

# *The Contact*

The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God  
March 2026

## Special Services

March 29 - Palm Sunday Service

April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.  
(Communion and Feet Washing)

April 3 - Good Friday Tennebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 5 - Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m.  
(Breakfast to Follow)

## Announcements

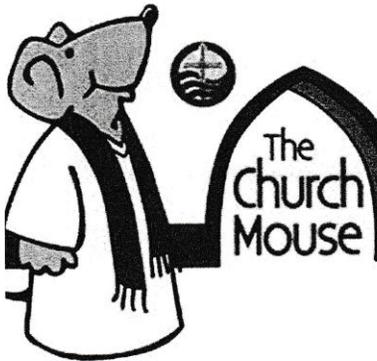
**March 21, 2026 - WILD GAME DINNER** at the Fellowship Center. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. - Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available from Nick Faidley, Jeff Peck or Brad Pletcher. There is no charge for a ticket. You are encouraged to bring a wild game dish or just a covered dish or dessert to share at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

The Super Senior annual breakfast will be at Eat n Park on Thursday March 12, 2026 at 9:30. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Please sign up if you are coming, so we can give an accurate count to the restaurant. We will be giving the activities information we have planned for the upcoming year. You don't want to miss this!!

There is a Free "Coffee Time" at the Fellowship Center. This is just 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 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 offering a Children's Choir that will practice in March on Wednesday Nights to prepare for a Children's Easter Musical. Practices will take place during the Midweek time, however we will still have a Bible Lesson, Games and Snack. If you are interested, sign your kids up on the sheet in the vestibule. For questions, please see Hillary Whaley.

# The Church Mouse



**February.** Well it's February and my cousin Punxsutawney Phil came out and saw his shadow. That means 6 more weeks of Winter. And it seems like Phil might have been right. There have been a few snow storms here and there and a few that were more surprise than we thought. We did dodge a big one on the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. But other areas east of us were hit harder.

A coffee time (social event) has started on Mondays and Wednesday from 7am – 9am down at the FC. I have stowed away and caught a ride down a couple of times. All reports are that there are anywhere between 7 and 14 people attending. Ken Cipra even made the trip up from Irwin on the 25th. Thanks for bringing the donuts Ken. I had a few of the crumbs.

There was also a Family Fun Night held on the 7<sup>th</sup> that I got a ride down to the FC for. It was a hoot. Giant games of kerplunk, jenga, connect 4, candyland, hungry hungry hippos. There were also lots of other regular size games to play. Fun was had not just by the kids but by the adults present as well. Hotdogs, mac n cheese and chips. The night even started off with various flavors of cotton candy. Yum, SUGAR!! We had quite a few people there in spite of the less than perfect weather. It was a great time to just get out of the house and play. A good time to have some fun, and beat the dull drums of winter.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> there was an Ash Wednesday service to start off the Lenten season. It was held in the sanctuary and people came out with black crosses on their foreheads. I heard a few people saying it was the first time they ever received ashes. I also heard quite a few others speaking about how meaningful the service was.

The one Sunday School class did their annual February Turkey dinner for shut-ins. It was received very well by those who are unable to get out. PW and Beth were even included in the delivery. I got a few crumbs from their meal and I can tell you it was quite good.

PW has started a new series for the Lenten season. The title is "It's Lent, So Let's Play." Apparently, he is looking at the Lenten season through various scripture and a selection of "childhood" games. The first week he looked at hopscotch. (God shows us the path we should take and he skips over [forgives] our sin, if we ask for forgiveness. I can't wait to see what might come next.

It is the season for wild game dinners. There was one at Wesley chapel on the 28<sup>th</sup> and Kingwood has their dinner on March 21<sup>st</sup>. I love to sneak into these dinners and see what kinds of goodies a little mouse can find.

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

Until next time.

As always yours, The Church Mouse



### 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  
 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 Kreger 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  
 Our Country and Politicians  
 Allegheny Region Churches  
 Pastor Will & Beth  
 Pastor Jim & Melanie  
 Hillary & Anthony  
 Growing our Congregation  
 Lent & Easter Services  
 Associate Pastor Search  
 Church Renovations  
 Violence in our Nation  
 Those dealing with severe weather issues &  
 cleanup  
 Families who have lost loved ones  
 Betsy Barlow  
 Nancy Conn  
 Elaine Hachman  
 Connie Saylor  
 Raymond Tressler  
 Kids who attended Arctic Blast Weekends  
 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  
 Chatelas Church  
 Our Missionaries and Mission Fields  
 Military / Police / First Responders  
 CEF  
 Operation Christmas Child  
 Unspoken Needs

# **Global Reach Updates**

**Dominican Republic ACTS Team Trip – We still need a few people to sign up for this trip. It’s an easy flight to Miami, then another 2.5 hour flight to the D.R. Please pray for team members!**

**USA Southwest – Jake and Haley’s baby Sammy just turned 1! Can you believe it? Continue to keep them all in your prayers for health and provision and growth!**

**Argentina – Pastor Maria’s church, Iglesia Tierra de Adoracion, built a new church! It took them about a year and a half, but they are done and in! They are now looking to add a kitchen to combat food insecurity in their new area! Pray they are able to raise the funds and get that going.**

**Brazil – Global Reach Director Travis Helm and Latino Director Pastor Victor Montalvo recently traveled to Brazil to check on our churches and bring some challenging, yet encouraging messages. One church that had been renting for 14+ years, is breaking ground to build soon! Pray for the churches and our brothers and sisters to keep renewing their spirits, finding the lost in heir communities, and be bold in proclaiming the Gospel.**

## ***Helping Hands***

**Helping Hands Prayer Needs for March**

Viola Kerns 958 Fort Hill Rd. Fort Hill, PA 15540  
June Rugg 493 Jersey Hollow Rd. Confluence, PA 15424

# RAMBLINGS & RECIPES

It's early morning – it is snowing in Upper Turkeyfoot Township – schools are on delay!

Only four days until March! Lion or Lamb at the beginning? Only 24 days until Spring.

February showed us snow plowed higher along the roads than we've seen for a few years. Maybe March will be better – I am hopeful.

Here's a recipe I serve as a vegetable side dish.

## Cauliflower Pick-ups

1 Head Cauliflower (cut into pieces)	1/3 Cup Italian Bread
Crumbs	
½ tsp. Garlic Salt	1 tsp. Paprika
½ tsp. Salt	¼ Cup Parmesan Cheese
¼ tsp. Pepper	1/3 Cup Melted Butter

Coat the cauliflower with the butter.

Place the remaining ingredients in a plastic bag and shake well. Add the cauliflower and shake again.

Place on baking sheet and bake at 375 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.

*Some years ago....Poke Cakes were very popular; especially using Jello. Every now and again, someone still bring a Poke Cake to a family gathering. Here is a Poke Cake – a little different from the Jello one.*

## Creamy Coconut Cake

1 Yellow Cake Mix	2 Cups Coconut
1 ½ Cups Milk	1 8 oz. Whipped Topping
½ Cup Sugar	

Prepare the cake mix as directed on the package, baking in a 9x13 pan. Cool 15 minutes and then poke holes down through the cake with a fork. Combine milk, sugar and ½ cup coconut in a saucepan. Bring this to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 1 minute. (Stir)

Carefully spoon this over the warm cake, allowing the liquid to soak down the holes. Cool completely. Fold ½ cup coconut into the whipped topping and spread over the cake. Sprinkle the top with the remaining coconut. Chill overnight in the refrigerator.

*NOTE: This cake is delicious!*

“Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be.”



## 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

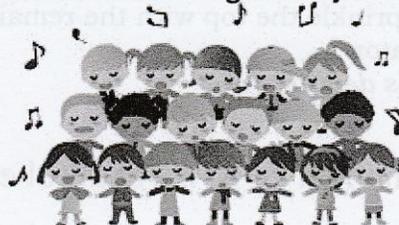
Lite Lunch to be provided

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!



**KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 9th, 2026**

**DEVOTIONS:** Cathy Phillippi – Generation to Generation - Scripture Psalm 119:89-90 Your word, Lord is eternal, it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations, you established the earth, and it endures.

**MARCH DEVOTIONAL LEADER:** Cheryl Pletcher

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Church Emergency Management: next meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 7:00 pm  
Church Basement Renovations – Details are being worked out for what work is going to be done in the Social Room  
Associate Pastor Search Committee – Pastor Will continues to work on the short list.  
A/C in Sunday School Classrooms – The upstairs AC has some work to be done in the attic. Once the temperatures warm up that work can be completed.  
AV Ministry – nothing to report this month  
Fellowship Center Pavilion – Nothing to report this month.  
Worship Music – The elders reviewed the results of the survey. Results are 3.5 songs to be classical hymn/songs and 1.5 songs modern.  
Planning Committee Date – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Survey sheets are now available.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Helping Hands Committee will merge with service committee. Heather Houghton agreed to chair this committee.  
Lower Parking Lot is in need of a surface coat, quotes will be collected for the work.  
Garbage Collection at the Church – Discussion of how to keep collection truck from entering across the new pavement.

**FELLOWSHIP USAGE: January 2026**

Walk Fit	13
Pickleball	4
Midweek	2
Hostetter Family	1
Truth Seekers Christmas	1
Rockwood Young Farmers	1
Rob's Christmas	1
<u>Council Meeting</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	24

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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

