



Have you ever heard something and thought, 'that can't be right' only to realize it is absolutely true. I had a conversation with someone about carpet cleaning and I was explaining what Sears Carpet Cleaning out of Pittsburgh used to clean apartment buildings. I felt like I knew a little bit about this because once upon a time I worked cleaning carpets for Sears Carpet Cleaning. Later that night I was telling my wife about the conversation and when I mentioned again how I had worked at Sears Carpet Cleaning she responded, "that was like 20 years ago!". I thought, 'no it wasn't that long ago, I was in college....oh....right....that was twenty three years ago'. Sometimes we hear something and at first it doesn't compute, but when we allow it to sink in we realize it's validity.

I heard a minister on K-love just this past week say something to the effect of: "Satan knows Jesus better than we do". At hearing that I thought, 'no, that can't be right, no, just no'. But then as I thought about it I was like 'oh yeah', 'I guess so'. If we think about it Satan does know God better than we do. Satan knows the scriptures, knows all of them, every word. Satan has spoken with God (Job 1-2), has talked with Jesus in person (Matthew 4), and has witnessed everything from creation to resurrection. Satan knows Jesus, knows faith, knows that God is indeed real. Satan doesn't question the existence of God. But yet there is still an obvious problem with Satan and it is this: Satan does not love God! It seems knowing about God, knowing about Jesus isn't enough. There has to be love!

Deuteronomy 6:5 says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." Jesus expands upon this commandment in Matthew 22 which reads: "[Jesus] said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment." Taken together, we are directed to love our God with all that we are; mind, body, and spirit!

We love God with our mind: God wants us to use our brains. We are to think and explore and learn about all of the things on the earth, but even more so, learn about God. We do this by actually reading the scriptures, by studying them, discussing them, praying on them. We must use our minds to gain wisdom and understanding so that we can live how God intends for us to live.

We love God with our bodies: You've no doubt heard it said that your body is a temple. And while it is true we should care for our bodies through healthy living, exercise, and diet; I believe this part of the command is also an invitation to use our bodies to show love. One of my favorite expressions of love is when my daughter runs across the room and dives into my arms for a big bear hug! How we use our bodies to love God includes our kindness to one another. It is about the aid we give with our hands, feet, and mouth. We say that the body of Christ consists of the women and men God has claimed; we show bodily love to God by using our bodies to love one another.

We love God with our spirit: This is where faith in Christ, the acceptance of our guilt and shame and our reliance on the good news of the resurrection comes into play. But as see with satan it isn't enough to just know this. We have to feel it, internalize it, accept the reality of our sin and experience the laying it aside to follow Jesus. This is when our soul longs for and needs Christ, more and more daily.

Friends knowing Jesus existed is not the same as loving Jesus with your mind. Doing good deeds to others is not the same as doing them as though you were serving Christ your Lord. Feeling good is not the same is feeling grace. I pray that love grows in you; and that you do indeed love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your might!

Blessings  
Pastor Brian

# SUMMER

## FUN FEST

SUNDAY

AUGUST 24

4-8 pm

### Fun Starts-

- 4:00 - 6:00 Foam Party
- 4:00 - 6:00 Crazy Fox Balloon artist
- 4:00 - Carnival Games  
(bring your dimes, pennies, nickels, & quarters)
- 4:00 - Free Popcorn & Snow Cones
- 4:00 - Los Gallitos food truck
- 4:00 - Stick City Brewing



### Live Music -

- 4:00 - Liz & Friends
- 5:20 - Z-Town Street Band
- 6:30 - Shelly Duff Band



@ Mars UP Church Crowe Ave.

# We're Hiring



## Preschool Teacher

Suzanne Korkus, the teacher of our TK-4 My School Preschool Class, has decided to leave the preschool for personal reasons. Suzanne has been an incredible teacher for our school and has established our transitional Kindergarten program as the best in the area. We wish Suzanne the best in all her future endeavors! She will be missed. Thank you Suzanne!!

*Here is a little note from Suzanne:*

*"I am grateful for being part of My School Preschool, a tradition of excellence in the community, serving children and families. Working with such a great group of people has been wonderful. Thank you for everything."*

**School is  
starting soon  
If you know of a  
qualified candidate,  
please share**

As we look to continue the excellence of the My School Preschool, we invite all who are interested in teaching our four year old transitional kindergarten to apply using the QR Code or visit [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com):





# MY School Preschool

Preschool Prep  
(Two-Year-Old) Program  
**OPENINGS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE**

2025-2026  
Sept. - April

Scan for  
form



## PRESCHOOL PREP CLASS

JOIN THE FUN TOGETHER~Fridays, 10- 11:30 am *STUDENTS AGE 2-3*  
My School Preschool at Mars UP Church

Contact Information: Email: [myschoolpreschoolmars@gmail.com](mailto:myschoolpreschoolmars@gmail.com)  
Phone: 724-272-9911

### Examples of Weekly Themes

- Marvelous Me
- One Fish, Two Fish
- Music Makers
- Cars & Trucks & Things That Go!
- Pumpkin Time (Fall)
- Dinosaurs Roar!





# VBS Fun

## Learning to Trust Jesus in a Wild World



# VBS Fun cont.



## VBS Worship in the Park



# Sacrament of BAPTISM

JULY 27, 2025

MANY BLESSINGS

**AUSTIN ANDREW COOK**

& PARENTS

**TIMOTHY & CHELSEA COOK**



## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Please contact Pastor Brian for details and information regarding the New Member Class  
[pastor@mars-up.org](mailto:pastor@mars-up.org)

## GIVING & SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

### GIVING -

#### Food Pantry Donations

There is a basket located in Tarry & Talk that food donations can be placed in to be donated to the local food pantry. Non perishable, not expired food is accepted.

#### Coins for Camp

For generations, church camp has been a place where kids make life changing decisions to be in a relationship with Jesus.

### SERVING -

- Summer Fun Fest
- Applebutter
- Applefest
- Bulletins & Newsletters
- Sunday School
- Nursery
- MomsUp

# SUMMER FUN FEST

Ways to help out, sign up today

Be a part of this fun filled day!  
Scan code to see areas you would like to help in!



Summer Fun Fest is looking for donations of:

- glasses
- cups
- plates
- tumblers
- waterbottles

## — Save the Date(s) —



## Apple Butter Making

We are making Apple butter this year to sell at our booth during Applefest. Watch for the date in the announcements and bulletin - (either **Sept. 13 or 20**).

This is a great opportunity to have fun while getting ready to show the community the love of Jesus.



Mars Applefest 2025

Join us on  
October 4th, 2025  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Family Fun  
150 Vendors  
Food — Crafts — Music  
Rain or Shine

# Oct. 4

TREASURES to *Gave*

# TREASURE

September 5 & 6

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

232 Crowe Ave. Mars, PA

hosted by Womens Club of Mars & Mars UP

If you would like to donate items that will become treasures, drop off in Fellowship Hall at these times:

Thursday, August 28 from 9-Noon

Friday, August 29 from 9-Noon

Saturday, August 30 from noon - 3

Tuesday, September 2

Wednesday, September 3 from 9 - Noon

Items that will NOT be accepted:

Clothing / Exercise equipment / Broken or damaged items / No tube tv's / no malfunctioning electronics / No printers



# MOMS UP

Moms Lifting Moms UP



Moms with kids 0-6  
Meet other Moms - friendships,  
support, sharing ideas, and more.

Mars UP Church  
232 Crowe Ave. Mars, PA  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
10 a.m. to Noon

Childcare on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - qualified  
and loving care for the little ones

For more info contact Ashley Hauser: 814-270-9101 / [ashleyhauser90@yahoo.com](mailto:ashleyhauser90@yahoo.com)

See you September 2

# The MATERIAL GIRLS are having a winning time!!

The Material Girls entered Quilts at the Big Butler Fair and received some new material in the form of ribbons to add to their collection!



*Congratulations*



Jane  
Aiken's  
Quilt



Jill  
Cooper's  
Quilt

## Ruth Wilson's Quilts



## August Scriptures:

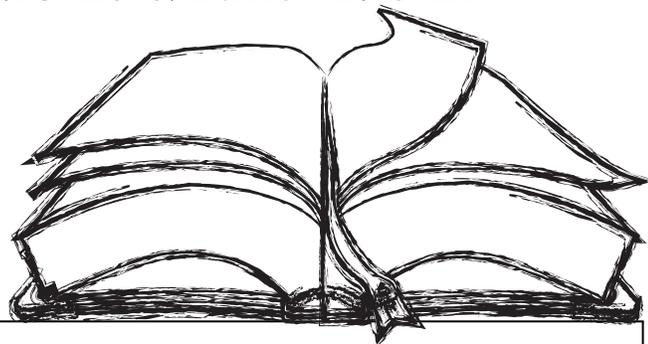
August 3 - Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 & Luke 12:13-21

August 10 - Luke 12:32-40

August 17 - Isaiah 5:1-7

August 24 - Luke 13:10-17

August 31 - Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16



## Dates for your Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>Summer Fun Fest</b>	<b>4-8 pm</b>
<b>August 28 &amp; 29</b>	<b>Trash to Treasure Donation Drop Off</b>	<b>9-noon</b>
<b>August 30</b>	<b>Trash to Treasure Donation Drop Off</b>	<b>Noon-3</b>
<b>September 2</b>	<b>Moms Up</b>	<b>10-Noon</b>
<b>September 2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>Trash to Treasure Donation Drop Off</b>	<b>9-Noon</b>
<b>September 2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>First Day School My School Preschool</b>	
<b>September 5-6</b>	<b>Trash to Treasure Sale</b>	<b>8-2</b>
<b>September 7</b>	<b>All Church Picnic/Rally Day</b>	<b>10 am</b>
<b>September 13 OR 20</b>	<b>Making Apple Butter</b>	
<b>September 14</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>80+ Luncheon</b>	<b>after worship</b>
<b>October 4</b>	<b>Applefest</b>	<b>10-4</b>
<b>December 16</b>	<b>Cranberry Men's Chorus</b>	

## DATES TO KNOW

- August 24 - Summer Fun Fest
- September 5 & 6 Trash to Treasure Sale
- September 7 - Rally Day, Worship in the Park
- September 14 - Sunday School
- Visit our website for a full color newsletter



## 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 10:00am

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