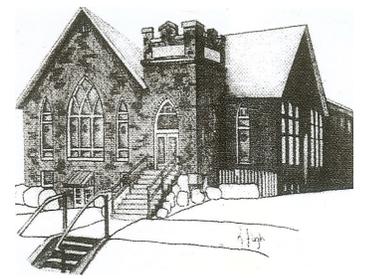


# MARS UP CHURCH



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

November 2019

*May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen (Hebrews 13:20-21).*

*Each should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:7-9).*

Dear Friends in Christ,

We recently finished a seventeen-week journey through the Letter to the Hebrews, an amazing *Christ-centered* book. Hebrews speaks about the superiority, perfection, and work of Jesus. The verses above are part of a closing Doxology (*a liturgical formula of praise to God*) about Jesus.

At the end of my October 27 message, I asked a simple-and-hopefully-easy-to-answer question: *“What is your response to the life, ministry, betrayal, arrest, trial, execution, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of the Son of God, Jesus Christ?”*

One of the most important ways any Christian should respond to the empty Cross is through his/her giving. Yes, it is November, and November means the annual ritual called the Stewardship Campaign. But I sincerely hope that, after hearing God’s Word as delivered through seventeen weeks of Hebrews, God has brought you to a different conclusion about your TOTAL response to Christ, including your financial response. Stewardship is not just another time for *The Sermon on the Amount*.

I would like each of us to *prayerfully consider* four questions:

1. Who is Jesus Christ, and how has my life been changed because of his life, death, and resurrection?
2. How have I *responded financially* (yes, financially!) to Christ’s work in my life?
3. How do I really think God feels about that response?
4. What percentage of my income is God calling me to give to Mars U.P. Church in 2020?

(By the way, if you’re wondering about where to start, the base percentage for giving is 10%, off the top. That’s the Scripture-based minimum. And if you’re already tithing, maybe God is calling you to give more.)

Stewardship is not a referendum on the budget, or expressing an opinion about Mars, her past or her future, our leaders, our denomination, or me. Stewardship is our personal, *financial response to God on the Cross*. God commands us to do lots of things – one of those commands is to give back to him a tenth of everything we have.

I encourage you to pray about your *financial response* to the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus for 2020. It is my hope and dream that everyone, enabled by the Holy Spirit, will become a *cheerful giver, and God’s grace may abound in you*.

In Christ,

**Pastor Jim**

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Received report from Membership Committee regarding roll reduction - new Active membership 129
- Committees to begin budget preparations for 2020
- Reviewed suggested changes to the By-Laws regarding annual meeting and other relevant changes
- MSP to call a Congregational Meeting for December 8 to elected Elders, Deacons, and other officers, and approve changes to the MUP By-Laws
- Pastor Nominating Committee receiving / reading resumes, coming together spiritually
- Received Deacons' report from Carol Kopar

\*\*Highlights from October 19th Session Meeting\*\*



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on December 8, 2019 at **11am after Worship.**

Purpose of meeting twofold (a) election of the deacons, elders and other offices (b) and approve a change in the bylaws

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECTS



ANGEL TREE

If you would like to share some Christmas Joy this year, please consider helping with one of our upcoming mission projects.

Once again we will be sponsoring the Salvation Army Angel Tree and Lighthouse Toy Drive. Please watch your bulletins and Tarry N Talk for more information.

Help Make Christmas special for someone!



## November Volunteers for 2019

### November Nursery

November 3-Missy Wells

November 10-Bonnie McElhinny

November 17-Keith Nichols

November 24-Christi Augustine Buildings & Grounds Committee: Keith Cuyar, Bob Riefer, Pat Auld, Jay and Ruth Wilson

### November Greeters

Elder-Bob Riefer and Deacon-Jenny Ivory

### November Tarry N Talk Hosts

### November Muffin Crew

November 3

November 10-Pam and Linda

November 17

November 24-Pam and Linda

### November Flowers for Worship

Sunday's Available are November 3, 10 and 17th

## VETERANS RECOGNITION SUNDAY

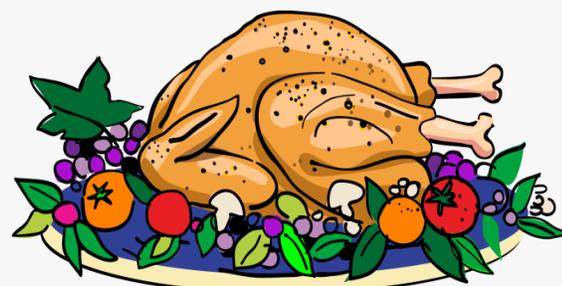
On **November 10th** a portion of worship will include an invitation for the congregation to come forward and light a candle in honor or memory of a veteran or veterans.

Our Veteran's Recognition Service has become an important Sunday for many in our community and church. The lit candles remind us of our veteran's bravery and sacrifice. It also reminds us of our responsibility. Our nation's freedom comes with a cost. May this day remind us never to take our freedom for granted. May this day inspire us to be diligent and faithful to the tasks God and country asks of us. For the glory of God!



## TURKEY BASH

The Annual Turkey Bash will be held Nov 21st at 12:00 pm. Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. The turkey bash is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, enjoy a wonderful meal and give thanks to God for all that we have been given!



There is no charge for the meal; however donations are appreciated. Feel free to invite friends and family to this Thanksgiving celebration.

Reservations appreciated!!

# APPLEFEST HIGHLIGHTS



# November

## Rotary Pancake Breakfast at MUP

Come to MARS UP CHURCH to support the Rotary Pancake Breakfast on

**Saturday, November 9th from 7am to 11am.**

All you can eat pancakes & sausage!

Tickets available at the door.

Adults \$8 and

Children under the age

of 5 are free.



## FOODBANK COLLECTION

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Every Month!

Non-perishable items for the Glade Run Food Pantry - food, personal hygiene, cleaning products and pet supplies are all graciously accepted.



## Deacon Kindness

**2nd Sunday of Every Month!**

With the upcoming holiday season, needs will be greater in the community. Please consider helping the Deacon Kindness fund in November and December.

KINDNESS IS FREE  
SPRINKLE  
THAT STUFF  
EVERYWHERE

## Living Nativity

CE/MO Committee would like to offer the LIVING NATIVITY again this year at Mars UP Church.

If you are interested in helping with this community mission project, please contact Alma Staskiewicz or Lisa Barbour. There will be a meeting on November 17th after worship!





Dear Friends in Christ –

The holidays are fast approaching and as we prepare our hearts for the season of Advent, the Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing carols and seasonal music in a few weeks. Won't you consider joining the choir for this special time of year? If you can't make a commitment for the entire year, this is the perfect opportunity to sing Christmas Anthems for the month of December and Christmas Eve. We will have special music and readings each Sunday for the Lighting of the Advent Wreath beginning Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing each Sunday through Christmas Eve. Hope, Peace, Joy and Love will abide with us this season as we await the birth of our Savior, Emmanuel. Please prayerfully consider joining us for this special time of year. Candles, Carols and Fellowship with the Mars U.P. Church Chancel Choir. What a great way to Celebrate the Season!

Soli Deo Gloria

Jamie

It's that time of the year for daylight saving time again. This weekend, daylight saving time will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd.



Turn your clocks back before bed Saturday night to prevent arriving late to church on Sunday!

Communion will be served on November 3rd.  
First Sunday in November!

This is also a great time to **CHANGE** your smoke alarm batteries!!!

## **Greening of the Church— November 30th at 9am**

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Christmas.

We need YOU (yes you!!) to help to transform the sanctuary! There are a variety of tasks— from fluffing garland, setting up candles to hanging wreaths.

There is a task for everyone to have a hand! And, many hands make light work!

Refreshments provided!



# Annual MUP Bonfire





Thank you Deacons and Tom McMeekin for a wonderful, fun-filled evening of fellowship around the bonfire. The beautiful fall day was enjoyed by over 40+ people. This Annual event is a special part of Mars UP Church and we look forward to celebrating again in 2020!!!!

# Heritage Sunday



Thank you Jamie and George Balderose for the uplifting music during the Heritage Sunday worship. Another great MUP church tradition enjoyed by all. We will eagerly await the 2020 performance.

Thank you also to the numerous memorial donations received in Memory of .....

Howard Meeder

Virginia Bartolac

Carol Diely

Thomas Kennedy

Nancy Penney

Robert Cox



On Sunday, November 24th during the worship service Jill Ceasar, Director of My School preschool will provide us with some updates on the preschool. The Preschool has now started its second school year at MUP.



These would make a Great Thanksgiving Card to give to family and friends!!

## STEWARDSHIP, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

are sponsoring a small fundraiser for the roof campaign. Harvest Bounty Notecards are available in Tarry N Talk to purchase. There are 6 Blank cards for \$10.00 with scenes of our church Thanksgiving Altar. Please stop by Tarry N Talk and look over the display.

If you would like to purchase a package, place \$10.00 in an envelope marked "Cards" and place in the offering plate or leave in Tarry N Talk.



**Happy Birthday 80+** The 80 plus MUPper's were honored by a dinner at the church provided by the Deacons. They dined on Roast Beef, Potatoes, carrots, pumpkin pie and all the trimmings. The oldest attendee was Isabel Boynton at 93 years young. Please wish them a **Happy Birthday.**

Attendees were: MaryLou Schwenke, Isabel Boynton, Barb Miller, Ann Carter, Doris Keefer, Ruth Wilson, and Marlene Edwards



# November 2019

**Tarry N Talk Host:**  
Buildings & Grounds  
Keith Cuyar, Bob Rief-  
er, Pat Auld, Jay Wilson,  
Ruth Wilson

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## SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ NOVEMBER 3—COMMUNION during worship
- ◆ NOVEMBER 9 -ROTARY BREAKFAST
- ◆ NOVEMBER 10-VETERANS SUNDAY
- ◆ NOVEMBER 21-TURKEY BASH
- ◆ NOVEMBER 22- FESTIVAL OF TREES @ QUALITY GARDENS
- ◆ NOVEMBER 23-FESTIVAL OF TREES @ QUALITY GARDENS
- ◆ NOVEMBER 28- HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- ◆ NOVEMBER 30—HANGING OF THE GREENS
- ◆ DECEMBER 1- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- ◆ DECEMBER 6 & 7- LIVING NATIVITY



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

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