

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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

Welcome to Worship!

We extend a warm welcome to Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church! “*May I have a word?*” Throughout the month of April, I’ve been putting this simple question to our congregation. We’ve considered three words so far: “Believe,” “Look,” and “Know.” Today Jesus talks about *remaining*. He says, “*Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.*” Jesus is of course the Vine in which we must remain. How then do we “remain?” I want to suggest these four ways: Pray. Study the Scriptures. Spend time in the company of other Christians. And finally, do something good for someone less fortunate. These are not novel actions, but rather some of the best ways to stay connected to Christ. As often as not, Christ reveals himself to us in the form of a friend or stranger. We *remain* in Jesus when we *remain* in his love. And when we reach out to those in need, especially those who can’t return the favor, we are reaching out to Christ. Blessings to you and yours! -Pastor Karl

Today at KMUPC

- **Coffee, tea and donuts** are available on the lower level at the coffee counter next to the Welcome Room.
- **Restrooms** are on the Sanctuary level, through the front of the Sanctuary doors, right at the office door and follow signs toward the elevator. Additional restrooms are on the first floor at the bottom of the steps and in the lower hallway.
- **Nursery care** is staffed and available on the lower level, turn right at the bottom of the steps, turn left in the children’s department, the nursery room is the last door on the right. There are changing tables, rocking chairs and toys. There is a speaker in this room to hear the service. Please feel free to use this space for you and your child.
- **Children’s church** is offered for children Preschool age to Grade 4 after Time with the Children during the 11:00 a.m. service. There is a 3-4 year old room and 5 – grade 4 room. The children will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn.
- **Elders/Deacons of the month** are available to help you with general questions and information. The Elder of the Month is usually in the church office throughout the morning.

Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship

"Write Your Word Upon My Heart"

Every word that You have spoken, each command You give today.
Holy vows that can't be broken; Lord, please write upon my heart,
Write Your word upon my heart.
Every grace that You have granted, each small thing Your hand supplies,
Every seed of faith You've planted; Lord, please write upon my heart,
Write Your grace upon my heart.
Love the Lord with all your strength, cherish God with all your heart,
Bind His wisdom to your spirit, from God's Word do not depart.
Every love that You have given, each compassion You bestow.
Every sin that You've forgiven, Lord, please write upon my heart,
Write Your love upon my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,
Lord I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Write Your word upon my heart.
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Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise #149

"God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

**God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind-spiced flame and hovering dove,
breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love:
give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace;
send them forth as bold apostles to your Church in every place.**

**Christ our Savior, Sovereign, Shepherd, Word-made-flesh, Love crucified,
teacher, healer, suffering Servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride:
in your tending may all pastors learn and live a Shepherd's care;
grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.**

**Great Creator, Life-bestower, Truth beyond all thought's recall,
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all:
as you know our strength and weakness, so may those the Church exalts
oversee her life steadfastly yet not overlook her faults.**

**Triune God, mysterious Being, undivided and diverse,
deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse:
help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim,
that our ministries uniting may give glory to your Name.**

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*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our personal sins and the
sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided
against ourselves as we cling to the values of a fallen world. We pursue profit and
pleasures. We harbor fears and jealousies that set neighbor against neighbor. We
abuse your good gifts. Lord, have mercy on us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to
serve you in the world as ambassadors of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
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 (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.

Prayer Response #491

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.**

**Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

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Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

John 15:1-9

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. 9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. (NIV)

Sermon

"Remain"

*An Affirmation of Faith—based on 1 John 3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn #346

"O Come to Me, the Master Said"

**O come to me, the Master said, my Father knows your need;
and I shall be, the Master said, your bread of life indeed.
By faith in him we live and grow and share the broken bread,
and all his love and goodness know, for so the Master said.**

**Abide in me, the Master said, the true and living vine;
my life shall be, the Master said, poured out for you as wine.
His body to the cross he gave, his blood he freely shed,
who came in love to seek and save, for so the Master said.**

**Believe in me, the Master said, for I have called you friends,
and yours shall be, the Master said, the life that never ends.
And so, with sin and sorrow past, when death itself is dead,
the Lord shall raise us up at last, for so the Master said.**

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*Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us.

Thank you to each of the students who have participated in worship
this month – you are appreciated!

Joel Altenhoff, Ryan Altenhoff, Andrew Bamford, Abi Baldauff,
Wyatt Bucek, Brenden Herman, Jacob Lemasters, Austin Ramsey,
Leah Shrader, and Drew Vadas.

Thank you.

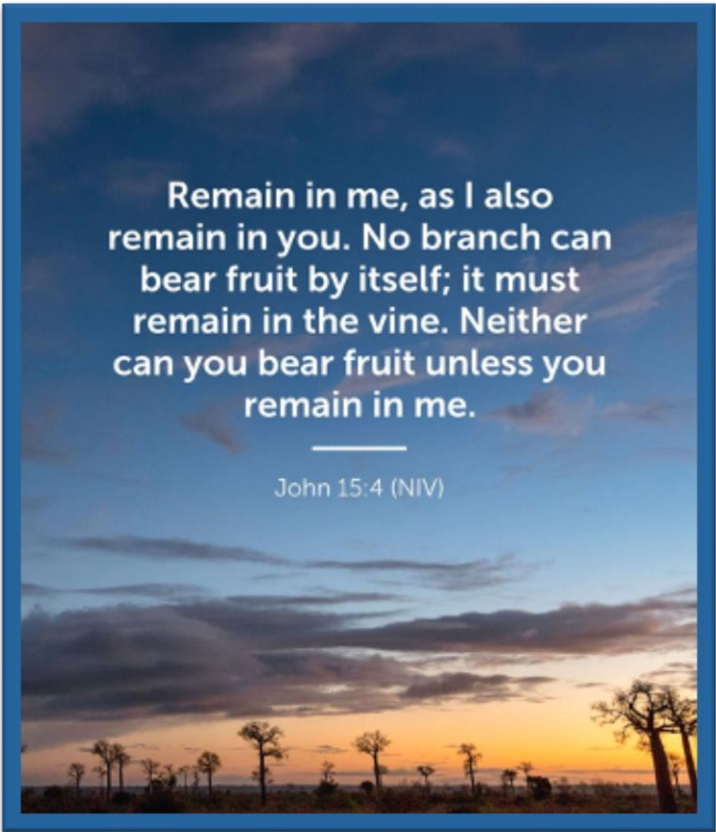
TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE - What does it mean to be a servant? For the Board of Deacons here at KMUPC it means helping those in need inside and outside the church. It means delivering chancel flowers that have decorated our sanctuary on a Sunday morning. It means a card ministry to individuals, families, shut-ins, new members, families celebrating weddings, births, graduations and other significant milestones. It means festively decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. It means serving funeral lunches to families that have experienced loss...and it means much more.

May 5- KMUPC Workcamps

May 12 - Family Guidance

May 19 - Good Samaritan Fund

May 26 - Camp Crestfield



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remain in you. No branch can
bear fruit by itself; it must
remain in the vine. Neither
can you bear fruit unless you
remain in me.

John 15:4 (NIV)

Announcements

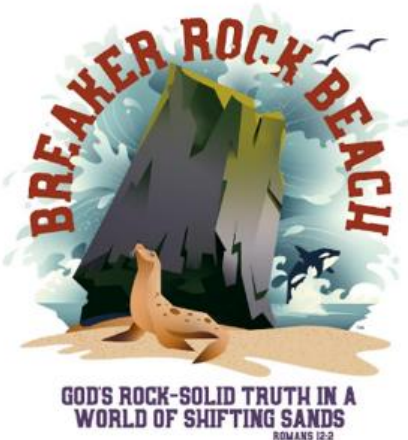
Birthday bags are being distributed on Food Pantry days as a part of a High School Youth Group service project. The students are meeting tonight and next Sunday evening and will put bags together. Donations of a cake mix, icing, foil cake pan or decorations are welcome. Please place your donations in the high school youth room (across from Friendship Lounge). Thank you.

Bibles for the Allegheny County Jail have been purchased in memory of Rev. Dr. Robert Downs. A dedication of these Bibles will take place during the 11:00 service of worship on Sunday, May 5.



The annual Memorial Day Prayer Service will be held on Monday, May 27 in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. Donuts and coffee will be provided to enjoy during the Kennedy Township parade.

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP LION'S CLUB 2024 Broom and Bag sale. The orders are due **May 1**. Go to to www.robinsonlions.org for more information.



KMUPC Vacation Bible School
July 21 – 25, 2024 from 6:00 –
8:00 p.m.

“Kids will be challenged as they discover that God’s truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love.”

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR
COMMISSIONED PASTOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TREASURER/SENIOR ACCOUNTANT
ASSISTANT TREASURER
LIVE STREAM TECHNICIAN
AUDIO/PERCUSSION
J.A.M. DIRECTOR
HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM DIRECTOR
CUSTODIAN

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Louise Schoppe
Tiffany Kelly
Saundra Kent
Lori Ryan
Cameron Brown
Adam Kantz
Chrissy Cannella
Katie Herman
P.J. O'Reilly

VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY

CLERK OF SESSION
MODERATOR OF DEACONS
MUSIC DIRECTOR
NURSERY COORDINATOR
ELDER OF THE MONTH
DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Diane Kuffner
Cheryl Simchak
Jayne McDonald
Tina Ernst
Diane Kuffner
Anita Huchel/Chrissy Cannella

Today's Nursery Care Schedule:

8:30 – Diane Kuffner
9:45 – Marlene Chioda
11:00 – Barb Cannella

THANK YOU ~

Ken Mawr Choir

Pianist – Jim Heckethorn

Children's Church – Louise Schoppe

Counters: Bart Huchel/Diane Kuffner

Van Driver: Tony Cario

Flower Delivery: Nick and Melody Coholic

TODAY AT KMUPC

April 28, 2024

Worship services.....	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School.....	9:45
Children's Church.....	11:00
Children/Youth Choir.....	12:00-12:30
Confirmation Class.....	4:00 – 6:00

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	Al Anon.....	7:30
Wednesday	JAM.....	6:00
	Choir practice.....	7:00
Thursday	Food Pantry.....	9:00 – 11:00
	Quilters.....	10:00
	Staff Meeting.....	11:00
	Lifewise.....	12:30
Saturday	Pirates Games.....	4:05
Sunday	Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Children's Church.....	11:00
	Children/Youth Choir.....	12:00
	Confirmation Class.....	4:00 – 6:00

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 7 – Lord's Lambs
- May 7 – Christian Education/Sunday School Teachers meeting
- May 11 – Men's Breakfast
- May 14 – Esther Circle
- May 15 – Lunch Bunch
- May 16 – Confirmation class meets with Session
- May 19 – Confirmation Sunday
- May 19 – Deacons meeting
- May 20 – Finance Team meeting
- May 21 – Session meeting
- May 23 – Food Pantry
- May 27 – Memorial Day Prayer Service



The flowers today are given by Sandra Camarota in memory of
Tom, Elmer, and Loretta Dunn.

KMUPC ELDERS AND DEACONS

The Elders

Clerk of Session: Diane Kuffner

Class of 2024

Ken Barth
Lynne Bryan
Kevin Halaja
Melissa McCormick
Bob Ramsey

Class of 2025

Kristen Brown
Jimmy Heckethorn
Nelson Kletzli
Bucky Savatt
Renee Trunick

Class of 2026

Diane Felter
Dave Ewonce
Jessica Robinson
Lari Skowron
Jim Weikel

KMUPC Session Ministry Teams

Christian Education

Teaching ministries

Evangelism

Outreach ministries

Finance

Budget and giving ministries

Maintenance

Building and property needs

Mission

Local and Global ministry support

Worship

Lord's Day and special services

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Congregations elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having skills in leadership and compassionate in spirit. The elders also assist with Sunday morning building responsibilities, all-church events and congregational needs.

The Deacons

Moderator: Cheryl Simchak

Class of 2024

Donna Adamski
Julia Baxter
Tina Ernst
Tina Freyermuth
Diane Haney
Anita Huchel
Dan Koller
Tony Tresky

Class of 2025

Michael Baldauff
Chrissy Cannella
Tony Cario
Cindy Koller
Tom McCullough
Lauri Picard
Cheryl Simchak
Claudia Tyler

Class of 2026

Michelle Altenhoff
Eric Boerstler
Barb Cannella
Craig Cannella
Melody Coholic
Nick Coholic
Val Kamenar
Kathy Strand

KMUPC Board of Deacons Ministry Teams

Care and Compassion

Funeral Luncheons
Card Ministries
Food Pantry
Book Nook

Lord's Day Ministries

Greeters/Greeter Book
Prepare sanctuary for worship
Van Transportation to Worship
Welcome guests/visitors

Special Events

Church Picnic
Blood Donor Drive
Other all-church events/outings
Helps with Lenten Dinners

The Deacons serve God by serving others. The board meets monthly September – May. Additionally they deliver flowers weekly, deliver fruit bags at Christmas, decorate the building for Advent/Christmas, remove the decorations, and assist Sunday morning building responsibilities and with numerous ministry concerns.

AT HOME

Betty Borden – 2133 Masonic Drive Sewickley, 15143
Jean Bryan – c/o Manges, 9742 Valley View Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Lovell and Eileen 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
Alice Davis – (Amy Savatt's mother) – 29 Enlow Road, Imperial, PA 15126
Larry Dickson – 116 Connie Park Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Evelyn Dithrich – 1103 Broadway Ave. #4, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Betty Dorsey – 115 Starling Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Joan Downs – 906 Canterbury Drive, Moon Twp., PA 15108
Pippa Downs – 136 Marie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
John Gehr – 129 Mallard Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Rose Ann Grannis - (Angela Schoppe's mom) 3121 47th Street, New Brighton, PA 15066
Janet Gregory – 190 North Vireo Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
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
Mary Kuffner – 220 Coraopolis Road, Apt 4, Coraopolis, PA 15108
Lee Leck – 22 Rossi Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136
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 15136
Suzanne Murr – 1780 Pine Hollow Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Mercedes Niehoff – 226 North Vireo Dr, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Marty Novoselski – 970 Glenhayes Drive, Crescent, PA 15046
Ken Parme – 31 Hodgson Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15205
Jeff Sammel – 145 Connie Park Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Helen Sharpe – 56 S. Vireo Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dave Smith – 1464 Critchfield Drive, Bridgeville PA 15017
Ellen Tresky – 84 Thorncrest Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Ray Walter – 1042 Fiddleback Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dee Young – 400 Adams Drive, Apt 106, McKees Rocks, PA 15136

IN CARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES

Cliff Brown- The Grove of New Castle, 715 Harbor Street, New Castle, PA 16101
Elaine Crist – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 236, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Gloria Dazen – Fair Oaks of Pittsburgh, 2200 W. Liberty Ave, Apt. 314, Pittsburgh, PA 15226
Myralin Miller – 880 S. Main Street, Washington, PA 15301
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
Virginia Shaw – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 301, 32 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Clare Webb – Apple Blossom Senior Care, Rm 321, 125 Apple Blossom Way, Moon Twp, PA 15108

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. Coastal Guard Academy, 16 Mohegan Ave., Chase Hall, New London, CT 06320