

MARS UP CHURCH



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

January 2018

Lots of ads on TV promise: “a new me in the new year” if only I make some number of easy payments which will transform me into a 25-year-old Adonis. Look out world, here I come!

This idea of transformation is nothing new. I remember as a kid Jack LaLanne saying “the only way to get the fat off is to eat less and exercise more”. With this as his mantra, he was able to build a fitness empire that many have duplicated with varying degrees of success. At least, success for them. For many of us...not so much. That is not to say we don't want to be transformed in some way, but that the process of transformation seems somehow out of reach, or too hard, or being certain that we will fail we choose to not even go there. Please pass the cookies.

I am feeling rather righteous at the moment because I had a kale salad for lunch today. I'm sure that will do the trick and I will be slim and fit by morning. Done and done!

If only it were that quick and easy. Transforming our physical appearance is not an easy or quick thing to accomplish. Jack was and still is right. Diet and exercise are all you need. And you don't need to make some number of easy payments to get a physical transformation.

I have been caught up with this idea of transformation lately because of the birth of Jesus. Christmas and all that it means. We know Jesus as the Christ, the Saviour of humankind, but we sometimes overlook the many other facets of His life. The teacher, the leader, the healer, the agitator, and the transformer. The One who brought about change. He transformed (or changed) the world and offers all humankind His transforming love that heals, teaches, and saves.

I think that the new year is an excellent time to consider the transformative powers of our faith, in us, in our church, and in our world. I will be preaching this month on how each of us has and can be transformed by the power and presence of Jesus in our lives. No easy payments are required, because all He did for us, He did for free! And don't be afraid of failure or of the goal being unreachable because He will be at our side the whole time. Transformation really can be quick and easy because the hard work has already been done for us as Jesus took the weight of our sin from us on the cross.

As far as Jack's words of advice I say OK, but I also like the prophet Isaiah's words of truth in chapter 55:2:

“Why do you spend your money for that which is not breads, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness”

Done and done!

See you in church,

Tom

2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Volunteering for 2018

January Nursery

January 7-Sharon Gibbs

January 14-Mary Ann Croop

January 21- Janie Aiken

January 28-Keith Cuyar

January Greeters

Elder- Linda Moody , Deacon- Ruth Wilson

January Tarry N Talk Hosts

Stewardship Committee:Sally Olsen

Marie Matthews, Alice Leonberg

January Muffin Crew

January 7- Pam Kennedy & Linda Lees

January 14-

January 21- Pam Kennedy & Linda Lees

January 28-

January Flowers for Worship

All Sunday's Available

Pastors Schedule for January

January 7, January 21 & 28 -Tom McMeekin

January 14 - Karl Kennedy

...A NEW YEAR!

Consider sponsoring **sanctuary flowers** for Sunday morning church worship services. A new sign up list available in the Tarry 'n Talk. Sponsoring flowers for worship is a great way to recognize a person, significant occasion and honor the memory of a loved one.



Enjoy the **food and fellowship in Tarry n Talk** after worship? Sign up to make or supply refreshments for our time of fellowship.

A signup sheet is available in Tarry n Talk.

REMEMBER!

- ⇒ Bring non-perishable food donations the first Sunday of each month to support our local food bank!
- ⇒ Deacons Kindness Offering (separate offering) is the second Sunday of the month.

THANK YOU ELDERS & DEACONS

*THANK YOU to **ELDERS*** Ron Weaver, Bill Guesman, Deb Mallick, John Ivory, Shelly Bocheff, Alma Staskiewicz***DEACONS*** Sharon Gibbs, Ruth Wilson, Mary Ann Croop, Karen Goul

Having fulfilled your term of service, our church thanks you for answering the call, honoring your commitment and for your efforts to help proclaim the love of God! We are better because of YOU!



William Cook

3-4-1931 to 1-19-2017

Member, Elder, Deacon

Charles Etter

6-5-1932 to 1-19-2017

Member

Patty Marburger

1-26-1928 to 5-22-2017

Member

Janet Dize

2-16-1922 to 12-9-2017

Member, Deacon

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. John 11:25

January 28, 2018 from 5 to 8

Come out to Mars UP Church Sunday, January 28 from 5 to 8 to help support our Student Ministry by attending our **ALL YOU CAN EAT** spaghetti dinner.

Dinner includes: pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and refreshments.

Adults: \$10 and children 9 and under \$5.

Proceeds will support the Mars UP Student fellowship retreats, Summer 2018 mission trip thru Experience Mission and continued student growth as a ministry.

Gift Basket Raffle will be at the Dinner. Need not be present to win!





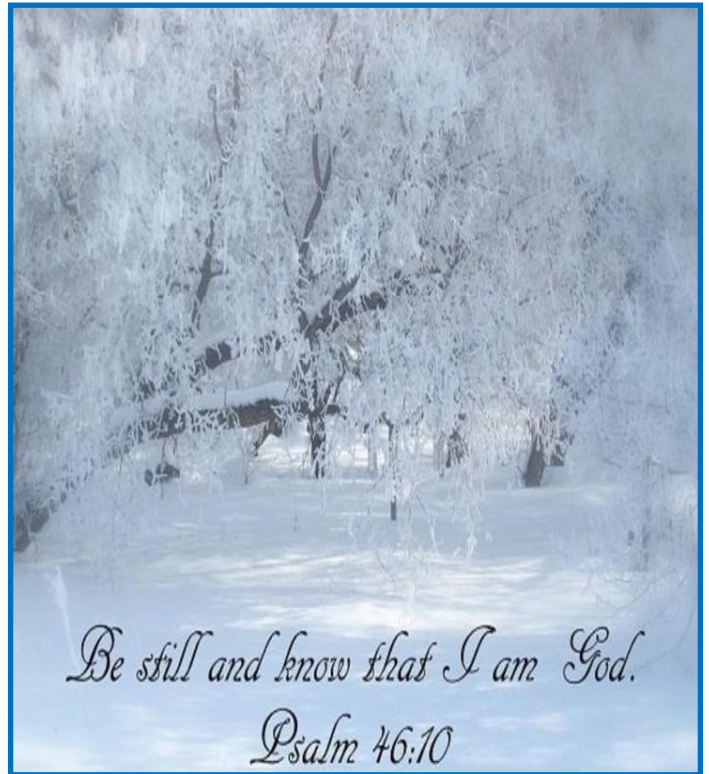
Santa stopped by Mars UP Church



Installation of
Elders and Deacons will be
held during the worship
hour on January 7, 2018

Those being installed are: Elders: Angela Badger,
Keith Cuyar, Louise Fox

Deacons: Caroline Kopar, Amy Lauten



Per Capita—What is it & Why Do it???

Many have asked questions about per capita, What is it? What does it support?

The Per Capita is an important aspect of how we do church. Presbyterians are proud of how our convictions inform our church function and organizational structure. As Presbyterians, we believe in “the priesthood of all believers” and acknowledge that all are called to bring their gifts and talents to God (1 Peter 2:9). And so, we champion this idea “call” throughout all levels of our denomination. On the local church level, church members are called to serve as Elders, Deacons, and pastors. Elders and pastors of churches in geographical groupings gather as Presbyteries.

There will be a Per Capita envelope in February’s envelope mailing. The cost per member is \$39.47 In a small but significant way, consider Per Capita as one way YOU and MARS UP CHURCH might be able to respond along with other Christians and churches across the nation, proclaiming the Gospel message that sin, separation and disunity will not have the final answer for us, our church, our denomination OR our world. The final answer is fully in the sovereign hands of God. Indeed, God is greater and more powerful than our broken and foolish ways of sin.

This is Jesus’ prayer and petition for us: “I have told you (plural) these things, so that in me you (plural) may have peace. In this world you (plural) will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

Winter Communion– January 7, 2018

On Sunday, January 7th Communion will be celebrated at the 8:30 service. All are welcome! Come gather around the table of our Lord, break bread and share the cup in humble thanks for what God freely offers us through Christ our Lord!.



Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting late January or early February to change the bylaws to reduce the number of Elders and Deacons as per the Beaver Butler Presbytery Recommendations.

Please watch your bulletin for details!

LEGO TOURNAMENT

Old Union Presbyterian Church

Saturday, January 20th

10am—2pm

Cost \$5.00 (includes lunch)



Open to all everyone in 1st through 6th grade, with judging in 3 age categories

You must supply your own materials (they do not need to be Lego brand)

Judging will take place for both pre-built designs and creations made on site.

All work must be original designs!

No kit designs, please!

To sign up or for more information, contact

Old Presbyterian Church

724-538-8672

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

LOUISE BENJAMIN— January 2

PHILIP MORENO—January 6

CARLEY STOY—January 11

AMAYAH KLEIN— January 12

SANDY WAHL-January 15

BRAEDEN CROOP—January 17

GARY CLINGERMAN-January 18

MARIA CLINGERMAN- January 21

CAROL COONEY—January 22

JOHN MCCRALEY- January 24

LEEANN CHIARIZIO-January 28

BONNIE MCELHINNY-January 30



MARS UP STUDENT MINISTRY PAGE

What you need to Know about!

Let's Check out the next couple months for Mars UP Student Ministry!

1/7 - 2018 YG Kick-Off! MS/HS Youth Group @ 6:00 pm

1/12- Lock-In @ Bakerstown- High School—TBD

1/14—Normal YG @ 6-8pm (MS and HS together)

1/21- Normal YG @ 6-8pm (MS and HS together)

1/27—Service Project—TBD

1/28 - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Will replace Youth Group! 5-8pm \$10 adult meal, \$5 Children under 10 yrs.

2/4 - Normal Youth @ 6-8pm (MS and HS together)

2/11—Normal Youth @ 6-8pm (MS and HS together)



Olivia Spreading some Christmas Cheer while Caroling at St. Johns



HIGH SCHOOLERS AT LAURELVILLE 2017

January 2018

Tarry N Talk Hosts: Stewardship Committee, Sally Olsen, Marie Matthews, Alice Leonberg

	1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	2 9am A-Team 7:00 p.m. AA	3 9:00a.m. Material Girls 7:00p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group Nursery: Sharon Gibbs	8 1:30 Womens Bible Study 6:30 Buildings and Grounds 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 9am A-Team 7:00 p.m. AA	10 9:00a.m. Material Girls 7:00p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 10am "Fiber Arts" Meet 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting 7:00 Stewardship Meeting	12 HS Lock-in with Bakerstown Church	13 2pm Moraine Rock busters
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SAVE THE DATE !

- ◆ JANUARY 1, 2018—HAPPY NEW YEARS!!
- ◆ JANUARY 7, 2018—COMMUNION @ 8:30 SERVICE
- ◆ JANUARY 7, 2018—INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- ◆ JANUARY 28, 2018— SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER



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We're also on Facebook!!

Join us for Worship
Sunday's at 8:30 am & 11:00
am

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