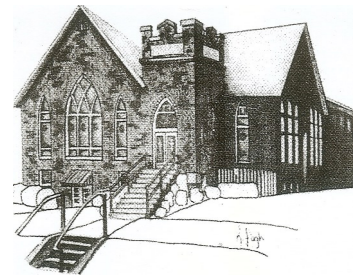


MARS UP CHURCH



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

APRIL 2017

- "Here cometh April again, and as far as I can see the world hath more fools in it than ever."
Charles Lamb
- "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." William Shakespeare
- "Sweet April showers do spring May flowers." Thomas Tusser
- "April is a promise that May is bound to keep." Hal Borland

As you can tell by these quotes, the month of April has a mixed reputation in literary circles. However, this year April is special to Christians as the Season of Lent ends and we celebrate the events of Holy Week and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. At church, we will have several opportunities for worship in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Our final Lenten Luncheon will be Friday, April 14th. We will host the Community Good Friday service with the Mars Ministrium at noon on the 14th. We will celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, April 9th. We will remember the events of the Last Supper at a Maundy Thursday service, the evening of April 13th at 6:00 p.m. Finally, on Sunday the 16th we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus during our Easter Sunday services. I hope that between Easter egg hunts, eating jelly beans, and Cadbury Easter Eggs, you and your family will make time to worship and celebrate Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.

Pastor Ed



LENTEN LUNCHES



HAPPY 91ST BIRTHDAY ISABEL
BOYNTON



WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC????????????????

Announcing the Mars UP Attic. We would like to create a list of various household medical equipment items that our MUP members have and are willing to lend. Items such as a shower chair, bedside rail, raised toilet seat, wheelchair, etc. These could be used for relatives coming for a brief visit, or anyone recovering from a surgery or illness. We don't have the space to warehouse the items at church, but we would like to keep a list of "who has what" in order to match the right items with the right needs. In exchange, we would ask for a donation to the Deacon's Kindness Fund. If you have something that you think might be useful to someone, please send your name and contact info, along with a description of the item you have to lend, to Diane Wentling at diwent9@gmail.com, call her at 724-625-0208, or speak to her at church. Thank you!

Deacon Update

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

Recent giving from the Deacon Kindness Offering was disbursed as:

Pine Valley Bible Camp \$2000.00

Mars Home for Youth \$1000.00

The Lighthouse \$1000.00

The Deacons thank you for all your support.

REMEMBER!

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



FEED THE HUNGRY

Volunteers for 2017

APRIL Nursery

April 2—Amy Lauten

April 9—Marcia Rymarchyk

April 16— Missy Wells

April 23--Marcia Rymarchyk

April 30-Heather Baumgartel

APRIL Greeters

Elder— Sally Olsen & Deacon— Jay Wilson

APRIL Tarry N Talk Hosts

Membership Committee: Deb Mallick, Linda Moody, June Stirling, Karen Goul, Bonnie McElhinny, Lisa Engle

APRIL Muffin Crew

April 2-

April 9— Pam and Linda

April 16-

April 23 —Pam and Linda

April 30 -

APRIL Flowers for Worship

Sundays available for Flowers are April 2nd and
Palm Sunday, April 16th



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 _____ Yellow _____ Red _____
Pink _____

Daffodils \$7.00 _____

Shut-in _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

By: _____

Please prepay your order and place it in the offering basket, or bring it to the church office.

Flowers can be taken home after the Easter Services

Lenten Lunches April 7th through April 14th(Good Friday) at 12:00 Noon

SPEAKING SCHEDULE:

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!

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 disadvantaged 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. Final collection will be

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2016



Special Thank You

To a Wonderful Congregation. How can we say "Thank you" for our 16 months of ministry with you? We will always remember your love and support. We cannot express our thanks enough for the monetary gift, and all the kind expressions you have shared with us.

Philippians 1:3 says it so well; "We thank our God upon every remembrance of you."

Bill and Vail - Terry and Jan

Addresses:

Bill and Vail Jackson
201 Timbercrest Trail
Valencia, PA 16059

Terry and Jan Stoops
165 Steeplechase Circle
Gibsonia, PA 15044

Justin and Maddie Thomson
1518 Brighton Road Apt. #2
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Membership & Mission Breakfast

On April 30th you are invited to a Membership & Mission pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The purpose of the breakfast is to celebrate the membership of the church—recognizing long-serving members & new members in the past year. The Mission & Outreach Committee will be offering the opportunity to grow more familiar with several mission opportunities around us.

It will be a great morning! I hope you are able to join us! As always...especially when food and faith is involved...ALL ARE WELCOME!

There will not be any Sunday School on April 30th for all to enjoy the Breakfast.



MiniMUP COMPASSION FUNDRAISER!

April 9th after both Services

MINIMUP COMPASSION FUNDRAISER will be held in Tarry N Talk area on Sunday, April 9th to raise funds for our Compassion children. There will be a diverse selection of crafts, gifts, and cards to purchase. The funds raised will help support our 2 Compassion Children: Bancheamlak (Ethiopia), Phiona (Uganda)

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME DEVOTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK LEADING UP TO EASTER?

If so, try to include these in your weekly devotions

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 9th Matthew 21:1—11; Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Monday of Holy Week Isaiah 42: 1-9, Psalms 36:5-11; Hebrews 9: 11-15; John 12: 1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week Isaiah 49: 1-7; Psalms 71:1-14; I Corinthians 1: 18-31; John 12:20- - 36

Wednesday of Holy Week Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrew 12: 1-3; John 13:21– 32

Maundy Thursday Exodus 12: 1-4 (5-10), 11 –14; Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12, Psalms 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5: 7-9, John 18: 1-19:42

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Pascal Dinner & Service—April 13th

In preparation for Easter, come enjoy a quiet, solemn dinner

With Communion in the Mars UP Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. Reservations required.

See bulletin for RSVP card or call the Church Office.



Easter Sunrise Service

Join us **6:20 a.m.**

EASTER MORNING

MHY FAMILY SERVICES



521 Route 228
Mars, PA 16046

mhyfamilyservices.org



All Are Welcome • Outdoor Service • Rain or Shine

Hosted by: Dutilh United Methodist Church & Valencia Presbyterian Church

He is Risen!

Sunday, April 16, 2017

8:30am & 11am

No Sunday School

EASTER
EASTER SUNDAY



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

4/2—NORMAL YOUTH GROUP

4/9—NORMAL YOUTH GROUP

4/16—**HAPPY EASTER—HE IS RISEN**

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

NO YOUTH GROUP—ENJOY TIME WITH FAMILIES

4/23— NORMAL YOUTH GROUP

4/30— PANCAKE BREAKFAST / NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

NORMAL YOUTH GROUP

**WE NEED TO
KNOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

CREATION.....

*Creation is scheduled for
June 28th thru July 2nd. If
you would like to go,
please let the office, Angela
Guesman or Pastor Ed
know of your interests.
There is a sign-up sheet in
the Tarry N Talk on the
bulletin board for the
Youth.*





Friends of the Mars Area Public Library

&

The Women's Club of Mars

Present:

Brain Health

with Speaker

Paul David Nussbaum, Ph.D., ABPP

President and Founder: Brain Health Center, Inc.

&

Clinical Neuropsychologist Adjunct Professor of
Neurological Surgery
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Thursday, April 13th, 2017

2:00 PM

At the Mars Area Public Library

107 Grand Avenue, Mars, PA 16046

Open to the Public

No Admission Fee

WE NEED YOU !!!!!

The following are a few opportunities for you to give back:

- ⇒ Children's Ministry (assist or lead kids' activities during 11am service)
- ⇒ Greeter (put to work one of your gifts and welcome people to worship)
- ⇒ Sponsor Flowers for Sunday Worship
- ⇒ Nursery Rotation (volunteer in nursery once a year)
- ⇒ Sunday Morning Muffin Bakers.
- ⇒ Youth Group Sunday Evenings (Lead games, help with food, supply snacks, female leader, play an instrument and lead songs, help clean up after youth group)

If you are interested and available to help with any of the above, please contact the office. 724-625-1365



**PITTSBURGH
THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY**

Rev. Dr. Jackson will receive The Distinguished Alumni Award for Pastoral Ministry at Pittsburgh

Theological Summary on April 26th. He will preach at the chapel at 11:30, followed by a luncheon, an afternoon panel with the other

award winners and conclude with the awards banquet in the evening.

All our welcome and invited to attend.

"What's your sign?"
"what's your major?"
"In what industry do you work?"

All three of these questions and more like it are common questions asked when you meet someone for the first time. If you grew to adulthood in the 1960's, you knew your astrological sign and realized people were interested in knowing it. If you attended college, you were asked what your major was every time you met a new person. As an adult, when you meet someone they are likely to ask about your work to size you up and to pigeon hole you.

I'd like to share nine things with you to help you get to know me and my understanding of ministry. In no particular order:

1. Please call me Pastor Ed or Ed. Some churches automatically use more formal titles to address their pastors. Often it is simply out of respect, but it can inadvertently create a sense of distance. I am happy and content with all members, children, youth and adults calling me Pastor Ed or by my first name.
2. My study door is always open, literally and figuratively. This way I am more accessible. As a rule, I do not meet with folks of the opposite gender behind a closed door. If the door is closed, a rare occurrence, it probably means I'm on a phone call or in a private meeting. Other than that, you are welcome to drop in and say hi. I always encourage folks to call the church in advance before coming by to see me specifically, that way I can make sure to be available. Please feel free to call my cell phone or text me at 910-695-6089.
3. My calling to be a good husband and good father is as important to me as my calling to be a good pastor. Incidentally, this does not mean that serving you is any less of a priority. In fact, I've found that, by always striving to honor my family relationships and responsibilities, I'm a much better pastor to and with you.
4. I will make mistakes, even huge mistakes. As I do, I hope you will let me know so I can keep from making them again. No one likes to admit they make mistakes, but I can promise you that at some point I will. I'm also sure that, at some time, I will do something that may upset you. By coming to me and letting me know personally, you give me a tremendous gift: an opportunity to grow as a pastor and to build a stronger relationship with you.
5. We're a team! My leadership style with staff and the Session centers around a team approach that is founded in mutual trust and respect, and keeping open lines of communication. My experience is that a church functions at a much higher level, and lives into its vision more efficiently, when this is the case.
6. The church is not here to meet people's needs, the church is here to meet God's needs. I once read about a minister who would share this at the beginning of her church's new member class. It caught people off-guard at first, but eventually they came to see the truth in it. I believe churches that understand the heart of this put themselves in a much better position to grow and thrive. The great thing? When we focus on meeting God's needs first - in the church, community and world - we find our own needs are met as well!
7. I believe we in the church are called to respond to God's amazing grace and love in at least three ways:
 - Giving our TIME (being present in the body of Christ)
 - Giving our TALENT (putting our individual, unique gifts in practice for the church's ministry)

Giving our TREASURE (our financial response)

My goal, through my preaching, pastoring, and leading, is to live this out in my own life while equipping you to do the same.

8. Love will guide the way. The guiding force in everything I do as your pastor- preaching, teaching, pastoral care, staff empowerment, church visioning- will always be centered in the love of Jesus and sharing and fostering that love. If I err, I will always do my best to err on the side of love.
9. While I am always available in the event of an emergency, Mondays will typically be my day off. Tuesday through Friday, Sunday and sometimes Saturdays I am in the Pastor's Study, in the building, at a hospital, or some meeting or visit. It is usually best to call ahead to catch me in the office, but I welcome and encourage conversation and communication with church members and friends.

Pastor Ed

April 2017

Tarry N Talk-**Membership Committee**, Deb Mallick, Linda Moody, June Stirling, Karen Goul, Bonnie McElhinny, Lisa Engle

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28:30 Early Wsp 9:45am M & O 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Wsp 12:15 Christian Ed 5:30 p.m. MSYG 7:00 p.m. HS YG Nursery: Amy Lauten	31:30p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Griefshare 6:30p.m. Bldgs & Grounds Mtg.	4 9am A-Team 7:00 p.m. AA	5 9:00a.m. Material Girls 6:00 GROW 6:00 worship mtg 7:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6	7 12 Noon—Lenten Lunch	8
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SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ April 9— “EGG’S TRAVAGANZA
- ◆ April 13- Maundy Thursday
- ◆ April 14—Good Friday Service following Luncheon
- ◆ April 16—Sunrise Service @ MHY
- ◆ April 16—Easter Celebration 8:30 am and 11:00 am
- ◆ April 16—One Great Hour of Sharing (final Sunday Collection)
- ◆ April 30- Membership Celebration Pancake Breakfast



Meeder Family celebrating Howard's 99th Birthday!

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Sunday's at 8:30 & 11

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