

The Contact

The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God
August, 2026



CAMP SUNRISE
MOUNTAIN

Friends & Family Community Fun Day Free event!

Just bring a covered dish!

Sunday, August 16

You're invited!

Hope to see you there!



July. July has been an interesting month. It was filled with Amazing activities and some weird weather. The last week of the church camp season and the celebration of our country's 250th birthday.

The month started with me stowing away in P Will's truck and riding along down to the church camp. It was a fun visit with some of our kiddos and with some of our people who were counselors.

P Will seems to be doing a lot of premarital counseling. I am hoping that I can stow- away and go to a few receptions over the coming months, like I did last month. Graduation parties and wedding receptions seem to have a lot of crumbs for an enterprising little mouse. The basement renovation is proceeding nicely. I think it will look wonderful when it is finished. Much brighter and definitely more inviting. I heard someone say that they will have more "head room". Personally, I have never had that problem in the church basement.

VBS was a "cool" event. That is because it was a winter wonderland type of theme. Snowflakes and skis and snowshoes, oh my! We had 50 kids registered and 22 were there every single night. The meal before VBS from 5-6 was a great hit. And the kiddos usually finished up any leftovers at the end of the evening.

The Chicken BBQ was a big hit. Even with the rain the event went off well. And I of course ran around under the tables and gathered crumbs. You Kingwood folks sure know how to eat.

Speaking of Eating the retiree lunch on the 22nd had wonderful food as well. I know the food was good, but I think the fellowship and friendship shared around the table made things even better. Strawberry shortcake and ice cream is pretty sweet, but when it is sprinkled with fellowship it gets even sweeter.

I also stowed away with P Will on a couple of visitation trips and on one of those he went down to camp Sonrise Mt. and checked out the national quizzing championships.

There is still a buzz around the mousey community from the community picnic at the end of last month. It seems like Kingwood touched a lot of people with that event. I hope it is going to be an annual or semi-annual thing.

P will has been preaching about things that bring us closer to Jesus over the summer. Two weeks ago, the sermon on Faith in hard times really helped me for understand and deal with the tough times. Last week he hit me hard with the one about forgiveness. I am not sure what is next but I am waiting anxiously.

SO.... Until next time.

As always yours,
The Church Mouse



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Arthur Brougher 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 Brougher
 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 on Our Weekly Prayer List
Those dealing with sickness
Violence in the World
Violence in our Nation
Families who have lost loved ones
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
Harvest Party
AppleFest
Rally Day
Safe Vacation Travel
Hospital Workers
Hospice Workers
Winebrenner Seminary
Brent & Julie Sleasman
Church Ministries
Camp Sunrise Mountain
CSM Friends & Family Fun Day
CSM Annual Golf Outing
Summer Camping Program Success
Church Camp Deans and Staff
(Thankful for their Time)
Vacation Bible School
(Thankful for Successful VBS)
Chatelas Church
Our Missionaries
Our Global Mission Fields
Military / Police / First Responders
Unspoken Needs



UP-COMING EVENTS

August 16 - Camp Friends & Family Fun Day at CSM
September 12 - CSM Golf Outing at Kings Mountain
September 26 - AppleFest at FC
October 24 - Buckwheat Supper at FC
October 25 - Rally Day

The Helping Hands Service Team next meeting is on August 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library. We meet the 1st Thursday of each month!

Helping Hands Service Team

The Kingwood Helping Hands Ministry has had a remodel! We are now called the Helping Hands Service Team. This Sunday School group does several things.

1. We arrange rides for folks who need one.
2. We arrange for the pick-up of groceries and/or medications for those who are unable to get them.
3. We send cards monthly to our Prayer Need list.
4. We work on small outreach projects for our Nursing Home brothers and sisters.

We do this primarily for our church family. We will take suggestions, on a case by case basis, names of folks in the community, if a need should arise there. We are always willing to add anyone, church or community, to our card list.

Contact Heather Houghton for more info or needs.

LADIES DAY OUT AT THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE THRIFT STORES IN PITTSBURGH. We will be taking the church van and leaving from the church at 7:00 a.m. on August 19. We will also be eating lunch somewhere in Pittsburgh. Come with us and have a fun day out with the girls. You can contact me with any questions: Deb Ogline at 814-279-9933.

Global Reach Updates

USA Southwest – Jake and Haley’s first Mission Trip with their church was great! The youth and adults had a fantastic time and are eager to get into some service projects for their next trip. Gamercro Church has a need. Their account for Programs and Ministries has been depleted. They run outreach in the church and community through this account. There have been many needs recently and they could use some funding to replenish it. The giving code is GR 2116 – Gamercro Programs and Ministries. Any amount will help them out!

Argentina – Pastor Maria and her church continue to serve the children in their community every week! Our Kingwood kids have been working hard to raise funds for them and their Soup Kitchen. They are making donations through August, so please keep them in mind!

Venezuela – Pastors Liarxi and Mara continue with their efforts to aid their fellow countryman. Please keep their efforts and those needs in prayer.

The Helping Hands Ministry encourages you to send some “sunshine” (i.e., a card) to let them know that we are thinking of them and are keeping them in our prayers.

**Becky Queer
Goodwill Mennonite Home
891 Dorsey Hotel Rd.
Grantsville, MD 21536**

**Sis Wright
Goodwill Mennonite Home
891 Dorsey Hotel Rd.
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RAMBLINGS & RECIPES

Welcome AUGUST 2026! I know that gardens are producing their good fruits here at the end of July! I don't have a garden – I wish I did. Every year since I retired I think “maybe this year I'll plant a garden”! And then I don't! I am so very thankful for friends and family who share the goodness of their gardens with me. I enjoy every bite! There is no better cucumber than the first one fresh from the garden. A good friend gave me cucumbers from her garden – I saved the rolls from my chicken BBQ dinner (aren't they good?) so that I could make a cucumber sandwich....butter and salt – it was great! I'm looking forward to my first creamed cucumbers of 2026 – delicious!

Then there's zucchini! The LARGE and the SMALL! There are lots of good recipes that use zucchini. I've tried lots of zucchini bread recipes. The one that follows is my all-time favorite.

LEMON ZUCCHINI BREAD

1 Cup Vegetable Oil	6 oz. Greek Yogurt (Lemon or Vanilla)
1 Tbsp. Real Lemon Juice	3 Eggs
2 Cups Sugar	3 Cups Flour
1 tsp. Baking Soda	¼ tsp. Baking Powder
2 tsp. Lemon Zest	1 tsp. Salt
2 cups Grated Zucchini	1 tsp. Vanilla

Preheat Oven to 350 degrees.

Grease two 8 x 4 loaf pans – butter or baking spray.

In a large bowl, cream together oil, Greek yogurt, lemon juice and sugar. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition.

In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Stir in the lemon zest.

Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix until just combined. Gently fold in the grated zucchini and the vanilla.

Divide the batter evenly between the two pans and bake for 55 to 60 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Allow to cool for 10 to 20 minutes before removing from the pans.

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1 Cup Powdered Sugar	2 Tbsp. Lemon Juice	2 Tbsp. Lemon Zest
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Mix sugar & lemon juice well and drizzle over the cooled bread.

Sprinkle the lemon zest over the glaze.

** You can add blueberries to the batter – about 1 cup – added goodness! This recipe freezes well! **

**Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation:
seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it,
according to their various kinds.” And it was so. Genesis 1:11**

Upcoming Children's Programs/Events at Kingwood Church of God!



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Jr. Church

We offer a Children's Jr. Church during the entire 8:15 am & 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship Services for children, ages 3 up to and including 5th grade. We provide a staffed nursery during both Worship Services for children baby-3.

All are welcome! If you don't have a home Church, please join us Sunday Mornings at the Kingwood Church of God!
(119 Humbert Rd, Markleton PA 15551)

Summer Midweek

When: Wednesday Evenings, June 10th - August 13th

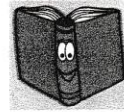
Time: 7-8 pm

Where: Kingwood Church of God Fellowship Center

We will be having a Summer Picnic and activity at Laurel Hill on August 13th at 10 am. We will be in the Jubilee Parade this year, and kids can make a t-shirt this day to wear at the Parade! If interested in joining please sign up or call 814-233-8861.

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Toddler Open Gym!



When: Thursdays this Fall

Toddlers and Caregivers can enjoy a time of play, followed by a snack and a story. Come join the fun! More information to follow soon!



Fall Harvest Party



Be looking for more information soon!



Miss Patty-Cake Concert!

When: Saturday, November 14th at 4 pm

Where: Kingwood Church of God

There will be a free meal to follow. Though the Concert is FREE, tickets are required. For tickets, please call Hillary Whaley at 814-233-8861 or Melanie Monticue at 814-233-5663. Please invite your family and friends!

Miss PattyCake has a YouTube channel that you watch to see what she is all about! She also has a Baby Lullaby project. It's call "Good Night World" by Miss PattyCake. Watch, share with your family and enjoy!

KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD COUNCIL MEETING

July 13, 2026

DEVOTIONS: Mark Lucas shared devotions: "If it's God's Will, It will...." Mark shared several stories about how the Kingwood Church of God took a step of faith and how God provided for us.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church Basement Renovation: Nearing completion. Stop to see the changes!

Associate Pastor Search Committee: Pastor Will talked to someone who may be interested, but is not quite ready to make a move yet.

Ream (Lower) Parking Lot: Work is to begin on July 14, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

Basement Furniture (Social Room): A motion was made and a second received to purchase new furniture not to exceed \$7,000.00.

Scott Ream Book Signing: Pastor Scott has written several books. He will be speaking on August 30th. Books will be available to purchase and will be signed by Pastor Scott.

HVAC – Church & Fellowship Center – The trustees will make a plan for usage – temperature settings and keeping units on at all times as recommended by the manufacturers.

Veteran's Day – November 15th, 2026 – Early Worship will be held as usual, Sunday School will be presented by Miss Patty Cake and 10:30 Worship will be the Veteran's Day Service.

ARC Financial Transparency: There was much discussion about the financial reporting (lack thereof) from the Conference. A letter will be sent regarding Kingwood's concerns with this situation.

Ice Cream Night: An idea was presented about having ice cream out the kitchen window at the Fellowship Center. The event will be held August 2, 2026. Sundaes and milk shakes will be served for a donation.

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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

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(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

