

The Contact

The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God
March 2025

Special Services

April 13 - Palm Sunday Service

April 17 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.
(Communion and Feet Washing)

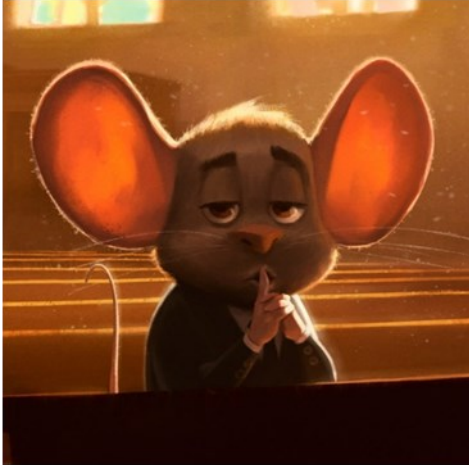
April 18 - Good Friday Tennebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 20 - Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m.
(Breakfast to Follow)



Holy Week Worship Services

The Church Mouse



February has come and is almost gone! My VERY distant cousin, Punxsutawney Phil, saw his shadow and called for 6 more weeks of winter. Well, it does seem like we have been having a Somerset County winter this year, so it wouldn't surprise this little rodent if we had six more weeks of winter. But as I write this we are in the midst of a bit of a thaw. I know the sugar camps are hoping for warm days and cold nights to get the sugar water flowing better. I have heard of camps that have made no syrup at all yet. Some have boiled off only about 5 gallons and others have boiled off more but

are still way behind. We need the right cycle of weather for the sugar camp folks.

P Will is still dealing with some health issues and P Jim has subbed in for him a few times and once in February. But it looks like P Will is on the mend. I heard there still might be a surgery in the future so we might see P Jim a few more times this winter.

It is almost Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent is upon us. Time to think once again of all that Jesus did for us leading up to the Holy week and his Passion. Luckily we are people who live on this side of Easter and the resurrection. What joy that brings to us.

P Will has been preaching a series on "Actions of a Healthy Disciple. I have been enjoying it quite a bit. I especially like the definition of a disciple that he is using. A disciple is someone who; follows Jesus, is being changed by Jesus, joins Jesus on His mission. He has talked about the actions of studying and obeying the Bible, Individual and corporate prayer, and individual and corporate worship. I am anxiously waiting to see what the next three actions are. I believe I saw something on a schedule in the parsonage that had Godly fellowship, generosity, and service on it. Those might be the next three actions? I guess we'll all have to wait and see.

There were some visitors to the parsonage over this past weekend and they helped P Will make some deer bologna. I actually found a few crumbs that they left behind in the process. It is some pretty good stuff.

I also heard some rumors that there will be visitors again this weekend for the Maple taste and tour. They might be seeing a small return in the camps. Or they might be seeing sugar shack in full swing production with the forecast weather that we are to get. In any case I'm sure they will have a fun time seeing the maple industry in Somerset county.

Well I think that is all the news this little mousey has for now. SO ...

Until next time.

As always, yours,

The Church Mouse



Birthdays & Anniversaries

MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 3 Glenda Johnson
Brandon Pletcher

Mar. 5 John Mitchell

Mar. 6 Andrea Minor

Mar. 7 Allie Colflesh
Remington Schartiger

Mar 10 Brandon Pletcher

Mar. 11 Brooke Pletcher Bigler
Natalie Latuch

Mar. 16 Richard Dumbauld

Mar. 17 Rita Show
Angie Weaver

Mar. 19 Melissa Putman

Mar. 23 Shirley Metheney
Mccoy Pletcher

Mar. 25 Barry Beal
Emily Lemmon

Mar. 29 Malcom (Tony) Buchanan

Mar. 31 Trista Younkin

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 Harold Kregger Jr.
Joshua Rosman

Apr. 18 Kelly Mills

Apr. 21 Kaycie Pletcher

Apr. 22 Christian Weaver

Apr 23 Auzalie Minor

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

MARCH & APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 2 Gregg & Barbara Lemmon

Mar 3 Bearl & Teresa Faidley

Mar 13 Randy & Bev Pletcher

Apr. 6 Blake & Shanda Pletcher

Apr. 26 Richard & Melissa Barry

Apr 29 Anthony & Hillary Whaley

Prayer Needs

National Revival
Lent & Easter Services
Our Country
Allegheny Region Churches
Our Pastors & Spouses
Growing our Congregation
Upcoming Mission Trips
Wildfire affected areas
Flood affected areas
Violence in our Nation
Those dealing with severe weather issues & cleanup
Families who have lost loved ones
Shirley Albright
John McClintock
Clifford Nicklow
LeFerne Saylor
Those dealing with mental, emotional, spiritual & financial issues
Those hospitalized & having procedures
Those dealing with long-term illnesses
Shut-Ins
Those in nursing homes and care facilities
Wild Game Dinner
Schools
Teachers
Students
School Workers
Bus Drivers
College Students
Hospital Workers
Winebrenner Seminary
Brent & Julie Sleasman
Church Ministries
Camp Sunrise Mountain
Chatelas Church
Our Missionaries and Mission Fields
Military / Police / First Responders
CEF
Unspoken Needs

**Thanks to Naomi Shaffer for the Contact contribution.*

Global Reach Updates

Dominican Republic – Pastor Victor Montalvo, Director of Latino Fields, recently returned with a team. Pastors Fremio and Evelyn Jimenez and their church family were blessed to serve alongside the team. The team aided in some churches repairs and improvements. They also helped host a medical/food/hair wash and cut for kids in the community. They also had amazing fellowship and worship together! Pray the fruits of their labor will keep our Dominican brothers and sisters fueled and encouraged.

USA Southwest – Jake and Haley are getting close to baby time!! Please keep them in prayer.

Bangladesh – There has been some recent work done on the Kanjanpur Girls Hostel. The weather and insects tend to be hard on our buildings. Bathrooms, book shelves, windows, etc are being replaced. Praise God for those who supported these projects!

Helping Hands

Helping Hands Prayer Needs for March

Alice McClintock c/o Henry Clay Villa 5253 National Pike #1025
Markleysburg, PA 15459

Ralph Younkin c/o Siemons 228 Siemons Dr. Somerset, PA 15501

RAMBLINGS & RECIPES

It's March 2025 – A lion or A lamb? Turn your clocks ahead, Spring is coming, it's going to be a good month. Hopefully it will be a good month for the Maple Syrup Season – cold nights and warm days.

Here's a recipe that seems a bit unusual, but is so enjoyable.

Cucumber Pasta Salad

1 lb. Angel Hair Pasta – Cook, Drain & Cool
4 Cups (or more) diced cucumber – (I prefer to peel the cucumbers.)
½ Cup (or more) diced onion
1 tsp. Salt
8 oz (or full jar) of Marzetti Slaw Dressing
1 Cup Half & Half or Milk
¼ Cup Sugar
1 Tbsp Dill Weed

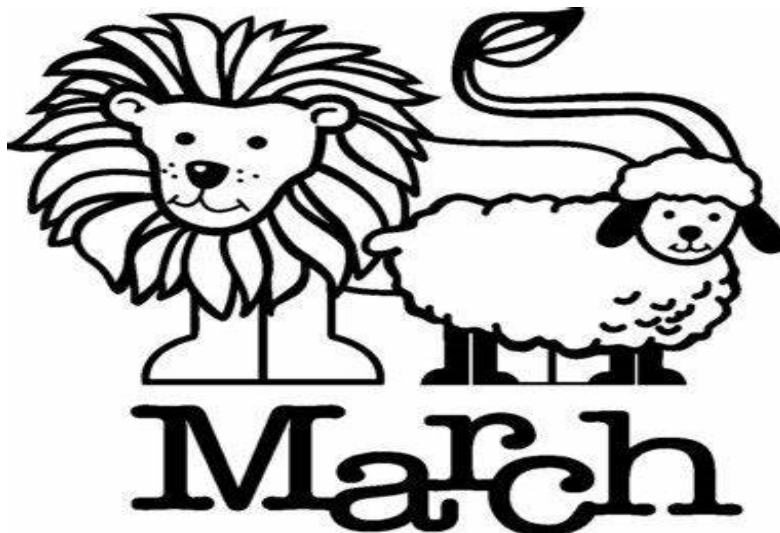
Place pasta in a bowl. Add cucumber and onion.

Mix slaw dressing, Half & Half, sugar, salt and dill weed.

Pour the dressing over pasta and stir well. Refrigerate until served.

Note: This gets better if you make it and allow it to sit for one day. Mix well again before serving.

This salad keeps well for several days and seems to be tastier “the next day”!



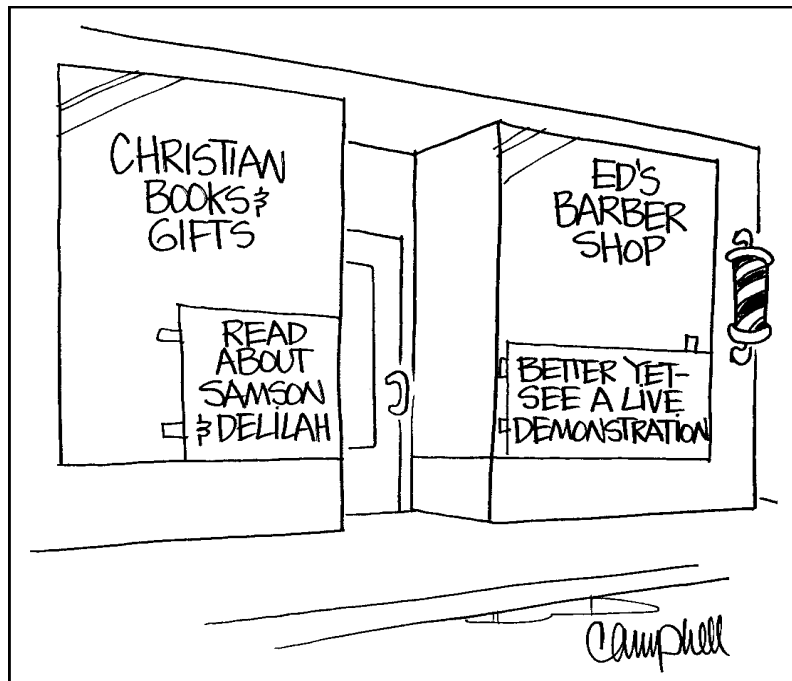
LIBRARY NEWS

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The library has a new category called the NBRs. They are in the back right corner of the room. Look for the white sign to guide you there. They reported feeling very lonely and depressed for years. They are planning to leave the library if they don't get some attention. Their concerns include standing beside other books that have been signed out many times, not being acknowledged for the loyalty they display by always being there standing straight and tall, and several have complained that they are part of a series that were never signed out with the others in the series. They are holding us librarians responsible for the lack of interest in them. They inquired why we brought them here if no one was interested in what they have to say. Despite the embarrassment of being singled out as NBR they agreed to join together in one group, so they are easier to find. These books are to be signed out as the other books and returned to the plastic bin when you are finished with them.

Some of the subscribed magazines have arrived and are in white cardboard boxes on shelves in the front of the room. The current issue for each magazine will be in a plastic cover. You do not need to sign out the magazine just take it and try to have it back within a week for others to use. Past issues will be in the box with the current issues.



KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD COUNCIL MEETING

February 10, 2025

DEVOTIONS: Georgianne Knepper - Scripture from Proverbs 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones". This proverb suggests that a person's attitude can affect their health and outlook [on life](#)

OLD BUSINESS:

Church Basement Renovation – Will be divided into 2-3 Phases.

Phase 1 – Back half of basement. Lighting, painting, protecting the murals, carpet in the rooms, up the entrance ramp and the area built in at the back area coming in from the covered entrance. With volunteer help estimate should be between \$ 10,000 – \$ 11,000. Congregation meeting for approval on March 9th.

Phases 2 & 3– Big Area of Downstairs -new ceilings tiles (15,000), drywall & walls (7,000.00) flooring (12,000.00) – Heating and Air Conditioning of downstairs and Sunday School classrooms

Children’s Ministry Director – Interview will be held this week recommendation to the Congregational Meeting on March 9th.

Associate Pastor Search Committee – Mark reported that they are working on it.

A/C in Sunday School Classrooms – included in phases above

NEW BUSINESS:

Elder Meetings – Will be held every other month starting in April (even months).

The purpose is to meet with the Pastoral staff and the Youth Ministry staff on a regular basis.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Planning Committee Meeting – March 9th, 2025 work on 5 Year Plan

Church Parking Lot – Reviewed pricing previously given and the Trustees will work on getting more estimates to have something to compare

New Church Directory – April 2025

Fellowship Center Pavilion - April 2025

AV Ministry – Need to find someone to take this over by May 2025

Fellowship Usage

Walk Fit	14	Midweek	3
Council Mtg	1	Pickleball	4
Beener Birthday	1	Rockwood YF	1
Rob’s Rations	1	Dumbauld Family	1
Hay Family	1	Honor Guard Prac.	1
Total	28		

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Church Staff

Will Miller, Senior Pastor
Jim Monticue, Visitation Pastor
Karey Vough, Youth/YA Pastor
Carey Beth King, Secretary

Church Website

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(814) 926-4429

Worship Services

8:15 a.m. Sunday First Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sunday Second Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Sunday Youth Group Meeting

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Midweek Services

