

MARS UP CHURCH



Celebrating 120 years as a Light in the Community: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow!

December 2016

“The Wonder of it All!”

Today, my thoughts are turning to Christmas. What a wonderful time of year it is as we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ! We anticipate the joy of the season once again and soon we will be observing all the Yuletide traditions.. Year after year we repeat our preparations and that is part of the joy of the season- Christmas carols, decorations, cookies, greetings, and the list goes on.....

Might I share a story with you?

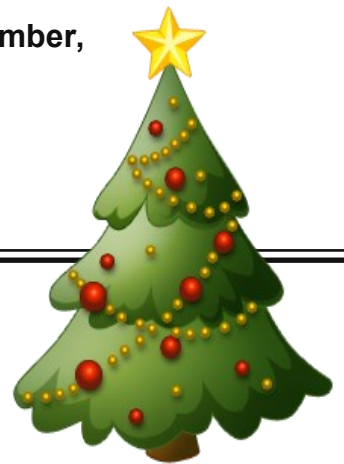
A man walked the same route to work every day for eighteen years. He was so used to the walk that he would arrive at the school where he taught and not remember his walk. He had every sight memorized and over the years little ever changed. One day he noticed a bird he had never seen before. He wondered what kind of bird it was and thus, watched for it the next several days. He saw it again, but, in looking for it, he saw other birds. He was amazed at the varieties. Next, he purchased a book Birds of North America so he could identify them. His walk to work became so meaningful and interesting!

What a wonderful time the Advent season is for us as we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ! We anticipate the joy of the season once again and all the traditions we observe. Year after year we repeat so much of what we celebrate! Our challenge is to keep our Christmas celebration meaningful as we remember,

THE WONDER OF IT

ALL!”

Merry Christmas, Terry



Greening of the Church—Dec 3rd at 9am

On Saturday, Dec 3rd at 9am, volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Christmas.

We need YOU (yes you!!) to help to transform the sanctuary! There are a variety of tasks—from fluffing garland, setting up candles to hanging wreaths.

There is a task for everyone to have a hand! And, many hands make light work!

Mission & Outreach Christmas Service Outreach



"Be an Angel"

For many years, through incredible generosity of this church, needy families in our community have been blessed by the gifts and food we supply through the Salvation Army Angel Tree, local food bank, and the Lighthouse. Share the JOY of Christmas with others. Consider one or all of these options to be a visible face of Christ in our community

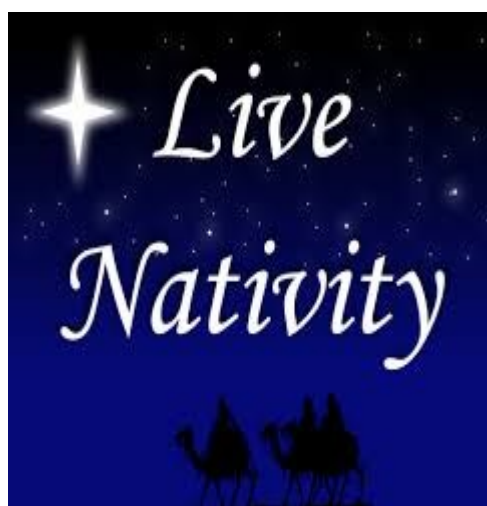
- ♦ In Tarry N Talk there will be an Angel tree with tags.

Select a tag for a local senior citizen. Return the unwrapped gift (tag attached) and leave it under the tree by Sunday, December 11th. The Salvation Army will deliver these gifts to the senior citizens at Christmas.

- ♦ Also, in Tarry N Talk are collection boxes for Christmas toys for children of all ages. Please bring the toys by December 6th. This year the Lighthouse is again requesting donations for toys. Last year the Lighthouse foundation was able to supply toys for 750 children throughout the community. Help us, help them exceed this amount and brighten the lives of many more children and families with the love of Christ.

- ♦ Please remember the local food bank at Glade Run Church. There is always a need for non-perishable items but during the holiday season the need is even greater. Please drop off items at the church or stop by the food bank with your donations or even a monetary gift.

LIVING NATIVITY



Watch the story come alive at Mars UP Church!

Friday, Dec 9th from 6pm—8pm

Saturday, Dec 10th from 6pm—8pm

Everyone is Welcome and Refreshments provided!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Children's Christmas program will be presented on Sunday, December 11th at approx. 12:30 in the Sanctuary. The children and youth of MUP will be sharing the Christmas message through music, a performance, and the bells. A potluck will immediately follow and everyone is invited! There will be ham and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

There will even be a surprise visitor!



Time of Year Again.....Christmas Flowers

Mars United Presbyterian Church

Your order for Christmas poinsettias will help to enhance the beauty of our church sanctuary. Poinsettias are available in 6" pots for \$7.25. You may take your flowers with you following worship on Christmas Eve. Orders must be placed by December 16, 2016.

Marble (Pink & White mixed) _____

Red: _____

Pink: _____

White: _____



In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

By: _____

Please prepay your order and place it in the offering basket, or bring it to the church office.

New this year!! Marble Poinsettia

ANNUAL TURKEY BASH



Thank you Deacons of Mars UP Church



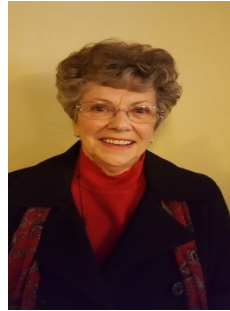
Your Elders:



Bill Wentling



Steve Martin



Alice Leonberg



Lisa Barbour



Marie Matthews



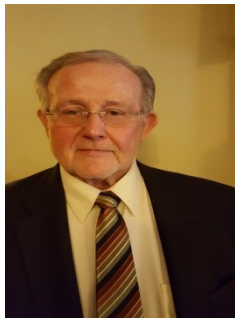
Deb Mallick

(one Year Term)



June Stirling

Your Deacons



Jay Wilson



Diane Wentling



Jill Cooper



Linda Lees



Lisa Engle



Bonnie McElhinny

(two year Term)

Nominating Committee: Nancy Huggins, Mary Ann Croop, Lisa Aaron, Maria Clingerman, Marcia Rymarchyk

Auditor: Michael Olsen

MARS UP STUDENT MINISTRY PAGE



***Let's Check out the next couple months for
Mars UP Student Ministry!***

Dec. 4th - Normal Youth Group

Dec. 9th-10th — 6-8pm Living Nativity @ MUP

Dec. 11th— Normal Youth Group

Dec. 18th— Youth Group Christmas Party!

****Details to come in Student MUPdate Email**

Dec. 25th— Merry Christmas!! NO YG :)

Jan. 1st— Happy New Year!! NO YG :)

February Ski Trip!! Feb. 10th-12th

PEEK N' PEAK

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Date— Feb. 10-12th

Where? - Peek N' Peak Ski Resort in Clymer, New York (2.5 hr. drive)

Who?- EVERYONE! Last year we had about 60 friends and family enjoy this weekend ranging in age from diapers to retired!

How and What is it?

Talk to Justin or Shelly ASAP and let them know that you or your Family wants to go! We will spend the weekend Skiing, Snowboarding, Tubing, and yes of course...Eating! This weekend is such an incredible opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family amongst the Mars UP Church Family! Just ask anyone who has come with us before...You don't want to miss this!!



There will be only **One Service at 10:00 am.**

Special Music by Jamie Daugherty and Kylee O'Donnell

Rev. Dr. William Jackson
No Sunday School on December 25, 2016



TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE **SERVICES**

Celebrate the birth of Christ and the great light that has come into the world at Mars UP Church!

Three traditional, candlelight services:

- ♦ **5PM**— Family Friendly Candlelight Service
- ♦ **7pm**—Candle Light Service with Special Music from the Chancel Choir
- ♦ **11pm**—Candle Light Service with the Celebration of Communion

Bring friends, family and neighbors!!

December 2016

Tarry N Talk Hosts: Mission & Outreach Keith Cuyar, John Ivory, Tom McMeekin, Louise Fox, Dona Gartrell, Mary Snow

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and call him Emmanuel.

				1	2	3 9AM DECORATE CHURCH
4 8:30 Early Worship 11:00 Morning Wors 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Congregat Mtg 5:00 MS Youth Group 7:00 HS Youth Group Nursery: Becky Courson	5 1:30 pm Wom- en's Bible Study 6:30 Buildings & Grounds 7:00pm Grief- share	6 9 am A-Team 6:30 Mission and Outreach 7:00pm AA	7 9 am Material Girls	8 10am Fiber Arts Meeting 7:15pm Stew- ardship Mtg.	9 6:00 pm LIVING NATIVITY	10 6:00 pm LIVING NATIVITY
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SAVE THE DATE!

- ♦ The Greening of the Church Dec 3rd at 9am
- ♦ Living Nativity Dec. 9th & 10th
- ♦ Children's Christmas Pageant Dec 11th at 12:30 pm
- ♦ Christmas Eve Services: 5pm, 7pm & 11pm
- ♦ Christmas Day Service : 10 am (One Service)
- ♦ New Year's Day Service: 10 am (One Service)



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We're also on Facebook!!

Join us for Worship
Sunday's at 8:30 am &
11:00 am

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