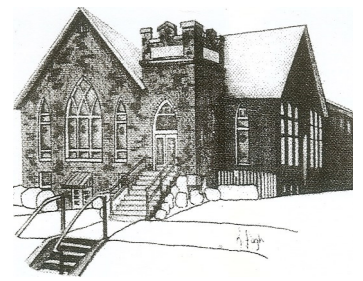


# MARS UP CHURCH



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

**October 2022**

On Tuesday evening, I had the privilege of eating dinner in a room full of colleagues as MUP hosted the first dinner meeting of Beaver Butler Presbytery since before the pandemic. A great big thank you goes out to all who helped to make that a reality! It was wonderful to have the gathering of churches in our building, to worship with our brothers and sisters from around the area, and to share at the table with our neighbors.

During the dinner I ended up sitting across the table from a nice lady who serves as an elder in one of the smaller churches in our presbytery. As we talked, I asked her if there was anything exciting happening at her church. She let out the sigh of a person who was tired and not all that eager about the work of her church's upcoming events, but she said yes. She went on to tell me about how her small congregation will be making apple butter this coming week, a tradition of their church that went back decades. She said they still used the big copper kettles with the big paddles to stir. They were cooking something like 17 bushels of apples! I asked her about the process because I have never made apple butter before. They light the fire around six o'clock in the morning and the first apples go into the pot around seven thirty. They cook all day and sometime around four or five o'clock they finish up the cooking. After that comes the clean-up. While the apples are cooking in the Kettle they have to be stirred constantly to keep them from burning. It is a lot of work and a long day for the workers. As this lady shared with me the story about the tradition of her church, I could tell she was both proud of what they accomplish while still feeling the burden of dwindling members and an aging church population. It was clear this woman was feeling the strain of overwork laid upon her shoulders, she was tired, she needed a break.

This is a feeling more and more church leaders are having. Burn out is real, and as mainline Christian churches have shrunk over the past sixty plus years the number of workers has dwindled. Perhaps you have felt a similar strain in volunteering at MUP. Perhaps you are feeling overworked, underappreciated, or just plain tired.

Friends, it is okay to feel this way. And it is okay to take time away from the ongoing work of the church to recharge. Jesus often went off to be alone to recharge and prepare for his upcoming ministry. One thing I have learned as a pastor is you can't pour out of an empty cup. So if your cup is getting empty, take time to replenish it before trying to pour yourself out in service to others. I know it seems like a scary proposition. If our normal volunteers don't do it then who will? What if things get missed? What if important missions don't get done? Well I have faith in God and in God's people. Your brothers and sisters will pick up the burden if you are willing to lay it down.

As for those who are and will be doing the work of God let me encourage you with the words spoken to Joshua as his time of leadership began. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9) I think we sometimes forget that in our excitement as well as in our worn out tired state, God is with us wherever we go! So do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, the church marches on. If you are looking for opportunities to get involved and volunteer in the life and ministry of the church, please reach out to me. If you are tired and need a moment to gather yourself let us know that as well. We are together in this ministry and need each other. I am reminded of the Apostles Paul's words which I will paraphrase now; "We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength". In the strength of Christ, with God present with us wherever we go, let take courage as we continue the work of serving our neighbors and serving our God.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian

## Session Highlights from September 2022 Meeting

- BBP meeting September 27, 2022 at MUP. Dinner will be served.
- Hard Tack Candy has begun—63 lbs thus far
- MOPS going well—next meeting October 5, 2022
- Adult Bible Study—searching for another location
- Applefest—October 1, 2022
- MSPS—Great start
- Living Nativity—December 9-10
- New Computers purchased
- Capital Campaign discussed for parking lot
- Rotary Breakfast—November 12th
- Joint Worship with St. John—November 13, 2022
- Youth Homeless event—November 18-19

## Join us for our “Fall Fest & Bonfire”

**October 23rd @ 5pm**

Enjoy this year’s “Fall Fest & Bonfire” on Oct 23rd 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.***

***\*\*Evening Steeler Game @ 8:20)\*\****





# Mars UP Church Picnic







**Holland Jean Medsger**  
**September 25, 2022**

**The Sacrament of Baptism**



**World Wide Communion  
Sunday, October 2nd**

10:00 Worship

Sermon Title: Slaves, Kings, and  
Children

Rev. Brian Hauser



**October 2nd— 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 9th**

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 16**

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 Book of John**

**NNN** –meets upstairs – Herb Wellman – **The Wired Word/Current Events & Biblical Perspective**

## Children and Youth

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

**Kids Club**-Meets every other Sunday (October 2nd at St. John Lutheran Church)

2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Combined Kids Club with Mars UP Church

**Youth Group**-Meets every other Sunday (October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mars UP Church)

Combined Youth Group with St. John Lutheran Church

## Adult Bible Studies

**Women's Bible Study** - (1st Monday of the month, starting 1:30) - Teacher Nancy Huggins -David Cook study is **God's Exceptional Choice**

**Evening Bible Study**– Suds and Souls-More details to Follow

## **St. John Lutheran Church and Mars United Presbyterian Joint Kids Club Calendar**

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings and events are at  
St. John Lutheran Church (420 Beaver St.)

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Meeting	October 2	1-2:30p
<b>Combined Service Event – Packing Lunches for Mission from Mars At St. John Lutheran Church</b>	<b>October 8</b>	<b>9:30-12p</b>
Meeting	October 16	1-2:30p
<b>Combined Halloween Party At Mars United Presbyterian</b>	<b>October 30</b>	<b>1:2:30</b>
Meeting	November 6	1-2:30p
<b>Combined Joint Worship At St John Lutheran Church</b>	<b>November 13</b>	<b>9-10a</b>
<b>Service Learning Event</b>	<b>November 20</b>	<b>1-2:30</b>
Meeting	December 4	1-2:30p
<b>Combined Christmas Party At St. John Lutheran Church</b>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>1-2:30p</b>
Meeting	January 8	1-2:30p
Meeting	January 22	1-2:30p
Meeting	February 5	1-2:30p
Meeting	February 19	1-2:30p
<b>Combined Trip to Peak N Peak <i>guardians must attend</i> (tentative)</b>	<b>February 25</b>	<b>7a-10p</b>
Meeting	March 5	1-2:30p
Meeting	March 19	1-2:30p
Meeting	April 2	1-2:30p
Meeting	April 16	1-2:30p
<b>Combined Joint Worship At Mars United Presbyterian</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>10-11a</b>
<b>Combined Year End Party At Mars United Presbyterian</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>1-2:30p</b>

# **St. John Lutheran Church and Mars United Presbyterian** **Joint Youth Group Calendar**

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings and events are at  
Mars United Presbyterian Church (232 Crowe Ave)





**Celebration of our 80+ will be held on  
Sunday, October 9th**

**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 1st

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 6th (change clocks before  
going to bed)**



## SAVE THE DATE!

- ♦ OCTOBER 2nd— WORLD COMMUNION
- ♦ OCTOBER 9th—80+ DINNER AFTER WORSHIP
- ♦ OCTOBER 10th—WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- ♦ OCTOBER 16th—HERITAGE SUNDAY
- ♦ OCTOBER 23rd—BONFIRE @ QUALITY GARDENS



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

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