

# MARS UP CHURCH



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

**September 2019**

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope (Jeremiah 29:11).*

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is indeed an exciting time at Mars Church! The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is hard at work, and your Session hopes to approve the Ministry Information Form (MIF) at its September meeting. Thanks to the excellent and diligent work of the Transition Team, the PNC had a “jump start” on writing the MIF. The group came together under the authority of the Spirit very quickly, and their discussions have been lively but Spirit-driven. We could be receiving resumes as early as November. Your PNC meets each Wednesday at 7:30 – pray for them! Pray also for the person whom God has already chosen to be your next pastor. He/she doesn’t know it, and we certainly don’t, but God will reveal the name in His time!

While the PNC continues its work, there are still many other things happening at MUP. Perhaps the most important thing, for those of you who have not been with us, a decision has been made regarding our worship service: After many months of observation, conversation, receipt of over eighty surveys, *and prayer*, the Mars Session has unanimously decided to continue with a single 10:00 AM Worship Service. Sunday school will be at 9:00, and Communion will be celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

MUP has been through some difficult times, but as is evidenced above with the PNC, there is a renewed spirit of unity, healing, and hope for the future.

The single service has been more lively and energetic. Folks who didn’t usually see each other for months now see one another each week. There is a renewed spirit of healing and hope each Sunday, and Session believes continuing the single service will cause these feelings to grow. Session remains committed to a second service, but has decided to enter a time of prayer and discernment about what that second service should look like, and when it should be. In order to grow, we must do something different. It may be necessary to wait until the next pastor arrives.

While the results from the surveys were 2-to-1 in favor of keeping the single service, that still means some may not be happy with the decision. If you have stayed away this summer (for whatever reason), please come back. We have missed you! We hope you will join us in worship, and see for yourself how much more energy is present.

Of course, any and all comments or questions about this decision are welcome.

We are making progress. I sincerely believe God has plans for us, and we have a future full of hope. Continue to pray for your leaders, and please also begin to pray for whomever God has chosen to be your next pastor! That person is out there, we just don’t know who it is yet!

Thanks for your continuing support as we move forward.

In Christ,

*Pastor Jim*

## September Volunteers for 2019

### September Nursery

September 1– Jill Cooper

September 8 –Sue Cook

September 15-Christi Augustine

September 22-Keith Cuyar

September 29-Shelly Bocheff

### September Greeters

Elder– Bob Riefer and Deacon-Ruth Wilson

### September Tarry N Talk Hosts

Christian Ed/Mission Committee: Angela Badger, Alma Staskiewicz, Lisa Barbour, Jenny Ivory, Jill Cooper, Marsha Haley

### September Muffin Crew

September 1-

September 8-Cake

September 15-

September 22-Pam and Linda

September 29-

### September Flowers for Worship

Sundays available are: September 15th, 22nd and 29th

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The Pastor Nominating Committee is unified and well into its work, and thanks to the Holy Spirit, Session hopes to approve the Ministry Information Form (the online document describing MUP) in September. The PNC could be receiving resumes as early as October.

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## WORSHIP SERVICE TIME

**Beginning SEPT 15th, worship will continue ONLY at 10:00am**

**Sunday School will also start at 9:00am for children and adults**





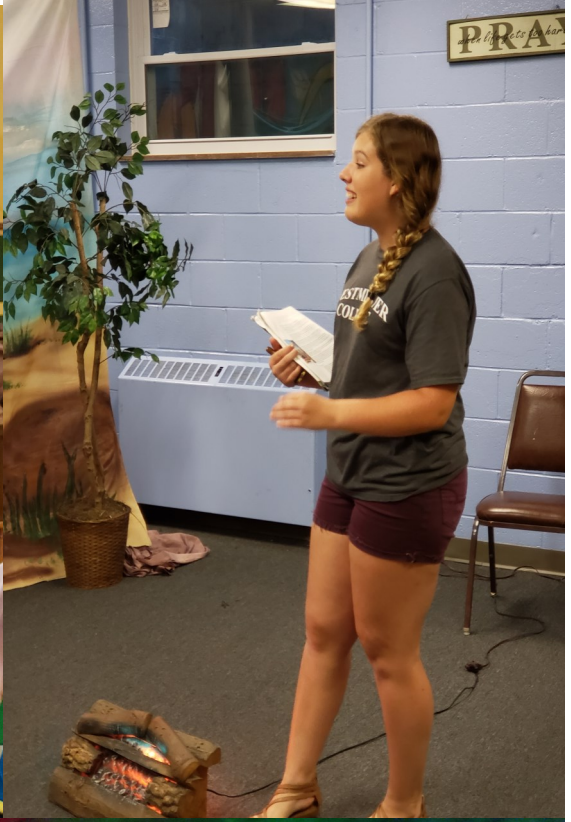
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## Rally Day – Sunday, September 8th

Our 2019–2020 Year kick-off will be held on Sunday, September 8th at 10am. During the worship Service will be the recognition of Sunday School teachers and following after the service a cake celebration in Tarry N Talk

### 80+ .....Are you 80 or Older? Time to 'fess up.....

Plans are being made for our 80+ Annual Birthday Celebration. Date and Time still be determined.

Call the office or contact the deacons to be added to our birthday list!

World Wide Communion Sunday,  
October 6TH

10:00 am Worship Service

Rev. Clark Sawyer will be leading  
the

Worship Services

### NURSERY

#### ATTENDANT NEEDED!



*Can you commit to ONE or TWO Sundays out of the YEAR? Just a few more Adult Volunteers are needed*

to help in the Church Nursery during the 10am worship service. Contact the office to find out more!



## DID YOU KNOW?

The ministry of Mars UP Church  
exceeds far beyond our walls!  
Your generous contributions

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE

in OUR CHURCH & in these  
organizations and projects:

**MHY Family Services    St John's Specialty    Hosanna Industries    Care  
Salvation Army    Urban Impact    The Lighthouse Foundation  
Compassion International  
Brother's Brother  
Local Christian Camps & Conferences  
Pine Valley Bible Camp  
The Beaver Butler Presbytery Mission  
Greater Europe Mission (Greg Nichols)**

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

## Session Highlights – August 15 Meeting

Approved Study Leave and Vacation for Rev. Steiner

Stewardship:

Overall Church giving down 15% compared to 2018, will monitor

Stewardship to meet with the PNC to discuss salary for next pastor

(After the meeting) received \$350.00 check from Flat Rock Development for Ohio acreage bequeathed to Mars Church by Jane Berry Estate – Flat Rock asking for an additional 90 days to consider the property

Christian Ed:

Successful Vacation Bible School, 65 children

Rally Day September 8

Alma Staskiewicz gave a Fiscal Year update on the Preschool. Finances show they are covering the costs associated with increased building use.

Membership continues to meet regarding roll clean-up

Second “ALICE” (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training to be held September 12 at Westminster Evans City

Building & Grounds to conduct property survey in September

PNC doing very well, hope to have Session approve Ministry Information Form at its September meeting

After lengthy (but productive) discussion, unanimously approved continuing single service (Sunday school 9:00, worship 10:00) into the future. We remain committed to a second service, but additional prayer and discernment needed before proceeding.



APPLEFEST

October 5th

10am—4pm

Save the Date!!

## GriefShare Sessions for **Fall 2019**

Griefshare will begin at Mars UP Church on Monday, September 9th in the Library Room. There are 13 sessions, held every Monday until December 9th. Everyone is invited and if you have any questions, please contact Denise at the email provided below.



Held at: Mars United Presbyterian Church,  
232 Crowe Avenue, Mars, PA 16046

Sponsored by McDonald-Aeberli Funeral Home, 238 Crowe Avenue, Mars, PA 16046. John Hanovick, *Supervisor*. Please call 724-625-2900 to register or email the facilitator, Denise, at [ddemarco5@yahoo.com](mailto:ddemarco5@yahoo.com). There is no childcare available.



Mars UP Church recycles all plastics, paper, & aluminum products. Please look for the recycling bins to help us help the planet.



The First Bible study will begin on September 9th in the Board Room at 1:30pm. The Bible Study meets on the 1st Monday every month. All ages are WELCOME!

If you have any further questions, please see Ann Carter or contact the office.





## Meals on Wheels

*We deliver smiles<sup>sm</sup>*

The Deacons will be collecting Cookies for Meals on Wheels the second Sunday of the month. The "Drop off Spot" is the table in the main kitchen and the cookies should be labeled for "MEALS ON WHEELS".

One stipulation is **NO NUTS** and preferable **NO icing**. Keep in mind that these cookies will be individually wrapped before they are distributed. Whatever is easily transported is the best type of cookie to provide.

Any questions, please see Carol Kopar, Ruth Wilson or Jill Cooper

## LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD CHOIR MEMBERS!



### CHANCEL CHOIR

**STARTS!** We will begin rehearsing for our new season on Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 7 p.m. Looking for new recruits! Are you interested in serving your church in a different capacity? Check out the chancel choir! Lots of fun and fellowship and you'll even learn a thing or two about music! See Jamie after service or just show up to rehearsal. Everyone is welcome.

**Soli Deo Gloria.**



Emily Ivory, John Ivory, Mike, Sally, Matthew Olsen, Mike, Cord and Shelly Bocheff spent the afternoon/evening at Pine Valley Summer Serve on July 31st. Pine Valley Bible Camp is one of our Mission and Outreach Organizations. Pine Valley Bible Camp still has numerous opportunities to volunteer. The Camp is in the process of rebuilding some of the facilities they use for summer camp. The Lodge and Dining Hall are their most recent projects. If you would like to volunteer this fall, please contact PVBC directly at: PINE VALLEY CAMP, 504 CHAPEL DRIVE, ELLWOOD CITY, PA 16117 (724) 752-1661 OR CONTACT THE MUP OFFICE AT 724-625-1365





# September 2019

**Tarry N Talk Hosts:**  
 CE/MO Alma Staskiewicz, Angela Badger,  
 Lisa Barbour, Jenny Ivory, Jill Cooper, Marsha Haley

1 10:00am MORN- ING WORSHIP/ Communion 11:15am ME/ WO Mtg <b>Nursery: Jill Cooper</b>	2 <b>LABOR DAY</b>  OFFICE CLOSED KENNYWOOD	3 9am A-Team  7:00 p.m. AA	4 9am Material Girls	5 <b>7:15 Deacon Meeting</b>	6	7
8 10:00am MORN- ING WORSHIP RALLY DAY  <b>Nursery: Sue Cook</b>	9 MSPS First Day for children  1:30 Women's Bible Study  6:30 Griefshare	10 9am A-Team  7:00 p.m. AA	11 9am Material Girls 6:00 Steward- ship Meeting  7:00 Chancel	12	13	14
15 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am MORN- ING WORSHIP <b>Nursery: Christi Augustine</b>	16  6:30 Griefshare	17 9am A-Team  7:00 p.m. AA	18 9am Material Girls  7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19  7:00 Session Meeting	20	21
22 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am MORN- ING WORSHIP <b>Nursery: Shelly Bocheff</b>	23  6:30 Griefshare	24 9am A-Team  7:00 p.m. AA	25 9am Material Girls  7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28
29 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am MORN- ING WORSHIP <b>Nursery: Keith Cuyar</b>	30  6:30 Griefshare					

## SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 1— COMMUNION @ 10:00am

SEPTEMBER 8—RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 9—GRIEFSHARE STARTS

SEPTEMBER 11—CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES

SEPTEMBER 15—SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9AM

OCTOBER 5—APPLEFEST (DOWNTOWN MARS)

## Contact Us

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

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[www.mars-up.org](http://www.mars-up.org)

We're also on Facebook!!

Join us for Worship

Sunday's at 10:00 am

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