

**Apostles’ Creed**  
*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**Gloria Patri**  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Mars UP Church**  
**Honoring the Future without Disrespecting the Past**  
“The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of mission, and the more in touch we are with Jesus, the more missionary we become.”  
Henry Martyn

**The Gathering of the Christian Community**  
(Enter the sanctuary reverently, when the music starts, if you must whisper, whisper a prayer. Before worship, speak to God. During the worship, let God speak to you. After worship, speak to one another.)

**Prelude**

**Introit(11:00am) Chancel Choir**  
“Great is the Lord”  
\*(stand if able)

**\*The Call to Worship**  
Leader: May the Lord be gracious to us and bless us,  
**People: And may the face of God shine upon us,**  
Leader: That God’s way may be known on the earth,  
**People: God’s saving power among all the nations.**  
Leader: Let the people praise you, O God;  
**People: let all the people praise you!**

**\*Hymn of Praise 403**  
“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

**\*The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Corporate Prayer of Confession  
**O God, you have set before us the way of Truth and Life in your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn, and our reluctance to follow. You have spoken clearly, and we have responded with indecision. Your beauty has shone forth, and we have been blind. You have stretched out your hands to us through our neighbors, and we have passed by. We have taken great benefits with little thanks. By your mercy and grace please forgive us, and by your Holy Spirit enable us to become the “new creatures in Christ” you have promised we can become. In the name of Jesus. Amen**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day  
our daily bread;  
and forgive us  
our debts,  
as we forgive  
our debtors;  
and lead us not  
into temptation,  
but deliver us  
from evil.  
For Thine  
is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

**The Doxology**

Praise God  
from whom  
all blessings flow;  
praise Him  
all creatures  
here below;  
praise Him above,  
ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

Silent, Personal Confession  
Assurance of God’s Grace and Pardon

**\*Apostles Creed**  
**\*Gloria Patri**  
*(the children may come forward during the music)*

The Intimations  
Introductory Moment  
**The Sacrament of Baptism**  
**Baptismal Hymn(vs. 1) Insert**  
Cara June Stoy  
Daughter of Joseph and Carley (Matanin)Stoy

Words of Institution  
Affirmation of the Parents and the People

The Corporate Prayer  
**Creator God, the Father of the whole family in heaven and on earth, we commend to your care this congregation. Forgive us when we wander from your grace. Recall us to your way. Grant that in our homes and church we may honor you with love and service. Help us to fulfill our vows to surround with Christian affection and concern, this child, that she may grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and others for the sake of your Son; even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Charge and Benediction**  
**Baptismal Hymn(vs. 3) Insert**  
*(During the song all children pre-K thru grade 3 are invited to Children’s Ministry)*

**First New Testament Lesson Colossians 1:15-20 (page 200)**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn(vs. 1, 5, 6) 597**  
“Take My Life and Let It Be”

**Second New Testament Hebrews 11:6(page 225)**  
**John 1:1-5, 10-14 (page 91)**

**Sermon Rev. Dr. William Jackson**  
“Taking Jesus Seriously”

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### Church Office Hours:

Mon -Thurs from 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

### Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music(11:00)

*"The Lily of the Valley"*

Chancel Choir

### \* Doxology & Presentation of Gifts

### Prayer of Gratitude and Commitment

We are grateful, O God, that through Jesus Christ you have revealed to us the gifts of love, forgiveness, hope, mercy and life. Enable us, by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, to take Jesus seriously and to remain committed to using these gifts to do the work of your kingdom and to honor and glorify the name of Christ. We pray in that same name, the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen

### \*Departing Hymn

*"At the Name of Jesus"*

Insert

### \* Benediction

### \*Congregational Response (Everyone sings)

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;  
Guide us and protect us and lead us in Thy grace;  
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways;  
Help us share with others the things we've shared today;  
May the peace of God the Father  
And the love of Christ His Son  
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us each one;  
May the blessings of the Spirit fill us from within;  
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.  
Amen.

### \*Postlude

### "In Memorium"

William Cook

3/4/1931 - 1/19/2017

Elder, Deacon, Member

Charles Etter

6/5/1932 - 1/19/2017

Member

*Morning Worship:  
8:30 am and 11:00 am*

*Nursery provided  
during 11:00 am service.*

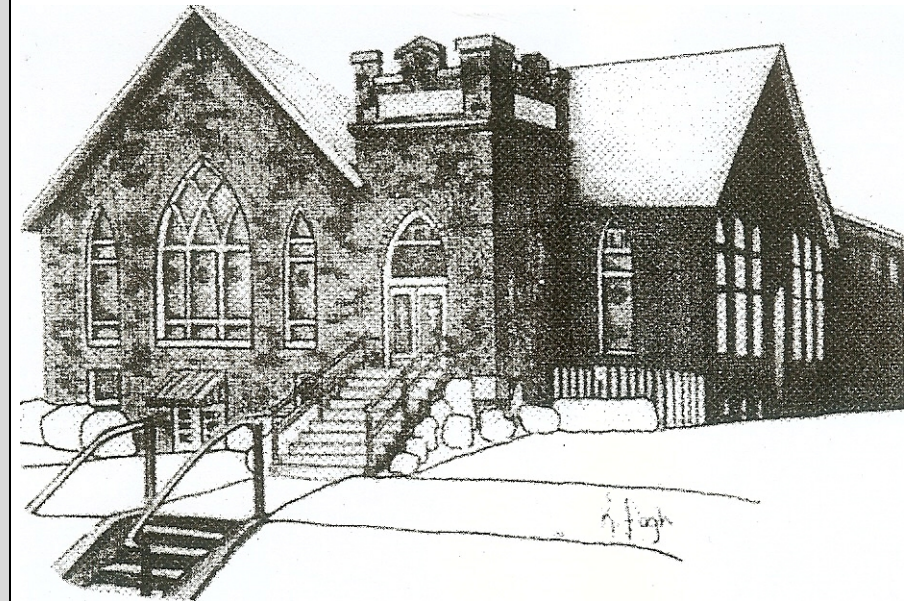
### 4th Sunday after Epiphany

**Prayer of Preparation**  
*Lord, we come to you  
today with so many  
things on our hearts.*

*You call us to be in  
relationship of trust  
and love with you and  
you offer healing to us  
for those portions of  
our lives that are  
broken and injured.  
Help us to be open to  
your mercy and healing  
love. For we ask this in  
Jesus' Name.  
AMEN.*

## Mars United Presbyterian Church

*Welcome!*



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

*January 29, 2017*

**We welcome you and we are glad you've chosen to  
worship with us today!**

# CALENDAR: January 29<sup>th</sup> thru February 5<sup>th</sup>

Church Office Hours: Monday -Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Today, January 29, 2017 Rev. Dr. William Jackson**

**8:30 am THE EARLY MORNING WORSHIP**

**9:45 am Sunday School for all ages**

**11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner-Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

**Monday, January 30, 2017**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017**

8:30 a.m. WIC

9:00 a.m. A-Team

7:00 p.m. AA

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

9:00 a.m. Material Girls

6:00 p.m. GROW @ Valencia Church

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 2, 2017**

**Friday, February 3, 2017**

**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

**Sunday, February 5, 2017 Rev. Dr. William Jackson**

**8:30 a.m. THE EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE/communion**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

**11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**VOLUNTEERS☺**

**GREETERS:** (D) Ruth Wilson

(E ) Bob Riefer

**NURSERY THIS WEEK:**

Sharon Gibbs

**NURSERY NEXT WEEK:**

Lisa Aaron

**JR CHURCH THIS WEEK:**

Mary Snow

**MUP MUFFINS:** Pam

Kennedy and Linda Lees

**TARRY 'N TALK HOST:**

Stewardship Committee

**LAST SUNDAY'S**

**ATTENDANCE:** 119

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:**

Operating Funds: \$4929.00

Mission: \$310.00

Per Capita: \$350.04

MUP Van: \$10.00

Compassion: \$30.00

Kindness: \$20.00

**Total: \$5649.04**

**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.

# PRAYER – JOYS & CONCERNS

Lou Beckwith

Wanda Jones

Terry Moore (Sam's cousin)

Rich Williams

Reid Christopher Hall (June Stirling's nephew)

Paige Barbour (daughter of Andrew and Steph Barbour)

Will English(Nephew of Patty Marburger)

Elliana Mae Cicconi (great niece of Dee Shupsky)

Emma Libert (friend of the McElhinny's)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WINTER FELLOWSHIP RETREAT** at Peek' N Peak Resort will be Friday, February 10 - Sunday, February 12, 2017. Brochures are available in the Tarry 'n Talk area. Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to stay in the supervised "youth rooms". The cost is \$165 per youth and includes 2 night stay and 2 day lift tickets – deposits (\$75) **ASAP**. We will be hosting a club room for our meals and relaxation.

**SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER** Come out and help support our Student Ministry by attending our **ALL YOU CAN EAT** spaghetti dinner. **TODAY from 5:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Dinner includes: pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and refreshments. Adults: \$10 and children 9 and under \$5. Proceeds will support the Mars UP Mission Trip to West Virginia. Gift Basket Raffle will also be at the Dinner. Winner need not be present to win.

**GROW (Get Renewed on Wednesdays)** program will begin on February 1, 2017 at Valencia Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be served at 6pm with the study of the book "Life Lessons: The Book of Revelation" by Max Lucado at 7pm. On February 1st the dinner will be Pasta with Meat Sauce and Salad. Pastor Jim Kirk will be leading the discussion. All are welcome and there are programs for the children and youth also. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Pastor Kirk at Valencia Presbyterian church.

**WILLIAM COOK** Friends will be received at the McDonald-Aeberli Funeral Home, Inc. 238 Crowe Avenue, Mars, PA **TODAY** from 3 – 7pm. Service will be Monday, January 30, 2017 in the Mars United Presbyterian Church at 1:00 p.m., with the Rev. Terry Stoops, Pastor, Officiating