MARS UP CHURCH



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

March 2017

"March: in like a lamb, out like a lion" is a common idiom used to describe March. Normally, when March begins winter is hanging around like ill-fitting clothing. It's still cold and some of the largest snowfalls in my lifetime have fallen in March. Yet, part of the way through March a shift happens. The temperatures warm up, flowers begin to push their way up from the soil, trees begin to bud and bloom, and folks tired of dressing like "Nanook of the North" in their warmest winter clothing tentatively begin to wear flip flops, shorts, and tee shirts at every chance.

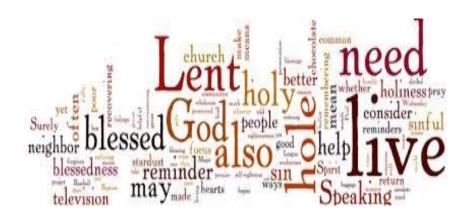
This year in churches all over the world, Lent begins March 1 with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the traditional start of Lent and begins with a vivid reminder of death. Many Christians begin their Lenten journey with the words "Dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return". They will be marked on their foreheads with ashes in the shape of the cross. The Ash Wednesday words echo language from the funeral liturgy, "Ashes to ashes and dust to dust."

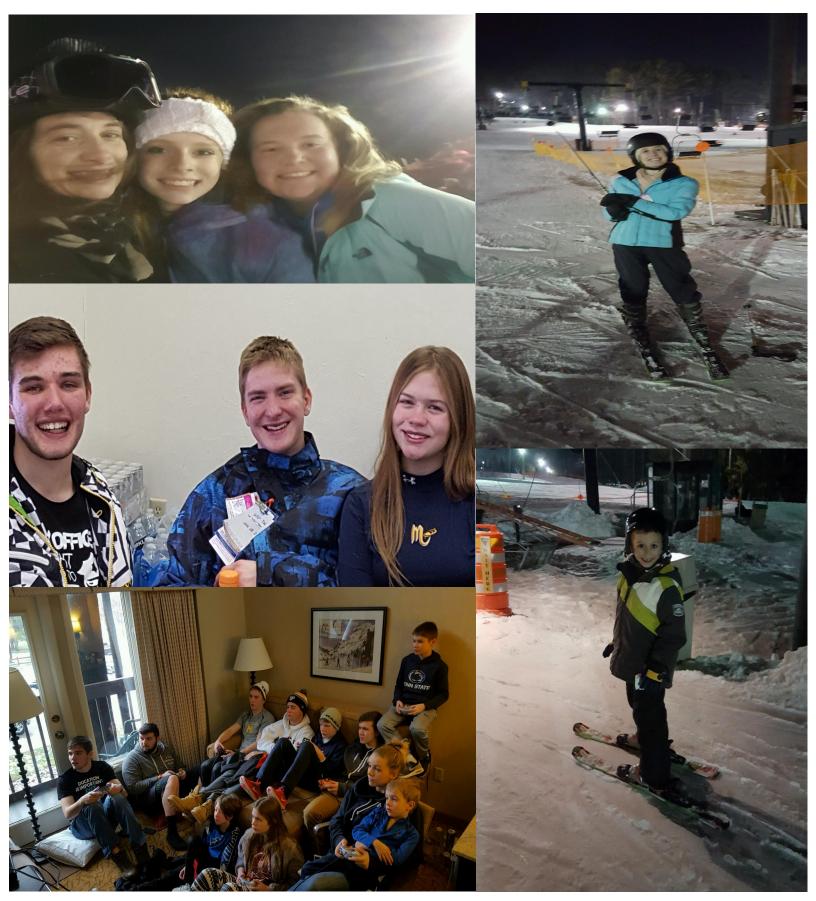
As a congregation, we gather Wednesday evening to begin our Lenten journey. During this time, we will travel with Jesus as he journeys towards Jerusalem. We will encounter Jesus as he enters Holy Week as the sacrificial lamb of the Jewish Passover who will die the death of a criminal on the cross. Our journey is completed on Easter morning when the resurrected Jesus appears, like the Lion of Judah, ready to ascend to his Heavenly Father to take his rightful place on his throne.

I pray you will all join in this Lenten journey as we join Jesus as he sets his face towards Jerusalem and the glory of the resurrection.

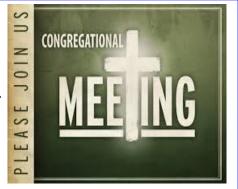
With Christ's Love for All,

Pastor Ed





There will be a congregational Meeting on March 5, 2017 at 10:00 am to approve the sale of the Reese Property. All are asked to attend.



Howard Meeder will be turning 99 on March 11th. Please shower him with cards and **Birthday Wishes!**

Howard Meeder 5850 Meridian Road Apt. 511A Gibsonia, PA 15044



Isabel Boynton will be turning 91 on March 28th. Please shower her with cards and Birthday Wishes!

in March.

The church is required to have

That meeting will be on March

16th at 7:00 in the Board

All Deacons and Elders are

There will not be an Deacon

Meeting on the Fourth Monday

one combined Elder/Deacon

meeting each year.

asked to attend.

Room.

Isabel Boynton 535 Beaver Street Ext. Mars, PA 16046

Deacon Update

With the generosity of the Mars UP congregation the Deacon's Kindness fund at Christmas helped five children from different families and a family of five. The Mars UP Deacons work closely with the Mars Area School district to bring Christmas to families that would not be able to provide those special memories we all take for granted Christmas Morning. As we move forward into 2017 the Deacon Kindness fund will continue to supply needs as they arise in the community.

The Mars UP Deacons greatly appreciate your support every month.

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.

is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

-MARK TWAIN

March Nursery

March 5-Jenny Ivory

March 12-Sally Olsen

March 19-Keith Nichols

March 26-Marcia Rymarchyk

March Muffin Crew

March 5

March 12 Pam and Linda

March 19

March 26 Pam and Linda

Volunteers for 2017

March Greeters

Elder- Marie Matthews & Deacon- Louise Fox

March Tarry N Talk Hosts

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Bill Guesman, Bob Riefer, Steve Martin, Ruth Wilson, Pat Auld, Jay Wilson

March Flowers for Worship

No Available Sundays in March



Mars United Presbyterian Church

2017 Easter Flowers

Your order for Easter Flowers will help to enhance the beauty of our church sanctuary. You may take your flowers with you following worship on Easter Sunday or designate them for a shut-in by checking the line below. Orders must be placed by Sunday, April 9, 2017

Easter Lilies \$7.50		Tulips \$7.00	White Pink	Yellow -	_ Red
Daffodils \$7.00					
Shut-in In honor of:					
In memory of:					
Ву:					
Please prepay your ord	der and place it i	n the offering ba	sket, or bring it	to the church of	fice.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Mars UP Church will be participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing through Easter. One Great Hour of Sharing is a mission project through Presbyterian Mission Agency. When giving to this mission, you'll join in ministries that provide food and safe water to people in need, hope to those overcoming catastrophe and conflict, and resources to disadvan-

taged and oppressed communities striving to better their lives. Your gift, united with the talents and gifts of those who receive it, serves to create a more resilient, just, and sustainable future.

Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

Look for envelopes in the pews to contribute.



Lenten Lunches Start March 3rd through April 14th (Good Friday) at 12:00 Noon

SPEAKING SCHEDULE:

March 3rd—Karl Kennedy

Potato Soup, Chicken Noodle, Sloppy Joes, and Broccoli Slaw Salad, Trifle

March 10th—Rev. Jim Kirk

Potato Soup, Mushroom Barley, Ham BBQ, Kale Salad, and Cookies

March 17th—Rev. Peter DeVries

Potato Soup, Vegetable Soup, Cold Cuts, Sally's Salad and Pistachio Pudding

March 24th—Rev. Gary Weston

Potato Soup, Stuffed Pepper Soup, Egg Salad Sandwiches, Broccoli- Cauliflower Salad

March 31st- Tom McMeekin

Potato Soup, Tortellini Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Jell-O Salad and Brownies

April 7th—Rev. Ed Boyce

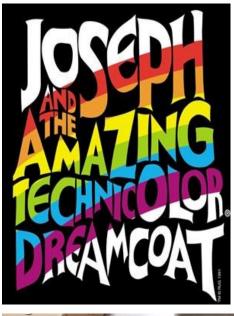
Potato Soup, Chili, Doggie Tails, Cole Slaw, and Cake

April 14th—Good Friday—Mars Ministrium

Potato Soup, Tomato Soup, Egg Salad, Tuna Salad Sand., Broccoli Salad and Make your own Sundae Dessert



ALL ARE WELCOME! There is no charge, but donations are appreciated!



Pine Richland High School presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

Free Senior citizen show Thursday 3/9/17 at 4PM - No tickets required

Pine Richland High School, 400 Warrendale Road, Gibsonia PA

Other show dates 3/10, 3/11, 3/17, and 3/18, more info at www.pinerichland.org



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!

March

(Lent, a time to re-focus on the Cross) 3/5 – Normal Youth Group

3/12 – Extended Youth Group. MS 4:30-6:30, HS 7-9pm. 630-7 Parent/Students celebrate MUP Youth Ministry with Justin and Maddie

3/19 - Transition time, Youth Group ScheduleTBD. Announcements through Email list 3/26- TBD

Friends,

This is not goodbye, but THANK YOU and see you later!

Parents, Families, and Friends you have all made the success of our Student Ministry possible by picking up and dropping off and getting your students to our events and gatherings. With my absence my hope and prayer is that what we have built will only get stronger as we are tested to trust God and lean into His ultimate Understanding. Mars UP Church will be led by a new Pastor and will soon have a new Director of Student Ministries. Know that I will be with you all in spirit and prayer and that the relationships we have forged will not disappear once my position changes, but that we get to be "your friends from the



Dear Friends at Mars UP Church

When we began our time as your interim ministers fourteen months ago we could never have imagined what a blessing it would be to partner with and for you in this mission and ministry. We will be forever grateful for your prayers and support, the clear evidence of your faith in Jesus Christ, your co-operation and commitment, your participation and service, and most of all, your warm love and friendship. Memories of all of your gifts to us will last for years.

And we will also not forget your generosity of spirit made so evident in the lovely farewell luncheon and thoughtful gift. Thank You!

Probably the best way to express this comes from one of the texts from the sermon on February 26th. "We will always Thank God every time we remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of our prayers for all of you, because of your partnership in sharing in the ministry of the gospel, from the first day, (11-29-15 until now, 2-28 -2017." And, also, from that same text: "(We) are confident that the One who began a good work in you will bring it to completion in the Day of Christ!" (Philippian's 1: 3-6)

Finally, the best way we can conclude this note is to use the phrase that J.S. Bach put at the end of every one of his compositions:

SOLE DEO GLORIA (To God alone be the glory!)

May God continue to Bless you in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.

thank you!

Bill and Terry

Tarry N Talk Host: **Buildings & Grounds:** Bill Guesman, Bob Riefer, Steve Martin, Ruth Wilson, Jay Wilson, Pat Auld.

March 2017

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SAVE THE DATE!

- ♦ March 1—Ash Wednesday
- March 3rd thru April 14th—Lenten Lunches
- ♦ March 5- Communion Both Services and Congregational Meeting
- ♦ April 13- Maundy Thursday
- ♦ April 14- Good Friday Service following Luncheon
- ♦ April 16 -Easter Celebration 8:30 and 11:00
- April 30
 – Membership Celebration Pancake Breakfast



Pastor Bill's Daughter, Anne sharing Youth Group one of her many talents!

Maddie, Olivia, and Emily at Youth Group

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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!

Join us for Worship Sunday's at 8:30 & 11

Prayer Chain: njaiken@zoominternet.net

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