



## *Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church*

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### May 17, 2026

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

# Mother's Day

A warm greeting to each as we gather on this 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. The calendar reminds us that we will celebrate Pentecost next Sunday, but it also reveals a day of celebration that we may have overlooked. This past Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> marked the Ascension of the Lord – the moment when Jesus, after His resurrection, returned to Heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. Ascension Day doesn't seem to top the charts in church celebrations, but it is one of the most profound and hope-filled events in Christian history. The Ascension of Jesus marks the end of his time on earth. It brings to a close His earthly mission, while setting the stage for the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is a powerful reminder that the baton has been passed to us to continue His mission by sharing the Gospel, making disciples and living as witnesses of His love and power. This is surely a day worthy of celebration. It is a call to action, a reason to rejoice, and a promise of hope. The Ascension is a time to get excited! -Pastor Louise



TONIGHT! 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 THIS evening!

Pastor .....	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 .....	Lynne Bryan
Deacons of the Month .....	Kathy Conrad/Claudia Tyler
Director of Music .....	Jayne McDonald
Instrumentalists .....	Jim Heckethorn/Mitchell Fleischman
Children's Church .....	Louise Schoppe
Nursery .....	Tammy Bischak
Counters .....	Barb Cario/Tim Chimera
Van Driver.....	Tony Tresky
Fower Delivery.....	Amy Schmidt/Mike Baldauff

# The Service of Worship

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

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Preparing for Worship

“Shout to the Lord”

Welcome

Teacher Recognition

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

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

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\*Hymns of Praise #323

“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we confess that we love our lives as they are. We struggle with even the idea of change. We wrestle with the thought of doing things differently. But we know that the life we cling to is only a half-life. Only you, O Lord, can give us true life in full. Forgive us for holding onto the wrong things. Teach us by your Spirit to let go of our agendas and assumptions. Help us to let go of our self-righteousness and false notions of power. Give us the strength and courage to try new things. Encourage us – and even push us to let go of ourselves so we can fully embrace you, God. We pray these things in the name of Christ Jesus. 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 #414

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

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

Scripture

Acts 1:1-11

*<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with<sup>[a]</sup> water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."*

Sermon

"Not the End"

\*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.**

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

\*Sending Hymn #319

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

\*Benediction

*\*All are invited to stand*

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

**TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE:** When other financial resources have been exhausted, KMUPC is truly blessed to have a discretionary fund administered by our pastor. The Good Samaritan Fund was established by Session in 2005, and it has been supported over the years by some very generous donors. If you would like to be of assistance to those inside our congregation and outside the church who find themselves in an impossible situation, please make a donation to our Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you.



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.

**TODAY AT KMUPC**

**May 17, 2026**

Worship Services .....	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School .....	9:45
Children’s Church .....	11:00
Deacons Meeting .....	12:00
Family Movie Night/David & Doritos .....	6:00

**THIS WEEK AT KMUPC**

Monday	High School Youth Night .....	6:00
	Finance Meeting .....	6:00
Tuesday	Christian Ed Meeting .....	6:00
	Session Meeting .....	7:00
Wednesday	Jackie’s Lunch Bunch .....	12:30
	Choir .....	7:00
Thursday	Food Pantry .....	9:00 – 11:00
	Staff Meeting .....	10:00
	Helping Hands .....	10:00
Friday	Bulletin Deadline for May 31 .....	12:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services/Pentecost .....	8:30 and 11:00
	Children’s Church .....	11:00

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- May 25 - Memorial Day Prayer Service
- May 30 – Camp Lambec Workday
- May 31 – Graduate Recognition
- June 7 – Confirmation Sunday



*The flowers today are given in memory of all the baby's that have battled NEC from Marlene Kirk.*



*Sign up to be a greeter! Use the QR code or see Dina Roberts.  
The link is also on the website.*

If you know of a 2026 college or high school graduate, please notify the office at [admin@kenmawrchurch.org](mailto:admin@kenmawrchurch.org) and send a photo for our graduate collage.

# Sunday School Teachers and Small Group Ministries Leader Recognition

## Children and Youth

Nursery	Tammy Bischak
Preschool	Diane Felter and Lari Skowron
Grades K and 1	Susan Chimera and Renee Trunick
Grades 2 – 4	Amy Savatt, Marcia Petkovich, Dan Koller, Shiela Konn
Grades 5 – 8	Josh Bryan and Jayne McDonald
Grades 9 – 12	Chrissy Pelzer and Jim Weikel

## Adult Classes

Cornerstone	Tony Cario
Koinonia	Bucky Savatt and Claudia Tyler
New Vision	Kathy Gadsby
Scripture Journaling	Susan Marcinko
Woven Women	Rachel Ramsey

## Youth Ministry

J.A.M.	Shiela Konn and Amy Savatt
Middle School	Jayne McDonald, Jonas Halaja and Renee Trunick
High School	Chrissy Pelzer and Jonas Halaja

## Small Groups

Lord's Lambs	Barb Jaros
Esther Circle	Diane Weber
Jackie's Lunch Bunch	Melody Coholic and Donna Kovach
Men's Breakfast	Jim Mitchell

*Teachers, youth workers and adult leadership are essential to growth in faith. Together these leaders are growing the foundation of faith and for that we are grateful. The tireless efforts of each person in the Christian Ed department including Sunday school, youth programs, adult classes and Bible studies are appreciated more than words can express. \*A donation has been made to the Open Door Ministry in Crafton in honor of each teacher with our deepest thanks.*

## **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