

MARS UP CHURCH



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

APRIL 2019

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6)

I hope you are continuing your preparations for Easter, and I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities for worship.

- Holy Week begins Palm Sunday, April 14, marking Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- Thursday April 18, we observe Maundy Thursday at Mars – a special Communion service is planned, re-enacting the Last Supper.
- Friday, April 19, the annual Good Friday Community Lunch and Worship Service at Mars.

Sunday April 21 is Easter!

Please join the celebration, as we joyfully remember the most important event in human history, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! Regardless what Andy Williams says, *EASTER* is “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.”

Maybe you are wondering, *why that particular verse at the top of the page?* The Eleven Disciples (remember, Judas was dead) had seen the Resurrected Christ, and had been with him another forty days. They asked the question just before Jesus ascended.

We now know their question was misplaced – Jesus was NOT about to restore the kingdom to Israel, at least in the way the Disciples were thinking.

But what about *our own idea* of the Risen Christ? Remember, before Jesus was raised from the dead, what had to happen? That’s right, *he had to die*. And why was it necessary for him to die? That’s right, so we can recognize and admit our own sin, and receive the grace that comes only through the life, death, and (yes!) *Resurrection* of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

My friends, Easter is indeed the most wonderful time of the year – even better than Christmas! But let us not lose sight of what happened before that Sunday morning – Jesus Christ, God’s only-begotten Son, died for us.

Then we will have reason to celebrate! He is Risen! Thanks be to God!

In Christ,

Pastor Jim

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

March 21 Meeting

- Session minutes to be posted in Tarry & Talk
- Membership Breakfast April 28, between services
- Single service May 5, 10:00 AM – Youth Coordinator Zach Bailey to preach
- Single service during Summer: 10:00 AM beginning June 16 (picnic June 9)
- Stewardship to purchase CDs to improve interest income, but leave liquidity
- Purchase new Xerox copier, keep old Savin copier
- Post photos of Elders and Deacons on the video screen in Tarry & Talk
- Building & Grounds reviewing building use form and fees
- Possible use of liturgists to assist in worship



Annual Mars UP Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 14th
2:00 p.m. @ Mars UP
Church

Bring your baskets & a
friend!!!

Refreshments provided
after the egg hunt.

Gathered as One A Spirit-Filled Evening of Song and Word



*Chris Wu, Violin
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra*

Tom Jones, Guitar

Donna Groom, Keyboard & Vocals



*Jamie Daugherty, Keyboard & Vocals
and
The Mars UP Church Chancel Choir*

Sunday, April 7th 6:30PM
Hors d'oeuvres & Refreshments after concert

Mars U.P. Church
232 Crowe Ave



A NOTE FROM THE TRANSITION TEAM:

On March 17th the Transition Team provided the results of the various surveys and questionnaires we have been working on for the past few months. We received approximately 50 responses to our online numerical survey and spoke to close to 100 people as we conducted interviews with most of the small groups and Sunday School classes active within our membership. The entire team was available to the congregation as we worked through the responses to the 10 on-line questions. We then tied those results to specific comments we heard during the small group interviews. We felt this was useful in providing a deeper insight into on-line responses.

We would like to thank the membership for its support as we worked through the transition process. We still have a little more to do, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Now that we know where we are as a congregation, we are ready to move forward. The next step in the process is to determine the “Leadership Competencies” we would like to see our next pastor possess. We will soon be requesting your opinions related to 33 “Leadership Competencies” that we will eventually need to narrow this down to the 10 we think are most important. Once that is accomplished, we will be ready to form the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and actually beginning the search for our next pastor.

If you would like to see the comments from the March 17th presentation, or the full set of responses to the surveys and/or questionnaires, please contact the church office, or any Transition Team member.

Thank you.

Keith Nichols, Angela Badger, Keith Cuyar, Roy Schmitt, Louise Fox, Christi Augustine, Bonnie McElhinny and Jill Cooper (Members of the Transition Team)

MARS UP SESSION

CLASS OF 2019

ALICE LEONBERG
JUNE STIRLING
MARIE MATTHEWS
LISA BARBOUR

CLASS OF 2020

KEITH CUYAR
LOUISE FOX
ANGELA BADGER
ALMA STASKIEWICZ

CLASS OF 2021

KEITH NICHOLS
JOHN IVORY
BOB RIEFER

MARS UP DEACONS

CLASS OF 2019

LINDA LEES
JAY WILSON
JILL COOPER
JENNY IVORY
PAT AULD

CLASS OF 2020

CAROLINE KOPAR
BONNIE MCELHINNY

CLASS OF 2021

RUTH WILSON
MARSHA HALEY

TRANSITION TEAM

Christi Augustine, Louise Fox, Roy Schmitt, Keith Nichols, Jill Cooper, Bonnie McElhinny, Angela Badger, Keith Cuyar

Volunteers for 2019

APRIL Nursery

April 7—Carley Stoy
April 14—Jenny Ivory
April 21—Easter TBD
April 28—Pat Auld

APRIL Greeters

Elder— Don Lewis & Deacon—Bonnie McElhinny

APRIL Tarry N Talk Hosts

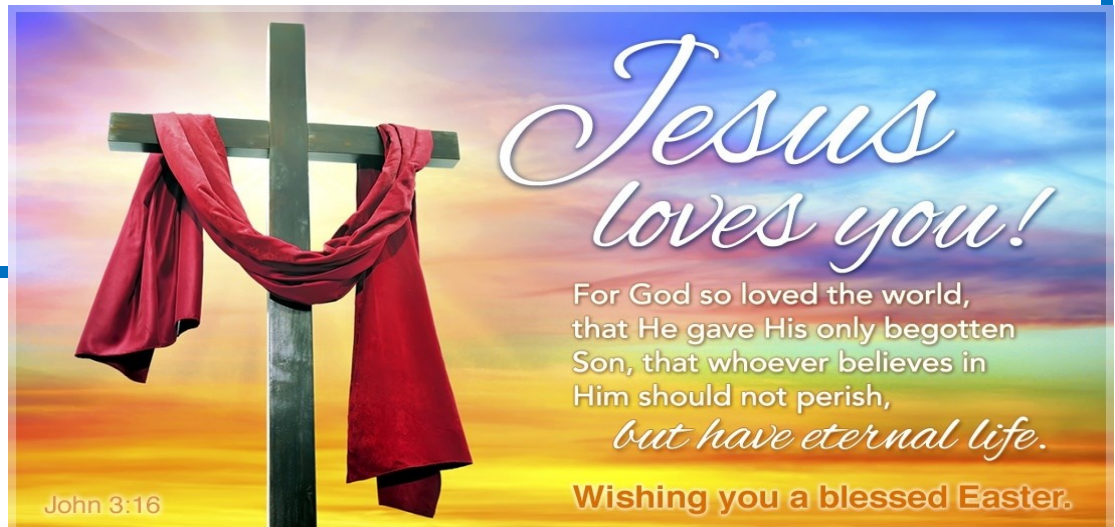
Christian Ed/Mission Outreach Committee: Alma Staskiewicz, Lisa Barbour, Angela Badger, Jenny Ivory, Jill Cooper, Marsha Haley

APRIL Muffin Crew

April 7-
April 14— Pam and Linda
April 21-
April 28 —Pam and Linda

APRIL Flowers for Worship

Sundays available for Flowers are April 7th and April 21st



MUP FELLOWSHIP AT THE LENTEN LUNCHEES





MARS UP CHURCH WIDE PICNIC

JUNE 9TH AFTER CHURCH WORSHIP

Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship at

ADAMS TOWNSHIP PARK!

Location: Adams Township Park Pavilion (near Playground)

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages Provided, Everyone bring a covered dish.

Watch upcoming Bulletins for more Details!!

Deacon Update

⇒ Deacons Kindness Offering (separate offering) is the **SECOND** Sunday of the month.



REMEMBER!

APRIL 7TH

⇒ Bring non-perishable food donations the first Sunday of each month to support our local food bank!



⇒ Perhaps even some Easter candy to help the families with young children.

Save the Date!!! Vacation Bible School

JULY 14TH THRU JULY 18TH 6:00pm UNTIL
8:30pm (Sunday evening thru Thursday evening)

We are looking for excited kids, helpful youth and adult volunteers to help make this year's VBS another amazing adventure of God's love and outreach to our

community. Please speak to Alma Staskiewicz or contact the office with your willingness to help.



Membership & Mission Breakfast

On April 28th you are invited to a Membership & Mission pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The purpose of the breakfast is to celebrate the membership of the church—recognizing long-serving members & new members in the past year.

It will be a great morning! I hope you are able to join us!

As always...especially when food and faith is involved

ALL ARE WELCOME!

There will not be any Sunday School on April 28th for all to enjoy the Breakfast.



A newly formed Rich-Mar Rotary Satellite Club is conducting a service project through an organization called Crutches4Africa (Crutches4Africa.org). We are collecting used crutches, walkers and canes which will be shipped to Africa for distribution by a Rotary Club there. There are many people in Africa suffering from mobility issues due to polio, limb loss and many other causes. Unlike most people here, they don't have insurance to cover the cost of mobility devices.

If you have any of these items at home collecting dust and would like to donate them to this life-changing cause, we will have a bin in the Tarry and Talk area for your donations. Any questions, please see Lisa Barbour or John Ivory. Thank you!



Baptism





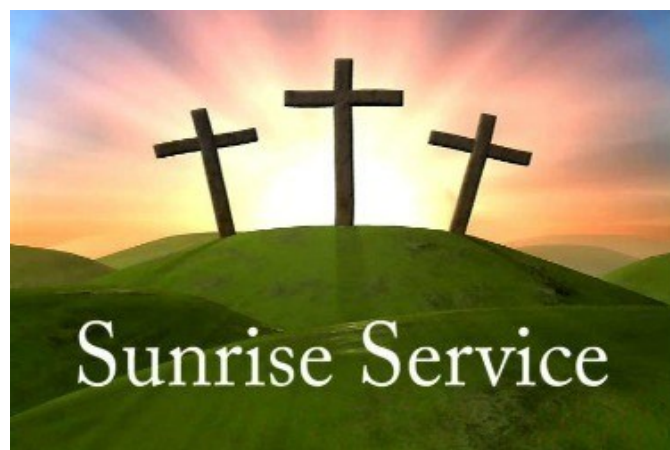
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Please come to the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm in the Mars UP Sanctuary. Communion will be served and the choir will sing an anthem. The sanctuary will be dimly lit and the quiet of the evening will be enjoyed.

Maundy Thursday is the fifth day of Holy week, a Christian observance also known as Holy Thursday or Covenant Thursday that falls every year on the day before **Good Friday**. The day commemorates for Christians the last supper where Jesus Christ consecrated bread and wine initiating Holy Communion



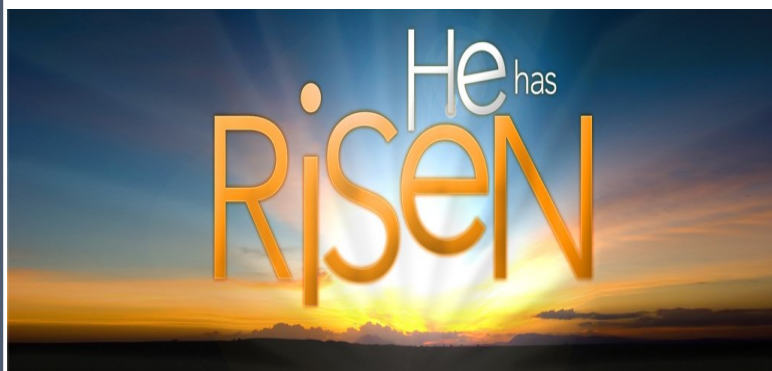
Easter Sunday
April 21, 2019
6:45 am



MHY Family Services
Main Campus
521 Route 228
Mars, PA 16046
All are welcome!
RAIN OR SHINE

ALL ARE WELCOME— OUTDOOR SERVICE

Officiated by: Reverend James Gascoine, Dutilh United Methodist Church and Reverend James Kirk, Valencia Presbyterian Church



He is Risen!

Sunday, April 21, 2019

8:30am & 11:00am

No Sunday School or Youth Group

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!***

APRIL 2019

4/7– NORMAL YOUTH GROUP
Gathered as One @ 6:30pm

4/14– EASTER EGG HUNT FOR COMMUNITY @ 2PM
NORMAL YOUTH GROUP

4/21– EASTER SUNDAY—NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR
YOUTH GROUP —SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILIES

4/28– PANCAKE BREAKFAST/NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
NORMAL YOUTH GROUP

***WOULD YOU LIKE TO
PARTICIPATE IN A MISSION
TRIP THIS SUMMER????***

*We are presently looking to
form a mission team to travel
to Ohio or West Virginia.*

MISSION TRIP The Christian Education/Mission committee is hoping to put together a mission trip of adults and youth one week in June. We must choose a week very soon and give our deposit for the trip. Adults, college students, past attendees and high school students are needed. If you are interested and want to attend, please contact Alma Staskiewicz, Lisa Barbour or anyone from the committee. You can also put a note in the offering or contact the office.



Mars United Presbyterian Church

2019 Easter Flowers

Your order for Easter Flowers will help to enhance the beauty of our church sanctuary. You may take your flowers with you following worship on Easter Sunday or designate them for a shut-in by checking the line below. Orders must be placed by Sunday, APRIL 14, 2019

Easter Lilies \$8.50 _____ Tulips \$7.25 White _____ Yellow _____ Red _____
Pink _____

Daffodils \$7.25 _____

Shut-in _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

By: _____

Please prepay your order and place it in the offering basket, or bring it to the church office.

WE NEED YOU !!!!!

The following are a few opportunities for you to give back:

- ⇒ Greeter (put to work one of your gifts and welcome people to worship)
- ⇒ Sponsor Flowers for Sunday Worship
- ⇒ Nursery Rotation (volunteer in nursery once a year)
- ⇒ Volunteer Opportunities with local missions (see Jenny Ivory)
- ⇒ Sunday Morning Muffin Bakers.
- ⇒ Youth Group Sunday Evenings (Lead games, help with food, supply snacks, female leader, play an instrument and lead songs, help clean up after youth group)

If you are interested and available to help with any of the above, please contact the office. 724-625-1365

April 2019

Tarry N Talk Hosts: Christian Education/Mission— Alma Staskiewicz, Angela Badger, Lisa Barbour, Jenny Ivory, Jill Cooper, Marsha Haley

	1 1:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	2 9am A-Team 7:00 p.m. AA	3 9:00a.m. Material Girls 7:00 Bible Study 7:00p.m. Choir Re-	4 9:30 am Bible Study 7:15 pm Deacon Meeting	5 12 Noon Lenten Lunch	6 Boy Scouts 8am—2pm
7 8:30 Early Worp/ Communion 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morn Wshp 12:15 B & G Mtg 6:30 pm Gather 7:00 pm MS/HS YG Nursery: Carley Stoy	8 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	9 9am A-Team 7:00 p.m. AA	10 9:00a.m. Material Girls 6:00 Stewardship mtg 7:00 Bible Study 7:00p.m. Choir	11 9:30 am Bible Study	12 12 Noon Lenten Lunch	13 2:00 Moraine Rockbusters
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SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ April 7—Communion at the 8:30 service
- ◆ April 7—Gathered as One Evening @ 6:30 pm
- ◆ April 14— Palm Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt
- ◆ April 18—Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 pm
- ◆ April 19—Good Friday Service at 12:00 noon
- ◆ April 21— Easter Sunday Worship @8:30am and 11:00am
- ◆ April 28— Membership Breakfast @9:45am
- ◆ May 5— One Worship Service /Zach Bailey Preaching@ 10am



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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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