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The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God
April 2026

150th ANNIVERSARY



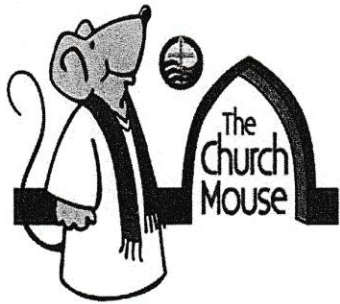
Rally Day – 2026
Save the Date – October 25, 2026

Let's Celebrate

KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD is 150 years old – or young!
The Rally Day Committee is looking for information on previous Pastors and historical information that could be included in a booklet to share with our congregation. This booklet could be used in the future to celebrate other milestones in the life of the Kingwood Church of God. This booklet will allow us to remember milestones in the life of the Kingwood Church of God and would be a source of information for future generations to share in other celebrations for our church. We are also planning to get pictures of our members and friends to identify those who are a part of our congregation now and those who are leading Kingwood into the future!



The Church Mouse



March. Well, I hope that since March came in like a Lamb it doesn't go out like a Lion and affect our Easter celebration. March is marching toward its close and spring is officially here. As I begin to write this, we are coming up on Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. I always love this time of year, and it is a busy time around the church. A great supply of crumbs is usually available to a little mouse like me around this time.

For instance, the Christian Crusaders SS class have made their famous Easter eggs again, and I have been able to sample all four types; cherry nut, maple nut, coconut, and the favorite of the majority of the Kingwood folks, peanut butter. Boy are those eggs good!!

Also, I had an opportunity to sneak down to the FC and sit in on an amazing wild game dinner. There were all kinds of food and some really great desserts. I especially liked Dianna Sanner's Apple walnut cake. I think I saw P Will eat two pieces of it.

The coffee time has also been a place for a little mousey to grab a few crumbs. It has been rather well attended and there are often special treats. Thanks to everyone who brings goodies and thanks Jeff and Jesse for hosting.

We are well through the Lenten season and Easter is on the way. There will be special service during the week of 3/29 – 4/5; Palm Sunday 3/29, Maundy Thursday service on 4/2 at 7pm, Good Friday service on 4/3 at 7pm, Easter "Sonrise" service on 4/5 at 6:30 am with breakfast to follow, and then Easter services at our regular times. The breakfast will provide crumbs for me. Also on March 28th there was a Buckwheat and pancake supper. I know that not all of you are fans of buckwheat cakes but there was plenty of other food to eat. I especially like the sausage. Yum Yum!! And then P Will does that crazy thing with his puddin'. Around here everyone knows that you put maple syrup on puddin'. But the preacher likes mustard on his. Can you imagine?? Mustard on puddin'?

Speaking of P Will, he seems to be having fun with his Lenten series, "It's Lent, so let's play". I especially liked the one on the game Telephone. Although I'm not sure he was fair with that long message he tried to pass down the line. Those poor volunteers didn't really stand a chance to get that long message passed correctly. I have been enjoying waiting to see what game we were going to "look" at each week. We've done Hide-and-seek, Telephone, Blob tag, Follow the leader, and most recently Red Rover. I have no idea which game will be up for Easter Sunday.

Well, once again I think I've touched on the major things for the month here at Kingwood and the Kingwood FC. This is hoping you all have a blessed Holy Week and a meaningful Easter celebration. Remember that we celebrate a risen and living savior. I'll bring you more info next month.

Until next time.

As always yours, The Church Mouse

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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. 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
 May 2 Shirley Nicklow
 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. Brouger
 Cheryl Pletcher
 Meghan Pletcher
 Stacey Rosman

APRIL & MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Apr. 2 Bob & Sue Koontz
 Apr. 5 Chuck & Debra Colflesh
 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 24 Jon & Stacy Pletcher
 May 27 Nick & Jamie Faidley

Look at what's happening...

SUPER SENIORS ANNUAL BREAKFAST

The Super Seniors met on March 12th at Eat n Park for their annual breakfast. We had 40 in attendance in their private room. Everyone enjoyed a good breakfast and ever-pouring coffee and tea. When breakfast was about done, Larry presented the activities for the coming year. Our first activity will be on May 29th with a bus trip to Heinz Hall in Pittsburgh to enjoy the symphony, with a dinner beforehand provided by the Renaissance Hotel. The symphony will be performing "Schedherazade", and we have great seats!! We will be doing our annual Strawberry Social on June 19th. This is always a berry good time! Then on August 6th, we will be going to the International Conservation Center in Fairhope, then lunch at Horn-o-Plenty, then to the Coverlet Museum in Bedford. We will travel there by individual cars and the church van. Then on Oct 16th, we will take a bus to East Broad Top Railroad in Rockhill Furnace. This includes a guided shop tour, a 45 minute steam train ride, a boxed lunch and a tour of the Trolley Museum with a 20 minute trolley ride. Then our final activity for the year will be our own Mike Hardwig giving a talk on the history of rifle making in Somerset County with many of his historical rifles on display. This will be on Sunday, Dec. 13th after church at the Fellowship Center. We will have pizza for lunch and dessert will be served after Mike's presentation. We have a lot of diversity this year, and hoping for a lot of interest and participation. And remember, this is for friends of all ages too! Thanks to all who came out for the breakfast, its always a great time and Eat n Park does a wonderful job.

There will be a FREE Luncheon for any area retirees their spouses and/or caregivers on Wednesday April 22, 2026 12:00 noon at the Fellowship Center. This will just be a time to enjoy lunch and fellowship with other retirees. Space is limited and reservations are necessary (First-come, First-serve). Please either sign up on the list in the hallway or call 814-442-4916 or 814-233-0053 to reserve your space. The last day to make your reservation, space permitting is Sunday April 19, 2026.

Prayer Needs

National Revival
Our Country and Politicians
Allegheny Region Churches
Pastor Will & Beth
Pastor Jim & Melanie
Hillary & Anthony
Growing our Congregation
Easter Services
Easter Egg Hunt
Associate Pastor Search
Church Renovations
Violence in our Nation
Violence in our World
Those in tragic Accidents
Those dealing with severe weather issues & cleanup
Families who have lost loved ones
 Jean Colflesh
 Dottie Lou Hilliard
 Ron Knepper
 Listra Family
 Families of Yough Students
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
Those without Jobs
Schools
Teachers and Students
School Workers and 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
Operation Christmas Child
Unspoken Needs



Save the Date
May 15 & 16
Kingwood Church of God
Fellowship Center
Flea Market, Plant Sale
& Lunch



RAMBLINGS & RECIPES

Welcome April! – Only about two weeks until we celebrate *EASTER!* The time of year when new life comes to us. I always enjoy April! Green is all around us – flowers and trees show their colors. I'm looking forward to Palm Sunday and the re-start of our 5th Sunday Covered Dish Dinners. I hope you will be a part of this dinner and take the time to visit with your church family and enjoy some really good food.

Here is a newer breakfast casserole that I think you will enjoy.

SAUSAGE & EGG BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

1 lb. loose sausage – (Maple sausage is especially good in this recipe.)
1 small package hash brown patties (10 patties)
6 eggs
8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese (shredding your own is always better than the pre-shredded in a bag.)
1 Small jar Salsa – optional
Also optional – green peppers, onion, even broccoli

Butter the bottom and sides of a 9x13 baking dish. Cover the bottom of the pan with hash brown patties.

Brown the sausage – add salt & pepper to your taste.

Stir the eggs in a bowl – add salt & pepper to your taste – when the sausage is browned, stir the eggs into the sausage and stir well – cook until the eggs are over the sausage.

Place the egg and sausage mixture over the hash browns in the baking dish. Sprinkle the cheese over this mixture and top with the remaining hash browns – you may want to cut these in half and place them evenly over the cheese.

*If you are adding the salsa, or the vegetables – add them to the dish before the cheese.

Bake at 400 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

Matthew 28:5-6 NIV

Global Reach Updates

Hawaii – Pastor Dave and Kenda had to evacuate for a night during all the flooding in Maui, a few weeks ago. They are doing well and back home. They recently began a combined Sunday School, along with a Men’s prayer group and a Women’s prayer group. The church is adding 2 new Mission projects this year. The Kapaku’s roof is in need of some repair. If you feel led and are able to donate financially toward that, please use Giving Code GR2754-Roof Repairs.

Asia Fields – Please keep our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in these areas in your prayers. Tensions are high with the war and our Global Church Family needs us to cover them in prayer.

Haiti – The situation in Haiti continues to be extremely challenging with the ongoing violence, instability, and economic hardships that affect families and entire communities. Prayers for PHH Mission Coordinator as he keeps engaged with pastors, teachers, and medical staff almost daily. Pray for wisdom, protection, and provision for all.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands Prayer Needs for April

Loretta Henry 5994 Kingwood Rd. Markleton, PA 15551
Coral Lee Kreger 5668 Kingwood Rd. Markleton, PA 15551



Community Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone Welcome

Saturday April 4, 2026

10:00 AM

Kingwood Church of God Fellowship Center

5957 Kingwood Road

Markleton, PA 15551

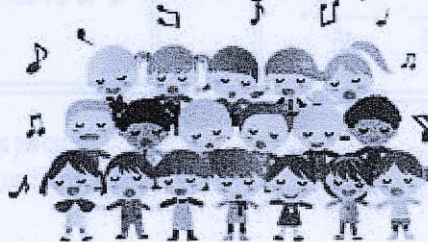
Lite Lunch to be provided

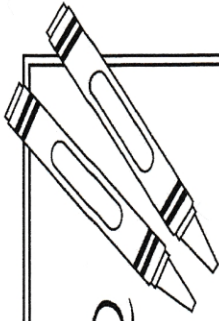
Questions Call: 814-926-4429

FREE!!! Rain or Shine!!!

Easter Musical

The children will be performing a simple Easter Musical on Easter Morning. The Musical, entitled: "The Easter Miracle(Through the Eyes of the Children) will be held during Sunday School. Come hear the children sing and rejoice in joy of Easter!





Just for KIDS

Easter Surprises!

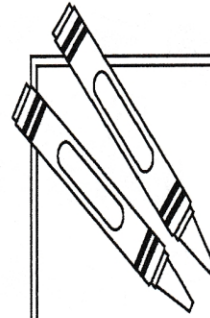


Connect the dots to find 2 symbols of Easter. Write the words in order on the lines below.

18 • holy
17 •
19 •
20 • loving
21 •
22 • righteous
23 •
24 • one
25 •
26 • He
27 • died
28 •
29 •
30 • to
31 •
32 • save
33 •
34 • again
35 • us
36 •
37 • all
38 • from
39 • sin
40 • And
41 • on
42 • Easter
43 • day
44 • He
45 • rose
46 • again
1 •
2 • God
3 •
4 • gave
5 •
6 • us
7 •
8 • Jesus
9 •
10 • Christ
11 •
12 •
13 • His
14 • Son
15 •
16 • The

2 4 6 8 10 12 14 ,
16 18 , 20 22 24 "
26 28 30 33 35 37 38 39 ,
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 "

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, His Son, the holy, loving righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day He rose again!



Just for KIDS

An Easter Message

Mary went to the tomb and found it empty! Find the words that an angel spoke to her. Write the name of each picture on the lines. Transfer the letters to the other spaces to find the verse.

31 32 33 34
1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 35 36 37
15 16 17 18 19 20 38 39 40 41
21 22 23 24 25 26 27
28 29 30 42 43 44

" _____
18 42 14 31 3 14 17 7 13 3 17 34 15 17 20
8 42 10 16 25 38 25 23 30 36 35 3 23 29
44 42 19 31 27 43 31 ? 42 19 25 4 23 3 9
_____ ; _____ !"
42 10 24 19 42 28 42 36 5 24 25 5 27 23

Luke 24:5

Answers: cross; butterfly; flower; sun/rise; egg; duck; man; vine; hat. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"

KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD COUNCIL MEETING

March 9th , 2026

DEVOTIONS: Cheryl Pletcher – 2nd Corinthians 12:9 – “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 1 John 4:12 – “No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.” Galatians 5:22 – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” In a world that seems to be spinning out of control we can find calm in the presence of Jesus.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church Emergency Management: Working on some
Church Basement Renovations – Waiting for pricing.
Associate Pastor Search Committee – Pastor Will continues to work on the short list.
A/C in Sunday School Classrooms – Still in progress
AV Ministry – nothing to report this month
Fellowship Center Pavilion – Nothing to report this month
Worship Music – Nothing to report this month
Ream Parking Lot – Working on getting some quotes for the work

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Approval of Five-Year Plan – Mark Lucas reviewed and explained some of the ideas and items.
Camper Fees – We will cover all cost to campers other than the registration fee.
Camp Sonrise Mountain’s FUNdrive – put on hold for more information.
Donation for a mission trip this summer
Laurel Highlands Choral would like to borrow our Military Flags for an upcoming concert on May 3rd & 4th.

INFORMATIONAL:

Youth Sunday will be April 12th, 2026
Pastor Will has placed a calendar in the office of the Church. This will provide church committees and staff a quick reference to upcoming events at the church and help prevent confusion when request are received for its use.
Pastor Will has requested a vacation day for April 26th, 2026.

Fellowship Usage February 2026:

Walk Fit	12
Pickleball	4
Midweek	3
Nick Faidley	1
Cheryl Pletcher	1
Soccer	3
Rob’s Chemical Mtg	1
Shut in Dinner	1
Council	1
Total	27

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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

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

