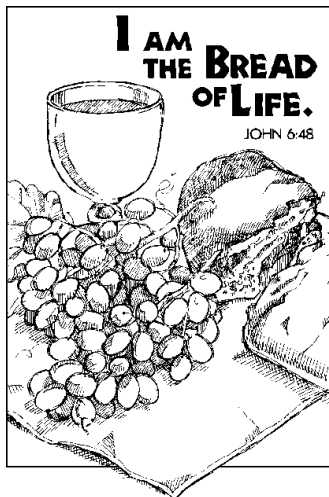

**WELCOME TO THE
KENOVA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
503 15TH STREET
KENOVA, WV 25530 304-453-1112
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May 4, 2025

MISSION STATEMENT

IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST, WE REACH
UP IN WORSHIP AND PRAYER,
OVER IN DISCIPLESHIP AND CARE, AND
OUT IN WITNESS AND SERVICE.

MINISTERS – EVERY MEMBER OF KENOVA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS A MINISTER, A WITNESS TO THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST; THEY ARE ASSISTED BY THE FOLLOWING STAFF:

Pastor
Certified Lay Minister
Lay Pastor of Proclamation/Teaching
[Lay Leader](#)
Co-Director of Music Ministries
Co-Director of Music Ministries
Director of Children's Ministries
Co-Director of Youth Ministries
Co-Director of Youth Ministries
Pianist
Custodian
Director of Preschool
Admin. Assistant/Treasurer

Rev. Andrew Tennant
Sam Colvin
Syd Hanson
[Billy Rutherford](#)
Michael Pancake
Dustin Cremeans
Lynn Salmons
Jeff Sanders
Julie Tennant
Tammy Meadows
Joe Ratcliff
Joy Agee
Bev Johnson

Third Sunday of Easter
11:00 A.M. Worship Service @ Kenova UMC
May 4, 2025
Live Stream on Facebook

PRELUDE

Tammy Meadows

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Acolytes

*OPENING CHORUS ***“Brethren We Have Met to Worship”***

Chancel Choir & Congregation

*OPENING HYMN ***“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*** pg. 127 UMH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: “The Force will be with you, always.”

People: We know our God is guiding us through the challenges of life.

Leader: Even though we know “Fear is the path to the dark side.” In times of uncertainty, we “do or do not, there is no try.”

People: We choose love and faith over fear and distrust.

Leader: When we face trials, we remind each other, “Never tell me the odds.” We know that “the greatest teacher, failure is,” as we learn from our mistakes and grow in faith and understanding.

People: With God, all possibilities are present, and we persevere with hope.

Leader: “You must unlearn what you have learned” as we let go of past burdens. We won’t be the church by “fighting what we hate, but by saving what we love.”

People: We embrace new life and transformation in Christ.

Leader: “Rebellions are built on hope,” and our hope is in God’s persistent love. Empower us to be agents of change in the world, striving for justice, peace, and love in God’s holy name. “This is the Way.”

People: We gather in peace, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Leader: God says to us, “I love you.”

People: The people reply, “I know.” May the Faith Be with You...Always. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

Liturgist

We come hopeful. We come looking for a spark in the dark. You gather us, the dreamers, the warriors, the ones still holding on. By your Spirit, surround us and bind us and make us one: one with Christ, one with each other, one with every broken piece of your beautiful world and galaxies unending. Shine through us, send us out, and help us never lose sight of your light. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME	Rev. Andrew Tennant	
	<i>(Please list your name & address on the attendance register.)</i>	
MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Liturgist	
CHILDREN’S TIME	Lynn Salmons	
	<i>(After the Children’s Time, the Preschool Children are invited to Noah’s Ark and the Elementary Children are invited to sit with their parents in the sanctuary)</i>	
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION	pgs. 13-15 UMH	
GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS	Please note: The Loose Change offering during May is dedicated to <u>Vacation Bible School.</u>	
OFFERTORY	Syd Hanson	
*DOXOLOGY	pg. 95 UMH	
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
CHORAL ANTHEM	“Touring That City”	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 23:32-43 (ESV)	(pg. 884 Pew Bible)
	<i>This is the Word of God for us the People of God – Thanks Be to God!</i>	
SERMON	“A New Hope”	Rev. Andrew Tennant
*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING		
	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	pg. 400 UMH
	<i>(The altar rail is available for anyone who would like to come and pray during the final hymn)</i>	
*BENEDICTION	Rev. Andrew Tennant	
*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD		
	<i>(Please remain standing as the acolytes symbolically remind us to follow the light of Christ into the world.)</i>	
*POSTLUDE	Tammy Meadows	

*Congregation please stand as able

Our deepest sympathy is extended to...

...*Krista & Eddie Marcum & family* in the loss of their
niece, *Jennifer McDonald.*

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY:

5/4/25

HOLY COMMUNION

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

9:45 A.M. – SUNDAY SCHOOL *(For All Ages)*

11:00 A.M. – **MORNING WORSHIP**

11:00 A.M. – NURSERY *(Infant – Age 2)*; NOAH'S ARK *(2-PK)*

6:00 P.M. – YOUTH GROUP @ KUMC

MONDAY:

5/5/25

12:00 P.M. – **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

6:30 P.M. – CUB SCOUTS MEETING *(Scouts Building)*

TUESDAY:

5/6/25

7:00 P.M. – BOY SCOUTS MEETING *(Scouts Building)*

WEDNESDAY:

5/7/25

5:30 P.M. – SNACK SUPPER *(Prepared by The Richards Family)*

➤ Menu: **Biscuits & Gravy, Fried Apples & Hashbrowns**

➤ Cost: **No Charge – Donation at the door**

Please mark the number attending on the attendance register under zip code.

RESERVATION DEADLINE BY NOON, TUESDAY – 5/6/25

6:00 P.M. – CHILDREN'S MTG / ACTIVITIES *(Children's Area)*

6:00 P.M. – ADULTS - BIBLE STUDY *(Parlor/Wesleyan Classroom)*

7:11 P.M. – CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL *(Choir Room)*

THURSDAY:

5/8/25

12:00 P.M. – TABLE FOR ONE *(Bombshells, Burgers, and BBQ –*

2134 5th Street Rd, Huntington - Meet at

church parking lot @ 11:30 am to carpool or meet us there.)

Please RSVP to Donna Kiser if you will be attending.

5:00 P.M. – SPECTRUM OF WORSHIP MINISTRY SPECIAL MEETING

with local teachers for IEP Program for Special Needs *(Fellowship Hall)*

SATURDAY:

5/10/25

9:30 A.M. – M & M'S WOMEN'S BRUNCH *(Fellowship Hall)*

NEXT SUNDAY:

5/11/25

MOTHER'S DAY

COMING UP:

5/18 – BISHOP DEBRA WALLACE-PADGETT @ KUMC 11:00 A.M.

5/18 – DISTRICT CONFERENCE @ Steele Memorial UMC in Barboursville
from 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

**INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND/OR
BAPTISM?**

Please contact Rev. Andrew Tennant (304-672-0723) or the Church office (304-453-1112).

UPPER ROOMS

The **May/June Upper Room booklets** are now available on the table in the narthex. Cost: \$1.30 each.

2025 FLOWER CALENDAR is on the bulletin board – 1st floor across from the elevator. If you would like to put altar flowers and/or organ flowers in the sanctuary, please list the information on the calendar. If you have questions or a special request, please contact the church office @ 304-453-1112.

PRAYER REQUEST FORMS are in the pews. Please list your requests on this form & place the form in the offering plate. We will include them in next week's prayer concerns.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE PRAYER CHAIN can be submitted as follows:

- Please call **Pam Wood @ 304-544-2243**
- The church office @ **304-453-1112**
- Email **Charles Shumaker** at kumcprayers@gmail.com

(We will include your requests on next week's prayer concerns list.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in learning how to prepare and operate the screens on Sunday morning during Worship, please write "Screens" beside your name on the attendance pad or contact the church office at 304-453-1112. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Lisa Cornwell.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

For the month of **May**, the Good Samaritan Center is collecting **Cake, Cookie & Brownie Mixes**. Donations can be placed in the Good Samaritan Box in the upstairs hallway of KUMC. Thank You.

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

2025 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX MINISTRY COLLECTION ITEMS

May – **Girl Toys** such as dolls, books, stickers, stuffed animals, coloring books, activity books, puzzle books, puzzles, balls, jump rope, etc. (no weapons)

*Please note all items donated need to be size appropriate for a shoebox. Monetary donations are welcome to help purchase items needed and/or for the postage to mail the shoeboxes. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Leighton.

SPECIAL OFFERING – May 2025

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Loose Change
- NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY – May 4th

Here is how to get your **TITHES AND OFFERINGS** to the church to continue our ministries:

1. Place your offering in the offering plate.
2. Mail your offerings in or drop them off at the church.
3. Have your bank send a draft through on your account & then the bank will send it to the church.
4. Set your giving up online through tithe.ly/give & select our church and they will automatically deposit your funds to the church's checking account.
5. Text to Give is a new way to give to our Church. Simply text the word GIVE to (855) 516-9883 & follow the instructions to set up your account.

APRIL 27, 2025 OFFERING

General Budget Offering (4/27/25 - \$3,931.50) (needed weekly \$8,796.12)

***** 2025 Conference Apportionments (\$85,064.00) *****

(Weekly Amount - \$1,640.00)

Our goal is to pay for our apportionments on a weekly basis.

*****Currently we are paid through 4/27 for a total of \$27,880.00*****

*****District Apportionments are paid through March*****

APRIL 27, 2025 ATTENDANCE

Morning Worship – 150 Sunday School – 67

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OPPORTUNITIES

Rev. Andrew Tennant Graduation

I have completed my work and will graduate from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on May 30, 2025 at 4pm @ East Liberty Presbyterian Church with a Doctor of Ministry Degree. I wanted to extend a special thank you for your support throughout my time while working on my doctorate. We were given limited invitations for graduation, and I realize that Pittsburgh is quite a hike from here, but wanted to invite everyone to graduation. I am not sure if the seminary will be recording or streaming the ceremony, but if they are I will get a link to the video as soon as I find out. Thank you again to the entire congregation at Kenova UMC.

Mission Trip Opportunity

Sarah Maddox, daughter of Scott & Chaundra Maddox, will be heading to Malawi in Africa on a mission trip this summer through Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru) at Marshall University. She needs financial assistance and sponsorship to go on this life-changing trip. We will be taking up a special offering for her today, Sunday, May 4. Baskets will be located on the Usher Table as you enter/exit the sanctuary and on the table by the front door downstairs if you would like to help her raise the money for her trip. Another easy way to give is online using her personal giving page: give.cru.org/1154186.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OPPORTUNITIES

TO OUR VISITORS WELCOME FROM THE KUMC FAMILY!



Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope you will return. Please be sure to list your name & address on the attendance pad. On Sunday Mornings at the 11:00 a.m. service, we provide a **Nursery** for infants up to 2 years of age, **Noah's Ark** for ages 2-PK and **Kids Own Worship** for Grades K-5. On Sunday Evenings we also provide Youth. On Wednesday Evenings we provide Bible Study for Adults & Children's Activities— please see announcements & the calendar for all upcoming events.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

<u>LITURGIST:</u>	Holly Litteral
<u>ORGANIST:</u>	Sandra Budden
<u>LEAD GUITAR:</u>	Billy Rutherford
<u>ELECTRIC BASS:</u>	Bill Budden
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Barrett Elkins & Kasen Scarberry
<u>NURSERY:</u>	Becky Richards
<u>NOAH'S ARK:</u>	Sharon Sparks
<u>COMMUNION SERVERS:</u>	Rev. Andrew & Julie Tennant Holly & Brox Litteral Mary Leighton
<u>USHERS:</u>	Kent Willis, David Ball, Jeff Sanders, Tom Foster, Skyler Ratcliff & Josh Phillips

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING

Today's special offering is for **Native American Ministries Sunday** which supports ministries with Native Americans and provides scholarships for Native Americans attending seminary.

If you would like to donate, please write "**Native American Ministries**" on your offering envelope and place it in the offering place. Thank you for your support.

Kenova UMC Website and Church App

KenovaUMC.com - The Church website has been totally rebuilt using **Tithe.ly Sites**. This change was required due to hosting site changes made by the WV UMC website team. The URL remains the same (**Kenovaumc.com**) and has been implemented for over a month. The changes should be transparent to you but you will find additional tabs of information including, floor plans of the church, a listing of our ministries and outreach programs, and Frequently Asked Questions for the new person.

We are excited to announce that we now have a **Church App** for Apple and Android Phones and Tablets.

Search the applicable App Store for **Tithe.ly Church App** (<https://tithe.ly.app.link/kenova-united-methodist-church>) to download the App.

Once loaded, search for Kenova United Methodist Church and set up your login.

Or Scan the QR Code
to go directly
to the Church App.



The App provides answers to frequently asked questions, Church address, map and directions, calendar of events, The latest church bulletin with inserts in PDF format, an electronic Bible, links to our website and YouTube channel, access to our electronic giving and a new Text to Give link.

Text to Give is a new way to give to our church. Simply text the word GIVE to (855) 516-9883 and follow the instructions to set up your Text to Give account. After your account has been set up and you have a credit card on file you can simply text the amount you wish to give to (855) 516-9883.

Pray for Healing for those suffering with Mental Health & Depression

PRAYER CONCERNS – May 4, 2025

(Prayer Ministry of Kenova United Methodist Church)

*Church Family

**All names will remain on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

ILLNESS, INJURY OR RECOVERY

*Patty Bevins	Terry Lusher	*Rhonda Scragg
Charles & Margaret Blackburn	*Brenda Lyons	*Joe & Pam Smith
Ashley Blankenship	*Krista Marcum	KC Smith
*Linda Boshell	Gathy McGuire	Kinzy & Delma Smith
Paul Chafin	Pete Micheal	Dotty Stacy
*Connie Chaney	*Debbie Mills	*John Turner
*Jim & Liz Cole	*Lincoln Milum	*Kenny Walters
Gary Daniels	*Parker Milum	Alex Watila
*Paula Dickerson	*Poppie Milum	*Jim & Joan West
Ryan Eddy	*Donna Ramsdell	Kevin Whitt
Mike Gibson	*Ann Riggs	Lisa Williams
Jeff Groves	Darrell Robinson	Sue Williamson
*Tiny Hatten	*Patti Rollins	Nancy Wood
Mag Heaberlin	Debbie Rowe	
*JoAnn Hemann	*Jackie Rutherford	
*Ronnie & Fanny Keyser	*Lynn Salmoms	
*Shirley Lewis	*Mary Ann Schell	

FUTURE SURGERY, HOSPICE, HOSPITAL OR REHAB

C – Cabell/ S – St. Mary's/ K – Kings Daughters/

VA – Veterans/ R – Rehab/ H – Out of Area or Unknown/ HE – Hospice/ FS – Future Surgery

*Rob Armstrong (R)	Michael Leighton (H)
*Jerry Chaffins (R)	Jim Maddox (R)
*Markai Chandler (H)	Kenny Stultz (R)
*Lisa Hibbard-Fraley (FS)	

TESTS, MEDICAL DECISIONS, TREATMENTS

Amy Boshell	Barbara Hicks	Sandy Stapleton
Walker Daniels	Skylar Hodge	Riley Workman
*Rick Hemann	Cindy Jordan	

GRIEVING (Families of)

Jennifer McDonald

OTHER CONCERNS

Addiction Struggles	Flu/Covid/RSV	Safety in Youth Sports
Rachel Bledsoe & Sebastian	Grieving Families	Shut-Ins
Care Givers/Family Issues	Kids who struggle in school	Teachers
College Students	Middle/High School Kids	Training Station Preschool
Elementary School Kids	Military	Travel Mercies
Financial Struggles	Our Country	Unspoken Requests
Flood/Storm Victims	Preschool Kids	Joey White