

# THE CONTACT

The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God  
May 2025



**May 1, 2025**

## *Prayer Needs*

National Revival  
Our Country  
Allegheny Region Churches  
Pastor Will & Beth  
Pastor Jim & Melanie  
Pastor Karey & Jake  
Hillary & Anthony  
Growing our Congregation  
Praise for Our Lent and Easter Services  
Praise for Easter Egg Hunt Outreach  
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  
    Fern Enos  
    Robert Pritts  
    Joan Wheeler  
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  
Schools  
Teachers  
Students  
School Workers  
Bus Drivers  
College Students  
End of School Year  
Graduation  
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

April. April brings many signs of Spring and yet still sometimes feels like winter. There have been daffodils, crocus, and tulips blooming and bringing promise of the return of life to the land. And yet there are still snow squalls and cold weather. But the greatest reminder of life to come is Easter. There were some wonderful worship times at the church that I got to check out.

Jeff Romesberg brought a powerful testimony on the first Sunday in April. The next Sunday we waved palms and said Hosana on Palm Sunday. It was the beginning of Holy Week. Then there were special services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. I was really looking forward to the sunrise service on Easter Sunday. Mostly, because of the breakfast after. Well, to be honest, I am just a little mouse looking for crumbs wherever I can find them. Then there were two very full services at 8:15 and 10:30. The total attendance for these two services was 211.

April also brought the beginning of trout season and I have heard a lot of you were out catching some nice fish. I have also heard that many of you are getting ready for turkey season to come in soon as well.

Things in the parsonage were quiet for the week after Easter. I heard PW and Beth were on a swing through Ohio to see grandkids. They got to meet the newest addition to the clan and celebrate two different grandkids' birthdays. They came home happy, but they looked kind of tired after their travels.

A new event happened this year down at the FC. I made the trek on my little mousey legs to see an Easter egg hunt. Wow! What a day. There were about 200 people at the egg hunt lots of kids and their parents and lots of good helpers. There were crafts for the kids to do while they waited for the hunt to start and for after the hunt for the ones who didn't get to do them before. 1,584 eggs had been stuffed with candy and placed in various spots outside for the different age groups. After the hunt there was a light lunch served for those present. Almost everyone stayed after the hunt to visit and to enjoy each other's company. It was a wonderful day and I even found some candy for my tummy.

I stowed away in the church van and went to the Rockwood walk of the cross on Good Friday. PW took the van to help transport folks that couldn't do the walk part but still wanted to participate. It was a very meaningful time and a testimony to the truth of the cross as it was walked through the town down main street and to the gazebo at the square. The cross then stayed on display through Easter Sunday.

Well, I think that might be all for now.  
Until next time.  
As always yours, The Church Mouse

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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 13	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
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 E. Younkin
June 20	Renee' Moore
June 21	Nicholas Faidley
June 23	John Younkin
June 24	Ashley Gray
June 30	Mark Houghton, Dan Ream

## MAY & JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

May 3	Dan & Angie Weaver
May 8	Jesse & Amy Moore
May 19	David & Donna Younkin
May 27	Nick & Jamie Faidley
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 11	Tim & Lindsay Latuch
June 13	Charlie & Fenna Pletcher
June 14	Charles & Coral Lee Kreger
	Mark & Vanessa Lucas
June 19	Bill & Shirley Metheney
June 25	Pastor Jim & Melanie Monticue
June 26	Kevin & Stacey Hay
June 29	Andy & Amber Webreck



# NEWS & Notes

## **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 Ogle know. We have many pots in building behind the Fellowship Center.

The Flea Market will be held 2 days again; Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm and Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Bake Sale Donations are needed for the Flea Market/Plant Sale on May 9th and 10th at the Fellowship Center. There is a signup sheet in the vestibule for Baked Goods. Please bring items to the FC on Thursday, May 8th in the evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### ***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 May – Personal Care Items**

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We had a great time at the Easter Egg Hunt. Approximately 200 adults and children attended! Children enjoyed making crafts, finding eggs, a light lunch and a Gospel message.



Upper right, Caitlyn King helps hide Easter Eggs. Upper left, Stacey Hay and Mindy Singo dress up in costumes. To the right, children enjoy making Easter crafts.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Egg Hunt. It was great to see the Fellowship Center filled with families from the community!





## **Toddler Story Time!**



**Ages: Baby-5**

**When: Thursdays, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 10 am.**

**Where: Kingwood Church of God FC**

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



## **Summer Mid-Week Program!**

**When: Wednesday Mornings, June 11<sup>th</sup> - August 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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!**

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders will be learning more about Jesus through the CEF series **"God's Love: Hope for the Outcast"**. We will learn about various people in Scripture that the Lord showed love to and gave hope. 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!!!!**





# Global Reach Updates

Dominican Republic – 2025 ACTS Team had an amazing trip! They did some work on a few of the churches and had some super fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ! Tune in on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> for the full update and pictures during the Mission Moment.

USA Southwest – The Kingwood Mission Team of 2025 have a month to go before our trip! 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 7<sup>th</sup>!

Bangladesh – The Khanjanpur House Mom, Monika, is beginning to walk and heal. She still has a lot of pain and has a ways to go. Please keep her in your prayers!

## *Helping Hands*

### **Helping Hands Prayer Needs for May**

Jack & Jean Romesberg 188 Romesberg Lane Rockwood, PA 15557

Doris VanSickel 305 Leila St. Johnstown, PA 15905

# RAMBLINGS & RECIPES

It's May 2025! Sometimes I wonder – “where did the time go?” Seems like the older we get – the faster the years pass by. Recently one of my friends told me she gets tired of eating in restaurants – that she likes to eat the things she makes at home! I do enjoy “eating out” and I do enjoy cooking at home. My friend always tries new recipes. I need to do that more often – I seem to stick with recipes that my family enjoys!

Here's a great recipe for brownies.

## **Cream Cheese Brownies**

1 Box Betty Crocker German Chocolate Cake Mix

Prepare as box instructs.

Pour batter into a greased sheet pan – 11x16.

Mix 1 Egg, 1 - 8 oz., Cream Cheese and ½ Cup Sugar – Beat until creamy.  
Add ½ Cup Milk Chocolate Chips into this mixture.

Pour this batter around over the batter and swirl with a butter knife or a spoon.

Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes – test for doneness with a toothpick.  
Depending on your oven – you may need an extra five minutes.  
Cool completely before cutting.

If you like nuts with brownies – add them to the cream cheese mixture.  
You could also add more chocolate chips – suit your taste!

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."  
Psalm 90:12

*Happy Mother's Day*



# Youth and Young Adult Updates

Happy May! The end of the school year is full of so many fun activities. As many families are continually running this time of the year, we will be moving to an event format for May-August where there will be times to get together as a group, but there will not be a weekly meeting. Stay tuned to the bulletin for opportunities to hang out.

Sunday School will continue through the Spring and Summer months. We are together from 9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings studying the book of Matthew.

I am looking for adults, age 20+, to join the youth ministry team. We need all types of gifts to help make our team the best it can be. You can enjoy games, snacks, teaching, and being around our great students. Text or call 814-969-2817 to sign up.

The schedule for youth and young adult events in May are:

**Sunday, 5/18-** *Young Adult* Meet up @ Starbucks 6:00 p.m.

Families can register their kids for summer camp at Camp Sonrise Mountain by visiting their website: [www.campsonrisemountain.org](http://www.campsonrisemountain.org) . The Summer Camp registration coupon code for Kingwood is CAMP25KC to be used at checkout.

Also, all weeks are still looking for wonderful staff! If you are interested in applying to be a counselor for summer camp, please apply at: <http://campsonrisemountain.org/volunteer-application> as your first step. 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

### **Junior High Camp**

June 15 – 21, 2025

Campers entering grades 8 & 9

### **Intermediate Camp**

June 22 – 28, 2025

Campers entering grades 6 & 7

### **Primary Camp**

June 29 – July 5, 2025

Campers entering grades 3, 4, & 5

**For Each Week:** 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.

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**Markleton, PA 15551**

### **Church Staff**

**Will Miller, Senior Pastor**  
**James Monticue, Visitation Pastor**  
**Karey Vough, Youth/YA Pastor**  
**Hillary Whaley, Children's Ministry Director**  
**Carey Beth King, Secretary**

**Church Website** [www.kingwoodchurch.cggc.org](http://www.kingwoodchurch.cggc.org)

### **Church Phone Number**

**(814) 926-4429**

### **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**

