

# *Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church*

1760 Pine Hollow Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Phone: 412-331-2863 Website: <https://www.kenmawrchurch.org>

**February 1, 2026**

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

# Welcome to Worship!

We welcome you to Ken Mawr Church! In our Scripture this morning, Paul is speaking about wisdom—true wisdom! True wisdom is not how we think, but how God thinks, how God acts in the world through Christ. For many people in the world who remain unconvinced and unconverted, this *message* sounds like foolishness. But to those of us who have heard, believed, and experienced it “*the message of the cross*” is the power of God! This is our common calling as believers! Just look at what happens in the lives of people when this *message* is preached and taught. Murderers become martyrs; fighters become lovers; hate-mongers become peacemakers; and so on. The very power of God is let loose in those of us who are being saved by “*the message of the Cross!*” As Christians, we are bound together by “*the message of the cross*.” Our hope never resides in our own efforts, but in the unimaginably foolish love of God. And it is only foolishness when it is seen from the perspective of this world. —*Pastor Karl*

**FAMILY NIGHT –  
FINDING GOD’S LOVE**  
Sunday, February 15, 2026

Please see registration link:  
[www.kenmawrchurch.org](http://www.kenmawrchurch.org)

**LENTEN DINNERS – 5:30 – 7:00**  
“*Dying His Death, Living His Life*”  
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 and  
each Wednesday through March 25

Reservation forms are on the back  
pages. Two weeks are provided today.

Pastor.....	The Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
Commissioned Pastor.....	Louise Schoppe
Administrative Assistant.....	Tiffany Kelly
Treasurer/Accountant.....	Nancy Gilkey
Assistant Treasurer.....	Lori Ryan
Elder of the Month .....	Melissa McCormick
Deacons of the Month.....	Craig and Barb Cannella
Clerk of Session.....	Diane Kuffner
Children’s Church .....	Louise Schoppe
Musicians .....	Alex Weibel/Mitchell Fleischman
Counters .....	Craig Hinden/Bucky Savatt
Van Driver.....	Tom McCullough
Flower Delivery .....	Mike Baldauff

# The Service of Worship

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

Preparing for Worship

"At the Table of the Lord"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

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

\*Hymns of Praise #35

"Morning Has Broken"

\*Prayer of Confession

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart and soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. We pray through Jesus Christ, the One who is faithful to the end. 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.*

## Offering and Prayer of Dedication

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

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." 20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. 26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord." (NIV)*

Sermon

"A Common Humanity and a Common Calling"

\*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.**

\*Hymn of Faith

"Keep the Feast"

**Joyfully we join You at Your table, pleading not our righteousness.  
By Your wealth of mercy we are able now to feast in confidence.  
Take this bread and eat. Take this cup and drink.  
Remember how He loved us; rejoice and keep the feast.**

**Who is fit to feast with such a Savior? Who His sandals could untie?  
Who are we that He would show us favor? Granting us this gift of life.  
Take this bread and eat. Take this cup and drink.  
Remember how He loved us; rejoice and keep the feast.**

**Oh, happy sign of friendship and reunion with the blessed Three-in-One.  
Foretaste of that glorious communion, Vision of the world to come.  
Take this bread and eat. Take this cup and drink.  
Remember how He loved us; rejoice and keep the feast.  
Remember how He loved us; rejoice and keep the feast.**

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## **GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

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God's Invitation and Promises

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

\*Prayer after Communion

**Loving God, you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament, be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom. For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son, our Lord, and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Singing Hymn #261

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

\*Benediction

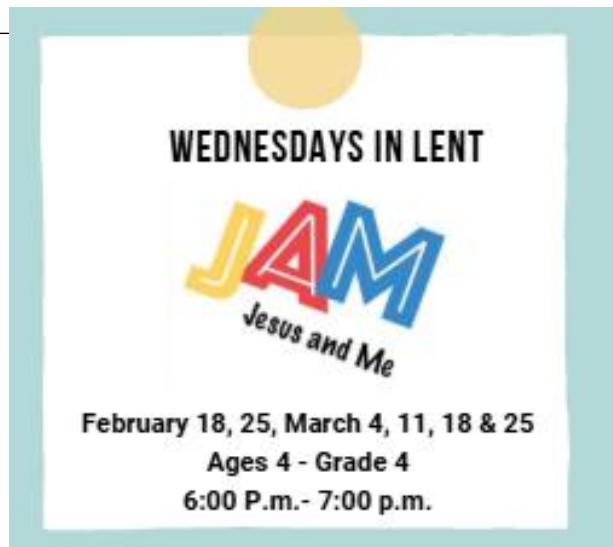
*\*All are invited to stand*

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

**"Dying His Death, Living His Life"**

Lenten Dinners begin February 18 at 5:30 followed by a time of worship. In Lent we have an opportunity to remember that we are buried with Christ in his death so we might live with him in his Resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for him.

Every Wednesday evening in Lent at 6:30 PM we will worship together in this holy season to contemplate those things that were put to death on the Cross so we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ the Lord.



## TODAY AT KMUPC

		<u>February 1, 2026</u>
	Worship Services/Communion.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School.....	9:45
	Children's Church .....	11:00

## THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Tuesday	Lifewise .....	9:00 – 3:30
	Lord's Lambs.....	1:00
	Sunday School Teacher's Meeting.....	7:00
Wednesday	Choir .....	7:00
Thursday	Lifewise .....	8:30 – 3:00
	Quilters.....	10:00
	Staff Meeting.....	10:00
Saturday	Love Is in the Air Dinner .....	5:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Souper Bowl/Food Pantry collection after each service .....	9:30/12:00
	Congregational Meeting.....	9:30
	Sunday School .....	9:45
	Children's Church.....	11:00
	Middle School Youth Night.....	5:45 – 7:15

## LOOKING AHEAD

February 8 – Middle School Youth Night

February 9 – High School Youth Night

**TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE:** Like the Biblical Samaritan who stopped to help the injured man on the road, Samaritan Counseling Center takes care of people when they're wounded. Samaritan works to help address internal wounds from a client-driven, spiritually integrated approach, while utilizing the best clinical practices available. We believe that deep healing occurs when mind, body, and spirit achieve renewal and harmony.

A congregational meeting is called for February 8 at 9:30 for the purpose of accepting the pastor's terms of call and accepting annual reports.

If you would like to donate chancel flowers for 2026, please contact Tiffany in the church office 412-331-2863 or email at [admin@kenmawrchurch.org](mailto:admin@kenmawrchurch.org). The flower calendar does not automatically renew. Cost \$25.

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

### **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  
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  
Dee Young – 400 Adams Drive, Apt 106, McKees Rocks, PA 15136

### **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  
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

# Music Camp is July 12 – 17, 2026

## Registration is open

<https://lambec.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3256635>



Music is a great way for young people to come together to grow in faith and community. Ken Mawr Church has a long history with music camp at Camp Lambec and we are happy to support campers by providing  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the camp fee for campers entering ages 9 – 18 (completed grades 3-12). If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Kristen Brown, Chrissy Pelzer, Jonas Halaja, Pastor Karl or Jayne McDonald.



## CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE 2026

Students in grade 7 or older are invited to prepare for church membership at Ken Mawr Church by attending Confirmation Classes on the following dates:

March 1 - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

March 8 - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

March 15 - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

March 22 - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

April 12 - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

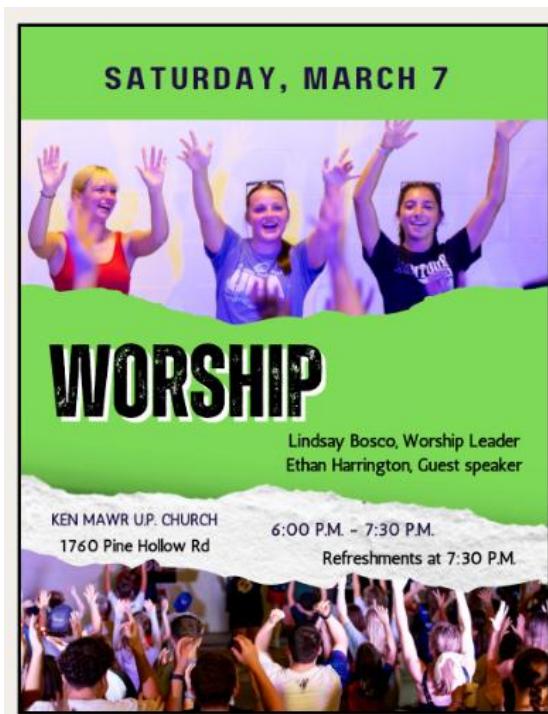
April 19 - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Make up class - April 26 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Meet with Session - April 30 at 8:00 p.m.

Confirmation Sunday - May 3 at 11:00 a.m.

\*Call or email Pastor Louise to register for Confirmation classes. 412-331-2863 or [familypastor@kenmawrchurch.org](mailto:familypastor@kenmawrchurch.org)



The Ken Mawr Church Youth are sponsoring a second Worship night. Everyone is welcome. Please bring friends!

Lenten Dinner #1 Reservation Form  
February 18, 2026  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Sharpe Hall

## Covered Dish Dinner

An entrée will be provided each week.  
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

\*Children attending JAM (age 4 – grade 4) at 6:00 p.m. will eat first.

## Worship 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

\*Reservations are not needed for the 30 minute service.  
Please call the church office for child care for children under age 4.

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### February 18 Dinner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Detach and return in the offering plate today or to the church  
office before February 11.

# Lenten Dinner #2 Reservation Form

February 25, 2026

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Sharpe Hall

## Covered Dish Dinner

An entrée will be provided each week.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

\*Children attending JAM (age 4 – grade 4) at 6:00 p.m. will eat first.

## Worship

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

\*Reservations are not needed for the 30 minute service.

Please call the church office for child care for children under age 4.

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## February 25 Dinner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Detach and return in the offering plate today or to the church office before February 18.