

# *The Contact*

The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God  
February, 2026

## ***What's happening at Kingwood COG...***

There will be a Family Fun Game Night for the entire family on Saturday, February 7th at the Fellowship Center from 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Life sized games as well as regular board games will be there throughout the Fellowship Center for families to enjoy. A light dinner will be provided as well. Please invite your neighbors and friends and chase the cold winter blues away with a night of fun! Help is needed with this event. If you are willing to help welcome people, man a room or game or help with food, please sign the sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Will, Vanessa Lucas or Hillary Whaley.

We will be starting a Free "Coffee Time" at the Fellowship Center Monday, February 2, 2026. This will just be a "social time" for anyone who wishes to "drop in" and "visit" for a while between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Initially Coffee Time will be open Mondays and Wednesdays in February and March but days/times/duration may change based on feedback. Please sign the sheet on the table in the hallway with what days would best suit your schedule. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Jeff Peck.

We will be remembering our College students and Military personnel with "Gifts of Love" (snacks) the week of February 14th. Please help by providing snacks, placing them in the container in the hallway by Sunday February 8th. Also, please update/add/delete the names and address list on the table in the hallway.

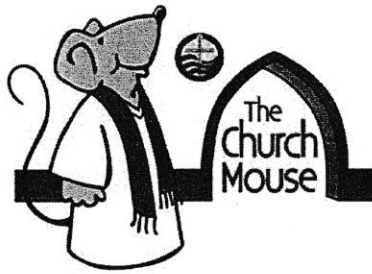
**March 21, 2026 - WILD GAME DINNER** at the Fellowship Center. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. - Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available starting today from Nick Faidley, Jeff Peck or Brad Pletcher. There is no charge for a ticket. You are encouraged to bring a wild game dish or just a covered dish or dessert to share at the meal.

## **SUPER SENIORS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS'S PAST**

The super senior's last adventure of the year took place December 6th as we traveled to Old Bedford Village. About 23 young and young at heart braved the cold temperatures to tour by candlelight many buildings decked out for Christmas long ago. We were able to see 2 different school houses, many different homes, a church, a barn with a live nativity and old businesses. There were 9 of us that met at the church and took the church van and the rest met us at the Village at 6:30. Because of the big crowd, it took us almost to closing time to go through it all. The buildings were staffed by very informative people dressed in period clothing. Thankfully, there was no break down on the way home, so we arrived back at the church around 10.

The super seniors will be taking a break for the winter and we will meet up again in early March for our annual breakfast meeting to announce next year's plans. Thank you to all who came out and participated in our activities. Have a Happy New Year!

# Church Mouse



January. Some of you thought that perhaps we had received most of our bad weather in December. But remember, we live in Somerset County. January, as a whole, was pretty ok weather wise. But there were a few rough days. At the end of the month mother nature reminded us that it is still winter.

In person services were actually cancelled by the elders on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There was an abbreviated online service for folks to participate in. I snuck over to the church to see what was up. PW, along with Mark Lucas and Heather Houghton, were there to make sure that people had a live stream to watch. It was probably good that there was no church because the parking lot would have been hard to maintain.

I know that quite a few of the hunters took advantage of the flintlock season. I could hear some of the shots from the parsonage. PW went out a few days, but I am pretty sure he got blanked in flintlock.

Pastor Jim filled in for PW on the 4<sup>th</sup> while he and Beth were on their "12 days of Christmas" travels. As soon as they got home PW got sick and then Beth came down with Covid. I stayed away from them both as much as possible. This little mousey needs to stay healthy.

All in all, January was a fairly quiet month with the usual things going on, not a lot of special activities. I think there might have been a venison dinner in Somerset. I saw PW go somewhere with Terry Ream and Brian Pletcher.

PW started an interesting sermon series titled "Growing Spiritually Deeper. It is all framed by the passage in Mark 12:28-32 where Jesus is asked "what is the greatest commandment?". His response was to love. Love God with all your heart and mind and soul and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. So, we are looking at loving God and others. We are also looking at loving with an eye to the phrase "You can't pour from an empty bucket." So we need to connect with God to be filled up.

The church is in the process of preparing for a new special activity. A Family Fun Game Night at the FC. Apparently, there will be "life size" games, regular board games and a light supper (?? hotdog and mac & cheese ??). It sounds like there will be a lot of fun activities AND **it is open to the whole community. And it's free!** People are supposed to invite their friends and neighbors. I wonder what would happen if all my "mousey" friends and neighbors showed up to partake in the fun and food?

Well, I think that might be all I have to report for now.

Until next time.

As always yours, The Church Mouse





## *Anniversaries and Birthdays*

### **FEBRUARY & MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Feb. 2 Brandon Younkin  
Bret "Charlie" Pletcher  
Feb. 8 Tom Mills  
Feb. 13 Rick Barry  
Wrenley Webreck  
Feb. 14 Vanessa Lucas  
Feb. 15 Tucker Faidley  
Feb. 16 Randy Pletcher  
Grant Pletcher  
Feb. 18 Paul Hall  
Feb. 20 Mike Weaver  
Feb. 24 Shanda Pletcher  
Feb. 25 Geraldine Cameron  
Feb. 27 Natalie King  
Maxwell Kemp  
Feb. 28 Braden Barry  
Beth Miller  
Feb. 29 Brenda Yoder  
Mar. 3 Glenda Johnson  
Brandon Pletcher  
Mar. 5 John Mitchell  
Mar. 7 Remington Schartiger  
Mar. 10 Brandon Pletcher  
Mar. 11 Brooke Pletcher Bigler  
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

### **FEBRUARY & MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Feb 1 Randy & Jamie Schartiger  
Mar. 2 Gregg & Barbara Lemmon  
Mar. 3 Bearl & Teresa Faidley  
Mar. 13 Randy & Bev Pletcher



National Revival  
Our Country and Politicians  
Allegheny Region Churches  
Our Pastors & Spouses  
Growing our Congregation  
Family Fun Game Night  
Violence in our Nation  
Bitter Cold Temperatures  
Those dealing with severe weather  
issues & cleanup  
Families who have lost loved ones

Dale Baker  
Michael Duritsky, Jr.  
David Geyer  
Christy Hay  
John Kreger, Jr.  
Reed Luce

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

Schools  
Teachers and Students  
School Workers and Bus Drivers  
College Students  
Hospital Workers  
Winebrenner Seminary

Brent & Julie Sleasman  
Church Ministries  
Camp Sonrise Mountain  
Winter Retreats  
Chatelas Church  
Our Missionaries and Mission Fields  
Military / Police / First Responders  
CEF  
Operation Christmas Child  
Unspoken Needs

# RAMBLINGS & RECIPES

Preparing a page for the February 2026 "Contact"! I'm glad we are getting to February – although it could be similar to January – we are closer to Spring!

It seemed so different without going to Sunday School and Church today – it was a good idea to cancel – but I certainly missed getting together with my Church Family! Snow days are good days to cook and bake – I hope you made something good to eat. Food made in the oven makes your house smell so good and the oven heat helps to warm your kitchen.

I'm sharing two of my favorite cookie recipes.

## Chocolate Chip Cookies

2 ½ Cups Flour	1 (4 oz. pkg.) Instant Vanilla Pudding
1 tsp. Baking Soda	1 tsp. Vanilla
1 Cup Butter or Margarine	2 Eggs
¾ Cup Firmly Packed Brown Sugar	¼ Cup White Sugar
1 Bag (12 oz.) Chocolate Chips	

Add Baking Soda to Flour and set aside.

Use your mixer to combine butter, sugars, pudding and vanilla. Beat until smooth and creamy. Beat in eggs – one at a time. Gradually add the flour mixture until mixed well. Fold in the chocolate chips by hand.

Roll into balls, place on cookie sheet and bake at 350 for 10 minutes – do not overbake. Allow to set on cookie sheet a few minutes before placing on cooling rack.

**Pat Weaver** gave me the following recipe in 1987!!

## Peanut Butter Cup Cookies

½ Cup Butter	¾ tsp. Baking Soda
½ Cup Peanut Butter	½ tsp. Salt
½ Cup White Sugar	1 Egg
½ Cup Brown Sugar	Miniature Reese Cups (48)
½ tsp. Vanilla	
1 ¼ Cups Flour	

Cream butter, peanut butter and sugars. Beat in egg and vanilla. Add flour with salt and soda. Shape dough into 1 inch balls (you can use a small scoop) and place in ungreased small muffin tins.

Bake at 375 for 8 minutes. Remove from the oven and press Reese cups into center until only the top shows. Cool 10 minutes before removing from the pans!

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV

# **Global Reach Updates**

**“Share the Blessing” –**

**India Campus Medical & English Medium  
School**

**Clean Water Wells for International Fields  
Support for Latino and Kenya Leaders**

**\*The Kenyan need has been met! Praise God for the  
provision!\***

**USA Southwest – Gamercos COG continues to raise  
funds for a youth mission trip from their church! Pray  
for their ability to raise these funds. This could be a  
once in a lifetime trip for these kids!**

**Venezuela – Please pray for our Field Leader Liarxi  
Alcala who will need to have open heart surgery. The  
cost of his surgery is estimated at \$20,000. Please  
pray for the provision of these funds.**

**ACTS Teams 2026: USA Southwest, Southern  
California, Dominican Republic, and Bangladesh!  
Get those applications in!**

The Flourish Conference

Grafted in: Understanding Our Identity in Christ

March 6th and 7th 2026

Grand Point Church

Chambersburg, PA

Register online at [theflourishconference.org](http://theflourishconference.org)

or grab a copy of the brochure from Kingwood Church and mail in.

Questions? Contact Heather Houghton for more info

## ***Helping Hands***

**Helping Hands Prayer Needs for February**

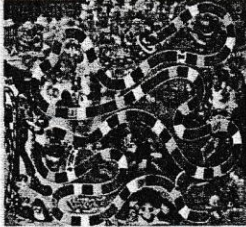
Sonny Kreger 606 S Franklin St. Apt 1 Somerset, PA 15501

Doris VanSickel 305 Leila St. Johnstown, PA 15905



## Upcoming Events/Children's Programs

### Family Fun Game Night



Enjoy a night of fun for the entire family! Life size games of Candyland, Connect Four, Hungry Hungry Hippo, Jenga and Kerplunk. Various regular board games to play as well! A light dinner of hot dogs, macaroni n' cheese and hot chocolate provided!

When: February 7th

Drop-In from 4-7 pm

Where: Kingwood Church of God Fellowship Center

It's FREE and All Are Welcome! Invite Family and Friends to have fun and chase the cold winter blues away!



### Children's Choir

Children can sign up to join a Kid's Choir, that will prepare for a simple Easter Musical. Practices will be held during midweek on Wednesday nights at 7 pm, during the months of February and March. A Bible lesson, games and snack will still take place during midweek; we will just be doing a little more singing as well to prepare for our Easter Celebration!

### Sprout Program

Families with children ages 2-Kindergarten are welcome to sign their children up for the Sprout Program, as an extension of the Cradle Roll Ministry. This program is open to any children of the appropriate age attending our church. Resources will include items like picture books, learning cards, and activity books, which will engage children while they

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learn. Both of these programs are an effort to help families read, share, and talk about their faith with children in an age-appropriate way. It is our hope the Church can be a blessing as parents seek to raise their children to know the Lord. If you would like your child to participate in the Toddler/Pre-K "Sprouts" program, please place parent(s) name(s), child's name, and date of birth in the church mailbox labeled "Anthony Whaley."



### Family Devotions

I remember a couple years ago listening to Ps. Paul Tobias express concern over seeing the Family Devotion Time come up missing in the lives of families. Business and kid's activities seem to have crowded out this most special time. To be honest, sometimes it takes all I have to get my family fed, bathed, and to bed and the dishes done each night! I have a young family. However, I don't want to see my family neglect this special time together in God's Word. Children need to be disciplined by their parents. I've learned Family Devotions might not happen every night, but any time spent together in God's Word is valuable!

There will be some Family-Time Children's Bibles that will be on the table in the vestibule that can work great to help you spend time together in God's Word. Please feel free to take them if you can use them. I've also seen some indirect ways that work great to disciple children. Programs like Adventures in Odyssey, Torchlighters and magazines from Focus on the Family for older kids are great! We have used Miss Patty Cake and Adventures in Odyssey DVDs with our family as well. May God bless you as you disciple your kids!

*"Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 11:19*



**KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD  
COUNCIL MEETING  
December 8th, 2025**

**DEVOTIONS:** Shanda Pletcher – Christmas Songs – Joy to the World and Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**OLD BUSINESS:**

New Church Directory – Final Print has been approved and should be arriving soon.

Church Basement Renovations – Talks with Dean Hay will resume after the Holidays.

Associate Pastor Search Committee – Pastor Will be reaching out after the Holidays.

A/C in Sunday School Classrooms – Project complete

AV Ministry – Same people still doing the setup. Seems to be more streamlined now

Fellowship Center Pavilion – Cheryl will have more to present after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

Worship Music – Mark will make his presentation at January meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FAMILIES IN NEED** - Hillary will be working with the Rockwood School to accomplish Year 5 item # 2 of the Five Year Plan – *Evaluate/provide basics for families in need- Coats, backpacks, shoes etc.*

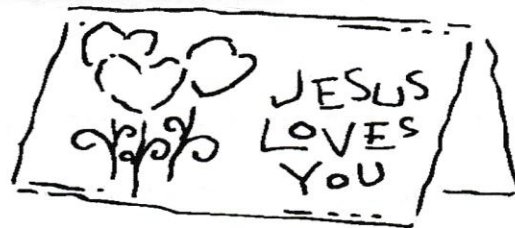
**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** -A family fun night is being planned for February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 4-7 with life size games, regular games and food.



**Make tray favors for a local hospital, nursing home, nutrition project or home-delivered meal program.**

**You will need for each:**

- white, unlined index cards (4"x 6")
- red & pink construction paper
- markers — green, black
- glue or glue stick



- ♥ Fold card in half
- ♥ Cut 3 hearts from colored paper. Make them about 1 inch high.
- ♥ Glue the hearts on the left side, overlap a little.
- ♥ Use marker to make "stems" from the hearts — they'll look like a bouquet of flowers.
- ♥ On the right side print a message or a verse, such as "Jesus Loves You."





## KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD COUNCIL MEETING

### January 12th, 2026

**DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Will – Genesis 1:27 God created man in his own image. What does it mean to be made in the image of God? Qualities of Creativity, Spiritual Nature, Communitive, Intelligence, Relational, Purposeful and Moral Laws.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Emergency Management: next meeting will be January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- New Church Directory – Finished, distributed and turned out very nice.
- Church Basement Renovations – Classrooms are done, Social Room needs to be completed.
- Associate Pastor Search Committee – Pastor Will be reaching out after the Holidays.
- A/C in Sunday School Classrooms – Downstairs Sunday School rooms are complete. There is some patch work that needs completed. The upstairs AC is not done.
- AV Ministry – no changes
- Fellowship Center Pavilion – Cheryl will be having a meeting this month.
- Worship Music – Mark will make his presentation at the next council meeting.  
# 1 favorite song is Amazing Grace, #2 How Great Thou Art, # 3 Blessed Assurance

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Planning Committee Date – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Jon had the idea to put out a survey and suggestion box a few weeks prior to the meeting for input from the congregation.
- Coffee Club – Jesse Moore and Jeff Peck want to start a coffee club one or two days a week 7-9 am at the Fellowship Center for the community. First one will be held on February 2, 2026.

#### **FELLOWSHIP USAGE:**

Walk Fit	14
Pickleball	5
Midweek	3
Peck Family	1
Council	1
Sunday School Christmas	1
Ream Family	1
Kingwood Construction	1
Jenn Gross Family	1
Dean Hay Family	<u>1</u>
Total	28

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### **Church Staff**

Will Miller, Senior Pastor  
James Monticue, Visitation 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  
Wednesdays



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