

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

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

Mother's Day

I greet you in Jesus' name and I warmly welcome you to Ken Mawr this Mother's Day 2026! Today is the day we say "thank you" to all moms, grandmothers, stepmothers, and mother figures in our lives. In today's Scripture Peter says, *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience..."* As we share the good news with others, we must do so in the spirit of Christ—with gentleness and respect and a clear conscience. I think it's difficult to argue with someone who uses the word "I" to tell about their own experience with Jesus, someone who bravely steps forward to say what a difference Jesus has made in their lives. One of the students in our Confirmation Class this year shared these remarkable words in her personal statement of faith: *"God has my back and I have faith he will help me through hard times. He is all we need to live a happy life. He is merciful to the end."* Doesn't that say it all? I wish I had said that. In fact, I wish we all could say that as we worship together on this Mother's Day!

-Pastor Karl

If you know of a 2026 college or high school graduate, would you please notify the office at admin@kenmawrchurch.org and send a photo for our graduate collage?

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The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship

“Merciful God”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymns of Praise #410

“Firm Foundation”

*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 recall those things in which we have come short of the standard set for us by Christ our Lord. The spirit of true charity motivates us only fitfully; concern for ourselves crowds out the compassion we should have for others. Have mercy on us, forgive all our sins, strengthen us in goodness, and bring us to eternal life, 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! 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

“Jesus, Strong and Kind”

**Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.
Jesus said, if I am weak, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.
For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.**

**Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him.
For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.**

**Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me.
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.
For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.
For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind, Jesus, strong and kind.**

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GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

1 Peter 3:13-22

13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” 15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 17 For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. 19 After being made alive, he went and

made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (NIV)

Sermon

“Do This with Gentleness and Respect”

*A Call to Perseverance—Hebrews 12:1-3, NIV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Sending Hymn #556

“Go Forth in His Name”

*Benediction

**All are invited to stand*

Thank you for worshipping with us.

TODAY’S BENEVOLENCE: Family Guidance exists to bring hope and a future in Jesus Christ to vulnerable children and families of all cultures throughout western Pennsylvania. Through mentoring programs and their Promise Camp, Family Guidance has been reaching at-risk youth with the love of Jesus since 1964. KMUPC has supported this ministry for over 30 years.

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. **Announcements or information for May 24 should be sent to the office before May 15.**

TODAY AT KMUPC

May 10, 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	Esther Circle	6:30
Wednesday	Choir	7:00
Thursday	Staff Meeting	10:00
Saturday	Camp Lambec Workday	9:00 – 3:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School (Last day).....	9:45
	Children's Church	11:00
	Deacons Meeting.....	12:00
	Family Movie Night.....	6:00

LOOKING AHEAD

- 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
- May 31 – Graduate Recognition



The flowers today are given in loving memory of Alberta Ober & Margaret Hieber from Bill & Linda Hieber.



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 Sunday evening, **May 17 @ 6 PM.**



The annual KMUPC Memorial Day prayer service will be held, Monday, May 25 at 8:30 a.m. in our sanctuary. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay for the Kennedy Township parade. There's a great view from the front lawn and sidewalk of the church. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church is pleased to bring back Sunday morning Greeters. It's a wonderful way for anyone to be involved in ministry within 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.



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
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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 47th 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
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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
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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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Peggy Ponte – Caring Heights, Room 201, 234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108
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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

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