KEN MAWR CHURCH

TOGETHER IN FAITH

Summer 2026

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SUMMER SERIES - GENESIS

“Great Stories from Genesis” Summer Sermon Series 2026

Children are often fascinated with stories of their birth and babyhood. Families trace genealogies. Nations write histories. When we know more about how things began, the pressures of the present and our hopes for the future take on new meaning. Genesis is a book of beginnings, about the origin of the universe, the birth of the human race, the founding of the Hebrew nation.

In the book of Genesis, we read some truly great stories about God, about humanity, and about their relationship to each other. Even so, the stories we read in Genesis are difficult for our 21st century minds to process. Yet we want to read them because we can learn about the character of God by observing his behavior in relationship with his people. And if we're totally honest, we often struggle with what we read and see.

I said in a recent sermon that we’ve made God too tame, too familiar. We have tended to create God in our own image, as “the man upstairs, the good guy, or the good Lord.” In Genesis we see what these challenging stories reveal to us about the Creator of the universe who is much more than a “good guy.” The God of the Bible is complex. Never simple. Never manageable. He is a God to be reckoned with, taken seriously, trusted, and worshiped.

I invite you to join us in worship this summer as we delve into the great stories of individuals, families, tribes, and nations. I suspect you will find that some of their experiences mirror your own, which will provide a way for each one of us to consider how God can lead us into new ways of knowing and serving him.

“The LORD watch between you and me when we are absent one from the other.” — Genesis 31:49

-Pastor Karl

Pastor Karl will lead a sermon chat from 9:45 – 10:30 each week following the 8:30 service.

All are welcome as we dive deeper into the scripture and message for the day.

CONGRATULATIONS!

2026 GRADUATES

Maya Rippole
Pine Richland High School

Ciara Ernst
Montour High School

Nicky Lugin
Montour High School

Haley Bischak
Robert Morris University

Allie Ramsey
Montour High School

Amanda Schoppe
Florida Gulf Coast University

Thomas Hieber
Notre Dame University

2026 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Isabelle Baldauff
Mentor – Melissa McCormick

Alexis Lawrence
Mentor - Lari Skowron

Brinley Price
Mentor – Kristen Brown

Brooklyn Robinson
Mentor – Lynne Bryan

Piper Robinson
Mentor – Diane Felter

Kenzie Swain
Mentor – Audra Wilson

Nicholas Vadas
Mentor – Bucky Savatt

Lambec Music Camp

One of the most treasured weeks of the year for many, Music Camp begins July 12 and ends with a powerful concert on July 17 at Camp Lambec on Lake Erie.

Students who enjoy music, games and worship will find a great place to make friends and grow in faith. Ages 9 (finished grade 3) - 18 are welcome as campers. Ken Mawr Church provides ½ of the cost for our church campers. See Pastor Karl or Jayne for details.

Register online at: https://lambec.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3256635

Join us for one of the favorite traditions at Ken Mawr Church! Coordinated by the Deacons, the church picnic is a great way to enjoy an afternoon/evening with your friends/make new friends. All ages can enjoy Fairhaven Park with activities and plenty of space to sit and visit. Parking is easy at the Vituccio Shelter and we hope to see you there! **JUNE 28 - 4:00 P.M.**

The meat is provided – hot off the grill! Paper products are also provided by the deacons. Bring a side dish to share if you are able.

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” —Hebrews 10:25

The lazy days of Summer are time for vacations, rest, and relaxation. Also, Summer seems like the perfect time to get together for fellowship in a casual setting to study God’s Word.

“COFFEE and CONNECTIONS” is on the calendar.

Here’s the details:

• When will you meet? Tuesday morning – 10:00-11:30 AM

• How often will you meet? Weekly starting June 2nd

• What is the study? “BIBLE STORIES FOR GROWN-UPS”

Reading scripture with new eyes

In Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes pastor Josh Scott looks at familiar Bible stories and reveals new details and interpretations for an adult audience. This Bible study will consider stories many read as children including Noah's Ark, the binding of Isaac, Jonah and the big fish, Jesus and Zacchaeus, Jesus healing a blind man, and the parable of the talents. Scott reimagines these stories and opens new visions for readers to understand well known pieces of Scripture in our current cultural environment.

Interested? - Let Pastor Louise know so materials can be ordered.
familypastor@kenmawrchurch.org 412-337-8610 (cell) text

Announcements & News

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a group of KMUPC angels (men and women) who show up at church once a month on the third Thursday to help with jobs that just need done. The jobs could be cleaning, organizing, helping in the office, or resetting rooms. Whatever needs a "helping hand" is the mission of this ministry. The group meets from 10 – 3 and all people are welcome for whatever amount of time is right for your schedule.

The summer dates are:

June 18
July 16
July 23
August 20

Mark your calendars and join us for a great time of fellowship while we serve together. Thanks!

Bulletin information and deadlines

The weekly bulletin is mailed to our At Home members on Tuesdays. Please submit any information or calendar information by Friday of the previous week-10 days ahead of the date needed.

Friday deadlines for the Sunday a week later:

June 5, 12, 19, 26
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
August 7, 14, 21, 28

Thank you!

Events booklet:

The next Events booklet will be prepared in August for the Fall edition. Please submit information, ideas or suggestions before July 25 to be included. The Fall edition will be distributed on August 23.

*Updated church directories are available in the office.

SUMMER CALENDAR

June

2 – Coffee & Connections 10:00
4 – Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00; Staff Meeting 10:00
7 – Confirmation Sunday and Communion; Sermon Chat
9 – Coffee & Connections 10:00; VBS Volunteer training 7:00
11 – Staff Meeting 10:00 *every Thursday
14 – Worship services; Serman Chat
15 – Finance Team Meeting 6:00
16 – Coffee & Connections 10:00 Christian Ed Meeting 6:00
16 - Session meeting 7:00
18 – Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00
18 – Helping Hands 10:00
21 – Worship services; Serman Chat – Father's Day
23 – Coffee & Connections
28 – Worship services; Serman Chat; Church Picnic 4:00
30 – Coffee &n Connections; VBS Volunteer training 7:00

July

2 – Staff Meeting 10:00 *every Thursday
4 – Worship services/Communion; Sermon Chat
6 – Coffee & Connections 10:00
9 – Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00; Staff Meeting 10:00
11 –Staff report to Music Camp
12 – Worship services; Sermon Chat
12 – 17 – MUSIC CAMP AT CAMP LAMBEC;
Concert at 7:00 Friday evening
13 – Coffee & Connections 10:00
16 – Helping Hands 10:00
19 – Worship services; Sermon Chat
20 – Coffee & Connections
23 – Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00
23 – Helping Hands prep for VBS 10:00
26 – Worship Services; Sermon Chat
26 – 30 VBS – ILLUMINATION STATION 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

August

2 – Worship services/Communion; Sermon Chat
2-4 – Music & Worship Retreat at Lambec
6 – Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00; Staff Meeting *every Thursday
9 – Worship services; Sermon Chat
16 – Worship services; Sermon Chat
18 – Christian Ed 6:00; Session Meeting 7:00
20 – Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00; Helping Hands 10:00
23 – Worship services; Sermon Chat
24 – First day of School Sto-Rox, Carlynton
25 - First day of School Montour, West Allegheny
27 – First day of School Moon
30 – Worship services; Sermon Chat

CONTACT INFORMATION: pastor@kenmawrchurch.org familypastor@kenmawrchurch.org
412-331-2863 admin@kenmawrchurch.org treasurer@kenmawrchurch.org

VBS July 26-30, 2026

Sign up today - Volunteer/Participant

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Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is Invite kids to Illumination Station VBS for the brightest week of the year! While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really is. Some might see Jesus as just a person from history, a good man, or a wise teacher but He is much more than that.

At Illumination Station VBS, kids will be challenged to answer Jesus' important question to His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" As they explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals, kids will discover that Jesus is the light who brings hope to a dark world.

Jesus spoke: *"I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."* John 8:12

DESCRIPTION

Join us for a couple days of worship and rest at Camp Lambec. During this time, we will gather together to hear from God's Word and sing hymns of praise, psalms of lament and exhortation, and songs of prayer. There will also be opportunities for rest and fellowship.

Kristen Woodard, Director of Worship & Music at First Presbyterian Church in Maumee, OH, will lead in our times of gathered worship; and Jayne McDonald, Lambec Music Camp Choir Director, will direct and lead our worship choir. Invite a friend and come be a part of this special gathering.

*You will receive further instructions about what to bring closer to the date.

WHEN

Sunday, August 2, 4:00 pm - Monday, August 3, 8:00 pm

Participants will be able to spend the night on Monday night if they choose

WHO

All who are interested in an extended time of singing & worship

While this event is intended for adults, older children and teens may join their parents for this event. Children are under the care of their families during this time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following meals are included in your registration:

Sunday - Dinner

Monday - Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner

Tuesday - Breakfast

PAYMENTS

Registration is $70/person until June 7 - $75 after that. You can pay this online via credit card or by sending a check. Ken Mawr Church will pay ½.

Checks should be made payable to CAPNWP and mailed to the address below:

P.O. Box 279

Zelienople, PA 16063

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
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Alex Lugin – 34 MacArthur Way, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
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Suzanne Murr – 1780 Pine Hollow Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
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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