

MARS UP CHURCH



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

February 2017

Reflections from Pastor Ed,

If you studied Latin in high school or college you might remember the following, which might have been the first words you learned in the language: Amo, amas, amat, amamus, amatis, and amanti. For those of you who didn't take Latin or don't have total recall from years past, the above words in Latin mean in English: I love, You love, He, She, or It loves, We love, You (plural) love, and They love. Isn't it interesting that the first thing most students of Latin learned was how to say "love" in the present active tense?

February has a few holidays that we Americans celebrate in the month but the most celebrated is Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is one of those days when we have a ready made reason to say, "I love you" to folks in their lives. Maybe you can remember the excitement or the dread of handing out Valentine's cards and receiving cards in elementary or primary school. If you were fortunate, you received cards and candy from everyone in the class. If you were not fortunate, you only received a few cards from classmates or none at all. As adults we give each other cards, flowers, boxes of Russell Stover or dark chocolate truffles by Godiva, and special meals to express our love for each other.

I wish I could send each of you a box of your favorite chocolates or take you to dinner at the Springfield Grille on Valentine's Day. Alas, I cannot. But, I do wish to express my growing love and affection for each member and friend of the Mars United Presbyterian Church. As Marian and I prepare to move to Mars, we are filled with emotions, excitement, and anticipation as we look forward to what God has in store for all of us.

Before he arrived in Rome, the Apostle Paul wrote the followers of Jesus who lived there, "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

In just a few weeks we will join each of you in ministry in Mars. Until then, we will keep you all in our prayers, because like Paul, I long to see you... that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

With Christ's Love for All,

Pastor Ed

PEEK N PEAK—2017 Winter Retreat

February 10th thru 12th



Take to the slopes and join us for a weekend away at the magical and wonderful Peek n Peak Ski Resort! Peak n Peak offers something for everyone: Skiing, snowboarding, winter sports, pool and hot tub, and much more!

This year we are arriving at Peek N Peak on Friday, February 10th thru February 12th

Deacon Kindness

Deacons Kindness Offering (separate offering) will be on February 12, 2017

Please consider helping with this out-reach project.

Deacons use this funding to help those who have special financial needs in the community and surrounding areas.

The Deacons at year-end support the local schools, MHY, and others with a year end donation. Look for a summary in March Newsletter.

Food Bank

Food Bank Collection every first Sunday of the month. Please drop off items in the Tarry N Talk. All non-perishable items welcomed.

Thank You for your support!



Spaghetti Dinner 2011



Congratulations to our Basket Winners:

Dick & Eleanor Urban, Amy Lauten, Heather Baumgartel, Nancy Govan, Rachel Stigerwald, Carol McElhinny, Ruth Wilson, Mary Ellen Grau, Carolyn and Bruce Golden, Laura Ellis

A Special Thank You to everyone who donated baskets and to Jenny Ivory for organizing this addition to the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.



Valencia Presbyterian Church &
Mars United Presbyterian Church
Invite you to...



WHERE? Valencia Presbyterian Church
80 Sterrett Street, Valencia

WHEN? Wednesdays, February 1st – April 12th

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Small Groups (all ages) from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

WHAT? Max Lucado “Life Lessons: The Book of Revelation”

In Revelation, the apostle John enlightens us on how he was blessed with a chance to preview the end of the world and the triumphant battle of good vs. evil. Through his vision, he saw God’s Justice and we are assured a great victory. In Max Lucado’s Life Lessons study guide on the book of Revelation, Lucado helps to examine its meaning and reassures us of a victorious outcome as we await the final curtain call.

Dinner Menu

February 1st

Pasta w/meat sauce
Salad

February 8th

Pizza

February 15th

Mini Ham Loaves
Baked Potatoes
Vegetable

February 22nd

Tex Mex Casserole
Salad

March 1st

Soup
Salad

March 15th

Breakfast Casserole
Salad

March 22nd

Pizza and Salad

March 29th

Spaghetti w/Meatballs
Salad

April 5th

Macaroni & Cheese
Vegetable and Salad

April 12th

Fried Chicken
Potatoes

Volunteering for 2017

February Nursery

February 5– Lisa Aaron

February 12-Diane Wentling

February 19-Carolyn Golden

February 26-Maddie Thomson

February Greeters

Elder– Linda Moody and Deacon-Mary Ann Croop

February Tarry N Talk Hosts

Worship Committee: Ron Weaver, Ira Baumgartel
Alice Leonberg, MaryAnn Croop, Janie Aiken, Linda Lees

February Muffin Crew

February 5-Cookies

February 12– Donuts/Jan & Terry Stoops

February 19-Cake

February 26-Pam & Linda

February Flowers for Worship

February 26th available

Pastors Schedule for February

February 5th—Rev. Dr. William Jackson

February 12th– Rev. Terry Stoops

February 19th-Rev. Dr. William Jackson

February 26th- Rev. Boyce

Per Capita Assessment

It is that time of year, our individual Per Capita Assessment is due to the Butler Beaver Presbytery. We are requested to pay **\$43.34** to them **per member** of congregation of confirmation age and older. You can place your assessments in the offertory and ear mark it for your Per Capita Assessments. Many wonder what this money does for us....well, this year we are particularly enjoying the fruits of the Presbytery helping place interim pastors in our midst to help us through our transition in Reverends Bill Jackson and Terry Stoops. In addition, they provide support in negotiating salaries, insurances and pensions with our pastors and employees. Most importantly they provide a resource for us to tap into when we are in need of guidance. Please consider paying your Per Capita Assessment as soon as possible as we partner with our Presbytery to become stronger, smarter and more cohesive. As always, we give thanks for your generosity and support.

Thank You Mars UP Church from Glade Run Food Bank

Dear Friends,

Thank You very much for your support of the Food Bank/Clothing Place. It is the community's way of sharing God's love and warmth. May all of you have a Blessed New Year.

With Christian Love,
The Boaz House
Sally McIntyre, treasurer



Walk-In Communion—March 1st (5pm to 7:30pm)

Our Ash Wednesday service is a very informal, personal worship. We've invited you to attend as you are able, come as you are, and depart when you desire. Our worship service will be made of three components which are: Preparation: Take time to quietly read a few worship aids which will be provided. These will help you to prepare for the partaking of the elements of the Last Supper. Meditation: Periodic readings from young people, members, and the music department. The Celebration of Communion: When you feel you are ready, come forward to receive the elements.

Lenten Lunches—Every Friday at 12 noon

Every Friday at 12 noon the community is invited to enjoy lunch and a special guest speaker. There is no charge for the lunch; however donations will be received. Come and Fellowship with us on March 4th for our first Lenten Lunch. We will be serving soups, sandwiches, salads and dessert.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Upcoming Lent and Easter

3/1/2017	5pm	Ash Wednesday—Walk-In Communion
3/4 4/14	12pm	Lenten Luncheon with various Speakers
4/9	8:30 & 11am	Palm Sunday Worship Services
4/13	TBD	Maundy Thursday
4/14	12pm	Good Friday Luncheon with Worship Service
4/16	8:30 & 11am	Easter Worship Services

We love because
He first loved us.

1 John 4:19

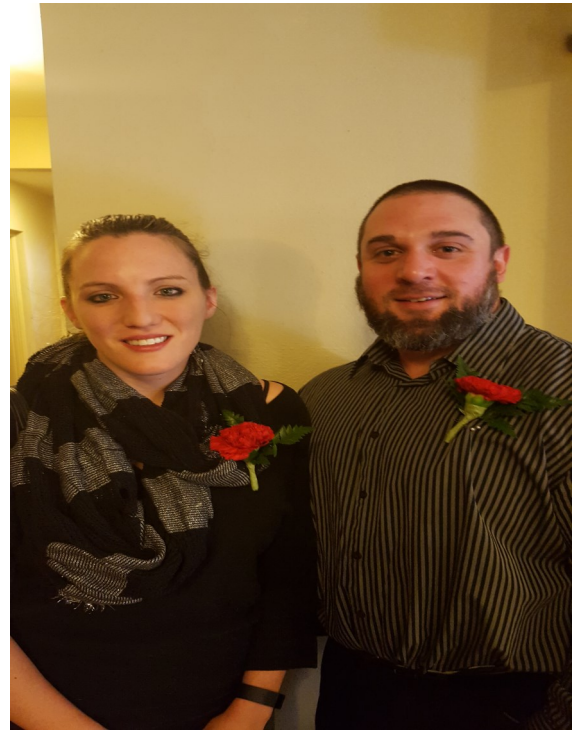


Our Newest Members of Mars UP Church



Barbara Templeton

Barbara has been attending Mars UP Church for number of years and enjoys our church and its members. Barbara has three grown children. She is retired and enjoys reading, walking and her 8 grandchildren. She also attends the Mars UP Women's bible study.



Katie Tyler (Strayley)

Katie comes to us from St. Ferdinand church and is a Special Education Teacher. She is engaged to Matthew Strayley and will be getting married on June 10, 2017. She enjoys reading, working out and spending time with friends and family.

Matthew Strayley

Matthew come to us from Knox Presbyterian church and is an Insurance Agent. He enjoys sports, comics and weight-lifting.



Joe and Carley Stoy

Joe and Carley live in Adams Ridge, Mars. They have a 6 month old daughter, Cara. Joe is an Analyst for Dicks Sporting Goods and Carley is a Physician Assistant in Pittsburgh.

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!***

February 2017

2/5- Super Bowl Party @ The Badger's 156 Huch Rd.

****Departure time is flexible based on each family's
schedule and how the timing of the game works out**

2/10-12 MUP Family Ski Trip

- No YG on Sunday Feb. 12th

2/19—Normal Youth Group

2/26— Normal Youth Group

3/1—Ash Wednesday Service

3/3—First Lenten Lunch

***Thank You everyone
who came to support
our Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser last Month!!***

***We raised a strong portion
of what we need to get us
started towards our trip to
Webster Springs WV this
summer.***

God Bless!

Justin Thomson



***Happy
Valentine's
Day***

February 2017

Tarry N Talk: Worship Committee Ron Weaver, Ira Baumgartel, Alice Leonberg, MaryAnn Croop, Janie Aiken, Linda Lees

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5 8:30 Early Worship/ 9:30am M & O Mtg. 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worsh 12:15 CE Meeting 6:00 Youth Group Super Bowl/Badgers Nursery: Lisa Aaron	6 1:30p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30p.m. Bldgs & Grounds Mtg.	7 9am A-Team 7:00 p.m. AA	8 9:00a.m. Material Girls 6:00 GROW 7:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9 10:00 am "Fiber Arts" meet. 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg.	10 5:30 pm Leave for Peek N Peak Ski Trip	11 Peek N Peak Ski Trip
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SAVE THE DATE!

- ♦ **February 5— Communion @ 8:30 Service**
- ♦ **February 10—12 Peek N Peak Ski Trip , Cymer, NY**
- ♦ **February 14— Happy Valentine's Day**
- ♦ **March 1—Ash Wednesday/ Walk In Communion**
- ♦ **March 3— First Lenten Lunch @ 12:00 p.m.**
- ♦ **March 5— Communion at 8:30 and 11:00 services**



Rev. Jackson baptizing Cara

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Stop by the office, email or give us a call for more information.

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We're also on Facebook!!

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Sunday's at 8:30 & 11

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