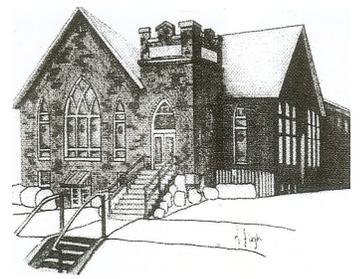


# MARS UP CHURCH



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

**November 2016**

**There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2016 to hear the report of the PNC. The meeting will begin with worship where the candidate will preach and continue with the business portion of the meeting immediately following worship. Ira Baumgartel, Clerk of Session and Rev. Dr. William Jackson, Moderator.**

**There will only be one Service on Sunday, November 13, 2016  
Church School classes will still meet at 9:45 am**

**Informal Reception to meet the candidate on Saturday, November 12, 2016.  
Please see his introductory letter included in the newsletter.**

## **Sunday, November 6, 2016**

**—Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 Rev. Dr. William Jackson Preaching on the sermon title:  
Jesus Loves me, This I Show”**

**—We will honor our veterans at both services**

**—Matt Reichart, Director of Pine Valley Bible Camp will give a Prospective in Mission at both services, and he and his wife will be guest speakers at Music and Chat in the Fellowship Hall —9:45 am. Everyone is invited!**

## **Promise Sunday November 6, 2016**

**As has been announced by internet and mail we will observe Promise Sunday, an opportunity to make our own personal anonymous promise of financial support of 2017. This will have two values in making our promise:**

- 1. It gives us a personal guide and goal for our giving in 2017.**
- 2. It will give the Budget Committee and the session a realistic idea of what our resources will be for the coming year.**

**Please return your Promise Card, either on Sunday the 6th or mail it to the office.**

**(Cards will be available in the bulletins that morning. Thank you for helping us to remain a Very Promising Church!**

**Rev. Dr. William Jackson**

# EDWARD L. BOYCE, III

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My name is Edward L. Boyce, III and I am a candidate for the position of pastor at Mars United Presbyterian Church. I have been an ordained Presbyterian minister since August of 1998. I grew up in Roanoke, Virginia and Richmond, VA. I attended Emory & Henry College for 2 years and transferred to Virginia Commonwealth University where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Minor in Religious Studies.

While attending VCU at night, I worked fulltime as a salesperson in the industrial supply and manufacturing industry. After I graduated from VCU, I worked another year in that industry before enrolling in the Master of Divinity program at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. I have also take courses at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary towards a yet to be completed Doctor of Ministry.

My wife, Marian Carmical, and I have been married 21 years. We have an almost 18-year-old son, Will, who is a freshman at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke where he is a music performance and business major. Marian and I met at Union Theological Seminary, where she was in the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Education dual degree program. I have served congregations in North Carolina, Louisiana, and Virginia. Marian is an ordained Presbyterian minister, who for the last 13 years has taught middle school math and served as a stated supply and parish associate in 2 congregations.

In my spare time I love to walk my dog, Rosalita, (a Beagle-Jack Russell terrier mix) play my guitars, build electric guitars, listen to music, watch science fiction TV shows, like Doctor Who and Sherlock. I enjoy cooking, take photographs, reading history books, attend marching band performances, and spend as much time with my wife as is possible.

As Marian and I think about moving from Whispering Pines, NC to Mars, PA, I can only hope that the people of Mars United Presbyterian Church are half as excited about our arrival as we are about moving. When I visited with the PNC in October, I had the opportunity to see the beautiful sanctuary and wonderful facilities of the congregation. I can envision that the church has been filled with great music, vibrant worship, and opportunities for education and mission, and I am certain that will continue in the days and years ahead.

When the PNC and I began our conversations in late July, I realized my own theological leanings seem to be a good fit, and the gifts and skills the PNC were seeking in the next pastor were the very things that I was seeking to use and practice in my next call. I have to admit that the prospect of living in the Mars area, near Pittsburgh, is exciting in its own right.

The PNC has shared with me about the excellent interim pastors who have helped the congregation prepare everyone for a new era in the congregation's life. And if the people on the PNC are the example, then you have many gifted, joyful, committed, delightful people who call Mars United their home.

I have to admit that following my trip to Mars, Marian and I both have never so enjoyed a "job interview" that much. I took these feelings as one of many signs pointing to and confirming God's call. Of course a call, by its very nature, is a call to something and from something. It includes a leaving behind, and I am struggling with what and how to tell my current congregation. Marian and I feel a profound sadness over leaving people we love, over things not finished and dreams not fulfilled. Yet, we will celebrate the things we have accomplished, the successes, and the dreams that have become realities.

But the feeling of call to Mars United is much greater than this sadness, and I am eager to discover the work God is calling us to do together. That is why my big agenda item on arrival will not be worship design, staffing questions, or some new program (as important as these might be). The big item is getting to know you. Each of us is gifted in order to play our part in the body of Christ. God's call comes to each of us, and the congregation's call grows out of these individual calls. As Marian and I eagerly anticipate this new thing God is doing, I look forward to the joyful task of working with all of you to discover the future that God has is store for us.

If you would like, you can listen to some of my sermons, see some pictures of my family, and look at my blog posts on my website, [www.elboyce3.com](http://www.elboyce3.com)

With Christ's Love for Everyone!

Following the Son,

Ed Boyce

Making Disciples For Jesus By:

\*Inviting People Into a Relationship With Jesus

\*Equipping People For Ministry

\*Sending People Out into the World to Join Jesus on the Mission Field



## November Volunteers for 2016

### November Nursery

November 6-Sharon Gibbs

November 13-Keith Nichols

November 20-Natalie Llewellyn

November 27-Megan Prazer

### November Greeters

Elder-Susan Cox and Deacon-Janie Aiken

### November Tarry N Talk Hosts

Christian Education Committee: Susan Cox, Alma Staskiewicz, Herb Wellman, Pam Kennedy, Sharon Gibbs

### November Muffin Crew

November 6-

November 13-Pam and Linda

November 20

November 27-Pam and Linda

### November Flowers for Worship

Sundays available: November 6, 2016

### Pastors Schedule for November

November 6, 20—Rev. Dr. Bill Jackson

November 13-Guest Minister

November 27-Rev. Terry Stoops



## VETERAN'S RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On **November 6th at 8:30am & 11am**, a portion of worship will include an invitation for the congregation to come forward and light a candle in honor or memory of a veteran or veterans.

Our Veteran's Recognition Service has become an important Sunday for many in our community and church. The lit candles remind us of our veteran's bravery and sacrifice. It also reminds us of our responsibility. Our nation's freedom comes with a cost. May this day remind us never to take our freedom for granted. May this day inspire us to be diligent and faithful to the tasks God and country asks of us. For the glory of God!

## TURKEY BASH

The annual Turkey Bash will be held Nov 17th at 12:30 pm. Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. The turkey bash is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, enjoy a wonderful meal and give thanks to God for all that we have been given!

There is no charge for the meal; however donations are appreciated. Feel free to invite friends and family to this Thanksgiving celebration.

**Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.**

**Psalm 107:8**



# What happens at MUP Youth Group!





NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Don't forget to VOTE

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD Psalm 46:10

Dear Beloved God in Heaven,

Please give us a president who loves this country and everything it stands for.

Please give us a president who respects You as the one true God.

Please give us a president who will, with Your help, restore this nation to its former glory, the way You created her.

Please help us to respect what You have given to us and not take anything for granted ever again.

Please God, weaken the evil and strengthen the good, both within and without.

May our eyes be opened.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen

## Rotary Pancake Breakfast at MUP

Come to MARS UP CHURCH to support  
the Rotary Pancake Breakfast on

**November 12 from  
7am to 11am.**

All you can eat pan-  
cakes & sausage!

Tickets available at  
the door.

Adults \$8 and

Children under the age of 5 are free.



## Living Nativity

There will be a meeting for those want-  
ing to participate in this year's

LIVING NATIVITY.

Keep your eyes and  
ears peeled for time  
and date—what a  
great way to shine  
the light of Christ!



*From the Director's Corner:*

**Dear Friends** – we are fast approaching that special time of year for favorite carols and hymns that celebrate the birth of our Savior. We are planning a special celebration of Advent beginning Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, our first Sunday in Advent. “Candles and Carols”, written by Mark Hayes will be performed each Sunday during Advent, and at the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service. This beautiful journey through Advent includes narrations for the lighting of the Advent Wreath, special music played during the narration, and concludes with a short anthem by the choir following the weekly theme of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. If you can't make a yearly commitment to choir, won't you consider joining us for this wonderful journey through Advent and Christmas? The Chancel Choir meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. and again Sunday morning at 10:30 for a brief rehearsal before the 11 a.m. service. Please consider this opportunity to join us as we celebrate Advent and Christmas!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Jamie Daugherty



**FOODBANK COLLECTION**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Every Month!

Non-perishable items for the Glade Run Food Pantry – food, personal hygiene, cleaning products and pet supplies are all graciously accepted.

**DEACONS' KINDNESS OFFERING**

2nd Sunday of Every Month!

This offering is used for anyone in need in the community by request to the Deacons.

**Reading Martians**

The Reading Martians of MUP meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 2.00 p.m. in the Board Room. If you are interested in joining us, please call Gloria Utz at 724-591-0551. Next meeting will be November 30, 2016

**IN MEMORIUM**

Charles P. Kennedy  
September 12, 1930–October 20, 2016

J. Robert Kennedy  
June 11, 1932–October 31, 2016

Please Welcome Mars UP Church Newest Members



**David Good** David is a father of two children. Gabriella, his daughter is eight years old and his son, Grayson is seven. David lives in Seven Fields and is a German teacher. David's mom is Sarah and she is a faithful member of the "Material Girls".



**Angela Badger** Angela and her children come to us from Westminster UP Church in Sarver. Angela, her husband Matt, Addison, Adian, Elizabeth, and Emma live in Adams Township. Angela is a personal trainer at Freedom Fitness.



**Addison Sanders** is a Senior at Mars Area High School and is involved in Soccer and enjoys Mars UP Youth Group.



**Adian Sanders** is a freshman at Mars Area High School and is an avid soccer player for Mars.



**Elizabeth Sanders** is a sophomore at Mars Area High School and is active with the Band.



It's that time of the year for daylight saving time again. This weekend, daylight saving time will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 6th.

Turn your clocks back before bed Saturday night to prevent arriving late to church on Sunday!

## LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION



Lighthouse Foundation is hosting a free eye clinic with Mission Vision on November 15, 2016

Mission Vision, utilizing its unique delivery model, provides mobile eye clinics at churches, schools, soup kitchens, food banks, federally qualified health clinics, crisis shelters, and other community service organizations. The eye clinics include vision screening, free eyewear and referrals for medical treatments, if necessary.

If you would like your eyes checked, please contact Dave Miller

Lighthouse Foundation

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724-586-5554



## MUSIC & CHAT NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Come down to the Social Hall at 10am on the first Sunday of each month! We will meet with all ages to worship, enjoy hot drinks, have some great breakfast snacks, and enter into a devotional and discussion time together. This is a great environment to "try out" since we provide music and lyrics to songs, we have open discussion based upon a devotional or message, and we can always expand our worship circle. We'll sing new worship, hymns, and everything in between so I know you will be able to find a good space to worship our Creator. Looking forward to the first Sunday of each month, see you there!

Guest Speaker from Pine Valley Bible Camp- Matt Reichart





# Light of City Choir

Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 11:00 Worship

The Pine Valley Camp "Light of City Choir" will be joining us to perform a few songs and worship with us during the service. Please don't miss this special performance.

November 13, 2016

## One Worship Service at 11:00

Congregational Meeting  
immediately following  
Service

\*\*Sunday School classes will still  
be meeting @ 9:45 am

GROW Thanksgiving Eve Service

Valencia Church

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

Please come and join Rev. Jim Kirk of Valencia and Rev.  
Terry Stoops of Mars UP for 6:00 Dinner and service at  
7:30 with communion.



## 80+ Birthday Luncheon

Special Birthday wishes to Howard Meeder at  
98 and Louise Snow is 94 years Young!



## MARS UP WEBSITE NEWS

Want to catch up on Pastor Bill's  
Sermons? Check out our church  
website or Youtube Channel to  
find past sermons!

[www.mars-up.org](http://www.mars-up.org) or search for  
"Mars UP Church" on Youtube to  
find our page.

# 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!*

## NOVEMBER

11/6 - Music & Chat Guest speaker Mr. Matt Reichart from Pine Valley Bible Camp: 10am MUP Social Hall

- YG Normal Times and Location

11/11-13 - Middle School Students at Laurelville Retreat!

11/18-20 - High School Students at Laurelville Retreat!

11/27— \*No Youth Group due to Thanksgiving Weekend

\*\*No Sunday Night Youth Group 11/13 OR 11/20 due to Laurelville Retreats

## Laurelville Fall Retreat Info

Dates-

*Middle School -> Nov. 11 -13*

*High School -> Nov. 18 - 20*

*Cost - \$120 pays for everything including meals!*

*How?*

*Talk to Justin and let him know you want to go! This has quickly become many students favorite retreat so you wont want to miss it. Any and all friends are welcome! We leave Friday evening and return Sunday by 1pm.*



# November 2016

Tarry N Talk Hosts: Christian Education Committee: Susan Cox, Alma Staskiewicz, Herb Wellman, Pam Kennedy, Sharon Gibbs

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## SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ NOVEMBER 6-VETERAN'S SUNDAY
- ◆ NOVEMBER 11- MIDDLE SCHOOL-LAURELVILLE
- ◆ NOVEMBER 12-ROTARY BREAKFAST
- ◆ NOVEMBER 12-MEET AND GREET
- ◆ NOVEMBER 13-ONE SERVICE @ 11AM, GUEST MINISTER
- ◆ NOVEMBER 13-CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
- ◆ NOVEMBER 17-TURKEY BASH
- ◆ NOVEMBER 18-HIGH SCHOOL-LAURELVILLE
- ◆ NOVEMBER 20-PINE VALLEY BIBLE CHOIR
- ◆ NOVEMBER 24- HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- ◆ NOVEMBER 27-FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

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Sunday's at 8:30 & 10

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