



McPresby News

Time to Celebrate! 150th Anniversary Party on Sunday, May 31st

150 Years of Ministry / 20 Years of Renewal

Everyone said it could not be done. But here we are, stronger than ever after 150 years of worship and ministry. The earliest and original charter for our church is the year 1876. God has been at work ever since and the impact we have on our community is a blessing to untold numbers of people. By God's grace we are a part of the fabric of this community, and our heart is to give back and invite more people into friendship with our church and with the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, May 31st, the weekend after Memorial Day, we will have an anniversary celebration in Worship and we will have a Free Music and Food Truck Festival after worship. When we come out of worship, food trucks will be lined up on Station Street waiting to serve us and our whole community. Echo Valley Bluegrass will be set up on the hillside of Trinity, and we will host a community carnival from Noon to 2pm. Mark your calendars now to come out with friends and neighbors to celebrate with us and hear our vision for the future.

God is not finished with us, in fact he is just getting started! We need lots of help to pull this all off, so if you want to get involved pay attention for opportunities or speak to one of our leaders.



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Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

~John 11:25-26



Pastor's Page—Powered by the Resurrection for 150 Years!

“That I may know him and the power of his resurrection!” - Philippians 3:10a

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” - Acts 1:8

Our Lord Jesus has amazing things in store for us, and it is our sincere joy to walk with him and to experience all that he has for us. God is always on the move, and he is certainly moving among us today. Our celebration of Christ's Resurrection will be an outstanding day in the life of our congregation and will be a launch point for all of our summer mission and ministry opportunities and the official launch of our 150th Anniversary Celebrations.

We truly are powered by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He covers over our sins and failures and sends us out equipped and experienced to minister to the world. He gives us words to speak and a heart that has compassion on the needy. He commissions us to share his Word and to make disciples that follow after him. Jesus is the one who gives us our life and breath, and we owe everything to him.

My fervent prayer is that McDonald Presbyterian Church would experience a revival of faith and worship that transforms us further into a church family that is outward focused and standing powerfully in worship rooted in the person of Jesus. Truly this is already happening. Our church has never shied away from what God is calling us to do, and this is our next step in following him.

Resurrection Sunday is always a powerful and joyful time of family being united together and the Love of God flowing strong through our community. This year we are praying even more fervently that God would do something special among us and that we would see an increase in ministry and worship in the weeks following Easter. Would you pray with me for God to open up his floodgates of love and zeal so that we might experience an outsized portion of his Grace through our Holy Week experience and beyond?

As we learn to live like Jesus, may we have the privilege of being a part of something wonderful through our own church family. God has equipped us to do all that he is calling us to do, and it is going to be a wonderful journey together. In May we will have two all-congregation visioning evenings with dinner and a program that will help us take our next steps. Pay attention for dates and ways to jump in!

See you Sunday!

Pastor Justin

Growing
Together
In Christ



Announcements



DEACON NEWS

In spite of a hiccup with the wedding soup, the Deacons had a successful soup sale fundraising event! We thank all of you for your support as we continue our varied ministries with our MPC family.

We will soon be delivering Easter flowers (some with your assistance) and also reaching out to our college students as they prepare for finals. Our next after-church hospitality will be held Sunday, April 19th. Please keep an eye out as the Deacons get ready to set up appointments for pictures that will be taken June 11, 12 and 13 for our new directory. More information will be coming soon!

* The next Deacon meeting is set for Sunday, April 12 at Noon.

Hearts and Hands Fellowship Tuesday, April 7th 6-8pm

Bring a craft or a project and a snack to share.



For two fun-filled hours, we talk and laugh (and eat) as we craft together. We would love to have you join us! If you have any questions, please contact Dana Motte or Kerry Schmitt

Walk, Talk, Pray is right around the corner!!! Begins Tuesday, May 5th!

WTP is an excellent opportunity to get some exercise while sharing and talking with your church friends. At the end of the walk, we pray about what we discussed.

Tuesdays and Thursdays -
6:00 pm group walks to Hunners and back
6:30 pm group walks to Oliverio and back
Saturday morning:
8:00 am group walks to Hunners and back
8:30 am group walks to Oliverio and back

If you are interested in joining us (even one or two times a week), please call Dana Motte at 412-296-2037, or just show up!!! We meet at the Trail Station.



ROSE MANOR OUTREACH

Save the Dates for April:

Monday, April 20th, 2026 - 5:30-6:30 PM - Worship at Rose Manor

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026 - BINGO at Rose Manor 1:00 PM

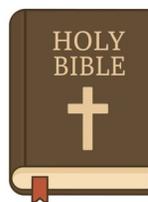


GET INVOLVED IN WORSHIP

Are you willing to serve as a Lay Leader? All you need to do is lead the Responsive Reading and read the Scripture Lesson. Our 9th-grade and above active covenant partners are invited to serve as Lay Leaders. We also need people to help out with Children's Church or teach the Young Disciples lesson. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact the church office or scan the QR code here to sign up online. Thank you for your active role in our congregation.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Adult Sunday School will be meeting in Calvary Fellowship Hall at 9:30am while construction is underway. Anyone is welcome to join us! See Peggy Samarin or Lin Nalesnick for more info.

Announcements

Will your family be celebrating the high school, trade school or college graduation of someone special this spring?

Your MPC family would love to recognize your student on
Graduate Sunday, May 17th.



Please contact the church office by May 3rd to share and receive important details.

EASTER PHOTO BOOTH



Because of the generosity of a few of our members we will have a photo area on Calvary Porch on Easter Sunday this year. Make sure you stop by and catch the family dressed for Easter and happy to celebrate the Resurrection together!

VBS 2026

We are excited to announce our Vacation Bible School this year! Our theme is *BE TRANSFORMED*. VBS will take place in our Trinity building June 22-26 from 9am to noon. There are many ways you can help, either as a leader or behind the scenes. For more information, please see Dana Motte, Kerry Schmitt, or Heidi Betschart.



FYI... The church office will be closed on Monday, April 6th.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

M- 8-4:30, Tu- 1:30-5, W & Th- 8-2



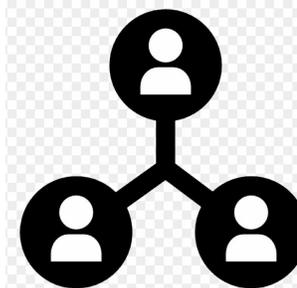
STAY CONNECTED — LIKE, SHARE & SPREAD THE WORD!

Did you know that one of the easiest ways to help spread the good news is right at your fingertips? When you like and share our posts on Facebook and Instagram, you help our message reach far beyond our Sunday morning congregation.

We have an exciting summer ahead, and we want everyone — members, neighbors, and friends who may not yet know us — to have the chance to be part of it. We are looking forward to our 150th Anniversary Celebration — Sunday, May 31st, Vacation Bible School — June 22–26, and Summer Service Week — July 28–31, just to name a few.

It only takes a moment to help spread the word. Follow us, tap that like button, and share our posts with your friends and family. Together, we can make sure no one misses out on a potential encounter with Jesus.

Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/McDonaldPres and on Instagram at [@mcdonaldpresbyterian](https://instagram.com/mcdonaldpresbyterian).





FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN LENTEN GIVING PROJECT ENDS EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

It is not too late to donate to this worthwhile cause! All the M&M tubes have been distributed, so you missed out on chocolate, but you did not miss out on the opportunity to help. Please consider contributing. Cash or checks earmarked for “FMSC” will be collected through Sunday, April 5. Simply place your donation in the offering plate, or hand it to Michelle Unruh or Patty Doane. These funds will be donated to our local South Hills Feed My Starving Children event, where volunteers pack rice meals to be distributed to hungry children around the world. PS – FMSC is also sponsoring a Purse Bash on April 12 from 1-4 pm at the Oakridge VFD. Call the church office if you are interested in attending. As always, thank you for your generosity.



24-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

7PM FRIDAY, APRIL 3 – 7PM SATURDAY, APRIL 4

You are probably aware of the spiritual benefits of praying: it brings us into the presence of God; draws us into closer communion with Him; helps us discern God’s will and find direction in life; allows us to receive forgiveness and love and to extend forgiveness and love; promotes hope and inner peace. Prayer strengthens our faith and deepens spiritual growth. But did you know that prayer also has physical and mental health benefits? Prayer can reduce stress and anxiety, enhance focus, and promote positive thinking. It can strengthen relationships, provide comfort, reduce loneliness and encourage gratitude. Prayer can also lower blood pressure, boost immune function, support recovery from illness, and enhance longevity. It encourages patience, healthy habits, self-control, and community service. Simply put, prayer promotes overall wellbeing.

With all those benefits, why would you not sign up for a one-hour shift during our 24-Hour Prayer Vigil? This extraordinary day has been a long-time observance of our congregation. It has become an important element of preparation for our celebration of Jesus’ resurrection on Easter morning. It is our sincere hope that you will feel moved to participate in this year’s vigil.

We offer opportunities to pray in-person at Trinity Sanctuary or remotely from the comfort of your own home. You can sign up through our website. If you have any questions or need assistance signing up, please contact Patty Doane or Michelle Unruh.



SUMMER SERVICE WEEK

July 27-31, 2026

Together with our other church partners we have made an incredible impact on our community over the past 8 years. We are blessed to be able to repair about 35 homes

each year and organize some 65 volunteers to carry out the mission. Volunteer opportunities include all levels of painting, cleaning, landscaping and construction work as well as prayer team, kitchen team and more.

We hope you will be able to join us for this impactful week. If you would like to volunteer, or if you would like a homeowner’s application, please visit the church website (scan the QR code) or pick up a form on the welcome table or in the church office.

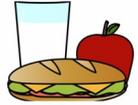


Community Life Groups

Yahweh

YAHWEH WEDNESDAY: Our group meets once a month, and each session, we are studying a different minor prophet. We will meet next on April 1st and study the book of Haggai. If you have questions or are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor Justin.

LUNCH LADIES: Lunch ladies will meet on April 13th and 27th. The study *Twelve Daring Women of the Bible* will continue. New members are welcome to join us! Please see Peggy Samarin or Linda Matchett if you have any questions.



LAMPLIGHTERS: The Lamplighters are working on a study called "Listening to God." We will be meeting on Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Trinity parlor. For any lady that is interested in finding out more or potentially joining our women's group, please feel free to contact Patty Doane or Syndria Lowe for more information.

SHE SOARS: Come join us every Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour as we navigate through life and our relationship with Jesus. All women are welcome!



MIGHTY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Come meet some awesome men each Sunday morning at 9:30 AM upstairs in the Calvary pastor's study. We are studying the Attributes of God in order to learn about the God who is, rather than the God we imagine. Each week, over a cup of coffee, we try to wrap our finite minds around our infinite God.



READY, SET, GROW: Our class meets on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Tower Room of Calvary. Each session, we meet to pray and then we review and discuss the previous week's Scripture lesson and sermon. We have found it to be an excellent opportunity to connect with others as we delve more deeply into the Bible. Please contact the church office or Dana Motte with any questions, or just pop in on a Sunday morning. You are welcome!!!



QUARTER-LIFE CRISIS: Quarter-Life Crisis is a group of young adults who meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 to study the Bible, eat food, and encourage one another. The group is for young adults from 10th grade and through their 20s. Talk to Kylie Bowland or Julia Amsler to get involved in this new and dynamic group.



Lunch Ladies
March 2026

Operation Christmas Child



This congregation has been **amazingly faithful and generous** to the ministry of OCC for 27 years! But let's be honest - every year it gets more and more expensive to fill a shoebox gift with quality items.

What if we tried something new this year as we prepare for our Packing Party (in November)?

By purchasing some items in bulk, we can get better deals and reach our goal of 825 shoeboxes faster and more economically. Please scan this QR code and visit our **Packing Party Wish List** to see what we are talking about. (Maybe invite a friend to share the cost of an item with you)

Always feel free to contact Michelle Unruh with any questions (412-720-8232).

And again, thank you so much for your support!



Item of the
Month



Stuffed
Animals

MISSION TRIP WITH THE AMSLER FAMILY – JUNE 13-20

Pastor Justin and the four Amsler kids will again be traveling to Circleville West Virginia for a week of mission work this June. Our mission continues the work of Pastor Justin's home church that has been serving this community in West Virginia for the past 40 years. We camp out at a local campground and lead a Vacation Bible School for 100 kids in the community. The trip is focused on sending and equipping young people for mission and service. If you are a teen or adult and would like to be a part of something like this talk to Pastor Justin.



MCDONALD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YOUTH SUMMER CAMPING PROGRAM 2026

PINE SPRINGS CAMP, JENNERSTOWN PA

WWW.PINESPRINGS.ORG

McDonald Presbyterian Church is committed to sending all our young people to summer camp that would like to attend. Church camp is not something that only “outdoorsy” kids do. It is something that we believe is a powerful spiritual formation experience. A week of spiritual formation could be life-changing for any student, especially in these times. At camp our students experience a full week of worship, study, play, and relationship-building that leads to a great week of spiritual growth that is fun and energizing. Every student that attends from McDonald Presbyterian Church and registers by the deadline will receive a \$300.00 scholarship towards the cost of camp. While the cost of camp could be more than \$600.00 this scholarship program will bring the costs down to below \$300.00 for those who register before the early bird deadline.

McDonald Presbyterian will be attending Pine Springs Camp Week 6: July 19-24

We have chosen a week where all our students who have completed the third grade or higher will be able to attend camp together. This week of the summer there are traditional camps offered for students who have completed the third grade to the completion of their senior year. Pastor Justin will be able to serve as a Volunteer Director for the exploration camp. Adventure Exploration is open to all students who have completed grades 3-5. Students who have finished grades 6-8 will attend the Adventure Journey Camp and students who have completed grades 9-12 will attend the Adventure Expedition Camp. All Classic camps run from Sunday afternoon through Friday evening.

MPC Registration Deadline: Pine Springs does not have a registration deadline date, but our church has a scholarship deadline of **Sunday, June 1**. We recommend registering your camper(s) as soon as possible due to limited cabin availability. Pine Springs offers an early bird discount of \$25 if your registration is completed or postmarked by **March 23rd**. Other discounts are also offered.

Registration Procedure: Registration for camp is something that happens directly between the student’s parent or guardian and Pine Springs. Registration forms and initial payment should be completed online or mailed directly to the camp. When this happens, contact the church office (kerry@mcdonaldpres.org) and notify us of the details: child’s name, child’s grade completed and week of camp attending. Most of our parents register their children online and forward us their confirmation email, which works very well. In early June a check will be sent out from our church to pay for the MPC Scholarship portion of all those students who have registered.

Other Weeks at Pine Springs: Can’t attend our week? Have a brave young camper who wants to attend a different week? PSC offers camps all summer long. The same scholarship guidelines apply for students attending from our congregation. Students attending one of the short weeks (3 days) will receive a prorated scholarship of \$200. The same registration procedure applies.

Additional Scholarships: Pine Springs Camp also has a scholarship fund that is available for additional support.

Thank you for your interest and support!

Silver Souls

Silver Souls shared in fellowship, food & fun on March 18th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Pictures of Ireland and Irish music along with mini Shepherd Pies, Potato Soup, Irish Soda Bread, Bangers & Cup-cakes added to the festivities. Thanks to Pastor Justin for devotions. We also enjoyed singing a few Irish favorites and the group at each table composing their own creative limericks. Our next gathering will be a pot-luck luncheon with bingo that will be in early June. More details to come.



Fun Things on the Way!

Café Renovations Beautiful Spaces On The Way!

We are so happy with how our renovations are progressing. Everything is being completed with excellence and we are on schedule to have all of the work completed in April. This is going to be a wonderful addition to how we share our lives together as a congregation. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the Café offering. We collected about \$2,700! Donations can still be made and are of great help to us as we put everything together in a beautiful way that will bless so many.



GULLET/COOKIE/DESSERT INFORMATION



McDonald Presbyterian Church will be celebrating our 150-year anniversary at the end of May. As part of that celebration, we are talking about compiling a “cookie book”. First thoughts were gullets only, but that may evolve further to include other desserts. To do this we need a co-chair and committee members. We are looking for someone who has computer skills to format a book/booklet and can help organize the recipes for publication. Also, we would like to have a cookie table and possibly sell some of the goodies on the day of the celebration. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Brockman at 412-720-2821 or lynnabrockman@gmail.com

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

We are excited to announce that we will be working with Universal Church Directories to provide a new picture directory of our church members. This will be done in conjunction with our 150 year anniversary celebration. Picture dates are set for June 11-13, and more information will be forthcoming. The Deacons are spearheading this effort, but we will gladly take any additional volunteers to help with registrations, phone calls, mailings, etc.



Community News/ Our Love & Prayers

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that you can make your weekly offering and other church contributions online? You can do this by visiting mcdonaldpres.org and clicking on *Covenant Partner Account Access*, or you may scan the QR code.



HSH SPAGHETTI DINNER

Heroes Supporting Heroes is having a spaghetti dinner in Trinity Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 18th from 4:00-7:00pm. Dinner is available for dine-in or take-out. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and may be purchased at the door.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Heritage Public Library is showing the movie "Hop" on Thursday, April 2nd at 5pm. Admission is free. Concessions are \$1.00

"Putt Your Way Through the Library" on Thursday, April 16th from 5-7pm with a free indoor mini-golf night.



MCDONALD LION'S CLUB RIB COOKOUTS

At the McDonald Trail Station from 9am until sold out
April 25th, May 30th, June 27th, July 25th, August 29th, September 26th

Our Love & Prayers Go Out To...



Ida Galicic
Strabane Woods- Room 116
319 Wellness Way
Washington, PA 15301

Jon & Patty Sember
Strabane Woods, Room 314
319 Wellness Way
Washington, PA 15301

Larry Doak
H. John Heinz III Progressive Ctr
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Pittsburgh, PA 15215

Laurain Lacotte
Middy Ecker
Elsie Kovach
Cloe Barricklow
Rose Manor
100 Rose Court
Oakdale, PA 15071

AT HOME:
Mary Catherine Garrett
Lana Gilbert
Julie Hanczar
Marlene Shupe
Chuck "Tootie" Smith
Bob & Vicki Zyra

724

CLUB 724

NEWS OF TITANIC PROPORTIONS!!!

Jr/Sr high students of MPC. We are opening a dedicated area just for you in Trinity Center. The area behind the kitchen is becoming your new youth room. To celebrate its opening, join us after church on May 3rd after church for pizza and for an epic build 114 years in the making; help us build the over 19,000-piece LEGO Titanic as we film it to post on YouTube! See Erich for more details.

RENEW YOUTH GROUP

Thank you for your continued support as we outreach to the Jr/Sr high students of the McDonald area. Last month, we took about 18 students down to Sarris candy for Ice Cream for dinner and even had a NERF battle with over 1,000 rounds of darts launched. Join us Wednesdays @ 6-7:45 pm in April and May as we place over 1,100 flags on the graves of our service men and women interned at Robinson Run Cemetery, as well, other planned outings, games and just plain good times.



WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN



APRIL ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- April 5= Della Endy & Selah Amsler
- April 12= Jeanna Manses & Alyssa Wasco
- April 19= Asher Martin & Ella Puhlman
- April 26= Jonah Amsler & Julia Amsler

TEAMREACH

Be on the know. Renew and Club 724 will be connecting to students through the Teamreach app to keep our students updated on the happenings for this season! Download the app on google play or the Apple app store and use the following code to join the conversation! RENEW youth code: MPCeco0613 ; CLUB724 code: MPC724eco

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

We've done the curriculum, now see inspirational film "Light of the World!" Join us for a free movie night in Trinity Center as Children's Church presents the animated feature of the life of Jesus on Friday April 24. Doors open at 5:45. The film starts promptly at 6 pm and has a running time of 90 minutes. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School is available for students in PreK through 12th grade. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Trinity Fellowship Hall and then disperse to their classrooms after opening worship time together.

And don't forget: *A continental breakfast is provided every Sunday, starting at 9:20am!*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH MENTORS NEEDED!!

We need your help to bring the Word to the next generation; become a Children's Church adult mentor. Join us for a short information meeting after church service on April 19 in the Children's Church Area in Calvary. Please text Dana or Erich Puhlman @ 412-477-0758 for more information.

Music

AMPLIFY



Do you play an instrument or like to sing? Would you like to learn something new? Come and join us! Our next rehearsal is on April 14th at 6:30pm. If you're interested in being part of Amplify, please speak with, call, or text Jeff or Heidi Betschart for more details. Come be part of the music and the joy — we'd love to have you!

JUBILANT RINGERS BELL CHOIR SCHEDULE



All rehearsals begin at 6:00pm

Thursday, April 16, 2026 - 6:00pm
Thursday, April 30, 2026 - 6:00pm
Thursday, May 7, 2026 - 6:00pm (Tentative)
Thursday, May 14, 2026 - 6:00pm
Thursday, May 28, 2026 - 6:00pm

CHOIR SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Praise 7:00
Sacred Sounds 7:30

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Praise 7:00
Sacred Sounds 7:30

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Praise 7:00
Sacred Sounds 7:30

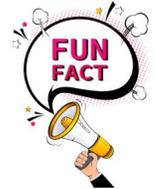
Thursday, April 30, 2026

Praise 7:00
Sacred Sounds 7:30



MUSIC FUN FACT!

The drum is the most basic of all instruments, and body percussion was first. Dating back to the earliest of cultures, drums were originally used for communication or ceremony. Dance and music have been historically connected and remain central to many cultures, which is why you see so many drums of varying construction and form today, often used together. By the end of the 1800s, the drum had become standardized in construction and assembled into “kits.”



(Source: https://www.yamaha.com/en/musical_instrument_guide/drums/structure/)

FOOD BANK



For the month of April, the Food Bank is requesting *canned dinners, meat, or fish* that can be dropped off in Calvary Parlor. They are also accepting cash and check donations. Please make checks payable to McDonald Presbyterian Church and indicate “Food Bank” on the memo line. Please contact Ed Nalesnick with any questions.

BLESSING BOX

Our Blessing Box, located outside the church office, is still thriving and blessing many community members.

We are always accepting donations of nonperishable food items. If you would like to contribute to this cause, food donations may be dropped off in the church office.

Calendar

April 1	Yahweh Wednesday ReNew Youth Group	Noon 6:00 p.m.
April 2	Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 p.m.
April 3-4	24-Hour Prayer Vigil	
April 5	Easter Sunday Ready, Set, Grow Mighty Men	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
April 6	Office Closed	
April 7	Hearts & Hands Fellowship Quarter-Life Crisis	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
April 8	ReNew Youth Group	6:00 p.m.
April 12	Ready, Set, Grow Mighty Men Deacon Meeting FMSC Purse Bingo	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon 1:00 p.m.
April 13	Lunch Ladies Session Meeting All-Leaders Meeting	Noon 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
April 14	Quarter-Life Crisis	6:30 p.m.
April 15	ReNew Youth Group	6:00 p.m.
April 17	Family Movie Night	6:00 p.m.
April 18	HSH Spaghetti Dinner	4-7 p.m.
April 19	Ready, Set, Grow Mighty Men Deacon Hospitality Children's Church Meeting	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Noon Noon
April 20	Rose Manor Worship Lamplighters	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
April 21	Quarter-Life Crisis	6:30 p.m.
April 22	ReNew Youth Group	6:00 p.m.
April 26	Ready, Set, Grow Mighty Men	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
April 27	Lunch Ladies Lamplighters	Noon 7:00 p.m.
April 28	Quarter-Life Crisis	6:30 p.m.
April 29	ReNew Youth Group	6:00 p.m.

Birthdays, Anniversaries



Brandon Yates	4/5
Sarah Amsler	4/6
Bodhi Jordan	4/7
Lily Jeannette	4/8
Scott Weiler	4/10
Nancy Falconer	4/10
Damien Shaffer	4/10
Katie Speer	4/12

Shannon McGinnis	4/13
Daniel Jordan	4/14
Emma Ware	4/15
Middy Ecker	4/15
Debbie McGinnis	4/20
Jim Brockman	4/22
Katie Martin	4/22
Caitlin Allen	4/24
Tina Kocian	4/25
Nancy Longstreth	4/26
Donna Klimas	4/26
Peggy Samarin	4/27
Jacob Weiler	4/28
Elsie Kovach	4/28
Adam Unruh	4/30

Lin & Ed Nalesnick	4/3
Lana & Sonny Gilbert	4/18
Patricia & Jon Sember	4/23
Molly & Tom Maxwell	4/27
Amber & Billy Wasko	4/29



SAVE THE DATES!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 22-26, 2026

SUMMER SERVICE WEEK: JULY 27-31, 2026

WORSHIP IN THE PARK: AUGUST 2, 2026

FMSC PACKING PARTY: SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

MCFALL FEST: OCTOBER 10, 2026



McDONALD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2026
NEWSLETTER

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Worship Site:
202 West Lincoln Avenue
McDonald, PA 15057

Office Location:
119 Station Street
McDonald, PA 15057

Phone: (724) 926-8561

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday

McDonald Presbyterian Church is a mid-sized congregation located in McDonald, PA that exists to honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ. Our worship, service and outreach are all focused on helping others experience the love of God and the joy that comes from knowing Him. We love what we do and who we are when we come together as a community of God's people. Our door is always open, and we look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our fellowship.

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED



Visit our website:
mcdonaldpres.org

Pastor

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GET CONNECTED ... BE ENGAGED

WORSHIP

Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. Calvary Center or
live on Facebook

Please join us for all of our Holy Week worship
services.

SAVE THE DATE

150th Anniversary Community Celebration Day: Sunday, May 31st:
special worship service with food trucks and special music
following— featuring Echo Valley Bluegrass & children's bounce
house, face painting, and more!

BE EXCITED

Café renovations should be complete by the end of
this month!

