

THE CONTACT

The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God
April 2025

SUPER SENIORS---TO THE MOON AND BEYOND!!

The Super Seniors had their annual planning breakfast on March 13th at Eat n Park, with 38 people attending. It is always a fun time with great food, service and fellowship. The first activity will be us "trying again" to have Mr. Donald Freeburn with his NASA presentation on May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Center. There will be a pot-luck dinner, with the group supplying the fried chicken and drink. Deadline to sign up is April 27th. Then on Thursday July 10th we will be touring Phipps Conservatory at 2:30 and then boarding the Gateway Clipper at 6:15 for a barbecue lock and dam dinner cruise. We will be chartering a 38 passenger bus with Mlakers, so sign up early for this one!! On Thursday Oct 2nd, we will be going to the Elk Country Visitors Center in Benezette, Pa. We will be taking a wagon ride to view the elk, then having a buffet dinner afterwards. We will also make a few stops around the county to view more elk---Lord willing!! This trip will also be with Mlaker's on a 38 passenger bus. Our last event of the year will be to Old Bedford Village on Saturday December 6th for their Old-Fashioned Christmas tour. We will travel there by church van and or individual cars.

And, as always, we will hold our annual Strawberry Social on Friday June 20th at the Fellowship Center. This is always fun with wonderful fellowship. Make sure you mark your calendars to join us in all this fun!!

There will be a Spaghetti Lunch on Sunday April 27, 2025 at the Fellowship Center to Benefit Amber (Peck) Johnson. To get the word out, please "share" the Face Book ad when posted and feel free to take a poster from the table in the hallway to hang in businesses. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Flea Market, Perennial & Bake Sale

It's that time again for the annual Kingwood Church of God Flea Market, Perennial and Bake Sale at the Fellowship Center. Time to clean out your attics, closets and garages and purge those unused items! 😊 We will have "Church Tables" and welcome all donations of new or clean, gently used items- including housewares, clothes, shoes, toys, etc. Please place any donated items in church library or nurses office at Fellowship Center before May 7th so we have time to price and organize.

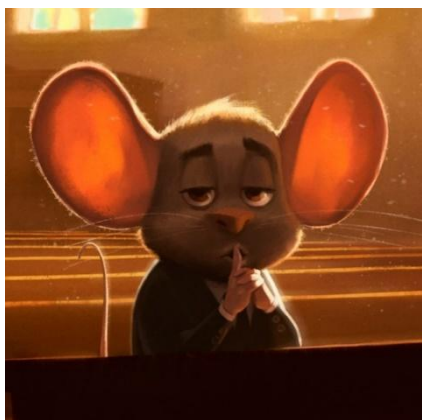
We will also take perennial plant donations. Plants need to be potted and labeled if you know what they are and placed in front of Fellowship Center by Wednesday before sale so they can be priced. Anyone who needs pots, let Amy Moore or Debbie Oline know. We have many pots in building behind the Fellowship Center.

The Flea Market will be held 2 days again; Friday, May 9th 9am-3pm and Saturday, May 10th 8am-1pm. Individuals may rent a 8' table for \$10 for one day or \$15 for both days. Please give money and table reservation to Georgiann Knepper(814-926-2253). Set up will be Wednesday and the Thursday before the sale. Tables in the gym are first come, first serve then availability will extend to hallways and outside, if desired.

On Friday, there will be a limited lunch menu and a Bake sale on Saturday. Donation of Baked Goods will be needed.

This is a great opportunity for fundraising groups to get creative and sell things at a table or two! Spread the word to anyone you know who would like to have a place to sell their garage sell items, or crafts.

Watch the bulletin for more details on the Flea Market and Bake Sale as the date draws nearer. Also, as advertisements appear on KCG Facebook page, please share!!! It's our best source of advertisement.



The Church Mouse

March. March seems like one of those in between months. In between winter and spring. In between Epiphany and Lent on the church calendar. In between the activity of the Christmas season and the flurry of Spring and new life. I am seeing bulbs shoot up new growth and then seeing that new growth watered by snow showers. Ah March.

Early in the month, I stowed away with a few persons to check out the Maple taste and tour. So many places, making so many delicious and sweet treats. I do love sugary goodies.

PW and Beth had some visitors from Ohio come in for the tour. It was a very interesting way to start the month.

I also sneaked down to the basement of the church to listen in on the 5 Year plan annual review. There are some people with some amazing ideas for the future of the church and where we go from where we are. A committee is planning on some major renovations in the basement to make it more appealing. I also heard that council is going to have a congregational meeting to approve parking lot paving. That will make it nicer for me to ride my little mousey skateboard.

Speaking of “a peeling” I understand there is potato peeling coming up soon for the Buckwheat supper. I might have to get down to the FC to see if there are any scraps around for a little mouse. And thinking about scraps, I had a wonderful time picking up crumbs after the Wild Game Dinner. There were a lot of people in the FC eating a lot of my friends. But I stuck to the dessert crumbs. Everyone seemed to have a great time. I enjoyed the talk by the speaker Brian Whipkey. I especially liked the video of that huge fish being pulled out of the iced over lake.

The church has a new part time Director of Children’s Ministry. Hillary Whaley has come on staff in this role and she is just brimming with new ideas. One of the changes is that there will be Jr. Church provided at both services. Another change is that the first Sunday of each month the kiddos will be in service with their parents. It is exciting to see things being planned for the kids and their parents.

I had the chance to observe the Ash Wednesday service on the 5th. It was a very nice service of repenting and remembering. I never thought about burning the palms from that last Palm Sunday to make the ashes. I never thought about that in the way that PW described it. Our symbol of triumph from Palm Sunday last year became the symbol of our repentance for our failings over the year.

Well, we are firmly in the Lenten Season and I for one am looking forward to Easter. But first I am looking forward to hearing the youth this Sunday as they lead in worship.

Well, I think that might be all for now.

Until next time.

As always yours, The Church Mouse

APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 3 Mathew Zerfoss
 Apr. 4 Josh Knepper
 Apr. 8 Nathan Show
 Apr. 9 Lolly Peirsel
 Apr. 10 Stacey Stahl Robbin
 Wade Snyder
 Apr. 11 Joshua Rosman
 Apr. 18 Kelly Mills
 Apr. 21 Kaycie Pletcher
 Apr. 22 Christian Weaver
 Apr. 24 Kenny Cipra
 Apr. 25 Rosanna Tobias
 Mark Lucas Sr.
 Barb Snyder
 Apr. 26 Abigail Rosman
 Apr. 27 Todd Strelko
 Apr. 29 Catherine Houghton
 May 2 Shirley Nicklow
 Shirley Mullendore
 May 3 Barbara Lemmon
 Karey Vough
 May 4 Gerald Dumbauld
 May 5 Bowen Lemmon
 Pastor Will Miller
 May 6 Fetesha Pletcher
 May 7 Nadiya Putman
 Fenna Queer
 May 9 Kurt Miller
 May 10 Brad Pletcher
 May Presley Meyers
 May 16 Heather Houghton
 Drew Younkin
 May 17 Aaron Show
 Lori Pletcher
 May 18 Mitchell Pletcher
 May 20 Marsha Tobias
 May 22 Merv Yoder
 Ambree Whaley
 May 25 Nash Phillippi
 May 26 Gregg Lemmon
 Laura Meyers
 May 27 Isaac Moore
 Sherri Tobias
 Ned Tobias
 May 29 Shirley V. Brougher
 Cheryl Pletcher
 Meghan Pletcher
 Stacey Rosman

APRIL & MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Apr. 6 Blake & Shanda Pletcher
 Apr. 26 Richard & Melissa Barry
 Apr. 29 Anthony & Hillary Whaley
 May 3 Dan & Angie Weaver
 May 8 Jesse & Amy Moore
 May 19 David & Donna Younkin
 May 27 Nick & Jamie Faidley

PRAYER NEEDS

National Revival
 Lent & Easter Services
 Our Country
 Our Pastors & Spouses
 Our New Children's Ministry Director
 Growing Our Congregation
 Upcoming Mission Trips
 Community Outreach
 Wildfire & Flood Affected Areas & Cleanup
 Those Hospitalized & Having Procedures
 Those Recovering
 Those With Long-Term Illnesses
 Shut-Ins & Those In Care Facilities
 Schools – Teachers, Students, Staff, Bus Drivers
 College Students
 Hospital Workers
 Winebrenner Seminary
 Brent & Julie Sleasman
 Church Ministries
 Camp Sonrise Mountain
 Summer Camping Season
 Our Missionaries & Mission Fields
 Chatelas Church
 Military / Police / First Responders
 CEF
 Unspoken Needs
 Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones
 Nace Family
 Todd Umbel Family



Community Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday April 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Kingwood Church of God Fellowship Center

5957 Kingwood Road Markleton, PA 15551

1000 Eggs to Find!

Crafts!

Photo Booth!

Lite Lunch to be provided!

Everyone Welcome!

FREE!

Questions Call: 814-926-4429



Toddler Story Time!

Ages: Baby-5

When: Thursdays, May 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th & June 5th

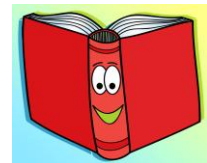
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Kingwood Church of God Fellowship Center

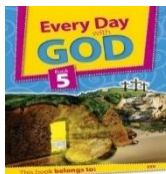
Toddlers, Babies and Caregivers are invited to join

in an hour of hearing a story about the Lord, enjoying felt board stories, a craft, snack and time of play! Its free, no sign up required!

Questions: See Hillary Whaley or Call 814-926-4429



***Upcoming Events: VBS and Summer Midweek Program for Kids. Dates and more information to come!**

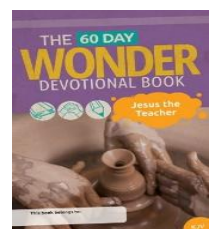


Free Lenten Devotionals!

There are free devotionals on the table in the vestibule that you are welcome to take to use with the kids in your life to teach them about the Lord! The time you spend teaching your kids about the Lord is priceless!

Jr. Church is available to children during both services; however there are also Kid's bulletins available for kids who are in Service with their parents! (All children, ages 1st Grade and Up, are upstairs for Worship the First Sunday of the Month).

Please return the crayons to the table in the vestibule when finished!





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Jr. Church

What is happening in Children's Church? Children are singing songs, observing interesting object lessons, participating in Worship and learning memory verses and Bible Lessons!

During the next 6 weeks, the 1st -5th graders will be learning more about Jesus through the **CEF series "Jesus: God Who Saves"**. We will learn about the events leading up to Christ Crucifixion and Resurrection, hear a cool **missionary story about Martin and Gracia Burnham** and play games!

Children in the Toddler Class will be **learning about the miracles and the life and sacrifice of Jesus**. The children also enjoy coloring and making crafts.

Learning God's Word is so important, so we offer an incentive for all the kids to learn memory verses, bring their Bibles, and bring a friend. The older kids have an extra incentive to bring back their Quiet Time Quest Sheets.

*We provide a staffed nursery during the 10:30 Worship Service.

Thank You to all the Ministry Partners who play a vital role in ministering to our kids!!!!



LIBRARY NEWS APRIL 2025

We see the NBR books are being signed out of the library. We hope you are enjoying them. You will see some non-fiction books have been added to the NBR group. The Bible is full of stories of God working and ministering in lives. We know He is the same today and the added non-fiction books give accounts of God being an active part of lives today. In the following books you will find:

Tortured for Christ, tells you about Richard Wurmbrand's solitary confinement, physical torture, starvation, and mental cruelty while working in the Underground Church.

To Heaven and Back

Glimpses of Heaven

Encountering Heaven and the Afterlife all three books give accounts of people like Dr. Mary Neals who have experienced miracles

Prodigals and Those Who Love Them is a mother's story of how her and God raised two spiritual wanderers.

Hearts of Fire introduces you to eight women that endured threats, prostitution, and violence by believing that God is in control and working for His glory and our good.

When God Weeps may remind you of Job's suffering as it tells of various people like Job who suffered and how their suffering played into God's plans

God Works the Night Shift is full of short stories to remind us that God never sleeps.

The magazines have been put into boxes with their names on the front. As mentioned earlier, you may take individual magazines home without signing them out. While we appreciate the extra magazines that were brought into the library, we realized we could accumulate a quantity that would be difficult to manage, so we are asking you don't donate any magazines. If there is a magazine you would like to see in the library tell one of the librarians, and we will investigate subscribing to it. Also, sometimes donated books are books that are already on the shelves, so would you please check with us before you bring the books?

HAPPY READING!

THE BEAUTY OF THE RAINBOW – GOD’S PROMISE

The rainbow is a stunning display of colors, vibrant and filled with meaning. Just like the spectrum of the rainbow, God’s promises cover every part of our lives. Each color can remind us of the facets of God’s love, from his warmth to His forgiveness. When we witness a rainbow, we are encouraged to trust in the beauty that can accompany every storm. Together, we can embrace the idea that love is always around the corner, even when we are in our darkest moments.

SAVE THE DATE SISTER’S OF STRENGTH WEEKEND RETREAT CAMP SONRISE MOUNTAIN OCTOBER 3rd – 5th, 2025

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD YEAR-ROUND PACKING

PACKING CHECKLIST

Purchase —Shop for fun toys, personal care items, and school supplies to fill a shoebox. Write down what you have so far or still need to buy: Toys, Personal Care Items, School Supplies, Other Items.

Pack —Remove items from packaging and pack into shoebox.

Personalize—Include a letter to the shoebox recipient along with a photo of your family or group. You can even decorate the shoebox!

Prepare \$10 Donations—Set aside the suggested donation per shoebox to support project costs such as shoebox gift transportation and Gospel materials.

Pray—Lift up in prayer the shoebox journey and the child who will receive your shoebox gift.

ITEMS

April	Stuffed Animals	May	Personal Care Items
June	Toys	July	Clothing
August	School Supplies	September	Games
October	Letter & Photo	November	\$10 Donation Per Box
	December	Prayers	

Youth and Young Adult Updates

First and foremost, a big thank you to everyone who was a part of Youth Sunday. This includes all of the youth, the parents, and members of the congregation! It is such an amazing opportunity for our young people to take what they are learning and share it. Their interests are as unique as they are, and it is always wonderful to watch them study Scripture. A special shout out to Beth Miller, who made it possible for me to be upstairs while she handled getting breakfast prepared for the teens.

April is often a full month, especially with Easter Sunday right around the corner. The schedule for youth and young adult events are:

Sunday, 4/6- *Young Adult* Meet up @ Starbucks 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 4/9 – *Youth and Young Adults* help pack Easter Eggs for Community East Egg Hunt (@ Fellowship Center) 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 4/16 – *Youth Group* @ Fellowship Center 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 4/19 – *Youth and Young Adults* help hide Easter Eggs @ Fellowship Center 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 4/23 – *Youth Group* @ Fellowship Center 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4/27 – *Young Adult* Meet up @ Starbucks 6:00 p.m.

April's Service Focus for the Young Adults and Youth will be the Easter Egg hunt at the Fellowship Center on April 19th @10:00 a.m. Not only will students and YA be invited to help stuff and hide eggs, but also to stay and help during the event. We appreciate everyone who helped donate laundry detergent during the months of February and March – you are all rock stars!

Please see the special summer camp announcement in this month's Contact to help get your student ready for this June! Also, all weeks are still looking for wonderful staff! If you are interested in applying to be a counselor for summer camp, please see Karey Vough for the link Camp Sonrise Mountain uses to apply online. So many young people make a commitment or reaffirm their faith at camp, adults that love God are such an important part of that moment.

Have a blessed month,
Pastor Karey



Summer Camp at Camp Sonrise Mountain

Registration can be completed online at: <https://campsonrisemountain.org/registration/>

Senior High Camp

June 8 – 14, 2025

Campers entering grades 10, 11, 12, & Graduating Seniors

Arrival time: Sunday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Departure time: Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$75

Early Bird Total Price: \$340

Ask your church about a coupon code! (See Karey Vough or Hillary Whaley for the code)

After May 2nd the price will increase to \$390 which will be reflected in the registration fee.

Junior High Camp

June 15 – 21, 2025

Campers entering grades 8 & 9

Arrival time: Sunday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Departure time: Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$75

Early Bird Total Price: \$340

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Intermediate Camp

June 22 – 28, 2025

Campers entering grades 6 & 7

Arrival time: Sunday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Departure time: Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$75

Early Bird Total Price: \$340

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Primary Camp

June 29 – July 5, 2025

Campers entering grades 3, 4, & 5

Arrival time: Sunday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Departure time: Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$75

Early Bird Total Price: \$340

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KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD COUNCIL MEETING

March 10th, 2025

DEVOTIONS: Melissa Vough – Is going to church really so important to my relationship with God? The church needs you as much as you need the church. Psalms 27:4 & 84:4; Romans 12:4-5 and Hebrews 10:25.

Kingwood Fellowship Center

February 2025 Usage

Walk Fit	12
Midweek	3
Council Mtg	1
Pickleball	4
Shut In Dinner	1
Truth Seekers	1
Rob's Rations Christmas	1
TOTAL	23

OLD BUSINESS

- Church Basement Renovation – Phase I – Approved by Congregation
- Children Ministry Director – Approved by Congregation
- Floor Waxing - finished
- Church Security – Randy will be having a meeting
- Pricing for A/C in Sunday School Classrooms
- Church Parking Lot – Going to Congregational Meeting for approval March 30, 2025
- New Church Directory – Picture Day will be April 26 (3-6) May 3 (9-12).
- AV Ministry – Conversations are going on.
- Associate Pastor Search Committee – working on it

NEW BUSINESS:

- A new Five Year Plan has been created and will be presented for approved by the Church Council.
- Wreaths across America Program at the church
- Campers Fees for upcoming Summer Camp Season
- First Christian Church Mission Trip – Volunteers are needed
- Replacement of Communion Trays

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Worship Services

Sunday Morning Worship
8:15 a.m. First Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Second Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Midweek Services @ FC on Wednesday

