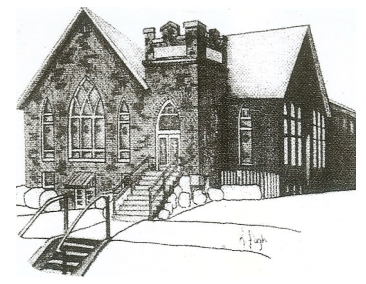


# MARS UP CHURCH



We are your hometown church: Faithful to Tradition, Loving in Fellowship & Reaching for Tomorrow!

April 2016

The author of the Book of Ecclesiastes begins the Third Chapter in this manner: “For Everything there is a season....” Last week was Holy Week, and of course, the Lenten season culminating in Easter. Yesterday on my way to Mars UP Church, I marveled at the fresh green blossoms on the trees and the green grass literally glowing in the sunshine. I am grateful for a never ending Easter, and of course, the seasonal changes. I rejoice in the renewal of a new season in my soul and surroundings. Again, we say....”in everything there is a season.”

Blessing, Terry

## CONFIRMATION 2015

On each Sunday from April 3rd thru May 1st eight young people from our congregation will participate in the 2016 Confirmation Class. The class will be taught by Rev Jackson, Rev. Stoops, along with our Youth Director, Justin Thomson. The primary purpose of the course will be to help the students to come to a clear understanding of

who Jesus Christ is as the Son of God, as the Savior who died to cleanse us from sin, and as the One who conquered death. We will also stress the way in which the Holy Spirit enlightens, empowers, and enables us through a greater knowledge of scripture and a disciplined personal prayer life to continue in the nourishment and development of our spiritual lives. We will discuss the organization of the church, but also emphasize the importance of being involved in the regular worship, education, ministry, fellowship, and mission of the church. All of this is intended to help each one of the students to be able to confirm the vows taken for them by their parents at Baptism by making their own personal profession of faith on Jesus Christ.

The members of the class are: Lily Christie , Mackenzie Courson, Emily Ivory, Riley Jackson, Sean McElhinny, Hannah Miller, Mason O’Byron, Clayton Pfeifer

The Public reception of the class will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th.

Please join with us and their parents in prayer throughout the next eight weeks. Pray this class may be for each of them a momentous and motivating experience that will have a positive, powerful, and productive impact on all of them throughout their life ahead.

Bill



# MEET our NEWEST MEMBERS

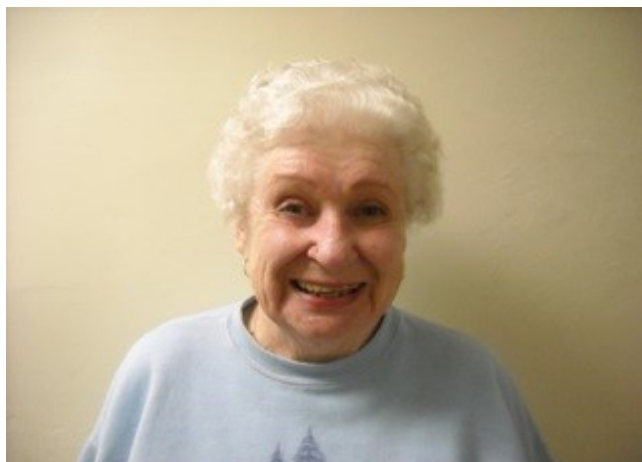


## **Roy Schmitt**

Roy was a former member of the Anglican church. His wife is Janice, who is already a member of the Mars UP Church. Roy and Janice live in Mars. They have three daughters. Roy is a retired chiropractic orthopedist. He had his practice in Mars for 40 years. He is a member of the A-Team and enjoys fly fishing and camping in his spare time.

## **Jessica Christie**

Jessica is originally from North Dakota but has lived in the Pittsburgh area for most of her adult life. While not Catholic, Jessica works as a family grief counselor for the Pittsburgh Diocese where she assists families in pre-planning burial and funeral arrangements. Jessica was raised in the Lutheran Church. Jessica's Mother's family are all Norwegian Lutherans. Jessica's Father's family are all German/British Presbyterians so she did spend a lot of time in the Presbyterian church as well. Jessica has three daughters: Emily, 24, is a middle school teacher in Chicago, Madeline, 22, is a senior at Bucknell University majoring in Biology, and Lily, 13 in April, is a 7th grader at Mars Middle School. She found Mars U P Church through a friend and is looking forward to joining our community. She is especially excited about our dynamic youth program for Lily. Jessica says "Thank you for having us".



## **Carol Cooney**

Carol has lived in the Mars area for over 35 years and is originally from Etna. She now lives at Penn-Mar plaza and is a close friend of Louise Snow. She retired from Napco where she worked for 15 years in the factory. She has three daughters, Patricia, Carol, & Paula. In her spare time, she enjoys puzzles and activities at Penn Mar. She joined in October of 2015. She is a beautiful 86 years

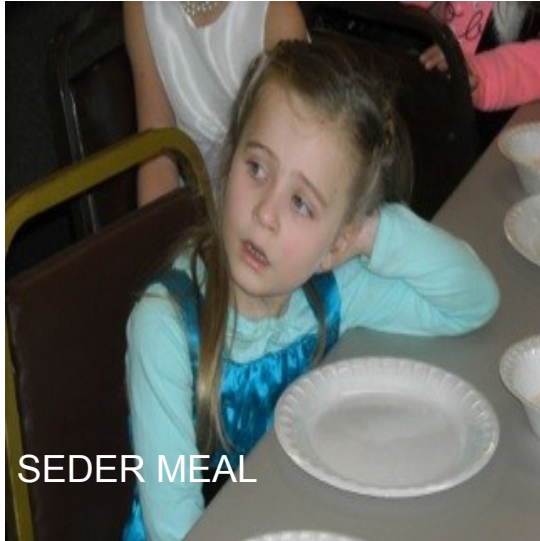
## **Deb Mallick**

Deb lives in Valencia with her husband Tim and their three children. Cole, 11, Garrett, 9, Hannah, 7. She enjoys farm animals and horses and lives on her family's farm. Her grandmother was Beulah Purvis, a life-long member of Mars UP Church. Deb previously attended Mars Alliance church for 10 years. Deb is a nurse and previously a social worker. She enjoys reading and gardening. Deb joined the church in October of 2015 with Carol Cooney.



# Look back at March

## Lenten Lunches



SEDER MEAL



EGG HUNT



# SAVE THE DATE



## JUNE 20 - 24

## 6:00pm to 8:30pm

At Cave Quest vacation bible school, kids experience God's word in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth— which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life! Come and meet your faith buddies— Sal, Oliver, Mawtha, Radar, Ray.

Please mark your calendars, registration forms will be available soon.

We will need many volunteers to minister to the children. Please consider how God can use you this summer to impact the lives of children in our community.

Questions or willing to volunteer? Please contact the church office @ 724-625-1365

Background Clearances are needed for Adults to participate and help with VBS. These are free and can be done at the church office.



## Volunteers for 2016

### April Nursery

April 3-Jenny Ivory

April 10-Becky Courson

April 17-Pat Auld

April 24-Sally Olsen

### April Greeters

Elder-Linda Moody Deacon-Ruth Wilson

### April Tarry N Talk Hosts

Membership Committee-Linda Lees, Dale Roos, Linda Moody, Bonnie McElhinny, Karen Goul, Jenny Ivory

### April Muffin Crew

April 3-Muffins

April 10-Pancake Breakfast

April 17-Muffins

April 24-Muffins

### April Flowers for Worship

Open– April 17th and April 24th

### Pastors Schedule for April

April 3-Rev. Terry Stoops, April 10– Rev. Bill Jackson



### REMEMBER!

⇒Bring non-perishable food donations the first Sunday of each month to support our local food bank!



⇒Deacons Kindness Offering (separate offering) is the second Sunday of the month.

### TARRY N TALK MUFFINS

Do you love those Muffins every Sunday? And Muffin Tops?

Do you enjoy baking? We are looking for volunteers to help make those delicious muffins. If you are interested in helping, please give the office a call or let Pam and Linda know of your interest.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” **Isaiah 6:8**



Our Muffin Experts:

**Pam Kennedy and Linda Lees**



**MUP YOUTH** are having a **\*\*Dining to Donate\*\*** day at Applebee's on Tuesday, April 19th from 11am to 9pm. It will be at the Rt. 228 location and Applebee's will donate 15% of your check to the Mars UP Youth Group. These funds will help with

the expenses for the Mission Trip to West Virginia in July. Come out and Support the MUP Youth group and "Enjoy A Meal That's Filling and Fulfilling"

Flyers are needed to participate and they will be available in the Tarry N Talk area and in your bulletins.

Any Questions, Please see Justin Thomson

Every Second Sunday the Deacons collect through offering, funds for the "Deacon Kindness". If you are wondering where these funds are utilized, the Deacons use these funds for members and community members that may have a emergency expense. These funds are also used every Christmas to buy gift cards for the Mars School District to give to families (who the school district is familiar with) that may need some assistance to add to their Christmas joy. MHY also receives \$1000.00 to help with the needs of the home. This program which the Deacons sponsor is a great way to help those who



are less fortunate in our area!

## **Greeters**

**Would you like to be a greeter for a Sunday or even for a month??? If you would like to meet members of the church, and have a chance to say "HI", consider volunteering to greet. This is a great way to know different people in the church.**

**Call the office or let Shelly know if you or your family would like to greet and hand out bulletins. This can be done at either service or both.**

## GET READY FOR THOSE SUMMER CAMPS

Christian camps have made a profound impact that really leads young people to Christ as well as a commitment to those first steps in serving others. Senator John Glenn talks in his biography about attending and working at a summer camp in Ohio when he was growing up in New Concord. It helped him become a more committed Christian and to learn skills in working with people that helped him throughout his life.

Help the youth of your church have the opportunity of Christian camping!

Here are two links from youtube to provide a short visual depiction of different things that are included in a week of camping at Westminster Highlands and Camp Lambec. Preview them and find appropriate ways to have youth view them and begin seeing what they might be interested in this summer. Why not email them to youth and their parents with the website to the camps home page so that registration can be simple click away!

Westminster Highlands video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yugFOUEVWFg>

Camp Lambec video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ugz\\_elblWA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ugz_elblWA)

Website for registration [www.capnwp.org](http://www.capnwp.org)

There is a printable version of the camp brochures for this summer on the home page of the website too. The color version of the camps brochures can be printed out or order some from the camper manager. Registration forms are available for you to print out too.

## Alma's Angels

Alma's Angels Kids Bell Choir will be offering SPECIAL music on May 1, 2016 at the 11am worship service. Don't miss this wonderful gift of praise through music. Practice will be during the Sunday School Hour starting April 3rd. If your child would like to participate, please have them there this Sunday.



## MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

Come and join us on April 10th for Pancakes and Sausage. On Sunday, April 10th at 8:30 the Membership committee will be serving Pancakes! Come and enjoy breakfast and then worship together at 10:00 service (Only one Service and no Sunday School) Take time to meet and greet members which you may not know from other services and enjoy some Mars UP fellowship.



Let's try and fill the Fellowship Hall!!

**JOIN your PNC on SUNDAY, APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the classroom adjacent to fellowship hall or following church at 11 am in the board room for continued discussion on MUP's pastoral search process.**

### **Small group Discussion Questions**

What are your emerging needs? Is MUP meeting your needs? Where/how can MUP improve? Consider both individual and church needs.

What aspects of this congregation do you and/or your family most value? (Examples include: Fellowship? Worship style? Youth ministry? Community care? Sermons? Bible study groups?)

Where is MUP relevant in the community? Where else could MUP be in the community? What role does the new pastor play in the community? What is our congregation's role in the community?

How can MUP expand its ministry with children and youth?  
How do you describe Mars and MUP? (From outside looking into this community of faith and from inside the community looking out.)

Your PNC intends to submit the Mission Information Form to Session and The Presbytery for approval at the end of April. PNC has been working on this form for weeks. Your PNC wants to hear from you as they finalize this document. The questions above are a guideline for discussion.



# MARS UP STUDENT MINISTRY PAGE

What you need to Know about!

*Let's Check out what's going on this month  
for Mars UP Student Ministry!*

**APRIL**

4/3 - Normal YG

4/10 - Normal YG

4/17 - Normal YG

4/19 - Applebee's Fundraiser 11am - 9pm

**\*\*Dining & Donate\*\***

4/23 - Saturday Middle School MERGE Retreat.

4/24 - HS YG ONLY \*6-8:30pm.

**MERGE!**

**A one day Middle School  
Retreat...**

**Sat. April 23rd from 10am-9pm**

Visit [www.whatismerge.com](http://www.whatismerge.com)

**for all the details!**

**Looking ahead to May,  
June, and July...**

Sat. May 21st - Chicken BBQ  
fundraiser for WV trip

June 20-24 - MUP VBS week! 6-  
8:30pm each evening

June 29-July 3rd - Creation Fest!!

July 24-29 - WV Mission Trip!

**MINI - MUPS IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**



# April 2016

**Tarry N Talk Hosts:** Membership  
Committee: Linda Lees, Dale Roos,  
Linda Moody, Bonnie McElhinny,  
Karen Goul, Jenny Ivory

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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<b>3</b> 8:30 Early Worship -Communion 11:00 Morning Worship 9:45 Sunday School 5:30 Middle YG 7:00 High YG <b>Nursery: Jenny Ivory</b>	<b>4</b> 1:30 Women's Bible Study  6:30 B & Grounds Mtg.	<b>5</b> 9am A-Team  6:30 M & O meeting	<b>6</b> 9:00a.m. Material Girls  7:00p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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## SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ April 3-Confirmation Class Begins thru May 8th
- ◆ April 10-Membership Celebration Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ April 10-One Worship Service at 10:00
- ◆ April 19-Dining to Donate @ Applebee's
- ◆ May 1-Alma's Angels play Bells



**Where are those Eggs Hidden????**

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