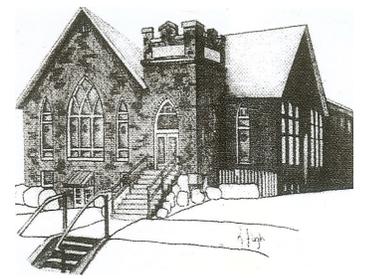


# MARS UP CHURCH



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

November 2018

*“Each should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:7-9).*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Years ago, I received a call from a company called *Epic Fundraising*. After a brief introduction, the caller asked, “So, how do you do your fundraising?”

I thought for a moment and said, “Well, I wouldn’t say we actually do *fundraising*. The approach I like to take is that Jesus, God himself, came to earth and lived with us, ministered to us, laughed with us, cried with us, and died for us. Because of his life, death, and resurrection, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the promise of eternal life. This is what motivates our giving, or what you call fundraising.”

I continued, “My position on fundraising is that God commands us to give back a tenth of everything we have, and we get to keep the other nine. God gets one, we keep nine. We give one-tenth back to God, and we receive the grace of Christ, and eternal life. That’s what I’ve preached, and I don’t wish to use the word *successful*, but it seems to have worked pretty well over the years.”

The phone was silent for a moment, and the person finally responded, “Oh! Well, thanks for your time!”

I’ve only been at Mars U.P. since February, so I don’t know how you view Stewardship, or what is sometimes called *The Sermon on the Amount*. I don’t know how many Stewardship sermons are given, if at all. (By the way, did you know that Jesus spoke about money more often than he spoke about love? If I was to talk about money as often as Jesus did, you would hear *thirteen sermons* each year!)

I have had a few discussions with some of you about your giving, and I’ve heard the reports about receipts increasing in September (is God not active in your life during the summer?). But I really don’t know how MUP in general approaches the topic.

***But this is what I DO know:*** Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay the bills. Instead, these congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people *grow spiritually in their relationship with God* by supporting their church’s mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Bible-based, Christ-centered, *joyful* giving is based upon the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own *spiritual development*, rather than what the church needs to receive. Instead of treating people as members of a club or non-profit organization who pay dues, church members are treated as *followers of Jesus Christ* who want to *give unselfishly as an act of discipleship*.

In November, I will offer three sermons:

- November 4: The humanity and the divinity of Christ;
- November 11: The work of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit;
- November 18: *Responding* to the person and work of Christ.

The sermons won't be about our budget, our leaders, what's going on in the denomination, or even "stepping up" (whatever that means!). They are about Christ, and that's what Stewardship is – our response to the person, divinity, work, and grace of Christ.

This year, I would like each of us to *prayerfully consider* to three questions:

1. Who is Jesus Christ, and how has my life been changed because of his life, death, and resurrection?
2. Up to this point, how have I *responded financially* (yes, financially!) to Christ's work in my life?
3. What percentage of my income is God calling me to give to Mars U.P. Church in 2019?

(By the way, if you're wondering about a good starting point, the base percentage regarding giving is 10%, off the top. That's the Scripture-based minimum. And if you're already tithing, maybe God is calling you to give more.)

Again, Stewardship is not a referendum on the budget, or expressing an opinion about Mars, her past or her future, our leaders, our denomination, or me. Also, as I told the guy from *Epic Fundraising*, Stewardship is NOT about *fundraising*. Stewardship is our personal, *physical response to God on the Cross*.

God commands us to do lots of things – one of those commands is to give back to him a tenth of everything we have. I encourage you to pray about your *financial response* to the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus for 2019. And please be in worship to hear what God has told me to tell you about this aspect of your life in Christ.

It is my hope and dream that everyone, enabled by the Holy Spirit, will become *a cheerful giver, and God's grace may abound in you*.

In Christ,

**Pastor Jim**

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. We are planning a Congregational Meeting for November 18, 2018, at 10 AM for the purpose of (a) electing officers for 2019, (b) receiving the 2019 Budget, and (c) changing our Bylaws to make the required quorum for Congregational Meetings 15 % of membership.
2. Consideration of a single worship service is on hold for now
3. Money is beginning to come in for the Roof Campaign - Pray about it
4. Babysitters are needed for the Nursery during the worship service

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS FOR 2021

**ELDERS:** Keith Nichols, John Ivory, Bob Riefer, Ira Baumgartel, Alma Staskiewicz (2 year)

**DEACONS:** Ruth Wilson, Marsha Haley, Bonnie McElhinny (2yr), Jennifer Ivory(1yr) Pat Auld(1yr)

**HEAD USHER:** Jay Wilson, **AUDITOR:** Lisa Foster, **TREASURER:** Marie Matthews

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** 3 Members of Congregation, June Stirling/ Elder Chairperson, Louise Fox/Elder Vice Chairperson , Christi Augustine, Sue Henry, Karen Purvis

## November Volunteers for 2018

### November Nursery

November 4-Pat Auld

November 11-Pat Auld

November 18-Keith Cuyar

November 25-Missy Wells

Elder-Lisa Barbour and Deacon-Jane Aiken

### November Greeters

### November Tarry N Talk Hosts

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Herb Wellman, Ira Baumgartel, Keith Cuyar, Pat Auld and Jay Wilson.

### November Muffin Crew

November 4-

November 11-Pam and Linda

November 18

November 25-Pam and Linda

### November Flowers for Worship

Sundays available: November 4th and November 11th



## VETERANS RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On **November 11th 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 15th at 12:00 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. Reservations appreciated!!



**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**

# APPLEFEST HIGHLIGHTS



# November

## Rotary Pancake Breakfast at MUP

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

**Saturday, November 10 from 7am to 11am.**

All you can eat pancakes & sausage!

Tickets available at the door.

Adults \$8 and

Children under the age

of 5 are free.



## 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.



## Deacon Kindness

**2nd Sunday of Every Month!**

With the upcoming holiday season, needs will be greater in the community. Please consider helping the Deacon Kindness fund in November and December.

KINDNESS IS FREE  
SPRINKLE  
THAT STUFF  
EVERYWHERE

## Living Nativity

CE/MO Committee would like to offer the LIVING NATIVITY again this year at Mars UP Church.

If you are interested in helping with this community mission project, please contact Alma Staskiewicz or Lisa Barbour.





## MY SCHOOL PRESCHOOL'S MORNING with SANTA

When: December 1, 2018

Where: Mars UP Church

232 Crowe Avenue

Mars, PA 16046

Time: 9:30 — 11:30 am

Tickets: \$10.00 per person

Ticket include: Admission, Activities for Kids, Photo with Santa, Snacks and One Raffle Tickets per Child.

Additional Raffle Tickets available for purchase at this event, Cash Only.

For More Information, email: [myschoolpreschoolmars@gmail.com](mailto:myschoolpreschoolmars@gmail.com) or 724-272-9911



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on November 18, 2018 at **10am**. **Sunday School will not be held this Sunday due to the meeting. Worship services remain the same. 8:30am and 11:00am**

Purpose of meeting threefold (a) elect officers for 2019, (b) receive the budget for 2019, and (c) change the By-laws to make the required quorum for Congregational Meetings 15% of membership.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECTS



**ANGEL TREE** upcoming mission projects.

Once again we will be sponsoring the Salvation Army Angel Tree and Lighthouse Toy Drive. Please watch your bulletins and Tarry N Talk for more information.

Help Make Christmas special for someone!





Dear Friends -

The holidays are fast approaching and as we prepare our hearts for the season of Advent, the Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing carols and seasonal music. Please consider joining the choir for this special time of year! If you can't make a commitment for the entire year, why not join us to sing Christmas anthems for the month of December and Christmas Eve? We have a special segment each Sunday in Advent for the Lighting of the Advent Wreath that combines music and prayerful readings. Hope, Peace, Joy and Love will abide with us this season and every season as we await the birth of our Savior, Emmanuel. Please consider joining us for this special time of year. Candles, Carols and fellowship with the Mars U.P. Church Chancel Choir.

Soli Deo Gloria

Jamie

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 4th.

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

Communion will be served on November 4th during the 8:30 service.



## Greening of the Church— November 23rd 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!

Refreshments provided!



# Annual MUP Bonfire



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW????????????????????????????????

## ELLA, JOHN AND RODNEY HEETER

As you may be aware, the Heeter family recently moved to Chambersburg area to be closer to family and new opportunities with John's company Edward Jones.

While there, Rodney has turned one and is sporting his new baseball outfit Ella made while attending the Material Girls.

They love their new home and are enjoying the many picturesque views of the countryside.

If you would like to send a card and say hello, their new address is:

John,Ella & Rodney Heeter

3027 Crottletown Road

Chambersburg, PA 17202



## IDA BAILEY

Ida has moved to Ohio in order to be closer to family and her son, Jim. He tells us that Ida is doing amazingly good considering the magnitude of the move.



She speaks of MUP often and would love a card or note. Her new address is:  
1840 Towne Park Drive  
Apt. 210  
Troy, OH 45373

We wish her well and miss her at MUP!



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mike Sauers—7th

Wesley Hager—15th

Bob Cox—17th

Nancy Govan— 24th

Angela Guesman— 28th

Marie Matthews-9th

Becky Courson-16th

Bea Moore-18th

Matthew Olsen-27th

Ron Weaver-30th

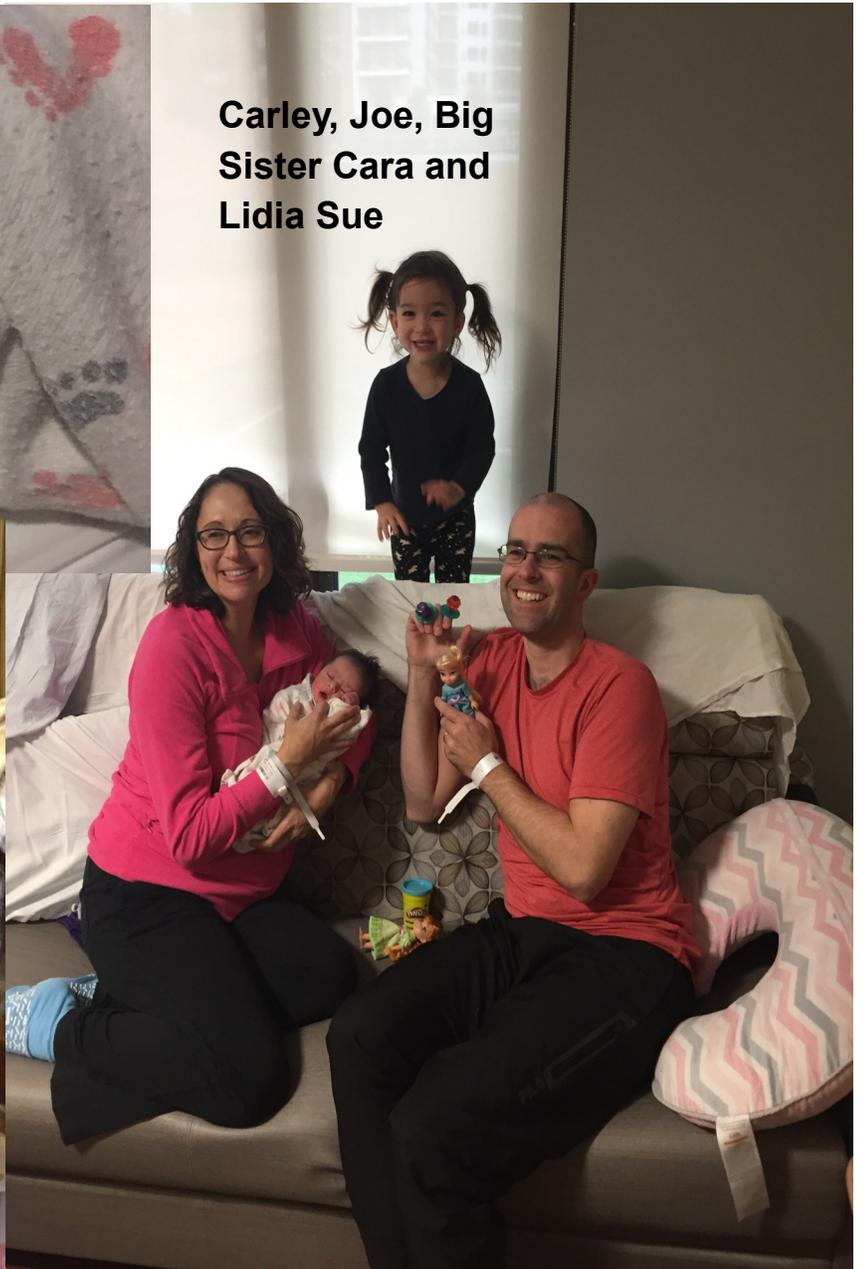


## CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME LIDIA SUE STOY

BORN: OCTOBER 12, 2018 @ 7:49 PM 7LBS 7OZ AND 20 INCHES LONG



**Carley, Joe, Big Sister Cara and Lidia Sue**



**Happy Birthday 80+** The 80 plus MUPper's were honored by a dinner at the church provided by the Deacons. They dined on Ham Loaf, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and Cake. The oldest attendee was Howard Meeder at 100 years young. Please wish them a Happy Birthday.



# 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**

11/4—Laurelville Deposits Due for High School

11/4—Normal Youth Group @ 7pm

11/11—Normal Youth Group @ 7pm

11/18—Normal Youth Group @ 7PM

Final Payments due for Laurelville

11/25th—No Youth Group/THANKSGIVING BREAK

11/30 thru 12/2 —High School Students at Laurelville

No Youth Group on December 2nd

December 2nd— First Sunday of Advent

## *Laurelville Fall Retreat Info*

*Date-*

*High School -> Nov. 30—Dec. 2nd*

*Cost - \$125 pays for everything including meals!*

*We will be leaving for Laurelville Friday evening on November 30th and returning on Sunday December 4th.*

*Final Payment is Due: November 18th*



# November 2018

Tarry N Talk Hosts: Buildings and Grounds

Herb Wellman, Ira Baumgartel, Keith Cuyar, Pat Auld, Jay Wilson

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<b>4</b> 8:30am Early Worship 945 Sunday School 11:00 Morning 12:15 B & G Mtg 7:00 Youth Group <b>Nursery: Pat Auld</b>	<b>5</b> 1:30 p.m. <b>Women's Bible Study</b> 6:30 Griefshare	<b>6</b> 9am A-Team  7:00 p.m. AA	<b>7</b> 9:00a.m. Material Girls  7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b>  6:00 Stewardship Mtg  7:00 Deacons	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  7am Rotary Breakfast
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## SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ NOVEMBER 4-COMMUNION @ 8:30 SERVICE
- ◆ NOVEMBER 10-ROTARY BREAKFAST
- ◆ NOVEMBER 11-VETERANS SUNDAY
- ◆ NOVEMBER 15-TURKEY BASH
- ◆ NOVEMBER 18—CONGREGATIONAL MEETING @ 10AM  
No Sunday School
- ◆ NOVEMBER 22– HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- ◆ NOVEMBER 23—HANGING OF THE GREENS
- ◆ NOVEMBER 30– HIGH SCHOOL / LAURELVILLE
- ◆ DECEMBER 2– FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Contact Us

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

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Sunday's at 8:30 & 11

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