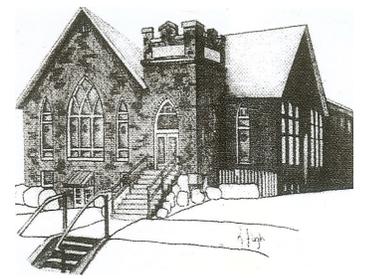


MARS UP CHURCH



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

September 2021

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” (Philippians 4:4)

Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are over a month removed from my first week here at Mars-UP. That first week was a whirlwind as I began learning names and faces in the midst of the organized chaos known as Vacation Bible School. Much has happened since then. I have learned about and joined the superhero squad known as the A-Team. We held the church picnic at the Adams Township Park accompanied by some terrific music. We have worshipped together. We have comforted those who are mourning, prayed for those who are sick, and made countless connections within the body of Christ. I have met many of you and had begun to learn your stories as I have shared with you my own. It has been a busy month. I am excited that the energy of that first week at VBS has carried over in magnificent ways to the work we have been doing this past month.

Much of the work over this past month has been behind the scenes work. The committees have taken on ambitious projects and are committed to carrying out the work of the church. I rejoice at how fruitful their labors have been. We are beginning Sunday school in just a few weeks for all age groups. We are starting a youth group program from scratch with our friends at the St. John Lutheran Church. We are creating a new bible study opportunity geared towards young adults and young families. We are continuing the ministries that currently foster and serve our congregation. We are thinking outside the box and trying some new things. There are many new and exciting things happening at Mars-UP this fall!

As we go about striving to do the work of Jesus I encourage you, sisters and brothers, to keep the assurances of Philippians 4 in your hearts. “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near” (vs. 4-5) In all things rejoice in the Lord! In all the work we do, in all the efforts we take, in all of our success and failures, rejoice in the Lord always. Friends we are going to try new things even as we hold onto the traditions that make us who we are. In trying new things sometimes, we will fail, and that’s OKAY. There is grace in our failings. Let your gentleness be known to all. Be kind, merciful, and loving. And remember The Lord is near! God has drawn near to us and is with us. He is walking with us today!

I am so excited at the opportunities that lie ahead of us as we continue to follow the path God has laid out for us. There is much that we will do together, and this is cause for me to rejoice! Finally, I’ll leave you today with the familiar words found in the next two verses of Philippians, “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (vs. 6-7)

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

NEW TO YOU SALE



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the New to You sale. With your help, the church was able to raise over \$3000.00 to purchase new chairs for the Fellowship Hall and Choir Loft. Chairs have arrived and with help have been unpacked for all to use!! Please feel free to see them in our church Fellowship Hall and our Choir Loft.



INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REV. BRIAN HAUSER

SAVE THE DATE Pastor Brian's installation service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 19th at the church. There will be a reception following the installation in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome!



Have you seen the new Choir Loft??

It was decided to remove the pews and turn the choir facing the front of the sanctuary. Thanks to many hands—A-team, Steve McDonald, New to You Sale, and a generous donation. The new loft is almost finished and ready for the new season.

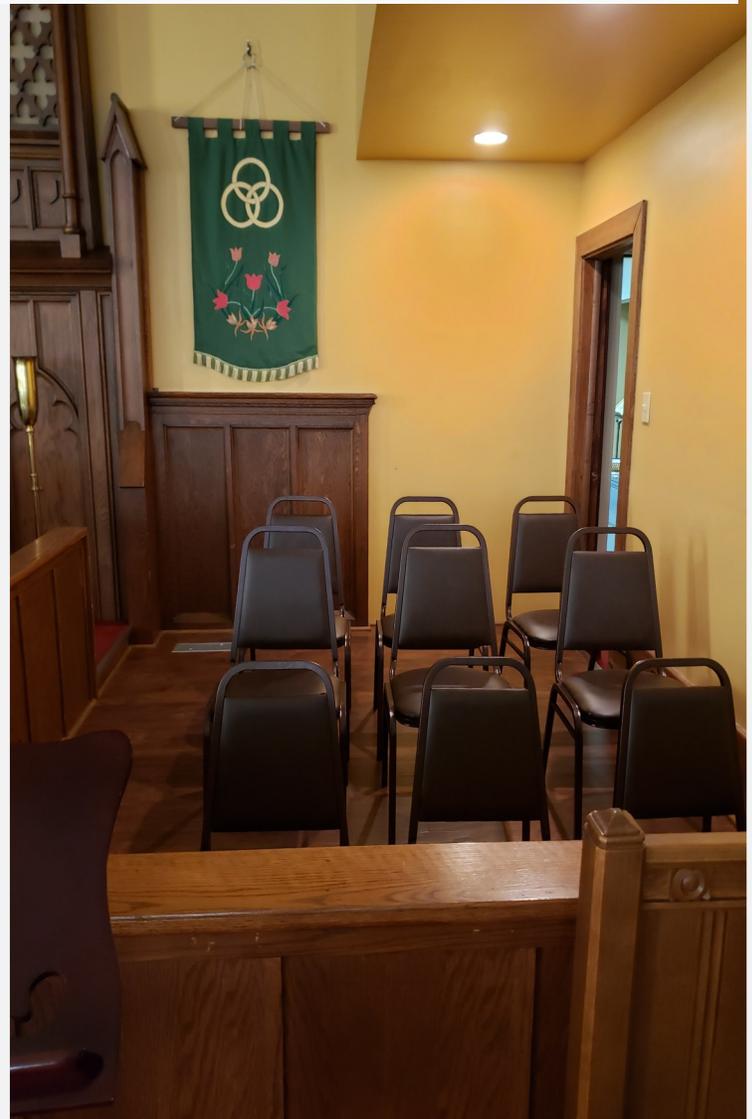
CHANCEL CHOIR BEGINS! Are you looking for a new way to serve your church? Can't read music? No problem! We rehearse each Wednesday evening at 7 pm and would love to have you join our choir! Please consider making a joyful noise in a different way. See Jamie for more details or come to our first rehearsal Wednesday, September 8th at 7 p.m. in the choir room.

See me after service, e-mail me JamieD0174@gmail.com or give me a call, there's always room for one more!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Jamie



GOD is GOOD
all the time



VBS 2021





Rally Day – Sunday, September 12th



Our 2021-2022 kick-off will be held on Sunday, September 12th, Sunday School teachers will be recognized during the worship service. Sunday School will start on September 19th at 9am.

Classes offered for adults will be: Robyn Beckwith's class will be studying The Book of John. This class meets in the church basement Sunday school room next to the Fellowship Hall.

The NNN class led by Herb Wellman will be looking into some of the books that did not make it into the Bible. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact the office for more details.

WHICH WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND???????

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP

Children's Sunday School will also start on September 19th. Children will be learning about the Stories of the Bible from the Old and New Testaments.

St. Johns Lutheran Church and Mars UP will working together to have Youth Group at Mars UP Church. The first Youth group will be on September 19th at 1:00 until 2:30. They will meet every other Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact the office or talk to Pastor Brian.



**World Wide Communion Sunday,
October 3rd**



AUGUST SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. Choir Loft remodel 99% completed.
2. Held Funeral Lunch for Family of Sam Moore
3. Church Picnic was successful and the entertainment by Paul Aiello and Mars Rovers Barbershop
4. Rev. Hauser's Installation as Pastor of MUP—Sunday, September 19th @ 2:00pm
5. Blessing of Backpacks will be August 29, 2021
6. Baptism of Jacob Hauser will be held in November 2021-TBD
7. Carillon is now fully functional
8. Boy scout Eagle Project to rehap the Iron railings and paint outside doors was approved.
9. Rally Day will be on September 12, 2021
10. My School Preschool will begin on September 7, 2021
11. Approval for Rev. Hauser to establish a Youth Group in conjunction with St. John's Lutheran Church to begin in September.

APPLEFEST

October 2nd

10am—4pm



Stop over at the Mars UP booth with pumpkins and walking tacos. If you are interested in helping, please see the office.

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 Johns Specialty
Hosanna Industries Care
Salvation Army Urban Impact
The Lighthouse Foundation Compassion
International Brother's Brother
Pine Valley Bible Camp Shawn Harmon
The Beaver Butler Presbytery Mission
Greater Europe Mission (Greg Nichols)



GriefShare Sessions for Fall 2021

Griefshare will begin at Mars UP Church on Monday, September 20th in the Library Room. There are 13 sessions, held every Monday until December 20th. 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. 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 13th in the Board Room at 1:30pm. The Bible Study meets on the 1st Monday every month. All ages are WELCOME!

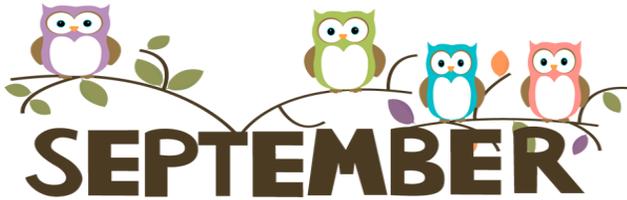
The topic of discussion is: Confident Hope!

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



SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ SEPTEMBER 5– COMMUNION
- ◆ SEPTEMBER 7—MSPS FIRST DAY
- ◆ SEPTEMBER 8—CHOIR REHEARSAL STARTS
- ◆ SEPTEMBER 12—RALLYDAY/INSTALLATION PASTOR BRIAN
- ◆ SEPTEMBER 12—YOUTH GROUP STARTS
- ◆ SEPTEMBER 19-CHOIR AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGIN
- ◆ SEPTEMBER 20-GRIEFSHARE BEGINS
- ◆ SEPTEMBER 26-YOUTH GROUP
- ◆ OCTOBER 3-WORLDWIDE COMMUNION



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

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Sunday's at 10.00

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