

# *The Contact*

The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God  
July, 2026

## *Chicken Bar-B-Q — July 18, 2026*

*It's time for the ONE, the ONLY, the ORIGINAL Chicken Bar-B-Q.*

*Come enjoy the not-so-secret recipe!*

*You know there's nothing finer than KINGWOOD CHICKEN!!!*

*Mark your calendars for July 18, 2026 at the Kingwood Fellowship Center  
from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

*Dinners include: 1/2 Chicken, Rolls, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Chips,  
Pickles, Cookies and a Drink.*

*For Tickets—please call:*

*Barb Snyder- 814-442-8811*

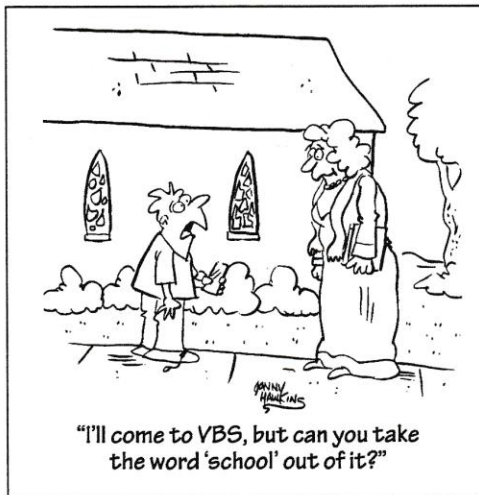
*Shanda Pletcher - 814-926-4178*

*Cary Phillippi - 814-233-8096*

*Gerald Dumbauld - 814-926-3259*

*Tickets are \$12.00.*

*Get your tickets early! You won't want to miss this one!*



## **VBS** **Snowball Mountain** **Challenge**

Kingwood COG

Fellowship Center

July 12-16

6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

*There will be a free meal each night at 5:00 p.m.*



June. June is here and summer has arrived, complete with wind and thunderstorms that take out electrical power. I heard Brad Pletcher tell P Will that summer is here. And now the days will be getting shorter. I think he was implying that winter was coming. I hope not yet!! I stowed away in P Will's truck and got a ride to the Rockwood Baccalaureate service on June 2. What a wonderful way to start the month. Seeing all those young faces and knowing that they have great futures ahead of them. Our own Nathan Show was the class Valedictorian. Great job Nathan.

I also hitched a ride down to camp a few times to see what was up at Sonrise Mountain. The camp program is in full swing and will end in July.

The youth group had a great picnic in the backyard of the church and engaged in a bonfire and wiffle ball and all sorts of good food and fun. They seemed to all be having a wonderful time. And this little mousey got some S'more crumbs.

The ladies did a super Father's Day presentation during SS hour on June 21<sup>st</sup>. There were various treats for all the dads and some of the dads got pie. Also, Nathan Show took a roaming mic and asked a bunch of dads some deep questions.

June is the month for HS and college graduations, and graduation parties. June is also a month with weddings. Aidan and Mollie tied the knot in the middle of a huge storm. They were not without power at Long Lane Farm while all the houses around them were dark. Also, Bryan Peck and his fiancé Sarha Olczak got hitched on the day of the community picnic.

Speaking of the community picnic, it was a great evening. Lots of food and fun for the whole county. And the fireworks were wonderful. I think the rain or shine may have kept some folks away, but attendance seemed to be pretty good. The musical entertainment was good, and the kids all had fun with the games and other activities.

Pastor Will finished a series on Pentecost and did some preaching about making disciples. We are all called to make disciples where we live and work and play and work. I think that was the phrase. And we are to make disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples, etc. The other thing that I heard was that we are God's plan A, and there is no plan B. If we don't win the world it won't happen.

I am looking forward to July when we will celebrate the county's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 5<sup>th</sup> in the SS hour. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have a Retiree dinner. Also, in July there will be Bible school from the 12-16. And then the famous Kingwood Chicken BBQ on the 18<sup>th</sup>. June was a wonderful month and July has a lot to look forward to.

SO.... Until next time.

As always yours,  
The Church Mouse



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Arthur Brougner Jr.  
Mark Lucas  
July 2 Odessa Pletcher  
Cathy Schmuck  
Dan Weaver  
July 3 Dustin Gray  
Keith Knepper  
July 8 Angie Mitchell  
July 9 Gianna Rosman  
Randy Schartiger Jr.  
July 13 Hillary Whaley  
July 14 Coral Lee Kreger  
July 15 Stacey Hay  
July 18 Patricia Weaver  
July 19 Amber Lemmon  
Katie Snyder  
July 21 Debbie Miller  
July 22 Luella Pletcher  
July 24 Landon Strelko  
July 26 Elliot Pletcher  
July 29 Owen Moore  
July 30 James Meyers  
July 31 Wyatt Pletcher

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 11 Daniel & Katie Snyder  
July 24 Vincent & Kerri Show  
Todd & Renee' Strelko  
John & Trista Younkin  
July 26 Tom & Kelly Mills  
July 27 Greg & Carey Beth King

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 1 Emma Mauri  
Aug 3 Kaitlyn King  
Donald Miller  
Aug 4 Myah Oakes  
Chelsey Phillippi  
Aug 9 Ben Phillippi  
Carolyn Pletcher  
Aug 10 Sara Meyers  
Garrett Weaver  
Aug 11 Macy Johnson  
Aug 14 Timothy Show  
Aug 15 Cathy Phillippi  
Brooks Vough  
Aug 17 Amy Moore  
Aug 20 Chloe Weaver  
Aug 21 Jason Shipley  
Aug 22 Gavin Gray  
Carey Beth King  
Aug 23 Wayne Pletcher  
Caleb Vough  
Aug 24 Sara Wetzel  
Aug 25 Aidan Ream  
Daniel Snyder  
Aug 28 Greg King  
Aug 29 Tanner Mitchell  
Aug 31 Sue Stahl

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 1 Stephen & Jess Walker  
Aug 5 Tom & Shirley Brougner  
Dan & Heather Ream  
Aug 6 James & Barbara Snyder  
Aug 23 Ken & Lori Cipra  
Bill & Lolly Peirsel  
Aug 27 Jason & Carissa Shipley  
Aug 29 Matt & Laura Meyers  
Aug 31 Allan & Sue Stahl  
Jeff & Marchelle Peck  
Rich & Debby Tannehill



# Prayer Needs

National Revival  
Our Country  
Allegheny Region Churches, Pastors  
and Leaders  
Pastor Will & Beth  
Pastor Jim & Melanie  
Hillary & Anthony  
Those dealing with sickness  
Violence in the World  
Violence in our Nation  
Families who have lost loved ones  
    Joe Bevilacqua  
    Betty McClintock  
    Shirley Metheny  
    James Plume  
    Tamie Pollacci  
    Lee Romesberg  
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  
Severe Weather Events  
Chicken BBQ  
AppleFest  
Rally Day  
Safe Vacation Travel  
Hospital Workers  
Hospice Workers  
Preparations for Mission Trips  
Winebrenner Seminary  
Brent & Julie Sleasman  
Church Ministries  
Camp Sunrise Mountain  
Summer Camping Program  
Church Camp Deans and Staff  
Vacation Bible School  
Chatelas Church  
Our Missionaries  
Our Global Mission Fields  
Military / Police / First Responders  
CEF  
Unspoken Needs



There will be a FREE Luncheon for any area retirees, their spouses, and/or caregivers on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 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 814-289-9772 to reserve your space. The last day to make your reservation, space permitting, is Sunday July 19, 2026.

Helping Hands Service Team meeting on Thursday, July 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. We will fill out Prayer Needs cards, have Prayer for them, and discuss possible needs in church and community and service project for Fall.

**ATTENTION - GAMERCO MISSION TRIP 2027:**  
There will be a meeting for all interested in going on our next Mission Trip to Gamerco. Please plan to attend to get dates of trip and info regarding this trip. We have fundraising to discuss as well. Anyone who may be interested should attend. Meeting on July, 19th after the 2nd service in the church library.

This Fall we hope to begin a Toddler Open Gym, one day a week. Similar to Toddler Time, the children will have a time of play in the gym, and then a snack and story will follow. However, we need some toddler riding toys for the kids to play with in the gym. If you have any toys you would like to donate or find any in yard sales this summer, please let Hillary Whaley know (814-233-8861). Thank You!

Rally Day – October 25, 2026  
Kingwood Church of God Celebrating 150  
Years

Mark your calendars – SAVE THIS  
DATE. Guest speaker, special music,  
good food and a very special history  
booklet!

More information to follow.....

# RAMBLINGS & RECIPES

It's July in Somerset County! I love the blue skies and the green trees! Not too crazy about the wind and thunderstorms – guess they are a part of the Summer Deal. I hope you have some good plans for July – family reunions, picnics, graduation parties – times to share good food with your family and friends.

Here's a quick recipe that you can make in a crock pot and take to a gathering.

## Candied Kielbasa

1 Cup Brown Sugar  
¼ Cup Horseradish

½ Cup Ketchup  
2 lbs. Kielbasa

Cut kielbasa into small slices.

Combine sauce ingredients until well blended.

Place kielbasa in crock pot and pour sauce over all. Cook on low for two hours.

This is an easy-to-make casserole that is very enjoyable.

## Mexican Rice Casserole

1 lb. Ground Beef  
Salt & Pepper to taste  
1 tsp. Garlic Powder  
1 ½ Cups Beef Broth  
8 ounces tomato sauce  
1 Cup Shredded Cheddar Cheese

1 Small Onion – Diced  
1 Packet Taco Seasoning  
1 Cup Long Grain White Rice  
1 15 oz. Can Corn (Drained)  
½ Cup Salsa

Brown the ground beef with salt and pepper. Sprinkle the taco seasoning and the garlic powder over it. Transfer to a baking dish.

Stir in the rice, beef broth, corn, tomato sauce and salsa.

Cover and bake in a 350 oven for 20 minutes or until rice is tender.

Remove covering – cover with the shredded cheese and bake another 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,  
summer and winter, day and night will never cease.

Genesis 8:22 NIV

# **Global Reach Updates**

**Southern California ACTS Team Trip – The ACTS Team trip to Southern California was a success! 7 team member ministered at several Latino churches with VBS for the kids, painting of children’s classrooms with murals, and painting a church sign. They also had the opportunity to minister at a local nursing home with songs and many words of encouragement! They participated in an outreach by the ocean that was open to the public. Wonderful times of service and blessing for all.**

**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.**

**Kingwood COG Jr. Church Fundraiser – The Kingwood kids are doing an awesome fundraising job! Last tally was \$362 raised to help our church in Argentina build a soup kitchen to reach hungry children in their community! They have set a new goal of raising \$750. Are you able to help? Any donation amount will be a blessing! Thank you for supporting our mission field as well as our kids!**

## ***Helping Hands***

### **Helping Hands Prayer Needs for July**

Lois Darr c/o Laurel View Village 2000 Cambridge Dr. Davidsville, PA 15928  
Helen King c/o Meadowview 1404 Hay St. Berlin, PA 15530



Dear Family,

At Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they find their strength in God. They will become Challengers and discover how with God, they can do all things.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, the Challengers make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal each Lift Lesson to equip your Challengers for an active life with God. Your Challengers will also discover our Mountain Motto (Bible memory verse), which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of God's creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats at the Snack Station. Along the way, the Challengers will hear about our mission project as they respond to God's call for action!

Join us as we discover how to find our strength in God!

Join us at **The Kingwood Fellowship Center** 5957 Kingwood Rd, Markleton, PA

on **July 12 - 16 (Sun. - Thurs.)** from **6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.**

**Dinner Program begins at 5 p.m. (Free dinner!)**

To find out more about Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS, call 814-233-6648 or visit the church website at <https://kingwoodchurch.cgqc.org/>

Sincerely,

Your Snowball Mountain VBS Team

# Color your castle



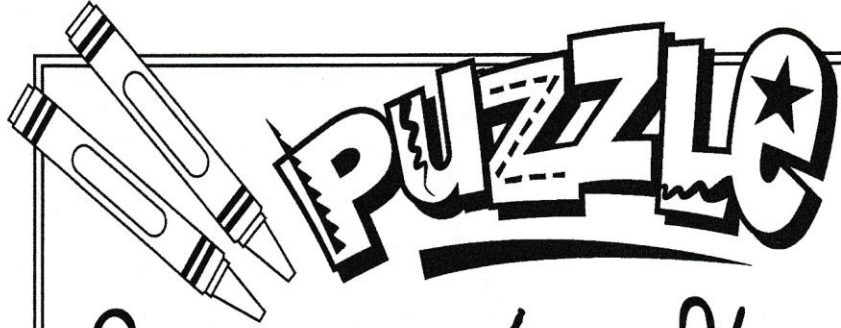
Summer is the perfect time to build a sand castle, whether in a sandbox or on the beach. Use this fun idea to add color to your creation.

### What you need:

- Empty spray bottles
- 1 cup water per bottle
- 4 Tablespoons cornstarch per bottle
- Food coloring

### What you do:

1. Remove the lid from each bottle and pour in the water and cornstarch.
2. Replace the lid and shake the bottle to dissolve the cornstarch completely.
3. Add drops of food coloring to achieve the desired color.
4. After building a sand castle, spray it with your colorful mixtures.



# Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



*Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a □ around words describing God's actions. Draw an ○ around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw ≈ under words that describe the ocean.*

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,  
 who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,  
 who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



*Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.*

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e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L

a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y



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Answer: The LORD Almighty

# KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD COUNCIL MEETING

## June 8th, 2026

**DEVOTIONS:** Jon Pletcher shared Ephesians 6:11, 17, "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes; (17) Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Tools of the trade – Christians use a Bible, spend time in the word with our tool, The Bible.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Church Basement Renovations – New beams have been installed, waiting for spray foam and drywall.

Ream Parking Lot Paving – Work anticipated to be completed in July.

Church Emergency Management: Nothing to report

Associate Pastor Search Committee – Pastor Will is working on some additional names

AV Ministry – nothing to report this month

Fellowship Center Pavilion – Nothing to report this month

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A request was made to purchase pens for the pews/attendance pads with our Church name and other information. This could help increase advertising of our church.

Cheryl will talk to Carey Beth about ordering these pens.

Josh Rosman will be stocking up the 1<sup>st</sup> Aid kits for the upcoming Community Day.

### **INFORMATIONAL:**

Bible School will be held the week of July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fellowship Center. The council meeting scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup>, will be moved to Church Library.

Chicken Barbeque will be July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **Fellowship Usage:**

Walk fit	13
Pickleball	4
Midweek	4
Rosman Family	1
Chess Night	1
Kingwood Constructions	1
Flea Market	2 Plus Prep
Council Meeting	<u>1</u>
Total	27

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Markleton, PA 15551**

**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

