



# THE Ken Mawr CHRONICLE

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The newsletter of Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

*“Declaring God’s grace & Demonstrating God’s love”*

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I’ve always thought a sermon series on the seven last words of Christ on the cross would be a good idea for the Sundays in Lent. When I was growing up the community churches in the small town of Transfer, PA held Wednesday night Lenten services that rotated among the host churches and likewise rotated the preacher for each week. It was something that I always looked forward to. I guess the curious side of me wanted to get a look inside those other churches and see how the folks there worshiped and served God. Besides, without visiting the other community churches I may never have met Jayne Graham from Zion’s Reformed Church in Transfer, PA. I suppose that God foresaw what those church visits would lead to.

Although it has been forty years since I attended those community Lenten services, I can remember that the “Seven Last Words” of Christ was a theme that I heard more than once. Like many other preachers, the Good Friday or the Maundy Thursday services are ordinarily the only opportunities that I have to focus on the seven last words of Christ. So I find myself in an interesting, if not uncomfortable, position without much of a chance to preach on the passion of Christ as it is laid out in the climactic chapters of each of the four gospels. Therefore, preaching through the seven last words of Christ will enable us to spend more time in contemplation at the foot of Jesus’ cross.

One challenge that we might have is to avoid making each Sunday in Lent become, in effect, a Good Friday service, with all the emotional intensity of Jesus’ final moments. Each of the “Last Words” opens up numerous possibilities for study as well, so I will be teaching the Disciples Class on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. Please join us in the Prayer Room if you want to explore more in depth the meaning of Christ’s final words. I’m sure we will experience a variety of moods for each of the Sundays of Lent plus Palm/Passion Sunday and Good Friday in these remarkable “Last Words”:

- “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” —Luke 23:34
- “Today you will be with me in paradise.” —Luke 23:43
- “Woman, here is your son. . . . Here is your mother” —John 19:26-27
- “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” —Matthew 27:46
- “I am thirsty.” —John 19:28
- “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” —Luke 23:46
- “It is finished.” —John 19:30

God bless each of you as we journey together throughout these forty days of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012. And then let us come together to celebrate God's glory shining in our Risen Lord Jesus Christ on Easter morning.

*-Pastor Karl*

## February Sermons & Scriptures

- 5<sup>th</sup> "Jesus the Exorcist"  
Mark 1:29-39  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- 12<sup>th</sup> "Jesus the Healer"  
Mark 1:40-45
- 19<sup>th</sup> "Listen to Him"  
Mark 9:2-9
- 26<sup>th</sup> "Father, Forgive Them"  
Luke 23:24-34  
First Sunday of Lent
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If you would like to receive messages from our Prayer Chain by e-mail, please send us an e-mail at [kenmawrchurch@comcast.net](mailto:kenmawrchurch@comcast.net) and we'll add you to our list.

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**The April/May Newsletter deadline  
is March 21, 2012**

**Please have all notices or articles in the office by then.**

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**The 2011 Congregational Meeting will be held on  
Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 9:30 AM.**

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Lenten Covered Dish Dinners will begin  
Wednesday, February 22, 2012 – 6:00 – 6:45  
Followed by Pastor Karl's study  
"Practice Makes Perfect" and  
the WWF Groups will meet at 6:45 – 7:30  
Reservation forms will be available  
in the weekly bulletins

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### ***"Sweats for Vets"***

*We would like to thank each of you for making the Sweats for Vets drive a success each year. For those of you who are not familiar with this drive, each year we collect "new" sweat suits for the men and women who are "in" patients at the Highland Drive VA Hospital. They are given to them on Christmas morning. Many of the patients do not have any family members and this may be the only gift they receive.*

*In 2011, 120 sets of sweat suits were delivered. Joe and Rozetta Turner kept track of the suit sizes as they came in, bagged them and then went shopping with the money received to purchase the sizes needed. They were then delivered by Judy Carney, Joe Turner and Otto Sommerhalter the week before Christmas. Our thanks to these volunteers.*

## March Sermons & Scriptures

- 4<sup>th</sup> "With Me in Paradise"  
Luke 23:39-43  
Communion Education Sunday
- 11<sup>th</sup> "Here Is Your Son"  
John 19:17-27
- 18<sup>th</sup> "Messiah College Concert Choir "
- 25<sup>th</sup> "I Thirst"  
John 19:23-30
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### ***Tony Richardson – Seminary Intern***

I was born on September 3, 1984 in a town called Feltham, a suburb of greater London. I was the first born of Stephen and Julie Richardson (now Mrs. Bell). I lived in London until I was 20 and I moved to West Virginia on April 25, 2005 to join my mother who had resided there for seven years. I had already graduated from College in England and achieved my N.V.Q. Level 3 in hospitality management with food science from Brooklands College. However, my degree was not valid in America, therefore, I went back to school for psychiatry. I attended West Virginia College where I had my calling to ministry and changed my major to religion and my minor to Christian Education. I have a brother called Mark who is married to Jemma and they both still reside in London. My father also still lives in London, where he runs his own department store. I am a member of the United Church of Christ and hope to be ordained this coming December or early January 2013. I would like to thank you all at Ken Mawr United Presbyterian church for this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow in ministry. Blessings to you all..

### ***Tony Richardson***

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Donate your old magazines for the County Jail inmates. The magazines will be distributed through the Chaplains office. The magazines may be brought to Tony Richardson's office. Most magazines are acceptable except: GQ, Rollingstone, Cosmo, Esquire, Maxim, & Vanityfare. Be sure to **cut out** your address label.

## Congratulations to:

Justin & Jessica Bryan on the birth of a son, Cayden Joseph.

Gabrielle Zagari & Graham Lee who were recently married.

Mary Swearingen & James Gales who were married here on December 17.

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## Our sympathies go out to:

Carol Kaczmarek and family on the death of Art Kaczmarek.

Scott & Traci Gregory and family on the death of Traci's mother, Helen Giese.

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## CHURCH BULLETINS RECEIVED FROM:

Dan & Diane Felter – Galatia Presbyterian, Fayetteville, NC  
Roberta Clapperton – St. John of God, McKees Rocks, PA  
Jack & Addie Mitchell – Jefferson Baptist, Jefferson, PA  
Beth Hobbs – First United Methodist, Hurst, Texas  
Helen Sharpe-Grace Chapel, Lexington, MA

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## THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

A very special thank you to the Deacons for the great fruit. It was much appreciated. When I came home from the hospital, I needed bananas, and there on the top of the fruit were bananas. Tell me God does not supply our every need. Sorry I missed Lynne. And the carolers at my door, a great surprise the hugs the best tho- Love **Jim & Barb Dines**  $\Omega$  Dear Pastor Karl and the Ken Mawr Church, Thank you for the many get well cards, phone calls and prayers during my recent illness. It sure was a surprise to see Lori Ryan at our door with a beautiful bag of fruit. After a short stay in the hospital and many tests, my terrible back pain was nothing more than muscle spasms. Painful but not serious. **George Delp**.  $\Omega$  Dear Pastor, Its really nice when you get a surprise for your birthday. Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, you made my day extra special. God Bless you, Love, **Rose Stemplewski**.  $\Omega$  Your thoughtfulness means so much—more than words can ever say. Thanks for the bag of fruit. **Ed Sergi**.  $\Omega$  Many thanks for the kindness and prayers sent my way from the members of the Ken Mawr Church. Received a fruit basket and card from the Deacons at Christmas, much appreciated. To the ladies of the Alpha Circle who welcomed me, thank you. For the flowers from time to time; which I love. The church has been so good to us. **Joan Gehr**.  $\Omega$  Dear Pastor Karl & Deacons, I want to thank you for the lovely bag of fruit I received at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. I am so blessed with such a caring church family. **Roberta Meixell**.  $\Omega$  Dear KMUPC & Pastor Karl, Thank you sincerely for the beautiful chancel flowers I received after worship last week for my birthday. They are still beautiful a week later. They were a pleasant surprise. In Christian love,

**Betty Dorsey**.  $\Omega$  To our Ken Mawr family, Thank you for the cards and especially the prayers for Russ and me at this most difficult time in our lives. Thanks for Pastor Karl's visit with Russ at the "Pathways". It was a special time for Russ & me to visit with him. Thanks also for the church flowers delivered to our house. It was also nice to see James Murphy-who delivered them. Thank you all. **Russ & Pat Joyce**.  $\Omega$  Pastor Karl, Pastor Jim, Deacons, Church Kids, how do you thank every one for being so caring. Your love and support for the past year has been overwhelming. Jim and I are so very glad for the church family we have. Pastor Karl's many visits to the hospital and to our home were appreciated. Thanks again in Jesus love, **Barb Dines**.  $\Omega$  Dear Pastor Karl & the Board of Deacons, On behalf of my father Cas Karpinski, I want to thank you for the lovely bag full of fruit and candy. Ken Mawr is a kind and loving church and we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. For those deacons who do not know my father suffers from dementia/Alzheimer's disease. So on his behalf – I thank each of you, God bless each of you. In Christian Love, **Barb Jaros**.  $\Omega$  Thanks to Pastor Karl and all of the congregation for the wonderful things they have all done for me. I also want to thank those beautiful children for the cards they took the time to sign and send to me. (I would say it all worked) Those prayers are really powerful because I'm still here. Love, **Esther Lane**.  $\Omega$  Dear Pastor Karl and the Board of Deacons, Thank you for the lovely flowers. They were a wonderful surprise and we had a pleasant visit with Judy Carney. Our blessings are many. Also, our grateful thanks for your prayers for my niece Rozetta Duran. Christian love to all, **Rozetta and Joe Turner**.  $\Omega$  Pastor Karl and Deacons, I don't believe there are enough ways to tell you how I feel about Ken Mawr Church. Not only for the fruit that I received but for several jobs that have been done for me recently. I am most grateful for all. **Esther Black**.  $\Omega$

We also received a thank you from each of these benevolences that Ken Mawr supports: Medical Benevolence Foundation, CHOSEN, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Hosanna Industries, New Wilmington Missionary Conference Endowment Fund and Chosen People Ministries.

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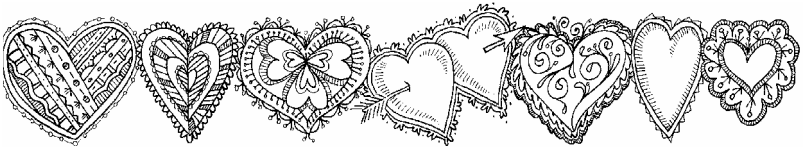

## Open Chancel Flower Dates in 2012

April 22, July 29, and December 9. If you would like flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one on any of these dates, please call Barb Jaros at 412-771-2611. The cost is \$20.00.

# FEBRUARY 2012

Elder of the month: Ed Jaros

Deacons: Otto Sommerhalter/Dan Felter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study/Staff 3:00 WWF 6:30-7:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30	2 Presbytery Mtg. Pleasant Hills PC 1:00  Community Bible Study 7:30	3	4
5 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Communion Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday School 9:45 Caring Heights Visit 3:00 Club Night 6:30	6  Martial Arts 6-7:30	7	8 Bible Study/Staff 3:00 CPR Class 5:30-7:30 WWF 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30	9  Martial Arts 6-7:30	10  Mission Adoption 6:30	11 Men's Breakfast 8:00 Sunday School Teachers 9-11:00 YoungLives 9-3:00
12 <i>Scout Sunday</i> Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Congregational Mtg. 9:30 Sunday School 9:45 Willow Heights Visit 2:00 Club Night/Keepers 6:30	13 Senior Book Mobile 12-12:45  Martial Arts 6-7:30	14 Garden Club 11:00  Esther Circle 7:30	15 Ken Mawr Seniors 12:00 Bible Study/Staff 3:00 CPR Class 5:30-7:30 WWF 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30	16 Chartiers Manor Visit 3:00  Martial Arts 6-7:30 Community Bible Study 7:30	17	18  Youth World Vision 9-12 @ Sewickley
19 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:45 New Member Class & Luncheon 12:00 Youth Project LOL Club Night/Keepers 6:30	20  Martial Arts 6-7:30  Rachel Circle 7:30	21  Alpha Circle 1:30	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Bible Study/Staff 3:00 Lenten Dinner 6:00 Study 6:45-7:30 WWF 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30	23  Martial Arts 6-7:30	24	25
26 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:45 Deacons Mtg. 6:00 Session Mtg. 7:00 Club Night/Keepers 6:30	27  Martial Arts 6-7:30	28	29 Bible Study/Staff 3:00 Lenten Dinner 6:00 Study 6:45-7:30 WWF 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30			

# MARCH 2012

Elder of the Month; Lynn Coleman

Deacons: Jeremy McDonald/Kristen Brown

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>				1 Martial Arts 6-7:30 Community Bible Study 7:30	2 30 Hour Famine	3 Men's Breakfast 8:00 @ Camp Crestfield
<b>4 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Communion Education Sunday School 9:45 Caring Heights Visit 3:00 Club Night/Keepers 6:30	5 Martial Arts 6-7:30	6 Garden Club 11:00 Esther Circle 7:30	7 Bible Study/Staff 3:00 Lenten Dinner 6:00 Study 6:45-7:30 WWF 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30	8 Martial Arts 6-7:30	9 Mission Adoption 6:30	10
<b>11 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Sunday School Teachers Mtg. 8:30 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:45 Willow Heights Visit 2:00 Club Night/Keepers 6:30	12 Martial Arts 6-7:30	13 Garden Club 11:00 Esther Circle 7:30	14 Bible Study/Staff 3:00 Lenten Dinner 6:00 Study 6:45-7:30 WWF 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30	15 Chartiers Manor Visit 3:00 Martial Arts 6-7:30 Community Bible Study 7:30	16	17
<b>18 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:45 Club Night/Keepers 6:30	19 Rachel Circle 7:30 Martial Arts 6-7:30	20 Alpha Circle 1:30 Christian Ed 7:00	21 Ken Mawr Seniors 12:00 Bible Study/Staff 3:00 Lenten Dinner 6:00 Study 6:45-7:30 WWF 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30	22 Martial Arts 6-7:30	23 Wedding Rehearsal 5:00	24 Scott/Hollen Wedding 2:00
<b>25 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:45 Club Night/Keepers 6:30 Deacons Mtg. 6:00 Session Mtg. 7:00	26 Martial Arts 6-7:30	27	28 Bible Study/Staff 3:00 Lenten Dinner 6:00 Study 6:45-7:30 WWF 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30	29 Community Bible Study 7:30	30	31