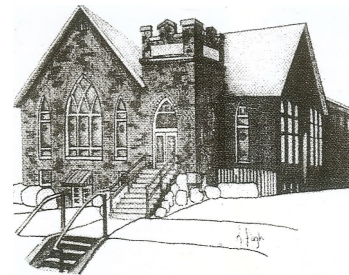


MARS UP CHURCH



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

September 2017

With the unofficial end to summer near, we are ramping up for the return of “normal” church activities. Over the last few weeks, I have been thinking about everyone who volunteered last year to teach Sunday School, help in the nursery, cook food for funerals, fold bulletins, assist in worship and lead Junior Church, chaperone youth group events, work with the A-Team, create with the Material Girls, volunteered with VBS, usher and greet folks on Sunday, bake food for Tarry and Talk, sing in the choir, serve on committees, serve on the Session and Deacon Board, and all the other opportunities that go unnoticed and unmentioned and I wish to thank everyone for being involved in the ministry at MUP. I also wish to thank everyone who will join in ministry during the year ahead. We are grateful for everyone’s spiritual gifts, talents, skills, and time spent in ministry at MUP. I hope over the next year to implement the list below as we work to enhance the ministry and experience of folks over the next year.

Keys in creating passionate ministry volunteers are:

- * Tie their work to the vision of the church.
- * Consider recruiting with specific end dates.
- * Recruit toward a member’s passion and not the congregation's needs.
- * Honor your volunteers at least once a month.
- * Volunteer recruitment, retention, and thanks should be a top priority of the pastor.
- * Get your best leaders to oversee volunteer recruitment and retention.
- * Communicate openly and frequently with volunteers.
- * Recruit through relationships.
- * Provide periodic check-ups.
- * Allow volunteers to quit honorably and honor them for using their gifts, talents, and skills to build up the congregation.

I pray that you have a safe and happy Labor Day next week. I hope to see you on Rally Day Sunday, if not before.

With Christ’s Love for All,

Pastor Ed

September Volunteers for 2017

September Nursery

September 3-Karen Goul

September 10-Diane Wentling

September 17-Becky Courson

September 24- Ruth Ann McCraley

September Greeters

Elder- Bob Riefer and Deacon-Jenny Ivory

September Tarry N Talk Hosts

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

September Muffin Crew

September 3-

September 10-Rally Day

September 17- Linda Lees & Pam Kennedy

September 24 -Linda Lees & Pam Kennedy

September Flowers for Worship

Sundays available are: September 10th, September 17th,
September 24th

Calling all Singers . . .

Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals! Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 13th at 7 p.m. for the first chancel choir rehearsal of the season! Our Chancel Choir is currently recruiting new members for our 2017-2018 season. Rehearsals usually run to 8:30 p.m. and we have a great time learning new anthems and enjoying fellowship together. Won't you consider this fun alternative for praise and worship? See Jamie for details. Soli Deo Gloria.



MUP LIBRARY

The MUP library in the Red Room is available for you. There is a "check-out" binder in the room to let us know what is going out and coming back in. It is very simple and there is no time limit for an item taken out, we only ask that it is returned. There are also daily devotions each month from the Quiet Hours series. Please stop in and enjoy this beautiful space and take time to reflect.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE!!!

Beginning SEPT 17th, worship will be 8:30am & 11am

Sunday School will also start at 9:45 for children and adults

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

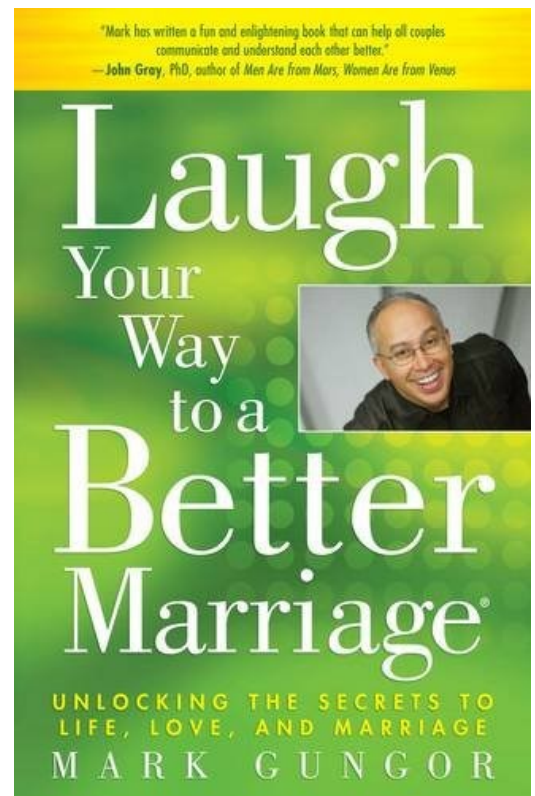
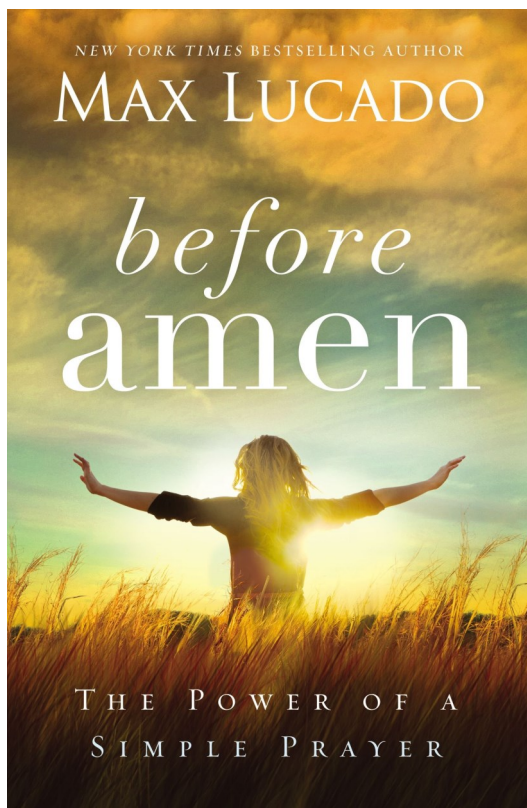


DEEP SEA DISCOVERY



MORE DEEP SEA DISCOVERY





Come to **G.R.O.W.**

(Get Renewed On Wednesdays)

The Valencia Presbyterian, Mars U.P. and
Old Union Presbyterian Churches Invite You!

WHERE? Valencia Presbyterian Church

WHEN? Wed., Sept. 20th - 6PM Dinner, 6:30 Singing

6:45PM All-age Groups

WHY? Because your friends and family want

YOU to be here and, YOU do **not** want to cook!

There will be two separate classes taught on
Wednesday evenings.

Rally Day – Sunday, September 10th

Our 2017—2018 Year kick-off will be held on Sunday, September 10th, worship service at 10:00 a.m. **Bring your backpacks** for the “Blessing of the Backpacks.” Following worship, we will celebrate the new school year with a lunch. **Bring a side dish to share.** Chicken and Mac n Cheese will be provided. Come and hear about our Sunday School Classes for the 2017—2018 school year. We will have pillow cases and t-shirts for tie dying. Also returning is everyone’s favorite bounce house! **Don’t miss this fun filled day at Mars UP!**



Join us for our “Fall Fest & Bonfire”

October 1st @ 5pm

Enjoy this year’s “Fall Fest & Bonfire” on Oct 1st at 5pm at Quality Gardens. Come out for homemade chili, hotdogs, roasting marshmallows—and many fall oriented fun activities! But, most of all, come out to enjoy the fellowship of our church! Special events for the children.

All ages are welcome! Please invite friends and family! Also, dress warm, bring a flash-light and a chair for sitting around the fire!

Quality Gardens is located on the left off of 228 E, just past the Mars Middle School.



SAVE A LIFE CPR TRAINING

Worship and Membership Committee will be hosting another event to update your CPR training. Watch for Details in upcoming bulletins and newsletters. If interested, please see Ron Weaver or notify the office.

**World Wide Communion Sunday,
October 1st**

**8:30 and 11:00 services by
Intinction**

GriefShare Sessions for **Fall 2017**

Griefshare will begin at Mars UP Church on Monday, September 11th in the Library Room. There are 13 sessions, held every Monday until December 11th. Everyone is invited and if you have any questions, please contact Denise at the email provided below.



Held at: Mars United Presbyterian Church,
232 Crowe Avenue, Mars, PA 16046

Sponsored by McDonald-Aeberli Funeral Home, 238 Crowe Avenue, Mars, PA 16046. John Hanovick, *Supervisor*. Please call 724-625-2900 to register or email the facilitator, Denise, at ddemarco5@yahoo.com. There is no childcare available.



Mars UP Church recycles all plastics, paper, & aluminum products. Please look for the recycling bins to help us help the planet.

St. John Chili Cook-Off

September 23, 2017

11 am to 2 pm

St. John Lutheran Church

420 Beaver St., PO Box 411

Mars, PA 16046

Entry fee is \$25, tasters are welcome for a fee of \$5. Please contact St. John's @ 724-625-1830 for more information.

MARS UP PEACH FESTIVAL



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!*

September

9/10– Rally Day starting at 10am Service; lunch, Tie Dyeing , bouncy castle, and a “Blessing of the backpacks!”

ALSO First Youth Group meeting!

5:30 to 7:00 Middle School

7:00 to 8:30 High School

9/17 - Normal YG Sched. MS 5:30-6:50 and HS 7- 8:30

9/24– Combined MS/HS Youth Group with St. John's 6-8pm

9/30—Service Project—TBD

10/1 - Bonfire @ Quality Gardens

Laurelville Fall Retreat Info

Dates-

Middle School -> Nov. 10-12

High School -> Dec. 1-3

**Cost - \$125 pays for everything
including meals!**

****\$70 deposit due SUNDAY OCT.
22th.**

How?

*Talk to Andrew and let him know
you want to go! This has quickly
become many students favorite re-
treat so you won't want to miss it.
Any and all friends are welcome!*

Youth Announcements – Attention Parents & Youth!

Plans are being made for an exciting and action packed fall! Be sure to look for new youth updates in the next several weeks. Along with Sunday School, youth group will be starting up (yay!!). Youth are encouraged to invite friends to church, Sunday School and youth group activities.

We will also be in need of volunteers. Parents/guardians/awesome adults, if you are interested in helping, please see Andrew.



September 2017

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

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3 Food Pantry 8:30 Early Worship/ communion 10:00 Morning Worship Nursery: Karen Goul	4 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 9am A-TEAM 7:00 AA Mtg.	6 9am The Material Girls	7	8	9
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SAVE THE DATE!

- ♦ SEPTEMBER 3— COMMUNION @ 8:30 SERVICE
- ♦ SEPTEMBER 10—RALLY DAY
- ♦ SEPTEMBER 11—GRIEFSHARE STARTS
- ♦ SEPTEMBER 13—CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES
- ♦ SEPTEMBER 17—WORSHIP TIME CHANGE **8:30/11:00**
- ♦ OCTOBER 1—WORLDWIDE COMMUNION 8:30/11:00
- ♦ OCTOBER 1—BONFIRE @ QUALITY GARDENS - 5:00 P.M.
- ♦ OCTOBER 7—APPLEFEST (DOWNTOWN MARS)



Contact Us

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

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