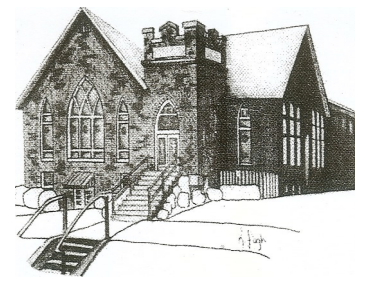


MARS UP CHURCH



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

June 2022

The Barnabas Award

I have shared with you before my affinity for summer camps and in particular Pine Springs Church Camp where I attended from age 5-25 in one fashion or another. One of the things that was always special at camp was the end of the week award ceremony. It was a chance for the campers to show off for their parents and siblings by singing the camp theme song, telling camp stories, doing skits, and receiving special awards. There were awards for kids who did the polar bear plunge by jumping into the pool at 6:45 every morning. Others received an award for learning that weeks memory verse and being able to recite it from memory. Other rewards went for the cleanest cabin each day. But the most honored award, the only award that went to one male and one female in each camp was an award named after an apostle who was known for being a good man.

Today I want to share with you about that good man. The man's name was Barnabas. A man who rejoiced at the grace of God and encouraged the saints to remain faithful to God. A man full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. (Acts 11:22-24) On June 11th a number of Christian denominations will be celebrating the Feast of St. Barnabas, a celebration day in honor of the Apostle. Barnabas is not one of the best-known apostles though his presence and work are certainly documented. He traveled with Paul some, he oversaw evangelism to the Gentiles in Antioch, he is mentioned throughout acts and in Paul's letters, and he collected funds for the poor in Jerusalem. He is known as an encourager, a behind the scenes worker, someone who gets the job done but stays out of the limelight.

And that is what the counselors who awarded the Barnabas Award were looking for. Not the kid out front, garnering all the attention. But the quiet kid, the one who never complained, the one who encouraged others and worked for the betterment of all the people in the cabin. The person who exemplified the characteristics associated with the Apostle Barnabas, the hard working, caring, uplifting, friendly, supportive, and genuinely good person who cared more about the advancement of the church than about their personal advancement. Barnabas was one of the Apostles who sold everything they had and gave it to the early church, demonstrating that the work of God always came first to him.

While I know many people who fit the encouragement, character, and work ethic of Barnabas in the church, I think it might be helpful for all of us to think of who we would give the Barnabas Award to in our congregation if we had to pick one person. Who is the person who encourages us? Who is the person who encourages the work and ministry of the church without allowing personal aspirations to get in the way? Who is the behind the scenes, devoted worker of the church? I know there is more than one! It is important for us to pause and recognize the individuals whose sole concern is the advancement of the ministry of God. We need to thank them! We need to appreciate them! Because without their passion and support the work of God suffers. And so I am inviting you, throughout the month of June to make your own little Barnabas Award and give it to a friend. Let them know that you appreciate their efforts. Let them know their encouragement means a lot! Because even the best encouragers can use encouragement themselves sometimes. Who will you give the Barnabas award to this month?

Blessings,

Pastor Brian

Session Highlights – May 19th Meeting

- 1- Youth Group Summer Events - Kennywood trip in June; Pool Party in July/August at Bocheff's
- 2 - Nursery to operate in Fall - will need 2 people to staff
- 3 - MOPS - Mothers of PreSchool Students - Web site should be up and running in a week
- 4 - My School PreSchool - Board Members for 2022-23 School Year are Alma Staskiewicz, Susan Cox, Sally Olsen and Lisa Barbour -
- 5 - Discussing starting a Youth Group for children in grades 2 through 5 with St. Johns Church
- 6 - Graduation Sunday will be June 12 to honor MUP High School and College Graduates
- 7 - Rally Day Worship Service and Picnic will be at Adams Park on Sunday September 11
- 8 - Fundraising Dinner for Skyla raised \$10,000+ for Skyla and her family to help with expenses
- 9 - Small gravel was spread in parking lot to help alleviate swampy, wet conditions
- 10 - Accept Bid from Weber Painting to paint Social Hall over the summer



THANK YOU MATERIAL GIRLS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL LAP QUILT

If you know of a
shut-in or loved
one who would
like a quilt,
please contact
Ruth Wilson or
Janie Aiken



The Youth Group will be going
to Kennywood on
Wednesday, June 22nd!

If you would like to attend,
please see Pastor Brian.



Thank you Jill Ceasar for all your hard work and dedication to the My School Preschool. Good luck on your new venture!! We wish you all the best.

Super Skyla Turns 5!



We are thrilled to announce the Spaghetti Fund-raiser for Skyla raised \$10,000+ through the dinner and outside donations.

Mars UP Church made donations with a basket and provided help with the costs of the sauce.

Because of the generosity of the community, Skyla and her family have help with the extensive medical expenses.



**OPENINGS FOR
MSPS 2022-2023
SCHOOL YEAR**

There are openings for the 4 day transitional and in the 2-day Pre-school morning and afternoon classes.

If you are interested or need more info, please contact Heidi Beahm at 724-272-9911 or

myschoolpreschoolmars@gmail.com





MOPS International encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church.

WHERE: Mars UP Church
232 Crowe Avenue, Mars PA 16046

WHEN: Fall 2022

To Register or questions please contact the office @ 724-625-1365 or Ashley Hauser @ 814-270-9101



My School Preschool NEWS



WELCOME BACK to Lunch Bunch, our "Mommy and Me" program! Both our Fall and Winter/Spring sessions are brimming with a wide range of activities geared specifically for your two and three year old. There will be opportunities to sing, move to music, cook, construct, sculpt, paint and pretend in a safe, nurturing environment designed to foster the development of curious minds and active bodies. There will be time shared in our schedule to eat and chat with your Lunch Bunch pals, so plan to pack a light lunch or snack for your child. This is a 2-year old program (Fall Sessions) Two years by September 1 and (Spring Sessions) Two years old by January 1 For More Information: www.myschoolpreschool.org or contact Heidi Beahm @ 724-272-9911

My School Preschool Summer Camp

WHERE: Mars UP Church

WHEN: July 25— July 29

AGES: 3yrs to 6yrs

More Information at
www.myschoolpreschool.org



ST JOHN & MARS UP CHURCHES

VBS 2022



SUNDAY, June 26 – THURSDAY, June 30, 2022

6:00-8:20 PM

SPECIAL OPENING SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Families join us for a HOT DOG BEAN kickoff

5:00pm MUP Fellowship Hall

**GET a preview of the great VBS decorations,
music and games!**

REGISTER YOUR GREAT KID FOR THE FUN AT

WWW.MARS-UP.ORG

Mars UP CHURCH VBS

Every Year our Vacation Bible School reaches out to the community to share God's Word to the children. Our VBS is FREE to all those who attend. In order to continue this, we need YOUR help!! If you are able to donate to this community project, please send a check marked "VBS" to Mars UP Church or put in the offering plate. If you are unable to donate funds, we are still looking for volunteers. Please contact the office @ 724-625-1365 or email to marsup@mars-up.org

Background Clearances are needed for Adults to participate and help with VBS. These are free and can be done at the church office.

Registration is available on Mars UP Website @ www.mars-up.org



SUNDAY, June 5th

Day of Pentecost

**CELEBRATE AND WEAR
RED**

Communion will also be offered this Sunday

Hosanna Industries, Inc.

Katie DeJournette visited us on May 15th to speak on the amazing work Hosanna Industries does for the community.

MUP was able to give Hosanna Industries a check for \$1695.00.

Thank you for your generosity and support!!

Hosanna Industries is always looking for volunteers to work with their organization.



DAD'S ROOT BEER

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH
@ 10AM WORSHIP**

**ALL MEN WILL BE
HONORED WITH BOTTLES
OF DAD'S ROOTBEER IN**

CELEBRATION OF FATHER'S DAY



June Monthly Reminders

Worship Hours: In-person 10:00am and online every Sunday

Food Bank Collection: Every First Sunday—June 5th

Graduation Sunday: June 12th

Deacon Kindness Offering: Every Second Sunday (June 12th) of the month.

Vacation Bible School: June 26 thru June 30

Congratulations of our new Members who joined the church on Sunday, May 29th



Ashley (Chamberlin)
Hauser

Peter Wells

Missy (Proch) Wells

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC RALLY DAY

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 11TH

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE @ THE PARK

ADAMS TOWNSHIP PARK IN THE TOWNSHIP PAVILLION

(DOWN BY THE PLAYGROUND)

HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO
BRING A COVERED DISH.

GAMES, FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL!

Rally Day will also be celebrated at the park to "mark" the start of Sunday School!!!!

A NOTE FROM STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE...

The Stewardship Committee would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who has paid their per capita. The response has been wonderful! If you haven't taken the opportunity to pay yours, there is still time. As a reminder, the per capita amount per confirmed member is \$42.90

**Graduation
Sunday June 12th**

Graduates

BRAEDEN CROOP

Braeden Croop is the son of Brian and Ann Croop and brother of Gavin Croop. His grandparents, Howard and Mary Ann Croop have been long time members of the Mars UP Church. Braeden has graduated Mars Area High School with Honors and will be attending Mercyhurst University in the fall, where he will be studying Cyber Security/Cyber Forensics. Braeden also is a recent Eagle Scout from Mars Troop 400 in which his Eagle Project was repainting and repairing all the handrails and window wells around the church, including the rear metal doors and the bell supports. Outside of school and Scouts, he works in Curbside at Giant Eagle, is an avid video gamer, and also holds two certifications in Scuba Diving.



OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

2022

Amanda Nicole Pfeifer graduated from Slippery Rock University PA with a dual major in early childhood education and special education. She will continue to pursue her lifelong passion of helping and teaching children with a career in education at the elementary level.



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2022

ADISON VERONICA STASKIEWICZ

Addison Staskiewicz graduated from The Pennsylvania State University at University Park with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, a minor in Mathematics, and a minor in Engineering Mechanics. Addison is a member of Sigma Gamma Tau, the national honor society for Aerospace Engineers. While attending PSU she served as a Global Engineering Fellow and a member of the Academic Integrity board. She played on the club ultimate Frisbee team and served as co-captain this year helping lead the team to third place in the region. Addison has accepted a position as a flight test control engineer with Lockheed Martin.

ANDREW JOHN IVORY

Graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, PA with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics and a minor in Psychology.

Andrew has accepted a position with the Vanguard Group in Philadelphia.



SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ June 5th— Communion
- ◆ June 12th-Graduate Sunday
- ◆ June 19th Fathers Day—Dad's Root beer for all men
- ◆ June 22nd—Youth Group trip to Kennywood
- ◆ June 26th—June 30th— Vacation Bible School



Mother's Day Cuties!!

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 In-person
Worship
Sunday's at 10am

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