

Peter's Way of Life

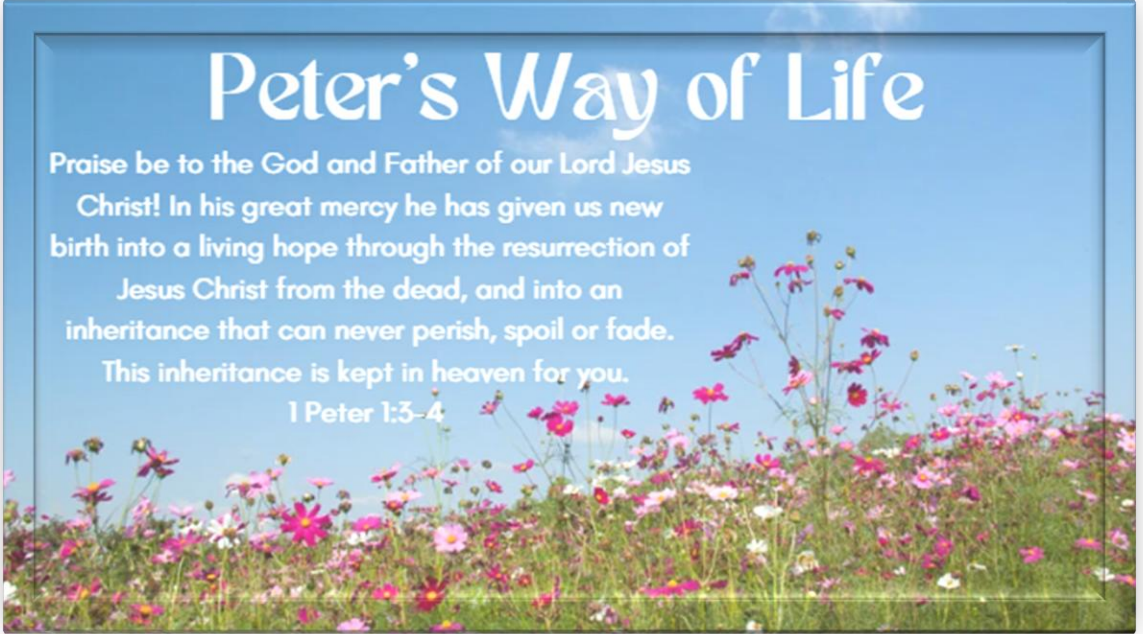
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus

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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May 3, 2026

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

Welcome to Worship!

I warmly welcome each of you to Ken Mawr today! The word *Messiah* in Hebrew means “*the anointed one.*” We English speakers in the Western Hemisphere are not as familiar with the word “*anointed,*” as we are with the word “*chosen,*” as in Dallas Jenkins’ series about Jesus—*The Chosen*. In today’s Scripture the apostle Peter identifies and challenges his listeners with similar words: “*Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men, but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house*” (vv. 2-5). Let me warn you at the start that Peter mixes his metaphors thoroughly throughout this passage. Living stones? A spiritual house? But then let’s recall there is something that can make a house a home. There’s something that can transform the bricks and mortar, the boards and nails of a house into a “home” for a family. The birth of a baby. Newborn babies grow when they are well fed and cared for and loved. This is also true for us when we “*grow up into salvation.*” -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?

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
Commissioned Pastor	Louise Schoppe
Administrative Assistant	Tiffany Kelly
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Assistant Treasurer	Lori Ryan
Clerk of Session	Diane Kuffner
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Counters	Bucky Savatt/Renee Trunick
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Fower Delivery.....	Anne Chimera/Michelle Altenhof

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship

“Come to the Banquet”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymns of Praise #457

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come to you in hope and trust, confessing our need for mercy. We have not honored you with our lives and you are not always first in our hearts. Our loyalty is pulled in many directions, and we live for days at a time unaware of your guiding presence. Yet your love is steadfast and true, even when ours is not. You do not forsake us in our weakness and sin. Holy God, grant us mercy. Renew our hearts and minds with the joy of knowing now your mercy and forgiveness. United with Christ, may we live in the light of his love, for we ask this in Jesus' strong name. 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

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

1 Peter 2:2-10

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (NIV)

Sermon

“Like Newborn Infants”

*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 #482

“Sanctuary”

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

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

God of grace and God of glory, you renew us at your table with the Bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you and one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn #145

"Glory Be to God, Creator"

*Benediction

**All are invited to stand*

Thank you for worshipping with us.

Since 2020 KMUPC has mailed 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. **Announcements or information for May 17 should be sent to the office before May 8.**

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: In the course of any calendar year, KMUPC's Session is presented with requests from mission organizations or individuals who are involved in ministry in a variety of settings. The **EMERGING MISSION NEEDS** offering helps us to respond to those needs when they are brought to our attention. A few recent examples that were approved by Session include a school in Cameroon and a request to help the resettlement of Afghan refugees with Emerging Mission Needs funds on hand. Thank you for your generosity.

TODAY AT KMUPC

May 3, 2026

Worship Services/Communion	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School	9:45
Children's Church	11:00
Middle School Youth Night Picnic (Last one for this school year!).....	5:45 – 7:15

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	High School Youth Night/Bible Study.....	6:00
Tuesday	Lord's Lambs	1:00
Wednesday	Choir	7:00
Thursday	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00
	Staff Meeting	10:00
Saturday	Men's Breakfast	9:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services/Mother's Day	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School	9:45
	Children's Church	11:00

LOOKING AHEAD

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 our son, Jordan, from Lari and William Skowron and given in memory of Marcella Pontiff from Mike and Sandy Moschak.



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.**



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
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 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
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