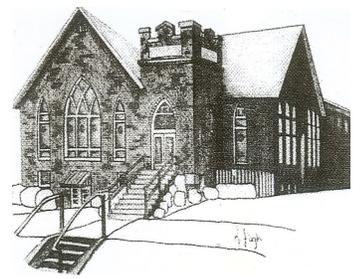


# MARS UP CHURCH



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

**November 2022**

“Give us a king to govern us”!

One of the things that never ceases to amaze me is how terrible and blatantly false political attack ads become as elections approach. Blatant lies, misleading statements, and a whole host of nasty accusations dominate our screens and airways. Running and campaigning for public office has become such a nasty and vile affair. And yet, some how, we still look to our elected leaders as the means to better our lives. We believe that certain politicians can “save the day” while by in large we all agree that politics is not a pretty sight.

We sometimes forget that political discourse is found throughout the scriptures. From rulers making horrifying decisions like enslaving people or ordering the death of all male children, to knowing which nations are allies and which nations are enemies, to kings and rulers being chosen by God; there are plenty of ways that politics plays out in the bible.

As election day draws closer I am reminded of the Israelites asking God to give them a ruler that they like. Samuel was a prophet and leader who was raised by the Priest Eli. You may remember the calling of Samuel as the Lord called to him in his sleep and he answered, “here I am LORD”. Anyway Samuel has grown up. He has risen in stature in the eyes of God and man, and has defeated the Philistines and kept them at bay. He was a good and faithful servant of God. But he was getting older and the people did not trust Samuel’s sons so they ask Samuel to pick for them a king. Samuel does not like that idea at all and goes on to tell them all of the reasons why having a king is a bad idea. He tells them that a king will take their sons to use in war, will take their daughters as entertainment, and that a king will take their lands. But the people will not be swayed, they want a king so that they can be like other nations. They want a king to watch over them, protect them, and keep them safe.

Samuel takes their request to God. This is how God responds, God says, “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.”

As we go to the polls to elect the leaders of our community, state, and nation. Let us remember the mistake made by the Israelites. We should vote, we should participate in democracy, we should vote our conscience as we are guided by our faith in God; but we should not elevate any politician to the point of thinking they are the answer, or worse, our savior. There is only one savior. Only one worthy of our full trust and hope and He is not on the ballot. We must not replace God with a ruler, governor, senator, or any other politician. They will ultimately disappoint, but God is faithful to the thousandth generation. As the inscription on the coins in our pocket says, “In God we Trust”! I trust in my King over any politician, I hope you will too.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. Presbytery was impressed with our dinner for their September Meeting
2. No Communion on First Sunday of November...That is Scout Sunday and Veterans Sunday. Communion to be held Second Sunday at Combined Worship Service at St. Johns Lutheran Church - Service begins at 9:30 am
3. Turkey Bash to be held Thursday before Thanksgiving at Noon in Social Hall...RSVP your attendance
4. Music Program - Nov. 20 Pine Valley Choir; Nov. 30 Chris Wu to perform; Dec. 18 - Chris Wu to perform at Worship Service
5. Decorating the Sanctuary will take place on Nov. 20 following Worship Service.
6. Front of Sanctuary to be painted by Turner Painting January/February of 2023
7. Approved hiring an Engineering Company to complete study of water run-off in parking lot and design retention system and obtain necessary permits for paving parking lot.
8. Eagle Scout project is collecting clean plastic bottle and container caps/tops for a project to turn plastic into a bench and/or table for Children's park on Garfield Ave.
9. Approved use of Social Hall for Community Fundraiser Dinner for Adams District Volunteer Fire Dept. to be held on January 28, 2023...

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECTS



ANGEL TREE

If you would like to share some Christmas Joy this year, please consider helping with one of our 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!



Light of the City singers from Pine Valley Camp will be providing the music for worship on November 20th.

We look forward to celebrating worship with them.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

On Sunday afternoon our church was a lively place with middle schoolers running, playing, and sharing in the joy of Christ.

The group continues to grow with the kids inviting more friends each week!

November meetings will be the 6th, 13th from 1:00-2:30pm



Youth are leading worship!

Nov. 13th at the St. John Lutheran church. Come support our joint youth group as we

The youth group is sleeping outside on November 18th & 19th in homebuilt cardboard houses in an effort to understand homelessness. They are also collecting funds to support Robin's Home, a female veteran shelter in Butler, PA. Sponsoring our youth for this event helps homeless vets.!

## All Saints' Day and Veterans Recognition Sunday

On November 6th we will observe All Saints' Day and Veterans Day by remembering, honoring and celebrating all the saints of the church, members, veterans and friends of the congregation. The Boy Scouts will also be attending this Sunday to help us honor veterans.



Our Veteran's Recognition Service has become an important Sunday for many in our community and church. The celebration remind us of our veteran's bravery and sacrifice. It also reminds us of our responsibility. 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!

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in al who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord and made an impact on our lives.

# APPLEFEST HIGHLIGHTS



# November

## Rotary Pancake Breakfast at MUP

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

**Saturday, November 12th 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.

December 9th and 10th

If you are interested in helping with this community mission project, please contact Alma Staskiewicz, or Pastor Brian or notify the office at 724-625-1365



The Mars United Presbyterian Church TURKEY BASH is BACK!!!! Join us on Thursday, November 17th at 12:30 pm.

232 Crowe Avenue—Fellowship Hall

724-625-1365 with questions

Free will offering.

Please RSVP by Thursday, November 10th by calling the office

@ 724-625-1365 or

email [marsup@mars-up.org](mailto:marsup@mars-up.org)



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!

This is also a great time to CHANGE your smoke alarm batteries!!!

### Greening of the Church— November 20th after worship

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Christmas.

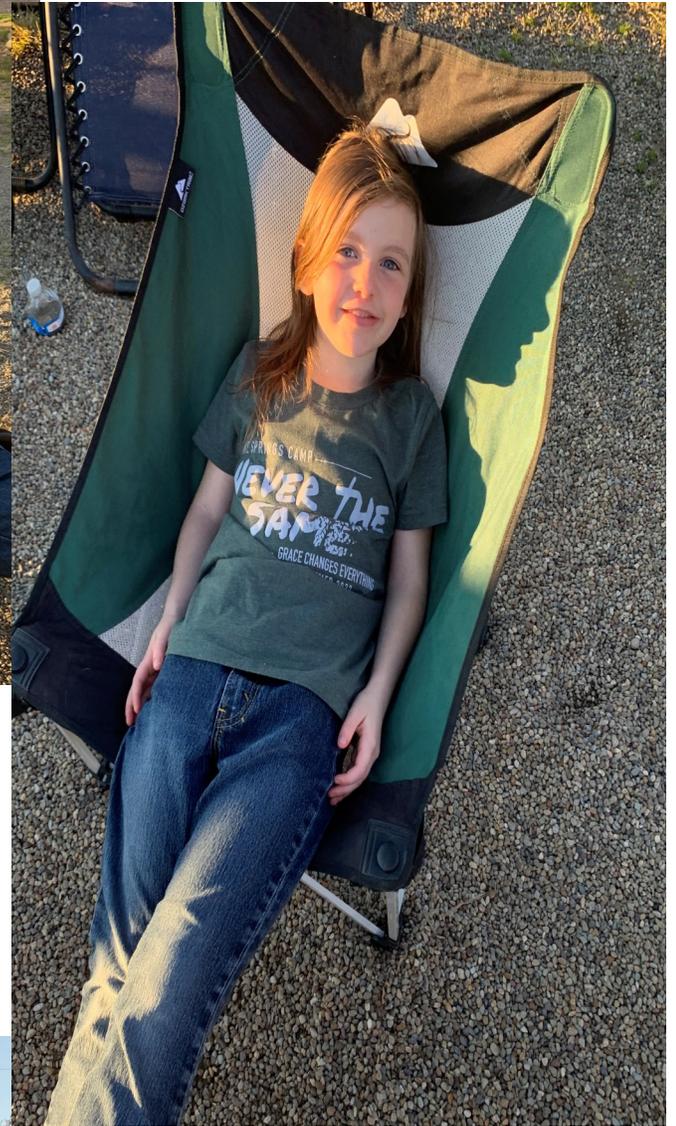
We need YOU (yes you!!) to help to transform the sanctuary! There are a variety of tasks—from fluffing garland, setting up candles to hanging wreaths.

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

Refreshments provided!



# Annual MUP Bonfire



Thank you Worship Committee, Don Lewis & Tom McMeekin for a wonderful, fun-filled evening of fellowship around the bonfire. The beautiful sunny warm weather made the evening extra special. We look forward to



# Heritage Sunday



Congratulations to our

**25yr members:**

Jenny Ivory

John Ivory

**50yr members:**

Alma Staskiewicz

Thank you for all the memorial donations in memory of

Tracey Nichols

Beth Menke  
Philburn

Harold & Doris  
McCandless

Beatrice Moore

# Pastor Appreciation



## Old-Fashioned **HARD TACK** Candy



Help us sell homemade hardtack candy!! It is delicious and basically sells itself if you share with your family and friends. **An order form is attached in this newsletter and more will be provided in the church Tarry N Talk.** The cost is \$5.00 per 1lb bag and it comes in assorted or single flavors.

Another way you can help is making the candy. It is not hard work, but does take many hands. There will be timeslots during the day and evening to accommodate nearly any schedule. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Brian at [pastor@mars-up.org](mailto:pastor@mars-up.org) or cell 724-689-3412

# 80+ Dinner



Happy Birthday to our attendees: Alice Leonberg, Doris Keefer, Marlene Edwards, Ann Carter, Nancy Moore, Ruth Wilson, Nancy Govan, Harold Kennedy, John Grau!

Guests of 80+ Jay Wilson and Judy Kennedy

Chancel flowers needed for the altar on the following-  
Sundays in November 6th, 20th and 27th.

If you would like to donate flowers any Sunday, please  
contact the office  
or use the sign-up  
sheet in Tarry N  
Talk.



## Advent Season Begins!

1st Sunday in Advent: November 27th

2nd Sunday in Advent: December 4th

3rd Sunday in Advent: December 11

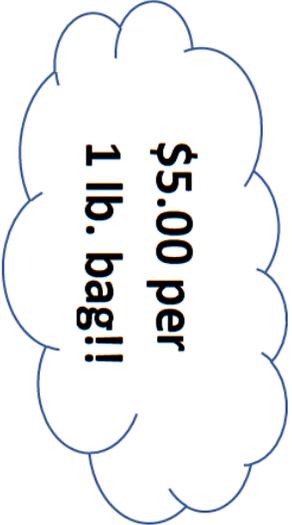
4th Sunday in Advent: December 18

If you would like to help with Advent readings during  
worship, please contact Pastor Brian or a member of  
the worship committee



# HOMEMADE HARD TACK CANDY

**MSPS & Mars-UP**



**\$5.00 per  
1 lb. bag!!**

**Assorted bags include:**

Cinnamon      Watermelon      Grape      Spearmint      Wintergreen      Peppermint      Butter Rum

You can also purchase **individual flavors** in 1lb bags!! Available Flavors are:

Cinnamon	Watermelon	Grape	Spearmint	Wintergreen	Peppermint	Butter Rum
Sassafra	Pina Colada	Cherry	Butterscotch	Coconut	Lemon	Banana Cream
Orange	Apple	Anise	Clove	Vanilla	Butternut	

<b>NAME</b>	<b>KIND OF CANDY</b>	<b>Phone #</b>	<b>TOTAL # OF BAGS</b>
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## SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ NOVEMBER 6th —VETERAN'S & ALL SAINTS DAY SUNDAY
- ◆ NOVEMBER 12TH- ROTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- ◆ NOVEMBER 13TH—JOINT WORSHIP WITH ST. JOHN
- ◆ NOVEMBER 17TH—TURKEY BASH @ 12:30 PM
- ◆ NOVEMBER 18TH & 19TH-YOUTH HOMELESS EVENT
- ◆ NOVEMBER 20TH- HANGING OF THE GREENS
- ◆ NOVEMBER 20TH—PINE VALLEY SINGERS
- ◆ NOVEMBER 24- HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- ◆ NOVEMBER 27TH- 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 10am

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