



Great Stories from Genesis

## *Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church*

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### June 14, 2026

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

# Welcome!

It is my joy and privilege to welcome each of you to Ken Mawr on this Lord's Day! In the "Great Stories from Genesis" series we can find clues in the adjectives used to describe the offerings brought by Cain and Abel. Cain's offering of farm produce has no qualifying words. He brought inedible things. "Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions" (v. 4). Nothing is too good for the Lord. Abel's external gift reflects the gratitude of his heart. Cain's apparent lack of gratitude becomes something much darker. So, God admonishes him not to be angry. God's rejection of his offering should have led Cain to modify his behavior in a positive direction, but his actions get even worse. The sin that was waiting to overtake him ravages his heart. Cain kills his brother, because Abel received God's favor. The first recorded sin after leaving the Garden of Eden is *fratricide*. In spite of Cain's despicable act, God still extends a token that signifies his continued involvement with Cain, and with the sinful human race. Verse 15 says, "And the Lord put a mark on Cain." It was a mark of grace. -Pastor Karl

## Have you registered for VBS?

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Volunteers are needed – thank you for supporting this ministry!

Pastor .....	Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
Commissioned Pastor .....	Louise Schoppe
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Director of Music.....	Jayne McDonald
Instrumentalists .....	Ross Antonich/Mitchell Fleischman/Alex Weibel
Children's Church .....	Louise Schoppe
Nursery .....	Tammy Bischak
Counters .....	Diane Kuffner/Joe McCormick
Greeters.....	Otto and Marlene Sommerhalter (11:00)
Van Driver.....	Tony Tresky
Fower Delivery.....	Kathy Strand/Claudia Tyler

# The Service of Worship

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

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Preparing for Worship

“Promises”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

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

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\*Hymns of Praise #676

“Come, Be Baptized”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of frustration than in passion born of hope. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. By your Holy Spirit, forgive us, renew us, and reshape us in your image. 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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The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Time with the Children

*Children PreK–Grade 4 are invited to children’s church and 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 #57

“Think About His Love”

## **GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

Scripture

Genesis 4:1-16

*Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.”<sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.<sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground,<sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering,<sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.<sup>6</sup> The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?<sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it.”<sup>8</sup> Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”<sup>10</sup> And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground.<sup>11</sup> And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.<sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”<sup>13</sup> Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear.<sup>14</sup> Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”<sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.<sup>16</sup> Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod,<sup>[1]</sup> east of Eden. (ESV)*

Sermon

“The Mark of Grace”

\*The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

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\*Sending #422

"Amazing Grace"

\*Benediction

***"The Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from another."***

-Genesis 31:49

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

### *The Mizpah Benediction*

Genesis 31:49 is commonly called the Mizpah Benediction. In Hebrew, Mizpah translates to "watchtower" or "lookout". It originates from the Biblical story in Genesis 31 where Jacob and Laban used a pile of stones to mark an agreement. Laban declares: *"The Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from another."* Because of this, it is commonly used today as a token of deep emotional bond, protection, and remembrance between loved ones separated by distance.

# THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM

*for*

**Murphy James Mahnke – born March 17, 2026**

## **Hear the words of the LORD Jesus Christ:**

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the close of the age.

## **The Meaning of Baptism:**

As they are united with Christ through faith, Baptism unites the people of God with each other and with the church of every time and place. Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to all people. Baptism is God's gift of grace and also God's summons to respond to that grace.

## **Questions to the Parents:**

- Do you reaffirm your own faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD?
- Do you claim God's covenant promises on your child's behalf, and do you look in faith to the LORD Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
- Do you now unreservedly promise, in humble reliance upon God's grace, to set before your child an example of the new life in Christ?
- Do you promise to pray with and for him and to bring him up in the knowledge and love of God?

## **Questions to the Congregation:**

- Do you, the members of this congregation, in the name of the whole church of Christ, undertake with these parents the Christian nurture of this child so that in due time he may confess faith in Jesus Christ. *(We do.)*
- Will you endeavor by your example and fellowship to strengthen their family ties with the household of God? *(We will.)*

## **Prayer**

*Every baptism at Ken Mawr Church is part of a service of worship. Therefore, we ask all present to refrain from using flash photography. Recording from a stationary location is permitted.*

\*Thanks to Murphy's grandfather, James Sinclair, for assisting with today's Service of Baptism.

*Congratulations and the Lord's blessing to*

David and Audra Mahnke

107 Red Pine Drive.

Coraopolis, PA 15108

## TODAY AT KMUPC

**June 14, 2026**

Worship Services .....	8:30 and 11:00
Continental Breakfast.....	9:30
Sermon Chat.....	9:45
Children's Church .....	11:00

## THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Tuesday	Coffee and Connections.....	10:00
	Session Meeting.....	7:00
Thursday	Food Pantry.....	9:00 – 11:00
	Staff Meeting.....	10:00
	Helping Hands/Youth at 11:00 .....	10:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Sermon Chat .....	9:45
	Children's Church.....	11:00

## LOOKING AHEAD

June 23 – Coffee & Connections

June 28 – Worship services; Sermon Chat

June 28 – Church Picnic 4:00

June 30 – Coffee & Connections

June 30 – VBS Training 7:00 p.m.

July 3 – Office Closed

July 7 – Coffee & Connections

July 9 – Food Pantry

July 12 – 17 – Music Camp at Camp Lambec \*The concert is Friday night at 7:00 p.m. at the camp.

July 14 – Coffee & Connections



The flowers today are given in loving memory of Clyde Detwiler & Robert Hieber from Bill & Linda Hieber. Also, flowers are given in loving memory of my mother, Annie, on her birthday from Cindy & Dan Koller.

**TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE:** The Medical Benevolence Foundation's (MBF) mission is the give hope and healing to the poor around the world. They do this by following Christ's mandate to "heal the sick and proclaim the gospel." Created in 1958, the Foundation has built networks of medical and spiritual ministries through local churches around the globe. These networks work together to transform communities out of poverty by building self-sustaining medical ministries. The difference is that the Foundation does not just do the work for these communities. Instead, they equip the medical ministry of the Church in each impoverished country to be able to use the gifts that God has given them and, in the end, redefine medical mission worldwide. MBF was formally registered in Tennessee on July 3, 1963 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity and more than fifty years later, the need for first-rate medical care is as critical as it ever was and the opportunity to proclaim Jesus Christ through medical mission continues to grow.

## **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  
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Ann Joseck – 2107 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143  
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Dorothy Triscila – 1301 Cambridge Drive, Presto, PA 15142  
Carla Winter – c/o Bob and Stacey Viviano 7405 Portpatrick Court, Wake Forst, NC 27587

### **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  
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Dee Young – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 110, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136

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