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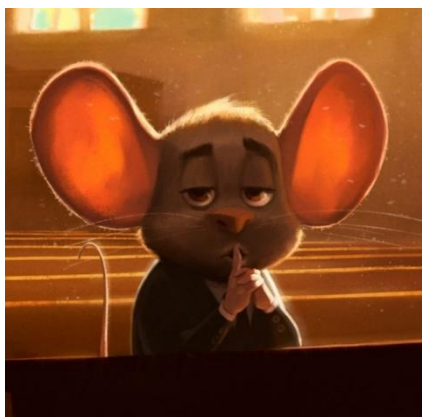
The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God
June 2025



National Revival
Our Country
Allegheny Region Churches
Pastor Will & Beth
Pastor Jim & Melanie
Pastor Karey & Jake
Hillary & Anthony
Growing our Congregation
Praise for Our Worship, Children & Youth Services
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
Those dealing with mental, emotional, spiritual & financial issues
Those hospitalized & having procedures
Those dealing with long-term illnesses
Those in nursing homes and care facilities
Shut-Ins
Summer Programs
Summer Sports
Students
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End of School Year
Graduation
Job Searching
Camp Sonrise Mountain
Staff and Campers
Upcoming Camping Season
Hospital Workers

Winebrenner Seminary
Brent & Julie Sleasman
Church Ministries
Chatelas Church
Our Missionaries and Mission Fields
Military / Police / First Responders
CEF
Unspoken Needs





The Church Mouse

MAY. April showers bring May flowers. But it seemed like May had a lot of showers of it's own. We have gone through the daffodils and tulips. We have moved onto the trilliums and skunk cabbage and may apples. Now we are seeing the rhododendron blooming. People are mowing their lawns and rero tilling gardens. I feel like spring is truly here and then we get weather reports of temps going down to 38 degrees at night. Oh well that's spring in Somerset county I guess.

There were some interesting activities and goings on in May. It started on Thursday May 1st with the National Day of Prayer on the county courthouse steps. I stowed away in PWs truck and went to observe. Many of our Kingwood neighbors were there. Both from the church and from the surrounding area. The Shows (New Centerville church), the Monticues, the Stahls, and others from the area.

On May 6th the Super Seniors had their "makeup" program with the guy from NASA. It was very interesting and Don Freeburn gave us some insights from his time with the Apollo program. There was also a wonderful pot luck meal with Giant Eagle chicken. I had made my way down to the FC and got to help "clean up" crumbs to put in my little mousey larder.

The annual Flea market was held at the FC on Fri May 9th and Sat May 10th with a fairly good turn out and some good sales. Also, on the 10th there was a resurrection of the Mother's Day Breakfast held I the church basement. I understand the breakfast was delicious. I did manage to gather a few of the crumbs that hit the floor.

PW made a quick trip to Ohio for a couple of days to perform the celebration of life service for his hunting buddy Frank Simon. Frank passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack.

On Fri and Sat the 16th and 17th The Allegheny region met for their annual conference. It was held at the Mt Pleasant church of God. Our own Emma Ream put together a talented team of young people to lead the conference in worship.

Then on the 24th Jonathan Pletcher tied the knot with his sweet-heart, Stacey Baumgardner. Please wish the newlyweds the very best as they begin their married life together. I wish I could have made it to the "Barn" for the reception. I heard the cookie table was "amazing".

On May 25th we celebrated Memorial Day by remembering those who gave the "last full measure of devotion" in defending and insuring our freedom. PW also helped us to look at Jesus who won an eternal freedom for us. He (Jesus) gave the "last full measure of devotion" on the cross to insure our freedom from death and sin. Thank you Jesus.

Well, I think that might be all for now.

Until next time.

As always yours, The Church Mouse

JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Vincent Show
June 2	Renee' Strelko
June 3	Olivia Moore
	Bill Peirsel
	Barbara Pletcher
June 6	Eileen Buchanan
	Jamie Faidley
	Melissa Vough
June 10	Sharron King
June 13	Eli Walker
June 15	Eli Show
June 16	Peggy Kreger
June 17	Natasha Dumbauld
	Nathan Faidley
June 18	Cary Phillippi
June 19	Ralph Younkin
June 20	Renee' Moore
June 21	Nicholas Faidley
June 23	John Younkin
June 24	Ashley Gray
June 30	Mark Houghton
	Dan Ream
July 1	Art Brougher
	Mark Lucas
July 2	Odessa Pletcher
	Carthy Schmuck
	Dan Weaver
July 3	Dustin Gray
	Keith Knepper
July 8	Angie Mitchell
July 9	Gianna Rosman
	Randy Schartiger
July 13	Hillary Whaley
July 14	Coral Lee Kreger
July 15	Stacey Hay
July 18	Patricia Weaver
July 19	Amber Lemmon
	Katie Snyder
July 21	Debbie Miller
July 22	Luella Pletcher
July 24	Landon Strelko
July 26	Elliot Pletcher
July 29	Owen Moore
July 30	James Meyers
July 31	Wyatt Pletcher

JUNE & JULY ANNIVERSARIES

June 1	Ben & Sherri Tobias
June 2	Brad & Lori Pletcher
June 3	Jack & Barbara Pletcher
June 5	Wayne & Cheryl Pletcher
June 9	Don & Debbie Miller
	Drew & Melanie Younkin
June 13	Charlie & Fenna Pletcher
June 14	Charles & Coral Lee Kreger
	Mark & Vanessa Lucas
June 19	Bill & Shirley Metheney
June 21	Chris & Allie Colflesh
June 25	Pastor Jim & Melanie Monticue
June 26	Kevin & Stacey Hay
June 29	Andy & Amber Webreck
July 11	Daniel & Katie Snyder
July 24	Vincent & Kerri Show
	Todd & Renee' Strelko
	John & Trista Younkin
July 26	Tom & Kelly Mills
July 27	Greg & Carey Beth King



Happy Birthday and Anniversary!

NEWS

& Notes

June 25th- Please join us and our sister church New Centerville COG for a time of food, fun and fellowship at Laurel Hill State Park, Lakeside Pavilion. We will be having a covered dish picnic, with hot dogs, buns, condiments and tableware provided, and crafts and games for the children and youth with a short devotion to follow. It is an "under the sea/lake theme", so if you have a favorite shirt, join in the fun! This is always a great night for everyone to get together, so mark your calendars now for a fun, relaxing evening at the park! Hope to see everyone there! Please see Stacey Rosman with any questions!

The Super Seniors have 2 sign up sheets in the vestibule.

The first one is for the Strawberry Social on Friday, June 20th from 6:00 to 7:30. Please sign up ahead of time so we know how many to expect. This is always a fun time of fellowship, and it's FREE! This is for anyone. You don't have to be a "senior" to attend!!

The 2nd sheet is for the trip to Phipps Conservatory and Gateway Clipper Cruise on July 10th. We will be leaving from the Fellowship Center at 12:30 pm. Deadline to sign up and pay Georgiann Knepper is June 8. The bus company needs an emergency contact name and phone number for each person, so when you sign up there is room to list that information. The total cost per person is \$110.00. We are using a 38 passenger bus, so sign up early!!

A Note of Thanks...

Thank you to all who helped with, donated to, and or supported the Flea Market/Plant sale and Food/Bake Sale which was held in early May. The Flea Market/Plant sale realized a profit of about \$2,189.00 which was donated to Amber (Peck) Johnson and the Food/Bake Sale realized a profit of about \$1,395.00 which went to the Southwest Mission project.

Save the Dates...

A **Family Fun Day** is being planned for August 9th, 2025. This will be held at the Fellowship Center - free food and activities for the community.

If you have an interest in helping with the committee - please sign up in the vestibule.

Kingwood Chicken BBQ - July 19

VBS - July 13-17 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Save the Date...

Sisters of Strength Weekend Retreat
The Beauty of the Rainbow - God's Promise
Camp Sunrise Mountain October 3 - 5, 2025

Operation Christmas Child - Items for June - Toys



Toddler Story Time!

We had a great time during Toddler Story Time this past May! Children enjoyed singing songs, hearing stories



on What Are Ears For; What are Eyes For; What Are Hands For and What Will You Teach Me. Children learned that our hands, feet and eyes are not for ignoring instructions or looking down on others or being disobedient. They are to be used to please God! Children learned that Jesus was little once and He followed God. With God's help we can follow Him too! Children also enjoyed felt stories and crafts to go with the stories: The Hungry Catapillar; If You Give a Mouse a Cookie; The Little Blue Truck; and Caps for Sale. We had some beautiful days to play outside on the playground as well!

We have one more Toddler Story Time this spring; we hope to resume for 5 more weeks this September. Please join us for our last Toddler Story Time on June 5th at 10 am at the Fellowship Center! Children enjoy stories, a craft, snack and time of play! Its free, no sign up required! Questions: See Hillary Whaley or Call 814-926-4429

Jr. Church!



Children, come join us for Jr. Church as we sing songs, observe object lessons and learn more of God's Word! Jr. Church is offered at both the 8:15 am and 10:30 Worship Services.

During the next 6 weeks, the 1st -5th graders will be finishing up the **CEF series "God's Love: Hope for the Outcast"**, and will begin to learn about an inspiring missionary through the **CEF series "I Dare: Amy Carmichael"**. The children will be given a devotional at the beginning of the summer and time will be spent during Jr. Church teaching on having a Wondertime with God! Parents and Grandparents are key in developing this most important habit of a quiet time with the Lord each day! All children are welcome! 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 and thank you to all who helped renovate the Children's classes- they look wonderful!!!**



Upcoming Children's Summer Activities!

Come Out and Bring a Friend! **5-Day Club**

Bible Lessons • Songs • Great Games
Fun Activities • Memory Verses • Prizes



When! June 23rd-27th
Time! 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Where! Connie Pletcher's House
Contact: Connie Pletcher
(814-926-2034)

FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-12



Summer Mid-Week Program

**When: Wednesday Mornings,
June 11th - August 13th**
Time: 10 am - 11 am

**Where: Kingwood Church of God
Fellowship Center**

**Join us for a time of learning about
Big Questions About God!**

Bible Lessons! Games/Play! Memory Verses! Snack! Prizes!

Vacation Bible School!

When: July 13th - 17th Time: 6-8:15 pm

Where: Kingwood Church of God Fellowship Center

(5957 Kingwood Rd Markleton, PA)

Bible Lessons! Games! Crafts! Snack! Music!



For Questions call
814-926-4429 or see
Jenn Gross or
Sharlene Bluebaugh

June 2025 Youth and Young Adult Newsletter

It is time for camping season! Camp is a wonderful time of year for kids and teens to unplug in nature and reconnect with God! As an adult I can see the benefit of camp in my own life because it allows me to hear God more clearly without distractions while I help disciple kids. There is still time to sign up for an amazing week at Camp Sonrise Mountain at www.campsonrisemountain.org -just use coupon code CAMP25KC at checkout.

Senior High Camp (entering 10, 11, 12 grades): June 8-14

Junior High Camp (entering 8 & 9): June 15-21

Intermediate Camp (entering 6 & 7): June 22-28

Primary Camp (entering 3, 4, 5): June 29-July 5

If you have a high school or college graduate for this spring/summer, please let me know. We would like to honor graduates with a gift on Sunday, June 8th during first and second services.

There will be a sign up sheet for volunteering with the Youth Summer Café program. This year we will be helping in Confluence at the Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:15-12:00pm. This will start on June 12th and run through August 14th.

I am continuing to look for adults, age 20+, to join the youth ministry team. We need many gifts to build our youth program into a healthy space to make dedicated disciples of Jesus Christ. Please text or call 814-969-2817 to sign up!

This summer students and adults are welcome to help pack food boxes for the Somerset County Mobile Food Bank. Box packing happens on Fridays prior to distribution and a schedule will be coming for July. This is a wonderful non-profit that helps ensure many members of our community have access to food. Please let me know if you are interested in helping – we can take the church van if enough interest develops.

Youth and Young Adult events in June:

Sunday, 6/22 & 6/29 - Young Adult and High School Meet Up @ Starbucks @ 6pm

Have a blessed month,

Pastor Karey

ramblings & recipes

Welcome June – I am so ready for May and its rain to leave town! I hope June brings us sunshine, blue skies, warm days (and nights) – weather that makes us want to be outside. Weather that brings out shorts (or capris), sandals and sunglasses!

Remember that Father's Day is June 15th. Be thankful and thank you Dad if he is still on the earth. Cherish the memories of your Dad if he is now living in heaven. I remember, when I was a child, making cookies for my Dad for Father's Day – I'm not sure if they were made correctly and/or if they were good – but he ate them! My Dad could eat any cookie if he could dunk it in his coffee.

Here is a wonderful cut-out cookie recipe.

Cutout Cookies

½ Cup Buttermilk	1 ½ Cups Sugar
1 Cup Butter	1 teaspoon Baking Soda
2 Eggs	2 teaspoons Baking Powder
5 Cups Flour	1 teaspoon Vanilla

Combine butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla. (Use your mixer) Stir in the buttermilk. Add the dry ingredients. Chill dough if it is too soft to roll. Roll on a floured table or board. Do not roll too thin if you like a nice puffy cookie. Use your favorite cookie cutter or a cutter that is applicable to your occasion.

Bake at 375 degrees on a greased cookie sheet for 8 minutes or till set – do NOT bake until brown.

Allow to cool completely and frost with the following frosting.

Sugar Cookie Frosting

1 pound powdered sugar	¼ cup milk
1 cup butter	1 teaspoon vanilla
1 Tablespoon flour	dash of salt
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar	

Mix well (use your mixer) the butter, milk and vanilla. Add the dry ingredients and beat until fluffy. You will probably want to add coloring to this icing. Spread or decorate the cookies.

These keep nicely in the freezer in an airtight container.

****June 2025****

Global Reach Updates

- **USA Southwest – The Kingwood Mission Team of 2025 leaves soon! Pray for safe travel and amazing opportunities for our team and the Gamerco/Hooghan churches to reach some folks! Pray we are a major blessing to our Pastors and the Community. We arrive June 7th!**
- **Bangladesh – The Khanjanpur House Mom, Monika, continues to heal. Please keep her in your prayers for a full recovery.**
- **Missionary Retreat in July is coming up. Please pray for safe travels for all of our international guests. Please pray for funding needed to host our missionaries and Field Leaders while they are here.**

Helping Hands
Helping Hands Prayer Needs for June

Sonny Kreger 606 S. Franklin St. Apt 1 Somerset, PA 15501
June Rugg 493 Jersey Hollow Rd. Confluence, PA 15424

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Hillary Whaley, Children's Ministry Director

Carey Beth King, Secretary
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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

