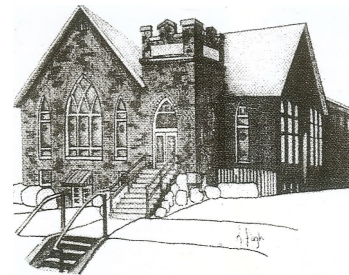


MARS UP CHURCH



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

October 2021

“Jesus told them this parable...”

I come from a long line of storytellers. My father, and grandfather knew how to spin a yarn so to speak. They were both excellent storytellers that could keep you engaged, listening to a story as ordinary is their trip to the grocery store, all the while making you wonder what might happen next. As a young child I would sit on the floor, legs crossed, staring in wonder as they made up tales or shared life experiences. In fact, the only thing that could draw my attention away from one of their stories is the moment when I realize, “I’ve heard this one before”.

To me autumn is the season of storytelling. Sitting around a campfire on a cool fall evening requires telling stories. Growing up I looked forward to this season because it also marks the beginning of hunting season. In my family hunting season simply meant a time for gathering at camp where the old men would tell their stories, often again and again. I have always felt that there is something special about this time of year as the days become shorter, the nights cooler; that lends itself to families huddling together to share stories.

Stories can be based on fact or fiction. They can be meant to inform or entertain. Good stories can be personal and relevant, but are always engaging and interesting to those hearing them. Sometimes good stories can be a little long winded. (I’ve been accused of that from time to time). As people, we learn from stories, that’s how we get to know one another. At our core, we all enjoy hearing a good story, it is how we interact, it is part of what makes us human.

Today I invite you to see the bible as the stories of our faith. There are different genres within the scriptures, but all of the scripture is telling the story of God’s relationship with humanity. I think that once we recognize the scripture as story, we are better able to see our place as storytellers. The book of numbers is not just a record book, it is the story of the numbers of the Israelite people. The law of Moses is not just a list of rules, it is the story of how the law was given, how the people reacted, and why the laws are beneficial. The Gospel is not just the history of Jesus’ earthly ministry, it is the story of Jesus’ life, His teachings, and the salvation He offers.

The bible contains the stories of our faith, but not all of the stories. The relationship between God and us is ongoing, and as such, we each have our own unique parts of that story to share. We see countless times where Jesus teaches using stories. He told parables to engage in our interests and help us see glimpses of truth. We can do the same today by sharing our stories with one another and especially by sharing our stories with those outside of the faith community.

You come from a long line of storytellers too, because we all have a story to share. This fall, and indeed always, I encourage you to share your story, your experiences, your life and the lessons you have learned with your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors, and beyond. Have we got a story to share? The greatest ever told! I pray you share your story with someone this week.

Blessings,
Brian

Session Highlights from September 2021 Meeting

- Served Communion to 60 people on Sept. 5
- Worldwide Communion Sunday will be Oct. 3, 2021
- Heritage Sunday will be Oct. 31, 2021
- Bonfire will be Sunday Oct. 24 at Quality Gardens
- Received \$1000 from Production Company filming the Amazon Movie “Sprung” for the use of our parking lot.
- Alma Staskiewicz, Herb Wellman, Susan Cox and Marie Matthews were elected to serve on MySchool PreSchool Board representing MUP. Terms to serve until May, 2022.
- Apple Fest on Oct. 2 MUP will have a combined booth with MySchool PreSchool.
- MSPS currently has 70 children enrolled

Join us for our “Fall Fest & Bonfire”

October 24th @ 5pm

Enjoy this year’s “Fall Fest & Bonfire” on Oct 24th at 5pm at Quality Gardens. Come out for homemade chili, hotdogs, roasting marshmallows—and many fall oriented fun activities! But, most of all, come out to enjoy the fellowship of our church!

All ages are welcome! Please invite friends and family! Also, dress warm, bring a flash-light, forks for cooking hot dogs and a chair for sitting around the fire!

Quality Gardens is located on the left off of 228 E, just past the Mars Middle School.



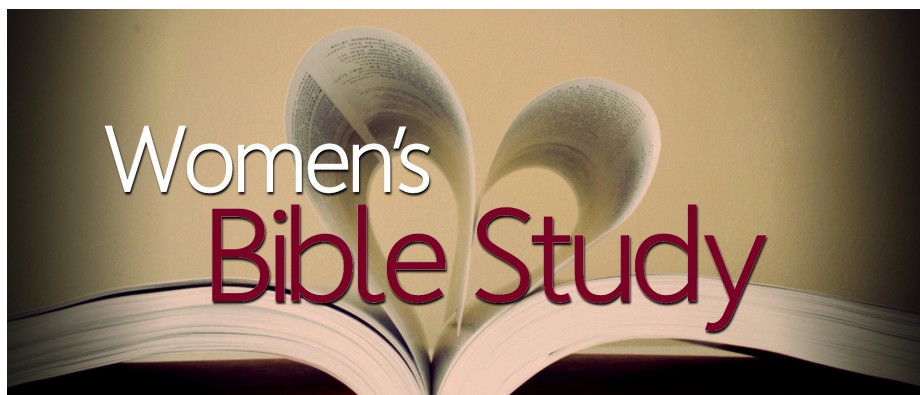
GriefShare Sessions for **Fall 2020**

Griefshare has begun at Mars UP Church. 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.



The Next Bible study will be on October 4th in the Board Room at 1:30pm. The Bible Study meets on the 1st Monday every month. All ages are WELCOME! Lessons will be from David Cook Study "Confident Hope"

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

World Wide Communion
Sunday, October 3rd

10:00 Worship

Sermon Title: I Do!

Rev. Brian Hauser



October 3rd— Glade Run
Food Bank Collection

Items can be left in Tarry N
Talk. All non-perishable
items are welcomed.



MONTHLY DEACON KINDNESS COLLECTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

These funds are used to help those in our community who may
need some assistance. Please consider contributing to this
worthwhile program.



HERITAGE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Heritage Sunday is wonderful day that celebrates both the rich heritage
of Mars UP Church and faith tradition.

During the 10:00 am Service, we will be
recognizing the 25yr and 50 year anniversaries of church members.

Included in the 10:00 am service will be some special music.
George Balderose will be playing the Bagpipes during Worship.



Adults

Exodus Class – meets downstairs next to Fellowship Hall -Robyn Beckwith – The Study of the Gospel of John

NNN –meets upstairs – Herb Wellman – Studying “Books that didn’t make into the Bible and Why”

Children and Youth

Children’s Sunday School-Stories of the Bible from Old and New Testament

Youth Group-Meets every other Sunday (October 10th at Mars UP Church)

Combined Youth Group with St. John Lutheran Church

Adult Bible Studies

Women’s Bible Study - (1st Monday of the month, 1:30 on the 4th of October): David Cook study of the Confident Hope



Hosanna Industries (a MUP mission partner) recently held its 24th golf outing fund raiser at Pittsburgh North Golf Course. Participants included our own Rev. Paul Aiello, Herb Wellman and Jack and Lisa Barbour. It was a fun day for a good cause! Hosanna Industries will be holding another golf event next year and it would be great to add some more golfers from MUP to the event!!



Our church hall have been full of excitement as our youth have begun meeting again! Sunday afternoon youth group is a time of games, lessons, and team building that has left one youth asking if we could meet every week instead of every other. An upcoming event to watch for: The youth group (grades 5 and up) will be sleeping outside on November 5th-6th to raise money and awareness for homelessness, in particular homeless youth. If you would like to sponsor one of our youth in this endeavor, please contact the church office.



**JOIN US
FOR FUN
AND MORE**

80's party

**Celebration of our 80+ will be held on Sunday,
October 10th**

**After worship, a luncheon will be provided in
the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP the church
by October 6th**

**Looking forward to a Happy Birthday
Celebration including YOU!!**



Mars Applefest is here! October 2nd

Come join us for fellowship at our Applefest Booth.

We will be making Walking Tacos, giving out pixie sticks, and
fun with our Apple bean bag toss!

Stop by the booth anytime and say Hello!

We also need help selling the walking tacos and distributing
the pixie sticks.

If you can help with our booth, please stop by! No sign up necessary!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

bigfestive.com

Don't Forget to Fall Back!

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday at 2am.

Set your clocks back one hour!



Rev. Brian's Installation



SAVE THE DATE!

- ♦ OCTOBER 3rd– WORLD COMMUNION
- ♦ OCTOBER 4th-WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- ♦ OCTOBER 10TH—80+ DINNER AFTER WORSHIP
- ♦ OCTOBER 16th—PRIVATE WEDDING
- ♦ OCTOBER 24th—BONFIRE @ QUALITY GARDENS
- ♦ OCTOBER 31ST—HERITAGE SUNDAY –GEORGE BALDEROSE



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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