

MARS UP CHURCH



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

March 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Why have we fasted,” they say, “and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?” (Isaiah 58:3).

As you read this letter, the season is Lent is beginning. I hope to see you at our Ash Wednesday Walk-in Communion event March 6, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Ash Wednesday has been celebrated by the Christian Church for over 1,500 years, and recalls the Near Eastern tradition of throwing ashes over one’s head, signifying repentance before God. There are numerous accounts of people doing this in Scripture; in the Book of Jonah, even the animals in Nineveh put on sackcloth and ashes (Jonah 3:7-8)!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends April 18, Maundy Thursday. Lent is the forty days before Easter, a time of reflection and renewal. *If you look at a calendar, you will discover there are more than forty days between March 6 and April 18, so how do we get forty days? During Lent, we don’t count Sundays – they are days for celebration, recalling the Resurrection of Jesus. Also, the forty days remind us of Jesus’ time in the wilderness.*

Many declare we are “giving up something for Lent” – I often tell others I am giving up liver and beets (!) Perhaps some will give up alcohol, the internet, certain movies, or candy. But my brothers and sisters, to be serious, Lent is not about just giving up something you like – it is *more than chocolate!*

Lent is a season for soul-searching, repentance, and “taking stock.” This year, take a moment each day to pray and reflect on your life, and your life in Christ. Please refer to the Daily Scripture readings elsewhere in the newsletter. As you read, reflect, and pray, ask yourself, “Does my life bring glory to God? Do others see Christ in my thoughts, words, or actions?”

Again, Lent is not about giving something up so we can demonstrate how devout or disciplined we are – and if you read the verse at the top of the page, God is not really impressed either! Lent is about gaining perspective on our life compared to the grace that is freely given to us in Christ. To quote that old hymn, “Jesus paid it all.”

On another matter, my sincere thanks for your patience as we move through the Interim process. I realize some of you are anxious for a PNC to be elected, and to receive resumes. But history tells us Mars Church is not yet ready to begin THAT part of the journey. Again, we need to articulate who we are, and where we want to be, before we can describe the type of pastor we need. Thanks also for the prayers and encouragement lifted up for the Transition Team (and me!)

Please plan to stay after the single service March 17, to hear the Transition Team present and discuss the surveys taken by the congregation.

In the meantime, continue to pray for Mars Church, her leaders, her future, and for the pastor whom God has already chosen to lead our great congregation into the future.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim

Volunteers for 2019

March Nursery

March 3– Missy Wells

March 10-Karen Stack

March 17– Keith Nichols

March 24–Christi Augustine

March 31– Carolyn Golden

March Greeters

Elder– Keith Cuyar, Deacon– Jay Wilson

March Tarry N Talk Hosts

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Keith Cuyar, Bob Riefer,
Pat Auld, Jay Wilson, Ruth Wilson

March Muffin Crew

March 3-Cake & cookies

March 10-Pam & Linda

March 17-One Service

March 24-Baptism

March 31-Pam & Linda

March Flowers for Worship
Available Sunday March 3rd

Session Highlights

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY 2019 MEETING

1. Accepted with regret Ira Baumgartel's resignation as Clerk, and from Session (9-1)
2. Approved single service (10:00 AM) for March 17 - Transition Team to present results and comments from congregational surveys
3. Approved Ash Wednesday Walk-in Communion, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
4. Discussed parking lot drainage issues, Bell Tower roof repairs, replacement of sanctuary light bulbs
5. Victory Church workshop March 22 - encourage elders and members to attend
6. Roof Campaign: \$4,755 received end of January, discussion about "seed money" to encourage giving
7. Approval to give Youth Coordinator Zach Bailey \$800 from Mahaffy Scholarship Fund
8. Welcome bags prepared, will be given to visitors
9. Maundy Thursday meal / service to be discussed further
10. Further thought and discussion regarding election of a new Clerk
11. Church Nominating Committee to begin search for person to replace Ira
12. Possible special music service April 7, Chris Wu violinist



Don't forget to Turn your
Clocks ahead on March 9th
BEFORE you go to Bed!!

Daylight Savings Time be-
gins on Sunday, March 10th

See you at Worship on
March 10th @ 8:30am
and 11:00 am



Would you like to be a greeter
at 8:30 or 11:00 service? We
are looking for helpers for the
next few months to say
“Hello” at the beginning of
worship. Our newest greeter
at 8:30 worship is Mary Ellen
Grau. If you would like to
help out, please contact the
office or Pastor Jim and we
can get you on the schedule.

CHURCH WIDE TOURNAMENT NIGHT



All are Invited!!

March 10th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Corn Toss and Board games provided

If you have a favorite board game, feel free to bring along.

Refreshments provided and Prizes awarded.

Mark your Calendars for the fun night out with your Mars UP Family!

ALL AGES WELCOME



Walk-In Communion—March 6th (5pm to 7:00pm)

Our Ash Wednesday service is a very informal, personal worship. We've invited you to attend as you are able, come as you are, and depart when you desire. Our worship service will be made of three components which are: Preparation: Take time to quietly read a few worship aids which will be provided. These will help you to prepare for the partaking of the elements of the Last Supper. When you feel you are ready, come forward to receive the elements.

ONE SERVICE

MARCH 17TH @ 10:00 AM

No Sunday School

SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE MARCH 17th There will be a single service March 17, 10:00 AM. After the service, the Transition Team will present and lead a discussion of the surveys taken by the congregation. We will discuss the "Five Questions" surveys given with members, as well as the Survey Monkey electronic survey. Please stay for the discussion. Plans are still being finalized regarding any refreshments afterwards.

LENTEN LUNCHES—Fridays at 12noon



Speaking Schedule:

March 8th—Rev. James Steiner

March 15th— Tom McMeekin

March 22nd—Rev. Paul Aiello

March 29th— Karl Kennedy

April 5th—Rev. Peter de Vries

April 12th-Rev. Jim Kirk

April 19th– Mars Ministerium
Good Friday Service

*Every Friday during Lent, Lunch will begin at 12 noon. Following each lunch a speaker from the community will present. ALL ARE WELCOME! There is no charge, but donations are appreciated!

MENU

March 8th Potato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Sloppy Joes, Broccoli Slaw and Dessert

March 15th Potato Soup, Mushroom Barley Soup, Ham BBQ, Kale Salad and Dessert

March 22nd Potato Soup, Vegetable Soup, Cold cuts, Cole Slaw & Dessert

March 29th Potato Soup, Stuffed Pepper Soup, Egg Salad/Ham Salad Sandwiches, Broccoli-Cauliflower Salad and Dessert

April 5th Potato Soup, Tortellini Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwich, Jell-O Salad and Dessert

April 12th Potato Soup, Chili, Doggie Tails, Cole Slaw, and Dessert

April 19th Potato Soup, Tomato Soup, Egg Salad and Tuna Salad
(Good Friday) Sandwiches & Dessert

**Every week Grilled Cheese and Chips

Where: Mars United Presbyterian Church 724-625-1365
232 Crowe Avenue, Mars

Daily Scripture Readings

Lent 2019

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Wed Mar 6	am: 95, 32, 143 pm: 102, 130	Jon 3:1-4:11	Heb 12:1-14	Luke 18:9-14
Thur Mar 7	am: 37:1-18 pm: 37:19-42	Deut 7:6-11	Titus 1:1-16	John 1:29-34
Fri Mar 8	am: 95, 31 pm: 35	Deut 7:12-16	Titus 2:1-15	John 1:35-42
Sat Mar 9	am: 30, 32 pm: 42, 43	Deut 7:17-26	Titus 3:1-15	John 1:43-51
Sun 1 Mar 10	am: 63, 98 pm: 103	Deut 8:1-10	1 Cor 1:17-31	Mark 2:18-22
Mon Mar 11	am: 41, 52 pm: 44	Deut 8:11-18	Heb 2:11-18	John 2:1-12
Tues Mar 12	am: 45 pm: 47, 48	Deut 9:4-12	Heb 3:1-11	John 2:13-22
Wed Mar 13	am: 119:49-72 pm: 49, 53	Deut 9:13-21	Heb 3:12-19	John 2:23-3:15
Thur Mar 14	am: 50, 59, 60 pm: 19, 46	Deut 9:23-10:5	Heb 4:1-10	John 3:16-21
Fri Mar 15	am: 40, 54 pm: 51	Deut 10:12-22	Heb 4:11-16	John 3:22-36
Sat Mar 16	am: 55 pm: 138, 139	Deut 11:18-28	Heb 5:1-10	John 4:1-26
Sun 2 Mar 17	am: 24, 29 pm: 8, 84	Jere 1:1-10	1 Cor 3:11-23	Mark 3:31-4:9
Mon Mar 18	am: 56, 57, 58 pm: 64, 65	Jere 1:11-19	Rom 1:1-15	John 4:27-42
Tues Mar 19	am: 61, 62 pm: 68	Jere 2:1-13	Rom 1:16-25	John 4:43-54
Wed Mar 20	am: 72 pm: 119:73-96	Jere 3:6-18	Rom 1:28-2:11	John 5:1-18
Thur Mar 21	am: 70, 71 pm: 74	Jere 4:9-10, 19-28	Rom 2:12-24	John 5:19-29
Fri Mar 22	am: 69 pm: 73	Jere 5:1-9	Rom 2:25-3:18	John 5:30-47
Sat Mar 23	am: 75, 76 pm: 23, 27	Jere 5:20-31	Rom 3:19-31	John 7:1-13
Sun 3 Mar 24	am: 93, 96 pm: 34	Jere 6:9-15	1 Cor 6:12-20	Mark 5:1-20
Mon Mar 25	am: 80 pm: 77, 79	Jere 7:1-15	Rom 4:1-12	John 7:14-36
Tue Mar 26	am: 78:1-39 pm: 78:40-72	Jere 7:21-34	Rom 4:13-25	John 7:37-52
Wed Mar 27	am: 119:97-120 pm: 81, 82	Jere 8:18-9:6	Rom 5:1-11	John 8:12-20
Thur Mar 28	am: 42, 43 pm: 85, 86	Jere 10:11-24	Rom 5:12-21	John 8:21-32

Daily Scripture Readings

Lent 2019 continued

Fri Mar 29	am: 88 pm: 91, 92	Jere 11:1-8, 14-20	Rom 6:1-11	John 8:33-47
Sat Mar 30	am: 87, 90 pm: 136	Jere 13:1-11	Rom 6:12-23	John 8:47-59
Sun 4 Mar 31	am: 66, 67 pm: 19, 46	Jere 14:1-9, 17-22	Gal 4:21-5:1	Mark 8:11-21
Mon Apr 1	am: 89:1-18 pm: 89:19-52	Jere 16:10-21	Rom 7:1-12	John 6:1-15
Tue Apr 2	am: 97, 99, 100 pm: 94, 95	Jere 17:19-27	Rom 7:13-25	John 6:16-27
Wed Apr 3	am: 101, 109 pm: 119:121-144	Jere 18:1-11	Rom 8:1-11	John 6:27-40
Thur Apr 4	am: 69 pm: 73	Jere 22:13-23	Rom 8:12-27	John 6:41-51
Fri Apr 5	am: 107:1-32 pm: 107:33-43	Jere 23:1-8	Rom 8:28-39	John 6:52-59
Sat Apr 6	am: 102, 108 pm: 33	Jere 23:9-15	Rom 9:1-18	John 6:60-71
Sun 5 Apr 7	am: 118 pm: 145	Jere 23:16-32	1 Cor 9:19-27	Mark 8:31-9:1
Mon Apr 8	am: 31 pm: 35	Jere 24:1-10	Rom 9:19-33	John 9:1-17
Tues Apr 9	am:121,122,123 pm: 124, 125, 126	Jere 25:8-17	Rom 10:1-13	John 9:18-41
Wed Apr 10	am:119:145-176 pm: 128, 129, 130	Jere 25:30-38	Rom 10:14-21	John 10:1-18
Thur Apr 11	am: 131, 132, 133 pm: 140, 142	Jere 26:1-16	Rom 11:1-12	John 10:19-42
Fri Apr 12	am: 22 pm: 141, 143	Jere 29:1, 4-13	Rom 11:13-24	John 11:1-27 or 12:1-10
Sat Apr 13	am: 137, 144 pm: 42, 43	Jere 31:27-34	Rom 11:25-36	John 11:28-44 or 12:37-50

Readings for Holy Week

Sun Apr 14	118:1-2, 19-29 31:9-16	Isa. 50:4-9a	Phil. 2:5-11 Mark 14:1 – 15:47	Mark 11:1-11 John 12:12-26
Mon Apr 15	36:5-11	Isa. 42:1-9	Heb. 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tues Apr 16	71:1-14	Isa. 49:1-7	1 Cor. 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wed Apr 17	70	Isa. 50:4-9a	Heb. 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Thur	116:1-2, 12-19	Ex. 12:1-14	1 Cor. 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Fri Apr 19	22	Isa. 52:13 – 53:12	Heb. 10:16-25 <i>or</i> Heb. 4:16-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1 – 19:42

Spaghetti Dinner





A Few Spaghetti Dinner Winners!



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!*

March

(Lent, a time to re-focus on the Cross)

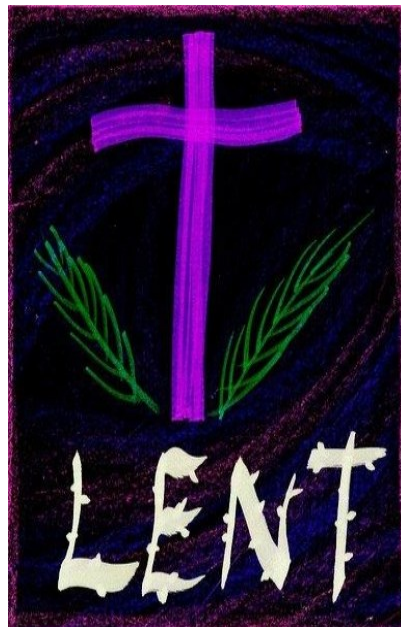
3/3— Normal Youth Group @ 7pm

3/10 – Tournament Game
Night with Church @6:30pm

3/17 - Normal Youth Group

3/24 - Normal Youth Group

3/31—Normal Youth Group



SPAGHETTI DINNER WAS

**A HUGE SUCCESS! I WANT TO
THANK THE YOUTH, PARENTS,
AND EVERYONE INVOLVED FOR
ALL THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT
WITH THE SPAGHETTI DINNER.
WE RAISED APPROX. \$1000.00
TOWARD THE YOUTH MISSION
WORK. IT IS A BLESSING TO SEE
THE SUPPORT THAT THE YOUTH
MINISTRY HAS HERE AT MARS UP
CHURCH.**

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

**Special Kudos to “Macri
Floral” for donating all the
flowers for our tables. If you
need any floral arrangements,
look up Mike Macri at “Macri
Floral” in Mars. 724-625-3299**

Our new chefs, Seth and Aidan

“What’s al dente?”



March 2019

Tarry N Talk Hosts: Building & Grounds— Keith Cuyar, Bob Riefer, Pat Auld, Jay Wilson and Ruth Wilson

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3 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 12:15 CE Meeting 12:15 B & G Meeting 6:00 pm YG Nursery: Missy Wells	4 1:30 Womens Bible Study 6:00 Boy Scout Mtg 6:30 Griefshare	5 9 am A-Team 7:00 AA	6 9 am Material Girls 5pm Ash Wednesday 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehears-	7 9:30am Bible Study 7:15 Deacon Mtg	8 12:00 Lenten Lunches Begin	9 2:00 Moraine Rockbusters
10 8:30 Early Worshi 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Wor-ship 6:30 Tournament Night Nursery: Karen Stack	11 6:00 Boy Scout Mtg 6:00 CubScouts 6:30 Grief-share	12 9 am A-Team 7:00 AA	13 9 am Material Girls 6:00 Stewardship Meeting 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm Pastor Bible Study	14 9:30am Bible Study	15 12:00 Lenten Lunches	16
17 ONE SERVICE 10:00 am Worship Service 12:15 WO/ME meeting 12:15 CE/MO Meeting 7:00 pm YG Nursery: Keith Nichols	18 6:00 Cub-Scouts 6:00 BoyScouts 6:30 Grief-share	19 9 am A-Team 7:00 pm BS Leader MTG 7:00 AA	20 9 am Material Girls 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm Pastor Bible Study	21 9:30am Bible Study 7:00 Session Meeting 7:00 Cub-Scouts	22 12:00 Lenten Lunches	23
24 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Wor-ship/Baptism 7:00 pm YG Nursery: Christi Augustine	25 6:00 pm BoyScouts 6:30 Grief-share	26 8:00 am WIC 9 am A-Team 7:00 AA	27 9 am Material Girls 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm Pastor Bible Study	28 9:30am Bible Study	29 12:00 Lenten Lunches	30
31 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Wor-ship 7:00 pm YG Nursery: Carolyn Golden						

SAVE THE DATE!

- ♦ Lenten Lunches (every Friday at 12 noon during Lent)
- ♦ Glade Run Food Bank Collection— March 3rd
- ♦ Communion at both Services-March 3rd
- ♦ Ash Wednesday-Walk-in Communion-5-7pm March 6th
- ♦ Lenten Lunches begin March 8th
- ♦ Deacon Kindness Sunday Collection-March 10th
- ♦ Tournament Night—March 10th @ 6:30pm
- ♦ One Service—March 17th @ 10am
- ♦ Baptism—March 24th @ 11am service

Emily, Olivia, Bethany and
Emma

Helping out at the Spaghetti
Dinner Fundraiser.



Contact Us

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

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Join us for Worship
Sunday's at 8:30 & 11!

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