....	4:05
Next Sunday	Worship Services/Communion.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School .....	9:45
	Children's Church .....	11:00
	Middle School Youth Night .....	5:45 – 7:15

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

May 2 – Camp Lambec Workday  
May 4 – High School Youth Night  
May 5 – Lord's Lambs  
May 7 – Food Pantry  
May 9 - Men's Breakfast  
May 12 - Esther Circle  
May 17 - Deacons Mtg.  
May 17 – Family Movie Night  
May 18 - Finance Mtg.  
May 18 – High School Youth Night  
May 19 - Christian Education Mtg.  
May 19 - Session Mtg.  
May 20 – Jackie's Lunch Bunch  
May 21 – Helping Hands  
May 21 – Food Pantry  
May 25 - Memorial Day Prayer Service  
May 30 – Camp Lambec Workday



*The flowers today are given in memory of my husband, Thomas, from Peggy Meneskie and given in honor of Ashley and Austin Fisher on the birth of their son Albert Brooks from the McCurdy Family.*

**Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church is pleased to be bringing back Sunday morning Greeters.** It's a wonderful way to be involved in the family of faith at Ken Mawr!

Greeter Duties:

- Greeters are people of all ages who recognize that growing a faith community depends on creating a sense of belonging in all who enter our church building for worship.
- The regular presence of greeters at the front door each Sunday allows them to become familiar with people, making them known and welcomed.
- Greeters become good at spotting people who are new to the church and can be key in reaching out to them, introducing them to others, and helping them become familiar with our building and our people.
- Greeters make people feel appreciated and a part of our congregation. Greeters should arrive about **20 minutes** before the worship service starts to distribute the worship bulletins as people enter the church building.
- Please use this QR code to access the Greeter form to serve in this welcoming ministry.
- You may also contact Dina Roberts to volunteer.



From Pastor Karl: Since 2020, we mail the bulletin and a print copy of the sermon to our At Home/Care & Rehab facilities members. As a result, the bulletins are prepared by Monday before each Sunday service and mailed on Tuesday. To that end, if there is something you would like in the bulletin, please email that information to the office before the end of the previous week, so it can be included in a timely way. Thank you.

**Example: Announcements/information for May 3 should be sent to the office before April 24.**

What can you find on the Ken Mawr website? [www.kenmawrchurch.org](http://www.kenmawrchurch.org)

- Front page: Worship service information, VBS registration links, calendar information and highlights
- Specific ministry drop-down pages include: Children's ministries, youth ministries, small group information, special events, Choir information, past sermons and bulletins, online links and more!
- Giving online link

## **Please remember with cards and prayers...**

### **AT HOME**

Betty Borden – 3501 Masonic Drive Sewickley, PA 15143  
Jean Bryan – c/o Sarah 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  
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  
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  
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 15108  
Suzanne Murr – 1780 Pine Hollow Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Ken Parme – 31 Hodgson Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15205  
Julia Ramsey – 1113 Mohawk Rd., R.D. #2., McDonald, PA 15057-2553  
Jeff Sammel – 145 Connie Park Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Donna Sheets – 1500 Letort Street, Apt. 910, Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
Dave Smith – 1464 Critchfield Drive, Bridgeville PA 15017  
Ellen Tresky – 84 Thorncrest Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Carla Winter – c/o Stacey Viviano, 113 Amy Jo Lane, Coraopolis PA 15108

### **IN CARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES**

Elaine Crist – 125 Apple Blossom Way, Room 332, Moon Township, PA 15108  
David Gadsby – Province of Wexford, 210 Fowler Road, Room 1030, Warrendale, PA 15086  
Janet Gregory – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 222, 30 Heckel Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
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  
Dee Young – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 110, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136

### **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