

# MARS UP CHURCH



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

JANUARY 2022

On January 1, 2022, we will have a special gift handed to us..... A “brand, spanking-new” New Year which we can choose to make different from the year before. What we do is up to us!!

Our culture is very driven by the “newness” of things. New cars, new shoes, clothing, homes and etc. Even as the new year begins we are thinking of new year resolutions. Our resolutions are usually the same as we expressed the previous year and didn’t achieve. We contemplate how we can resolve to make these resolutions different from past years. But as we all know, resolutions don’t last. The average resolution only lasts a little over a month.

Thus, we need a different focus for 2022! Perhaps we need to focus on what our journey will be for the New Year. As we contemplate previous years, what was the most important “provision” that helped us through the year. Hopefully, we think of scripture, prayer, friendships, memories tucked away that gave us great joy, beauty of nature, the laugh of a child playing. We don’t need the “heavy” items and thoughts. Jesus tells his disciples to travel light. Don’t worry about food, money, clothing, a place to stay. Why? Because we need to trust God for everything!

How many of us “ran” to the store to get the last package of toilet paper, paper towels, cream cheese, loaf of bread, the latest toy, or electronic device because we thought we had to have it?? Now??? When Jesus was talking to the disciples, his point was that we need to clear our minds of the material things we think we need. We need to see clearly the most precious provisions of all: other people, and the presence of God in those people. As the disciples learned to trust their fellow disciples to take care of them, to support them in their time of need, to be their brothers and sisters in Christ, we can too.

As we start 2022, ask yourself, who and what are the real provisions of your life? Think of them, and tuck them away in that special part of your heart that you reserve for special things.





*In*  
LOVING  
*memory*  
OF THOSE  
**WHO ARE**  
*forever*  
IN OUR  
*Hearts*

**Betty Danner**

February 13, 1935—January 6, 2021

**Mary Ellen Grau**

March 13, 1933—June 27, 2021

**Samuel Moore**

February 9, 1939—August 3, 2021

**Karen Davidson**

February 15, 1954—September 3, 2021

**David Merriman**

June 10, 1948—October 11, 2021

**Tracey Nichols**

September 23, 1960—December 17, 2021

**Michael Clutter**

April 26, 1976—December 18, 2021

**Albert Timms**

December 4, 1936—December 25, 2021

## THANK YOU ELDERS AND DEACONS

*THANK YOU* to **ELDERS:** Keith Nichols, John Ivory, Christi Augustine, Bob Riefer **DEACONS:** Ruth Wilson, Marsha Haley, Jill Cooper

*Having fulfilled your term of service, our church thanks you for answering the call, honoring your commitment and for your efforts to help proclaim the love of God! We are better because of YOU!*



### \*\*\* 2022 A NEW YEAR!

Consider sponsoring sanctuary flowers for Sunday Morning church worship services. A new sign up list available in Tarry N Talk. Sponsoring flowers for worship is a great way to recognize a person, significant occasion and honor the memory of a loved one.

# Per Capita—What is it & Why Do it???

Many have asked questions about per capita, What is it? What does it support?

The Per Capita is an important aspect of how we do church. Presbyterians are proud of how our convictions inform our church function and organizational structure. As Presbyterians, we believe in “the priesthood of all believers” and acknowledge that all are called to bring their gifts and talents to God (1 Peter 2:9). And so, we champion this idea “call” throughout all levels of our denomination. On the local church level, church members are called to serve as Elders, Deacons, and pastors. Elders and pastors of churches in geographical groupings gather as Presbyteries.

There will be a Per Capita envelope in February’s envelope mailing. [The cost per member is \\$42.90](#) In a small but significant way, consider Per Capita as one way YOU and MARS UP CHURCH might be able to respond along with other Christians and churches across the nation, proclaiming the Gospel message that sin, separation and disunity will not have the final answer for us, our church, our denomination OR our world. The final answer is fully in the sovereign hands of God. Indeed, God is greater and more powerful than our broken and foolish ways of sin.

This is Jesus’ prayer and petition for us: “I have told you (plural) these things, so that in me you (plural) may have peace. In this world you (plural) will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

## *Installation of Officers*

**Installation of Elders and Deacons will be held during the worship hour on Sunday, January 16, 2022.**

Those being installed are: **ELDERS**, Marie Matthews, Alma Staskiewicz, Louise Fox

**DEACONS**, Marge Nicklas, Steve Martin, Pat Auld, Jenny Ivory (1 year Term)

The Youth did a “Homeless Event” and through the sponsorship of our church community. Pastor Brian was able to give Robin’s Home a check for \$650.00. He also presented them with the sand art that was made during worship, when we lit a candle for loved ones.

Robin’s Home provides a full continuum of care for homeless, unstably housed and low income female veterans and their children.

If you would like to donate further, please send a check to  
Robin’s Home, Inc.  
P.O. Box 483  
Lyndora, PA 16045





# The *Living* NATIVITY



Thank You Mars Agway and Jack and Merrit Fassick!!







New for MUP this year, was a number of MUP family volunteers rang the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell.

Amy Tebay from the Salvation Army gave us a one day total of \$732.39 for the Salvation Army!!!

The Red Kettle Campaign is one of the few fundraisers the organization hosts. The money raised is kept local, to continue serving the community. **Donations help to fund food programs, rental and utility assistance, WYStepUp, and more**

Thank you all who helped with this campaign.

We are doing this next year. Mark your calendar to help out!!

## MUP Ski Retreat



It's that time again! It's time for Mars UP Church to take to the slopes for an exciting day of fun and fellowship together at Peak n Peak Ski Resort! The date of the ski retreat will be Saturday, January 22.

This is a ONE DAY EVENT

We will leave the church at 7:00 am and ski/snowboard for the day.

Watch for More information and sign up sheets in Tarry N Talk soon.

Even if you are a non-skier, there is a lot to do!! Family and friends are welcome to join us!

### \*\*OUR MONTHLY OUTREACH\*\*

- Bring non-perishable food donations the first Sunday of each month to support our local food bank!
- Deacons Kindness Offering (separate offering) is the Second Sunday of the month!
- The Deacon Kindness Fund this year helped numerous organizations and families. To name a few..... Families in Kentucky, VOICE, Dress for Success, Riding for the Handicap, Living Water International, The Lighthouse, Pine Valley Bible Camp, GEM, Shawn Harmon (Italy), Christmas gifts for needy families in Mars, Gift Cards/Gas for patients in local hospitals. The Deacons work extra hard to help those in need each year. Thank you for your continued support!



# NEW Offering Envelopes

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** Please make sure to take your name. The entire year will be in your box of envelopes. We also ordered small bundles of offering envelopes if you don't need a full one. Please take if you would like one. If you did not receive envelopes and would like to have some, please contact the office.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

*The 529er ladies met to celebrate the Christmas season with a morning brunch. It was a nice time of fun and friendship. They Wish everyone a Happy New Year!*





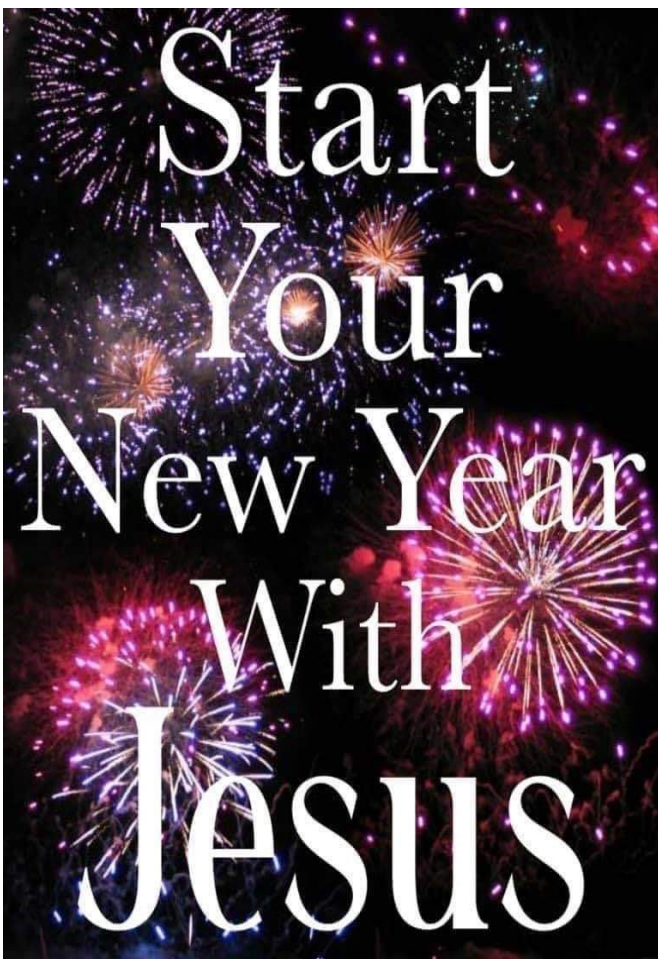
## **Session Highlights from the December, 2021 Session Meeting:**

- 1 - Hard Tack Candy fundraiser - 419 lbs of candy was made. Brought in \$2095.
- 2 - Purchased an Industrial playground set (slightly used) for \$600 and installed in playground. Remainder of funds will be used to purchase and install a new fence around the playground, with the Pre School funding 1/2 the cost of the materials.
- 3 - Coffee Bar has been installed
- 4 - Twice monthly Bible Study is going well. Last meeting had 13 attendees.
- 5 - Deacons delivered Flowers and Cards to shut-ins
- 6 - Will have 2 Services on Christmas Eve - 5:00 pm will be Family/Kid oriented; 7:00 pm will be a Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
- 7 - From the Stewardship - Our Giving is slightly ahead of this time last year. Many Thanks to those faithful members who have been steadfast in moving MUP forward.
- 8 - Session approved sending next years donation to Rev. Shawn Harmon to help continue his Missionary work with refugees in Europe.
- 9 - Mission/Outreach Committee thanks those that helped "Ring the Bell" for Salvation Army at Giant Eagle; Also, thanks to those who donated items for the Salvation Army Angel Tree and the Light House Foundation Toy Drive. Also a big thanks to those who helped and/or attended the Living Nativity - was seen by 150+ people.
- 10 - A huge Thank You for your Service to the outgoing Elders from Session - John Ivory, Bob Riefer, Keith Nichols, and Christi Augustine.
- 11 - Congregational Meeting was held on Dec. 19...Elections for Officers was held: For Deacon for a 3 years term was Steve Martin, Marge Nicholas, Pat Auld and for a 1 year term was Jenny Ivory. For Elder on Session for a 3 year term was Marie Mathews. Louise Fox and Alma Staskiewicz.
- 12 - The Terms of Call for Rev. Hauser for 2022 was approved.
- 13 - Changes to the By-Laws were accepted - Changed the wording of Section 2 regarding holding Congregational Meetings at a set time.  
Changed Sec 12 to reduce the number of Elders on Session from 12 to 9.  
This to take place over a 2 year time period in order for current members finish their terms.

*Santa made a surprise visit to Mars UP Church*







volunteer  
*do good, feel good*

WHERE CAN YOU VOLUNTEER???

- A GREETER AT EACH WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 am
- THE ATEAM IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE MEMBERS
- TV MONITORS DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICES
- CREATING THE POWER POINT FOR WORSHIP
- HELPING WITH LIVE STREAM DURING WORSHIP
- VARIOUS "TO DO" JOBS AT MUP
- TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN
- HELPING WITH YOUTH GROUP

If you feel that you would like to help the church in any way, please contact the office or place a note in the offering. We would love to make you a part of our MUP Volunteers.



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

Congregational Meeting on January 30th  
after Worship

**\*\*Please try to attend\*\***

**SUDS AND SOUL BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Brian's bible study will resume this week on Wednesday, January 5th at **5:30 PM**. We will resume our study at the Dented Keg.

The Shoppes At Adams Ridge

700 Adams Shoppes, Mars, PA 16046

THE NEW SESSION OF GRIEF SHARE WILL BEGIN ON  
FEBRUARY 14TH AT 6:30 PM



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

If you would like more information, please contact the office or Denise DeMarco (ddemarco5@yahoo.com)





*HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT??????*

YES, We with the help of all those who made and purchased Hard Tack Candy, we were able to purchase a new playground set. The set was found locally and included not only a commercial grade climbing set, but also a picnic table and a swing set. We will also have funds to buy and install a new fence around the playground area in the spring. Thank you for all your support!!





## SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ January 1st— HAPPY NEW YEAR—OFFICE CLOSED
- ◆ January 2nd —Worship with Rev. Paul Aiello
- ◆ January 16Th—Installation of Officers
- ◆ January 22nd—Peak N Peak Trip
- ◆ January 30th— Congregational Meeting



## Contact Us

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

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We're also on Facebook!!

Join us for Worship  
Sunday's at 10:00 am

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