

# MARS UP CHURCH



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

**February 2016**

## **Reflections from Reverend Bill's**

**After two and a half months I want you to know how much Terry Stoops and I are enjoying working for and with you during the interim period. It is a real blessing to us both.**

**On February 10th, Ash Wednesday, we will begin the six week session of Lent. Traditionally, Lent has been a time of personal prayer, mediation, and fasting (discipline) preparing us for the victorious celebration of the resurrection on Easter. For many people the fasting (discipline) meant "giving something up" for Lent. For me, the discipline has meant "taking something on" for Lent. There are several things available for you to "take on" this year at Mars UP.**

**First will be the Ash Wednesday observance from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will be several short periods of time for scripture readings, prayer, music and personal communion with one of the pastors. You may stay whatever length of time you would like.**

**Friday, February 12th at noon we will have our regular Lenten Luncheons. After lunch there will be a mediation led by a guest minister.**

**During the Lenten/Easter season I will be preaching a series of sermons on the theme "Seven Signposts to Life" based on the seven last words of Jesus from the cross.**

**Also, on March 6th and March 13 (Sunday Mornings) at 10am there will be two classes for any adult who would like to join the church. Public reception will be on Palm Sunday. Please call the office to register for the class.**

**There will be a confirmation class for youth 7th grade or older after Easter. Please let Justin or the office know of your interested in attending the confirmation class.**

**May all of this, or some of this, help us to "take on" some meaningful special growth this year for Lent.**

**Blessings,**

**Bill**



# PEEK N PEAK—2016 Winter Retreat

Over 50 Youth and Adults took to the NY slopes for what turned out to be another successful winter retreat at the beautiful and snowy resort! After unpacking and grabbing a bite to eat on Friday night, a little tubing was in order. We woke up the following day to a fresh snowfall. The entire group (students, parents and families) had a great day of skiing and snow boarding. Our club room right off the slopes had an amazing spread of food including great tasting soups, sandwiches and homemade goodies for our entire group to enjoy and stay energized. A big, big thank you to Angela Guesman for coordinating our meals and the host of volunteers who contributed toward the food! Of course no day of skiing would be complete without hitting the hot tub and pool to end a great day! We are thrilled to report there were no injuries (thank you God!). The weekend was capped off by an energetic time of worship on Sunday morning. Thank you to all who helped support this worthwhile retreat! Already excited and looking forward to next year!

*To God be the glory!*



# Peak n Peak 2016



# MiniMUP COMPASSION FUNDRAISER! February 7th and 14th

PUT YOUR  
LOVE INTO  
ACTION



**MINIMUP COMPASSION FUNDRAISER** will be held in Tarry N Talk area on Sunday, February 7, 2016 and February 14, 2016 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 3 Compassion Children: Bancheamlak (Ethiopia), Phiona (Uganda) & Rani (India).

## 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.



## Menu

February 3rd

Chicken Tenders  
Mac N Cheese  
Corn

February 10th

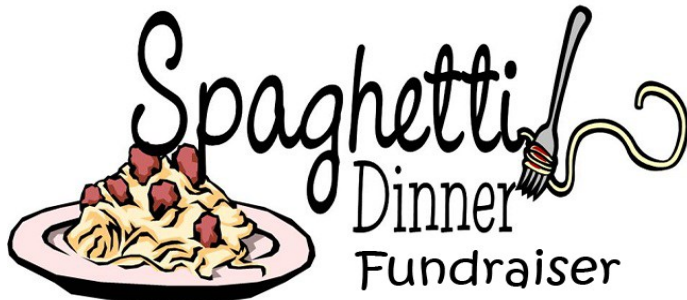
Lasagna

February 17

Pot Roast

February 24

Spaghetti & Meatballs



**February 28, 2016 from 5 to 7**

Come out to Mars UP Church Sunday, February 28 from 5 to 7 to help support our Student Ministry by attending our **ALL YOU CAN EAT** spaghetti dinner. Dinner

includes: pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and refreshments.

Adults: \$10 and children 9 and under \$5.

Proceeds will support the Mars UP Student fellowship retreats, Summer 2016 mission trip to Appalachian Mountains, and continued student growth as a ministry.

## Volunteering for 2016

### February Nursery

February 7-MaryAnn Croop

February 14-Angela Guesman

February 21-Karen Stack

February 28-Pat Auld

### February Muffin Crew

February 7

February 14-Pam & Linda

February 21

February 28-Pam & Linda

### February Greeters

Elder- Bill Riefer and Deacon-Dona Gartrell

### February Tarry N Talk Hosts

Worship Committee: Christi Augustine, Ron Weaver, Ira Baumgartel, Nancy Govan, MaryAnn Croop, Janie Aiken

### February Flowers for Worship

February 28 is open

### Pastors Schedule for February

February 7th—Rev. Terry Stoops

February 14th thru February 28-Rev. Dr. Bill Jackson

## 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 **\$40.08** 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.

## Time to Help us Evaluate

The session has approved establishing an AD HOC (temporary) committee to evaluate the needs of our church during the interim period; program areas, worship & education; and also any possible improvements in the building.

If you would be interested in helping on this committee, please contact the office or talk with Reverend Bill Jackson.



## Walk-In Communion— Feb 10th (5pm to 7:30pm)

Our Ash Wednesday service is a very informal, personal worship. We've invited you to attend as you are able, come as you are, and depart when you desire. Our worship service will be made of three components which are: Preparation: Take time to quietly read a few worship aids which will be provided. These will help you to prepare for the partaking of the elements of the Last Supper. Meditation: Periodic readings from young people, members, and the music department. The Celebration of Communion: When you feel you are ready, come forward to receive the elements. After receiving Communion, you are welcome to join Rev. Terry Stoops who will pray privately for you or you may return to your pew and leave the sanctuary when you are ready.

## Lenten Lunches—Every Friday at 12 noon

Every Friday at 12 noon the community is invited to enjoy lunch and a special guest speaker. There is no charge for the lunch; however donations will be received. Come and Fellowship with us on February 12th for our first Lenten Lunch. We will be serving Potato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Sloppy Joes, Grilled cheese sandwiches, salad, and dessert.

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



## Upcoming Lent and Easter

2/10	5pm	Ash Wednesday—Walk-In Communion
2/12-3/18	12pm	Lenten Luncheon with various Speakers
3/20	8:30 & 11am	Palm Sunday Worship Services
3/24	TBD	Maundy Thursday
3/25	12pm	Good Friday Luncheon with Worship Service
3/27	8:30 & 11am	Easter Worship Services



# 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!*

*February*

**2/7 - Super Bowl Party @ The Ivory's 6pm-10pm**

**115 Golfview Drive, Gibsonia (Treesdale)**

**\*\*Departure time is flexible based on each family's  
schedule and how the timing of the game works out**

**2/10 - Ash Wednesday Service, Reflective Dinner**

**2/12 - Middle School Overnight hosted by Bakerstown  
Presbyterian Church on Rt. 8. from 8pm-8am**

**2/14 - No Middle School YG due to Overnight. HS Event**

**2/21 - Normal YG**

## Summer Mission Trip and Fundraisers!

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

*When?? July 24-29th*

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

Some requirements for the mission team include...Attending and helping with our two main fundraisers in February and May, Attending Planning meetings, and committing to serving others for a week of your summer! Cost is approx. \$350 per student, and we plan to raise at least %75 of the cost, which would leave around \$100 to families. But if we raise more than anticipated, that cost will reduce. Please consider if this is something you or your student feels led to support! God has an amazing week planned for us!



# February 2016

**Tarry N Talk Hosts:** Worship Committee: Christi Augustine, Ron Weaver, Ira Baumgartel, Nancy Giovan, MaryAnn Croop, Janie Aiken

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	1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study  6:30 Buildings & Grounds Mtg	9 am A-Team  7:00pm AA	9 am Material Girls  7:00 Chancel Choir			
7:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 12:15 Christian Ed 2:00 MS/HS Event <b>Nursery: MaryAnn Croop</b>	8	9 9 am A-Team  7:00pm AA	10 9 am Material Girls 5:00 Walk-In Communion 7:00 Chancel Choir	11 10:00 "Fiber Arts" meet  7:15 Stewardship Meeting	12 12:00 Lenten Lunch <a href="#">MS "Lock-In" @ Bakerstown</a>	13  <a href="#">MS "Lock-In" @ Bakerstown</a>
14:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship NO MS YG <b>Nursery: Angela Guesman</b>	15  7:00 pm Griefshare	16 9 am A-Team  7:00pm AA	17 9 am Material Girls  7:00 Chancel Choir	18  7:00 Session	19  12:00 Lenten Lunch	20
21:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 5:30 MS YG 7:00 HS YG <b>Nursery: Karen Stack</b>	22  7:00 pm Griefshare	23 9 am A-Team  7:00pm AA	24 9 am Material Girls  7:00 Chancel Choir	25 10:00 'Fiber Arts' Meet	26  12:00 Lenten Lunch	27
28:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 5:00 Spaghetti Dinner <b>Nursery: Pat Auld</b>	29  7:00 pm Griefshare					



## SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ February 10– Ash Wednesday Walk– In Communion
- ◆ February 12—Lenten Luncheons begin through March 18th
- ◆ February 12 & 13 MS Lock-in @ Bakerstown Church
- ◆ February 28-Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- ◆ March 25– Good Friday Luncheon and Service



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