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The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God
May 2026



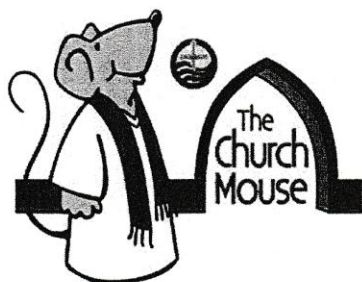
May 7, 2026

Prayer Needs

National Revival
Our Country
Allegheny Region Churches
Pastor Will & Beth
Pastor Jim & Melanie
Hillary & Anthony
Growing our Congregation
Praise for Our Lent and Easter Services
Praise for Easter Egg Hunt Outreach
Upcoming Community Day Picnic
Retiree Lunch Outreach
Upcoming Mission Trips
Wildfire affected areas
Flood affected areas
Violence in our World
Violence in our Nation
Vacation Traveling
Those dealing with severe weather issues & cleanup
Families who have lost loved ones
 C. Edward Beener
 Shirley Kaufman
 Gary Weimer

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 Sunrise 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. Well April has come and is already almost gone. We entered into Holy week at the end of March and hit it full bore in April. WE celebrated Maundy Thursday with a wonderful evening service. During the day on Good Friday, I had the opportunity to gather with many others from area churches as we stood by the cross in downtown Rockwood. We read scripture and sang songs and remembered Jesus' last seven words from the cross. Then, on Friday evening, Kingwood church engaged in a Tenebrae service with the same type of theme.

Silent Saturday was celebrated in our homes in preparation for Easter. It (Easter) started out with a wonderful Sunrise ("Sonrise") Service at 6:30 am. This was followed by a very delicious breakfast. I love it when the church gathers around a meal. It usually means lots of crumbs and leftovers for a little mousey to indulge in. The crumbs on Easter Sunday consisted of scrambled eggs with ham, toast and donut holes. I ate pretty good that morning.

Then we had two regular Easter worship services and a Sunday School presentation by the children. All three worship services on Easter included communion. (more crumbs).

The Easter celebration continued on April 12th when the Youth took over the services. They did an amazing job. Folks if you missed it, you missed out. We have some amazing youth who love Jesus and know how to worship well. They are truly an example for all of us, even us little mouseys. And I got some crumbs from their breakfast as well.

I had a chance to drop in on the retiree luncheon on he 22nd. I stowed away in a car and caught a ride down to the FC. Jesse and his crew were on track with another fabulous meal. It is amazing to watch all the people who help with these dinners. They served something like 136 meals to people in attendance and delivered another 20 to people who are shut-ins. There were also 20 helpers who got to indulge. P. Will showed up after the meal was served and, as Tom Brougner was heard to say, he "worked the room". He visited with many of the retirees as they enjoyed their desserts. I was again blessed with many crumbs. The meat loaf crumbs were exceptionally delicious. The cake crumbs were pretty good too.

I have been observing P. Will talking with a bunch of different couples. It seems he has quite a few weddings coming up and is doing a lot of pre-marital counseling. Some of it I have overheard being done in the parsonage on zoom. I think he is performing his niece's wedding at the end of the month in Greencastle. That is why P Time Show was preaching on the 25th.

I also heard that P. Will is helping with the organization of the National Day of Prayer in Somerset again this year. It is on May 7th at noon on the courthouse steps. Well, I think that's all the News I have gathered this month.

Until next time.

As always yours,

The Church Mouse

MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 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 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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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 13 Charlie & Fenna Pletcher
- June 14 Mark & Vanessa Lucas
- June 19 Bill & Shirley Metheny
- June 25 Pastor Jim & Melanie
- June 26 Kevin & Stacey Hay
- June 29 Andy & Amber Webreck



NEWS & Notes

The Super Seniors go CLASSY & CLASSICAL!! Join us on Friday evening, May 29 as we travel to Heinz Hall in downtown Pittsburgh to see the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra perform "Scheherazade" by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, a symphonic suite based on "One Thousand and One Nights" (a.k.a. "the Arabian Nights"). We have excellent seats at the front of the Grand Tier (mezzanine level). Upon arrival at Heinz Hall, we will be enjoying a dinner catered by the Renaissance Hotel, then we will proceed to our seats for the symphony. The dinner will include an entree of Chicken Marsala, Caesar Salad, Vegetable Pasta Pomodoro, Oven Roasted Broccoli w/ Sundried Tomatoes, Herb Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, assorted cookies, and water/iced tea. The cost will be \$170/person and is all-inclusive. We will be traveling by chartered bus, and seating is limited to 38 people. Departure time from the Fellowship Center is expected to be 3:30-4:00 pm. Payment will be due by Sunday, May 3, payable by check made out to KCOG Super Seniors, and can be given to Georgiann Knepper. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for those interested in going. For more information, contact Larry Vough at (814) 289-5319.

Community Day Picnic - June 27, 2026 - We are putting together a committee to plan this church picnic. It will be a great outreach to the community! Many volunteers will be needed! Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Flea Market, Plant Sale & Bake Sale

May 15 & 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Here's your chance to clean out your attics, closets and garages of unused housewares, tools, toys, clothing and any new or gently used items! Please place any donated items in church library or nurse's office at Fellowship Center before May 13th, so we have time to price and organize items for the church tables.

We are also accepting plant donations. Plants need to be potted and labeled. Pots are available, if you need any.

Individual 8' tables are able to be rented for \$10 for one day or \$15 for both days. Please give table reservation and money to Georgiann Knepper (814-926-2253).

Set up will be Wednesday (5/13) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Thursday (5/14) from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please help to spread the word!

Wanted: Baked goods donations for the Flea Market/Plant Sale/Food Sale. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Donations need to be at the FC by Thursday, May 14th. All proceeds of the bake sale will go towards the next Mission Trip to the Navajo. Help is also needed on both May 15th and May 16th. Please see Heather Houghton for additional info.

Church Camp 2026

Young Adult Weekend – 5/29-5/31 Ages 18 to 30

Senior High Camp – 6/7-6/13 Entering grades 10, 11, 12 & graduating seniors

Junior High Camp – 6/14-6/20 Entering grades 8 & 9

Intermediate Camp – 6/21-6/27 Entering grades 6 & 7

Primary Camp – 6/28-7/4 Entering grades 3, 4 & 5

These are the Codes for Camp Registration

Kids from Kingwood Church – **sc26kicog** - Guests of Kids from Kingwood Church – **sc26kicogg**

Global Reach Updates

Hawaii – Pastor Dave and Kenda had very special Easter service this year. One of the church's Founding Families had a little, (over 100 attended), reunion at the Easter service! There was a beautiful time of fellowship after at Pastor Dave and Kenda's house. They also had a recent baptism in the Pacific Ocean! How cool is that?

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.

Argentina – Pastor Maria's church is trusting God to help them build a soup kitchen as an addition onto their church. There is food insecurity in their community and the church would like to do their part to combat that situation. Stay tuned for how you can team up with others in the church who will be helping them this summer!

Helping Hands

Helping Hands Prayer Needs for May

Carol Pletcher c/o Patriot 495 W Patriot St. Somerset, PA 15501
Sarah Singo 142 Marge Lane Somerset, PA 15501

RAMBLINGS & RECIPES

May 2026 – Spring has been here for a few weeks – some days have felt like Summer, I'm looking forward to the longer and warmer days of May. Green is all around us, flowers are beginning to bloom, and there are some special days in May – Mother's Day, Graduations and Memorial Day. Opportunities to get together for celebrations and eat! Here are two newer recipes that are easily prepared and taste great. I'm a huge fan of cucumbers – especially fresh from the garden. Mac and cheese is always a hit!

Cucumber – Bacon Salad

3 Cups Cucumbers – Sliced	6 Slices Bacon Fried & Crumbled
1 Cup Shredded Cheddar Cheese	1 1/2 Cups Sour Cream
2 Tbsp. Mayo	1 Tbsp. Ranch Seasoning
2 Green Onions – Chopped	½ tsp. Black Pepper
Salt to taste	

In a large bowl, combine the cucumbers, bacon, cheese and onions.
In a separate bowl, mix sour cream, mayo, ranch seasoning, salt & pepper.
Pour the dressing over the cucumber mixture and toss well to coat.
Chill at least 30 minutes for the best flavor – overnight is good.
Stir gently before serving. ENJOY!

Crockpot Mac and Cheese

3 Cups Dry Elbow Macaroni	1 block (32 oz.) Velveeta (cut into cubes)
2 Cups Shredded Cheddar Cheese	1 can (12 oz.) Evaporated Milk
1 Cup Heavy Cream	½ Stick Butter (Sliced)
Salt & Pepper to taste.	

Pour the uncooked dry macaroni into your crockpot.
Cover with the cubes of Velveeta. Pour in the Evaporated Milk and the Heavy Cream.
Add Salt & Pepper. Lay the butter slices over the top.
Cook on low for 2 to 3 hours – stir once – halfway through.
Stir one final time before serving.
VERY TASTY!

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

John 3:16 - KJV

Toddler Story Time!

Ages: Baby-5

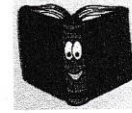
When: Thursdays, June 4th,
11th, 18th and 25th

Time: 10 am.

Where: Kingwood Church of God Fellowship Center

Toddlers, babies and Caregivers are invited to join in an hour of hearing a story about the Lord, enjoying feltboard 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



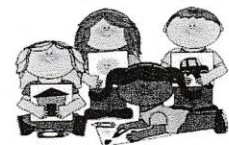
What is happening in Children's Church? Children are singing songs, observing interesting object lessons, participating in Worship and learning memory verses and Bible Lessons!

During the next 6 weeks, the 1st -5th graders will be learning more about Jesus through the CEF series "The Wordless Book Visualized". We will learn about the different colors of the Wordless Book and what they mean and play games!

Children in the Toddler Class will be continuing to learn about the Lord and enjoy coloring and making crafts.

*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!!!!





We held our 2nd Easter Egg Hunt and had a great turnout! The Lord gave us a beautiful day, and lots of young children to come hunt eggs. Most importantly, Ps Will was able to share a devotion with families on the symbolism of hunting for Easter Eggs and encourage families to hunt for Christ, the best treat ever!

We had 102 children and 88 adults attend the Easter Egg Hunt. We also were blessed to have the help of 34 ministry partners!

Thank you to everyone who helped with this outreach to the community! Our Church is truly blessed with wonderful, helpful folks.



KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD COUNCIL MEETING
April 13th, 2026

DEVOTIONS: Barb Snyder Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church Basement Renovations – Council voted to approve the renovation work at a cost of \$84,250.00.
Ream Parking Lot Paving – Council approved Laurel Asphalt’s quote for \$ 19,500.00.
Church Emergency Management: No report this month
Associate Pastor Search Committee – No one is available at this time to make a move to Kingwood.
A/C in Sunday School Classrooms – complete
AV Ministry – nothing to report this month
Fellowship Center Pavilion – Nothing to report this month
Worship Music – Nothing to report this month

NEW BUSINESS:

Congregational meeting will be held on May 3rd, 2026 to vote on the Church Basement Renovation and the Ream Parking Lot Paving
Family Fun Day 250th year celebration June 27th – Georgiann Knepper has volunteered to chair this celebration. Plans are to move forward with organizing this event
A request from the Confluence Lions Club to help purchase a Driving Simulator for the Turkeyfoot Valley High School. Upon discussion by the council it was decided to make a donation for the purpose of purchasing the simulator

INFORMATIONAL:

Jon informed council that May 9th will be a Camp Work Day with the youth. They will be working at cleaning up the Church camp.
Hillary Whaley has been approved for days off between April 26 and May 2.
Patty Cake Concert – Hillary presented to council a request to have Jean Thomason Miss Patty Cake come for a Christian family concert on November 14th, 2026. Council approved this request and more details will be coming.
Pastor Tim Show will be covering services for April 26th, 2026. Jon Pletcher will be the worship leader

Kingwood Fellowship Usage March 2026

Walk Fit	13	Pickleball	5
Midweek	3	Peck Family	1
Packing Easter Eggs	1	Soccer	4
Wild Game Dinner	1	Buckwheat Dinner	1
Heather Ream	1	Coffee Time	9
Council Meeting	1		
Total	40		

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Will Miller, Senior Pastor
James Monticue, Visitation Pastor
Hillary Whaley, Children's Ministry Director
Carey Beth King, Secretary

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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. Wednesday Midweek Services

