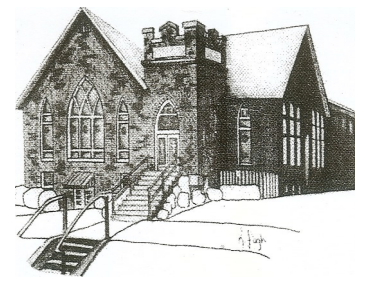


# MARS UP CHURCH



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

**March 2016**

*Has somebody ever-told you that it was much easier to “give than to receive?” That is a good roundtable discussion when you need a subject to reflect upon. Our first thought is a financial consideration. It is easier to support a cause or a person because our involvement level is almost non-existent. Hand some cash or monetary gift over and that’s usually the end of it. That’s not a negative reaction. All of us need to share our blessings in this way helping the church in her programs, missions, and vision provides us with a good foundation to survive in our world. God encourages us to be a cheerful giver. We need to rise to the occasion.*

*But, giving and receiving involves much more than a financial commitment. What about “caring” for one another. Caring for one another is a much more personal involvement. We care for one another in the simple act of prayer. We pray to thank God for you; to enrich or assist; to intercede for strength and encouragement for you, all of which presuppose a caring or concern for you. Prayer is an absolute necessity in life. What would we be or do without prayer. Caring for one another is a little more complicated.*

*Most people are much more open to giving care than receiving it. When a person is giving care, he or she is in a position of strength, stability, and authority. When a person is receiving care, he or she is acknowledging weakness, insecurity, and vulnerability.*

*As a result, there are countless people today who, though they really could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care for them, instead tough it out on their own. They remain the strong silent type, or wear a smile across a face that is holding back a flood of tears. Society encourages this (particularly for men). To ask for help is to admit weakness. To show weakness is to admit inferiority.*

*Our culture tries so hard to teach us to be independent. I really feel God created us to be interdependent . We need each other. We are stronger when we realize we are not alone, we are meant to love, encourage, build up, pray and care for one another. Jesus promises us this when talking about Himself (Matthew 11:28) “Come to me, all you that are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. “ But, He is also talking about us in our relationships to one another. God provides the strength and ability to care for one another. Why would we ever “tough” it out on our own. Reflect upon this in your journey in Lent.*

*Blessings,*

*Terry*



# DID YOU KNOW ?

We have a Women's Bible study that meets every month! The first Monday of every month at 1:30 in the Board Room a group of women meet to study the bible. They are studying "Women of the Bible" by Jean E. Syswerda. If you are looking for a bible study, please come and join us on Monday, March 7th. All ages are welcome!!



Nancy Huggins, Barb Miller, Barbara Templeton, Judy Kennedy, Ann Carter, and Sharon Gibbs welcome you to join them for Christian fellowship.

## AND

Every Wednesday in the Board Room at 9am the Material Girls meet to sew and make projects for new babies, quilts, lap blankets for the elderly, and even table runners for fundraisers locally and at Mars UP. If you like to sew or just want to socialize and enjoy some fellowship, come any Wednesday at 9am to join in the fun and then follow them to lunch at 11:30. Any questions about the Material Girls, contact Janie Aiken or Ruth Wilson.



Pictured: Sue Morris, Sarah Good, Janie Aiken, Arlene Eras, Ruth Wilson, Claire Linn, and Pat Fetter Not Pictured: Nancy Penney, Pam Wissel, Laura Reed, Linda Moody, Nancy Moore





# MUPettes



The MUPettes: Isabel Boynton, Alice Leonberg, Linda Lees, Janie Aiken & Ruth Wilson

Our newest group of volunteers at Mars UP Church is the “MUPettes”! Every Tuesday and Thursday the faithful MUPettes come to the office and church to help with various projects at the church. On Tuesday, the A-team is here to “spruce up” the church and office each week. They are a hungry bunch of guys and Ruth and Alice keep them happy with baked goods and candies to keep them going!! Also on Tuesdays, Isabel helps with minor office duties. Stamping envelopes, making copies and keeping those pew pencils sharpened are a few of her tasks. The Thursday MUPettes, Linda and Janie have a few hours folding and stuffing those fabulous bulletins. They also help get the newsletter, bulletins and other paper copies ready for mailing each week to our elderly, shut-ins and those who don’t do email! The endless hours of volunteer hours by the MUPettes are especially appreciated by Shelly and the entire office staff at Mars UP.

## THE A-TEAM

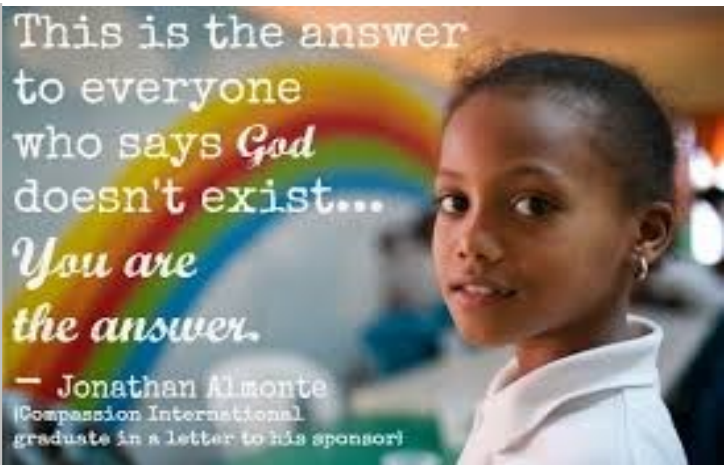
Another long time volunteers at Mars UP are the A-Team. The A-Team meets every Tuesday at 9am to accomplish various small tasks at the church, the office and the Reese rental property. The A-team was started many, many years ago by Charles Boynton. These group of guys spend endless hours getting the light bulbs changed, fixing small plumbing leaks, tidying up the church from Sunday’s worship services and small outside landscaping tasks. Nothing seems to be more than they can handle. Each and everyone of these guys have years of experience from previous jobs professionally and from maintaining there own homes. If you see them at church, give them a big THANK YOU for keeping our church “Tip Top”.



Jay Wilson, Howard Croop, Sam Moore, Steve McDonald, Herb Wellman, Ira Baumgartel, Bob Reifer, Roy Schmitt, and John Grau. Missing: Bob Kennedy and Honorary Members: Bill Cook and Howard Meeder

## The Count is IN!!

Through the support of Mars UP Church and all the hard work of the children we raised **\$385.00** toward supporting our compassion children!! This will support our **three girls for 4 months**. Our children have learned about serving & caring for others and ensuring others have the opportunity to be told about Jesus!



## EASTER BUNNY PICTURES



Would you like to have your picture or your child's picture taken with a live Easter Bunny?? On Sunday, March 13th and Sunday, March 20th after church, Dale Roos will be taking pictures with live bunnies. Photos are \$10 a sheet (1—8 x10) or (2-5 x 7), or (8-wallets). Proceeds will benefit Compassion, MUP Youth Ministries and MUP general fund.

There will be sign-up sheets in the Tarry N Talk or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Snow at 724-272-9793



### 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.



## 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.



## Volunteers for 2016

### March Nursery

March 6— Christi Augustine

March 13—Marsha Haley

March 20— Bethany Prince

March 27—Christi Augustine

### March Greeters

Elder— Linda Lees, Deacon— Louise Fox

### March Tarry N Talk Hosts

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Don Lewis, Bill Guesman, Bob Riefer, Pat Auld, Ruth Wilson, Nancy Huggins

### March Muffin Crew

March 6

March 13—Pam & Linda

March 20

March 27—Pam & Linda

### March Flowers for Worship

March 6 and March 20th are open for flowers

### Pastors Schedule for March

Entire Month of March—Rev. Dr. Bill Jackson



### Mars United Presbyterian Church

#### 2016 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, March 13, 2016

Easter Lilies \$7.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips \$7.00    White \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_  
Pink \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodils \$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Shut-in \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PNC UPDATE

The PNC is in the midst of writing a mission study, which describes who the Mars United Presbyterian Church is. We have had two very productive meetings so far, and have found each of the members of the PNC to be energetic, and excited to proceed with our task. The congregation will be involved in answering some questions from the PNC, and those responses will be useful in completing the mission study.

Once submitted, the mission study will be shared with prospective interested ministers. We are diligently working to seek God's Will in this process, and are sincerely in need of your prayers as we move forward. Please refer to the bulletin board in the Tarry N Talk area, to track our progress in our search for a new pastor.

Thank you,  
Ira E. Baumgartel, M.D.  
PNC Chairman



**Confirmation Class** is the process by which youth publicly profess their faith before the congregation and become individual members of Mars United Presbyterian Church.

**Confirmands** meet regularly for fellowship and study. They study the Bible, the sacraments, the church, the Trinity, worship, and church history.

A current confirmation group is organizing for the spring of

**2016.** If you are interested in participating in a future confirmation experience, please contact Rev. Bill Jackson, Rev. Terry Stoops, or Shelly Bocheff at the church office 724-625-1365

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** Are you looking to become a member of Mars UP Church? Rev. Bill Jackson will be teaching a class for new members starting on March 6th and March 13th at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in attending, please contact the office or Rev. Jackson at 724-625-1365

## Lenten Lunches Continue through Good Friday at 12

Speaking Schedule:

March 4th—Vail Jackson

March 11th—Justin Thomson    March 18th—Rev. Bill Jackson

March 25th—Good Friday Service/Mars Ministerium

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

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

### Dinner & Service—March 24

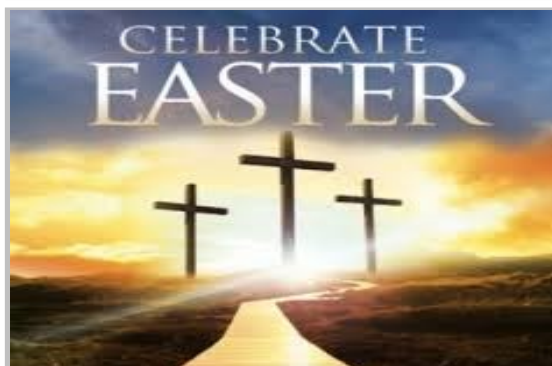
In preparation for Easter, come enjoy a quiet, solemn dinner

Then we will move upstairs for service with communion.

Maundy Thursday dinner will be held,

Thursday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m. Reservations required.

See bulletin for RSVP card or call the Church Office.



## He is Risen!

**Sunday, March 27, 2016**

**8:30am & 11am**

# 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)

3/6 – Normal Youth Group

3/13 – Normal Youth Group

3/20 - Normal Youth Group

3/27 - Easter, NO YOUTH GROUP

Extended Youth Group Schedule

4/3 - Normal YG

4/10 - Normal YG

4/17 - Normal YG

4/23 - Saturday Middle School MERGE Retreat.

4/24 - HS YG ONLY

**SPAGHETTI DINNER WAS**

**A HUGE SUCCESS! I WANT TO  
THANK THE YOUTH, PARENTS,  
AND EVERYONE INVOLVED FOR  
ALL THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT  
WITH THE SPAGHETTI DINNER.  
BEFORE EXPENSES WE RAISED  
OVER \$1600.00 TOWARD OUR  
MISSION TRIP.**

**GREAT JOB EVERYONE!**

**SUMMER MISSION TRIP**

**Where?? Mission Work in McDowell  
County, WV.**

**When?? July 24-29th**

**Who? Student must have AT LEAST  
completed 7th Grade to attend :)**

**NEXT FUNDRAISER: CHICKEN BAR  
BQ IN MAY**

## MARS UP YOUTH AT SKY ZONE





# MARS UP YOUTH AT WORK SPAGHETTI DINNER





# March 2016

**Tarry N Talk Hosts:** Buildings & Grounds –Don Lewis, Bill Guesman, Bob Riefer, Ruth Wilson, Nancy Huggins, Pat Auld

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## SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ March 4-through March 25 Lenten Lunches at noon
- ◆ March 20-Palm Sunday
- ◆ March 24-Maundy Thursday
- ◆ March 25– Good Friday Service following Luncheon
- ◆ March 27-Easter Celebration 8:30 and 11:00
- ◆ April 10– Membership Celebration Pancake Breakfast



Nancy Huggins stirring up a yummy pot of Chicken Noodle soup for the Lenten Lunch!

## Contact Us

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

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