

**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

## Come Holy Spirit, Come

**Prelude**

**Introit (11:00am)** **Chancel Choir**  
*“Surely The Presence”*

\*(stand if able)

**\*The Call to Worship**  
Leader The Lord is our shepherd.  
**People Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd.**

Leader Our shepherd knows us and calls us by name.  
**People We follow him because we know his voice.**

Leader Our shepherd is completely trustworthy.  
**People He leads us to that which makes for abundant life.**

Leader Green pastures, refreshing water and safe shelter.  
These are the gifts of our Good Shepherd.  
**People In trust, we follow our shepherd. In peace, we rest secure.**

Leader In joy and thankfulness, we celebrate our shepherd's goodness.  
**All: The Lord is our shepherd. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** **688**  
*“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

**\*Invocation**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**  
Almighty God, we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness. Being so sure that we “see,” we miss the truths you would teach us. With the poultice of your love, cure this blindness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings and sin, our own failures and our own faults. Make our sinful side known to us and diminish it with the light of your grace. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly. In the name of Jesus, we pray... 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 Mercy and Grace

**\*Affirmation of Faith** **Apostles Creed**  
**\*Gloria Patri**

**Welcome and MUP Message**

**Moment for Children and Youth (11:00)**  
**Message and Prayer**  
**Departing Song** **Jesus Loves Me**  
*During the song all children pre-K thru grade 3 are invited to Children’s Ministry)*

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 23

**Anthem** **Chancel Choir**  
*“I’ll Keep My Eyes on the Cross”*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn** **Insert**  
*“I Danced in the Morning”*

**Offertory Sentence**  
**Offertory**  
**Doxology**  
**Prayer of Dedication**  
**Offertory Response (11:00)** **Chancel Choir**  
*“All Things Come of Thee”*

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14

**Sermon** **Rev. Ed Boyce**  
*“Avoid the Darkness on the Edge of Town”*

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Church Office Hours:  
Mon -Thurs from 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

### \*Departing Hymn

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*"To God Be the Glory"*

### \* 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

***Flowers are provided today to the Glory of  
God and in loving memory of husband,  
Douglas Carter by Ann Carter***

**BIRTHDAY SHOWER** Isabel Boynton turns 91 on  
March 28th; please help us "Shower" her with  
birthday wishes. Her Mailing address is: Isabel  
Boynton, 535 Beaver Street Ext. Mars, PA 16046

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

*Nursery provided  
during 11:00 am service.*

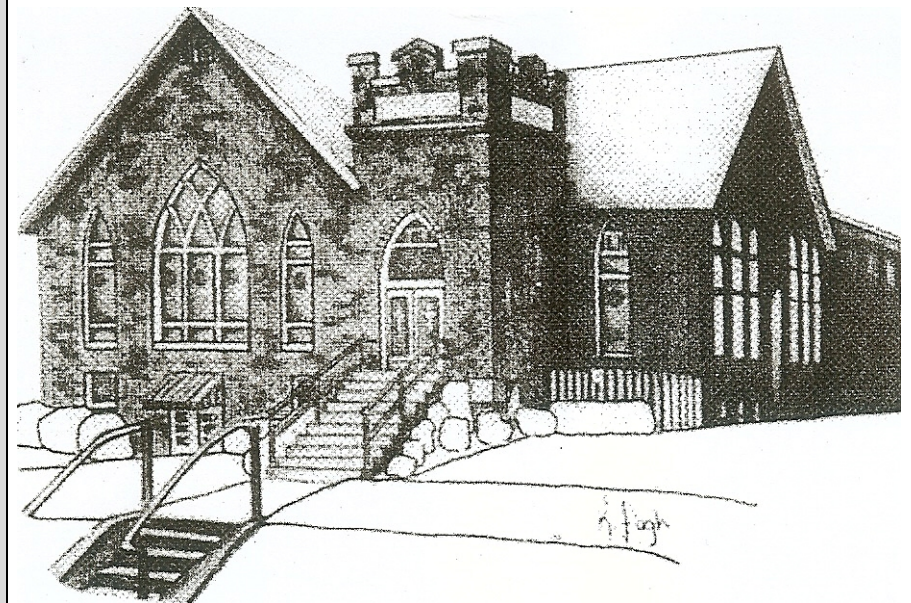
### 4th Sunday in Lent

#### 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!***

***March 26, 2017***

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

CALENDAR: March 26<sup>th</sup> thru April 2nd

Church Office Hours: Tuesday thru Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Today, March 26, 2017

8:30 am THE EARLY MORNING WORSHIP  
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE  
5:30 p.m. MS Youth Group  
7:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

Monday, March 27, 2017

6:30 p.m. Griefshare

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

8:30 a.m. WIC  
9:00 a.m. A-Team  
7:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

9:00 a.m. Material Girls  
2:00 p.m. Reading Martians @ MUP  
6:00 p.m. GROW @ Valencia Church  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Friday, March 31, 2017

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch – Guest speaker- Tom McMeekin

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:30 a.m. THE EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE  
12:15 p.m. Christian Education Meeting

VOLUNTEERS☺

GREETERS: (D)

Louise Fox (E) Marie Matthews

NURSERY THIS WEEK:

Pam Robinson

NURSERY NEXT WEEK:

Amy Lauten

JR CHURCH THIS WEEK:

Mary Snow

MUP MUFFINS:

Pam Kennedy and Linda Lees

TARRY 'N TALK HOST:

Buildings & Grounds

Committee

LAST SUNDAY'S

ATTENDANCE: 109

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Operating Funds: \$4878.00

Mission: \$80.00

Per Capita: \$86.68

MUP Van: \$10.00

Kindness: \$70.00

Bldg: \$50.00

Total: \$5174.68

As of this Sunday, we have collected 3744.50 toward our per capita assessment. If you have not submitted you're per capita, please consider submitting it for this quarter financials.

Thank you for making every effort to help MUP meet its per capita obligation.

Stewardship Committee

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)  
Maria Elizabeth McKaveney (June Stirling's niece)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCHEES** Every Friday at 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 March 31st with guest speaker, Tom McMeekin and menu Potato Soup, Corn Chowder, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Salad, & Brownies.

**PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT**

Our annual per capita assessment is due to the Beaver-Butler Presbytery for 2017. The total is \$43.34 for each **confirmed** member. Please do your best to help us meet this duty as an expression of our gratefulness to the Presbytery for the support and resources they provide for us.

**OFFICE HOURS CHANGE** Please note changes in the office hours. They office will now be open Tuesday through Friday 9am until 3. If Rev. Boyce is needed at any other time, please feel free to contact him by phone 910- 695-6089 or email

[edboyce3@gmail.com](mailto:edboyce3@gmail.com)

**“EGG’S TRAVAGANZA Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> noon to 1:30 pm** Bring your Easter basket and friends. An Egg hunt, egg dying and other activities and a light lunch will be provided with snacks and drinks. Any questions please see Mary Snow or call the office

**ONE GREAT HOUR BANKS** Today in Sunday School, the children received “ONE GREAT HOUR” Banks. Please fill the banks with any change you may have over the next few weeks and bring the banks back on Easter Sunday. Adults can make a contribution to One Great Hour by filling out an envelope in the pews and placing in the offering. Thank You Mission and Outreach Committee

**CRAFTERS WANTED** If you would like to donate or make something for the Annual Compassion fund drive, please see or call Mary Snow. Please contact her @ 724-272-9793. April 9, 2017 (Palm Sunday) after both church services will be the fundraiser.