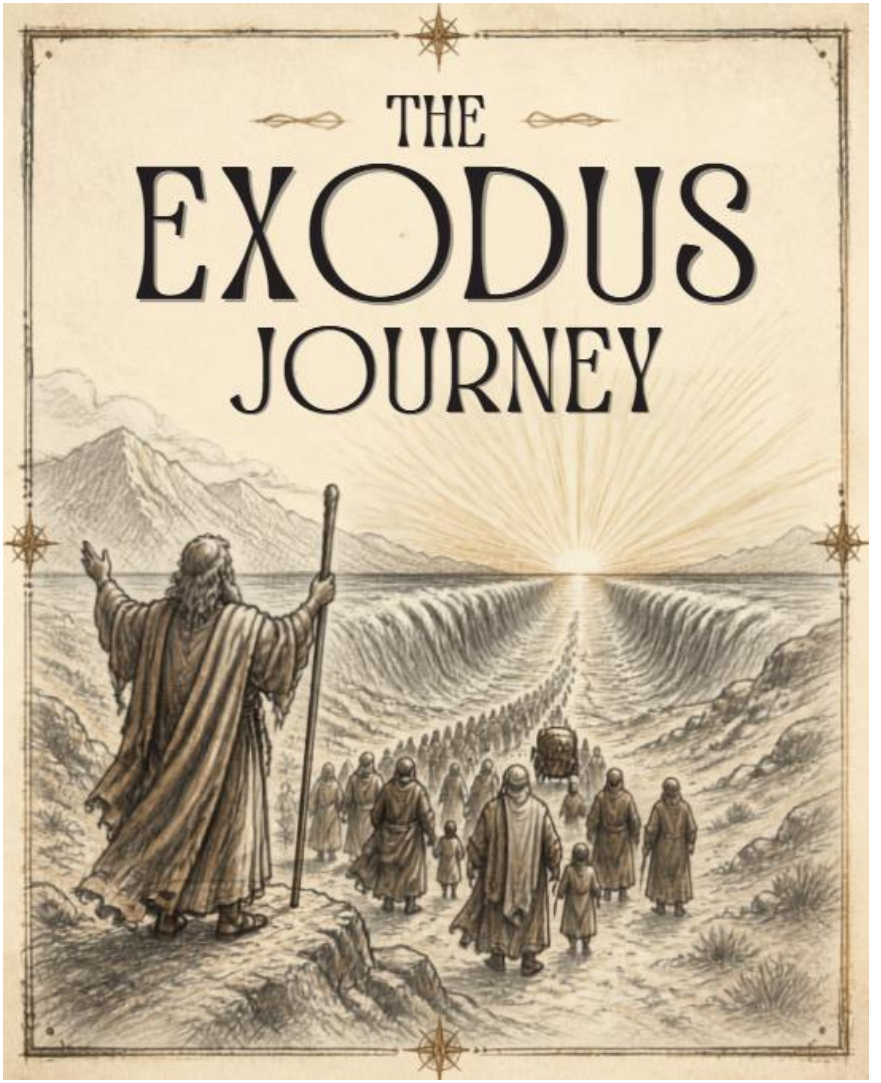
Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church



October 11, 2026

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

Welcome!

We welcome you to the warm fellowship of Ken Mawr Church this Sunday morning! The Jewish people have a legend that when Abraham started out on his journey, he saw the stars in the heavens and said, “I will worship the stars.” But not long afterward the stars faded. Then Abraham saw the constellations—Orion and the Pleiades and all the rest of them—and he said, “I will worship the constellations.” But the constellations also disappeared on the horizon. Then Abraham saw the moon sailing high in the heavens and he said, “I will worship the moon.” But the moon also vanished when her season was over. Then Abraham saw the sun in all its majesty, coming out of his chamber like a bridegroom and rejoicing as a strong man set to run a race. But when the day was spent, he saw the sun set on the western sky. Stars, constellations, moon, and sun were all unworthy of his worship, for all had set and all had disappeared. Then Abraham said, “I will worship God, for He abides forever.” Exodus 32:1-14 is really a story about the “power of idols” and the “power of prayer” and how God works this out through Moses for the good of his people. Again, I welcome you today! *-Pastor Karl*

Trunk or Treat is next Sunday afternoon, **October 18 from 4:00 – 5:30**. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun co-sponsored by the Evangelism and Christian Education Teams. There’s still time to sign-up on the car list in the narthex or in the Welcome Room. Thank you for your support!

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The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship "Ceaseless Praise"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise #56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*Prayer of Confession

God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: We confess before you the evil within our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too often inclined toward impatience and anger, jealousy and revenge, ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between us and others. Too often we have both offended and grieved you, our long-suffering heavenly Father. Forgive us our sin and permit us to partake of the blessedness you have promised the pure in heart, who will see God. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

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 Praise #660 "I Sing Praises"

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." 2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord." 6 So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. 7 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. 8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' 9 "I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." 11 But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains

and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" 14 Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. (NIV)

Sermon "A Weakness in the Fellowship"

*A Call to Service and Discipleship—from Ephesians 4:1-6

Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain
the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn #504 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*Benediction

Thank you for worshipping with us.

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: Hosanna Industries, Inc. is a faith-rooted 501(c)3 non-profit organization in southwestern Pennsylvania. The mission includes new construction and repair/rehabilitation services for low income homeowners; leading volunteers in disaster recovery; and training young people in the trade skills to give them hope for the future. Our typical single client household last year had an annual income of less than seventeen thousand dollars. Since our founding in 1990 Hosanna Industries, Inc. has provided over fifty million dollars worth of charitable work to the community for less than fifteen million dollars. Hosanna Industries relies on the generosity of others to help neighbors in need.

October 18 – Focus on Renewal
October 25 – Salam Medical Center

TODAY AT KMUPC **October 11, 2026**

Worship Services	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School	9:45
Children's Church	11:00
Middle School Youth Night	5:45 – 7:15

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	High School Youth Night/Bible Study	6:00
Tuesday	Coffee & Connections	9:30 – 11:00
	Finance Meeting	6:00
	Esther Circle	6:30
Wednesday	Fall Fellowship Dinner	5:30
	J.A.M.	6:00
	Worship in the Sanctuary	6:30 – 7:00
	Choir Practice	7:00
Thursday	Helping Hands	10:00
	Staff Meeting	10:00
	Hess PT Workshop	1:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School	9:45
	Children's Church	11:00
	Deacons Meeting	12:00
	Trunk or Treat	4:00 – 5:30

LOOKING AHEAD

October 20 – Coffee & Connections
October 20 – Christian Ed Team
October 20 – Session Meeting
October 21 – Jackie's Lunch Bunch
October 21 – Fall Fellowship Dinner
October 22 – Food Pantry
October 25 – Middle School Youth Night
October 26 – High School Youth Night
October 27 – Sunday School Teachers Meeting
October 28 – Fall Fellowship Dinner

The flowers are given in memory of our brother, Eric Betz, from Cindy & Dan Koller.

J.A.M.
Jesus and Me

A welcoming place to learn, grow, and belong

Leaders:
Amy Savatt
Lynne Bryan
Lari Skowron

Fall 2026
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
October 14
October 21
October 28
November 4
November 11
November 18

Register under Children's Ministries at www.kenmawrchurch.org

Mark your calendars for an early Halloween “fun for all” event at Ken Mawr Church!

All kids are welcome and we hope to make this a wonderful time for our kids and friends from the community.

Sign-up sheets for **Vehicle Hosts** are in the Narthex and Welcome Room, as well as Adult Sunday School classroom. Please help us make this a great time for the kids!

FREE Joint Pain and Arthritis Workshop

When: Thursday, October 15th
Time: 1:00pm
Where: KMUPC Sharpe Hall
Contact Pastor Louise to register: familypastor@kenmawrchurch.com

Presented by: Hess Physical Therapy
THE RESULTS YOU WANT. THE CARE YOU DESERVE.
hesspt.com

Learn why joint pain happens, what makes it worse, and how simple movement strategies can help you feel stronger, safer, and more confident in your daily activities.

Get back to the Life you love – Pain free!

2026 KMUPC Food Pantry
Thanksgiving
FOOD DRIVE

Please help us provide Thanksgiving meals for families facing hunger.

Collecting Food Now through November 15th

We help to collect the following foods:

- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Gravy
- Corn Bread Mix
- Stuffing Mix
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Mushroom Soup
- Canned Green Beans
- Monetary Donations are always welcome
- Chicken Broth
- Canned Yams
- Canned Corn

Christmas Pageant Schedule

2026 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
"'Twas the Night Before Christmas"

It's time once again for our annual Christmas pageant. If interested, please email Dina Roberts (robertsfamily958@gmail.com) with your child's name and age to make sure we have enough parts for everyone.

Instrumental musicians - please contact Jayne McDonald at kjmcdonald22@gmail.com to perform with the ensemble.

We will practice after Sunday School from 10:45-11:30 every week starting on Sunday, November 1. We will also have a dress rehearsal/celebration on Thursday, December 17 from 5-7. The performance will be Sunday, December 20 at 10 AM (performers will need to arrive at 9:30 to get ready).

SWEATS FOR VETS – Due December 13

We would like to thank each of you for making the Sweats for Vets drive a success each year. For those of you not familiar with this drive, each year we collect "NEW" sweat suits for the men and women who are "in" patients at the Oakland Facility. Many of the patients do not have any family members and this may be the only gift they receive.

We are starting collection now through Sunday, December 13, with monetary donations requested by Nov 29. If you would like to participate by donating a 'new' sweat suit, please bring it to the church donation room downstairs, no later than December 13. No need for tissue paper or gift bags.

ONLY MEN'S Pants Medium and Large, and MEN's tops XLG and 2XL are requested. They do NOT have to match.

Monetary contributions are also welcome, and we will do the shopping for you!

SWEATS FOR VETS
Sweats4Vets.com

Please remember with cards and prayers…

AT HOME

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
Larry Dickson – 116 Connie Park Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Pippa Downs – 136 Marie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Marian Graham – (Jayne's aunt) 17 Penn Avenue, Greenville, PA 16125
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
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
Binker Rauschart – 205 Sarah Street, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
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
Rob Thomas – 5049 Julia Ln., McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Ellen Tresky – 84 Thorncrest Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dorothy Triscila – 1301 Cambridge Drive, Presto, PA 15142
Carla Winter – c/o Bob and Stacey Viviano 7405 Portpatrick Court, Wake Forest, NC 27587

IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

Betty Borden –1000 Masonic Drive Sewickley, PA 15143
Elaine Crist – 500 Providence Point Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15243 New!
Joan Downs – 1201 Cumberland Rd, Rm 223, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 New!
David Gadsby – Province of Wexford, 210 Fowler Road, Room 1030, Warrendale, PA 15086
Janet Gregory – Concordia at Kennedy, Rm 222, 30 Heckel Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Ann Joseck – 2107 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143
Loretta Osborne – Concordia at Kennedy, Rm 210, 32 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Peggy Ponte – Caring Heights, Room 201, 234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108
Helen Sharpe – 125 Apple Blossom Way, Rm 251, Moon Twp, PA 15108
Virginia Shaw – Concordia at Kennedy, Rm 301, 32 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dee Young – Concordia at Kennedy, Rm 110, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136

IN THE MILITARY

LCpl Andrew Gregory – 21 Atlas Court, East Meadow, NY 11554
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

Fall Fellowship Dinner Reservation Form

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Covered Dish Dinner
in Sharpe Hall
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.

J.A.M. – 6:00 – 7:00

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.
412-331-2863

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

October 21 – Deadline, October 15, 2026

Entrée – Pulled Pork
Name: _____
Number attending: _____

October 28 – Deadline, October 22, 2026

Entrée – Chicken Tenders
Name: _____
Number attending: _____