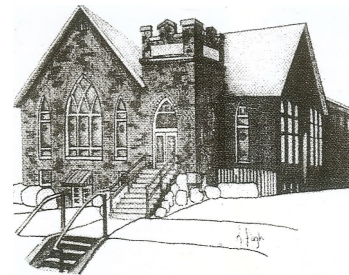


# MARS UP CHURCH



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

July/ August 2019

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope (Jeremiah 29:11).*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you read this, (hopefully!) the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been elected. I was pleased that eight volunteered to serve and the ninth said “yes” right away when asked. (The reason we ended up with so many members was that folks kept *volunteering* to serve! That’s a good sign!) As we move through the months ahead, you will hear more from this group. Keep them in your prayers. Also, even though you don’t know his/her name, pray for your next pastor! God knows who he/she is, and pray that the name will be revealed to us in God’s time.

My sincere thanks to the Transition Team (Christi Augustine, Angela Badger, Jill Cooper, Keith Cuyar, Louise Fox, Bonnie McElhinny, Keith Nichols, and Roy Schmitt), who began their work last July, and recently finished the Self Study. The Team was essentially a “model” of the congregation, with the same opinions, issues, and views about what happened in 2017, as well as where MUP has been, where we are, and where we are going. It took many difficult and “lively” meetings to reach consensus on our history, our present, and our future.

Thanks to all of you who filled out a survey, chose Leadership Competencies, or participated in interviews with the Team. Your opinions and comments helped the Team prepare the Study, and will help the PNC develop the on-line document describing Mars Church.

At this writing, I have been your pastor for just over sixteen months. Some have expressed frustration at the pace of the Interim Process. It has indeed been a long and sometimes difficult journey, but as a community of faith, we had many issues to resolve before we were ready to elect the PNC. As Interim times go, sixteen months is not too long a time before the PNC is elected. Again, we had many issues to work through before we could begin to discern what type of pastor we need.

So what’s next? The work in the Kingdom goes on! Plans are in place for Vacation Bible School – a great week is expected! I am seeing more energy at our single worship service. When we’re all together, there is a renewed spirit of love and fellowship. Please continue to join us each week.

Speaking of *each week*, I have begun a journey through the Letter to the Hebrews. This phenomenal book is all about Christ. (And by the way, God has told me to preach the entire book!) At this point in our time together, God has told me to focus on the person of Jesus, his work, and our response to the empty cross. I would encourage you to come each week – if you can’t make it, pick up a copy of my sermon(s) or read them on our Facebook page. Regardless of where we are in our faith journey, we ALL can use a refresher!

The Body of Christ called Mars U.P. Church has been through a lot, but I firmly believe God has *plans for us, and he wants to give us a future with hope*. Personally and professionally, I am full of hope for the future – keep your eyes on Christ, and he will lead us to the future!

In Christ,

*Pastor Jim*

## ***Summertime –***

**by Audrey Mullen**

I forgot my Lord in the summertime,  
Just the time I was needed most.  
I was not away, but on each Lord's Day,  
I just failed to be at my post.

I forgot my church in the summertime,  
As I lazily lay in bed,  
While the faithful few had work to do,  
And I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my tithe in the summertime,  
When He needed it most of all,  
While my cash was spent, I was pleasure-bent,  
Just off-duty for God until Fall!

I forgot my class in the summertime,  
But the devil did not forget,  
Working day and night, he kept up the fight,  
He's a go-getter, you can bet.

I forgot my soul in the summertime,  
Got along without spiritual food,  
While the Lord on high sent me blessings,  
I showed him naught but ingratitude.

If my Lord should come in the summertime,  
When from duty to God I'm free,  
Wonder what I'll do when my life is through,  
If by chance he should then forget me?



## **MY SCHOOL PRESCHOOL ONGOING FUNDRAISER**



### **MY SCHOOL PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

Chick-fil-A of Cranberry & Wexford is offering a rewards program to the school, so that they can earn food credit. We will be collecting your receipts continuously throughout the year. The school will earn 20% of the total(before tax) back for our school to use in food credit. The rewards never expire for the preschool. If you love Chick-fil-A, please start collecting your receipts and bring to the church. A collection container is in the Tarry N Talk area of the church. If you have any further questions about the program, please contact Alma or the office.



Bethany Harmon, Elizabeth Sanders, Matthew Olsen, and Sofia Cardenas Aguilera



## July Volunteers for 2019

### July Nursery

July 7- Bonnie McElhinny  
July 14- Christi Augustine  
July 21- Keith Nichols  
July 28-Christi Augustine

### July Greeters

Elder- June Stirling and Deacon- Linda Lees

### July Tarry N Talk Hosts

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Keith Cuyar, Bob Riefer,  
Pat Auld, Ruth and Jay Wilson

### July Muffin Crew

July 7-Pam and Linda  
July 14-  
July 21-Pam and Linda  
July 28-

### July Flowers for Worship

Available Sundays are July 7,14 and 21st

## August Volunteers for 2019

### August Nursery

August 4—Carley Stoy  
August 11 –Jenny Ivory  
August 18-Carolyn Golden  
August 25 -Pat Auld

### August Greeters

Elder—Angela Badger and Deacon- Jill Cooper

### August Tarry N Talk Hosts

CE/MO Committee: Alma Staskiewicz, Lisa Barbour, Angela  
Badger, Jenny Ivory, Jill Cooper, Marsha Haley

### August Muffin Crew

August 4 -  
August 11 - Pam and Linda  
August 18 -  
August 25 – Pam and Linda

### August Flowers for Worship

Available Sundays are August 4th and 25th

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—DONATIONS FOR FOOD BANK

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—DEACON KINDNESS COLLECTION



*Fellowship, food & fun*  
**CHURCH**  
*Picnic*





# June Session Highlights

(Session Will Not be meeting in July)

## Session Highlights – June 20 Meeting

- Overall Church giving down 15% compared to 2018, will monitor
- Option Agreement between Mars Church and Flat Rock Development has been signed, 90-day period ends August 24. \$350 payment put into Roof Fund.
- Approved changing Offering Envelopes to “boxed” style, savings approx. 50%
- Added a third item to the agenda for the June 30 Special Congregational meeting: Nomination of Ann Carter and Lisa Foster to serve as At-Large members on the Church Nominating Committee.
- Heard a report from Elder Sally Pavlina, Ministry & Vocation Committee on the Pastor Search Process
- Membership Committee to begin process of roll clean-up. Those affected will receive letters, and all changes will be approved by Session.
- Douds will plow our parking lot this winter
- Still seeking estimates for sanctuary ceiling fan cleaning and light bulb replacement
- Preschool having problems with their flooring, they will pay any costs to repair/replace
- Session to pray and listen regarding any comments on the summer single service

## Stewardship Reminder

As we enter the summer months, the stewardship committee respectfully requests the members of the church to continue their weekly offerings. For the first six months of the year, offerings have fallen short of budget projection. The deficit for the six months of this year have been kept to a minimum by aggressive management of expenses.

Offerings for June have declined from the weekly rates of the first five months of this year, while our spending rates have not declined. Please remember to submit your offerings each week. Thank You



Flowers placed in the chancel and dedicated to the glory of God enhance our worship space. If you would like to give flowers in honor or memory of someone, please check the schedule in Tarry N Talk or contact the office.

If you are placing flowers in the sanctuary, you will be responsible for contacting a local florist and scheduling delivery (or bringing the flowers to the sanctuary on your Sunday), or you may pick flowers from your garden, or anywhere else!

Two local florist that are used are Macri Florist on Main Street in Mars(724) 625-3299 or Kocher's Flowers & Greenhouse on Brickyard Road (724-625-1200)

After worship you may choose to take your flowers home or donate them to the shut-ins by marking the "s" on our flower schedule.

# Mars UP Church and St. John Lutheran Church

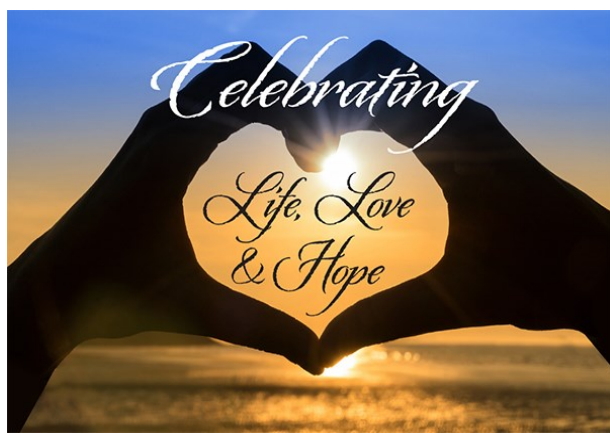
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** JULY 14th THRU JULY 18th  
6:00pm UNTIL 8:30 pm  
Register at [WWW.MARS-UP.ORG](http://WWW.MARS-UP.ORG)

**ROAR!**  
Life is wild 🐾 God is good

Make VBS your mane event this summer! This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

This year we will have a Hot Dog and Baked Beans "Kick-Off" social at 4:45pm before VBS starts. Come and meet and greet your crew leaders and play some games for a fun' filled night of VBS.





#### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR NANCY PENNEY

MARS UP CHURCH  
232 CROWE AVENUE  
MARS, PA 16046  
742-625-1361

JULY 13TH @ 11AM WITH LUNCHEON  
FOLLOWING

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jack and Lisa Barbour on their new grandson,  
Marshall Joseph Spada born May 31, 2019 to  
Meredith and Eric Spada.

George and Marie Mathews on their two new  
granddaughters: CeCe Laine Matthews born May 22,  
2019 to Sean and Chloe Matthews and Olivia Jane  
Matthews born June 17, 2019 to Brian and Jamie  
Matthews.

Meredith (Barbour) Spada graduated from her five  
year residency program in Adult and Child Psychiatry.  
She was also named "Outstanding Graduating  
Resident" in her class of 25. Proud parents are Jack  
and Lisa Barbour.



Nancy A. Penney, age 83, of Mars, passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2019 in her home.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, on July 27, 1935, she was the daughter of the late William "Clyde" and Alice Harbison Penney.

Nancy graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree and then

went on to earn her Master's degree in education from the University of Wyoming. She was a teacher for the North Allegheny School District for 42 years.

She was a member and organist for Mars United Presbyterian Church. She belonged to the Eastern Star and also Delta Kappa Gamma. She had previously served as chairman for the Mars Library.

Nancy had a love for frogs and was an avid Pittsburgh Penguins fan. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

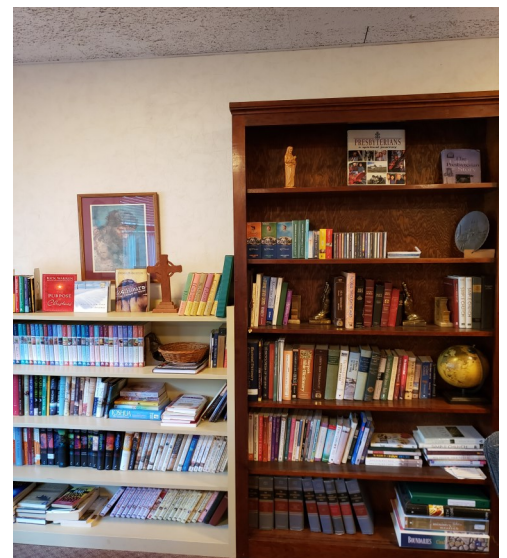
Surviving are two brothers, William (Susan) Penney of the San Francisco Area in C.A. and Robert (Sandy) Penney of Reading, PA; aunt of Christine (Noel) Mabry, Gregory (Claudine) Penney, Jeanne (Richard) Schlicher, and Michael Penney. Also surviving are seven great-nieces and great-nephews.

Friends are invited to a Memorial Service on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Mars United Presbyterian Church, 232 Crowe Ave. Mars, PA 16046, with Rev. James Steiner, officiating. A luncheon will follow. Arrangements are under the direction of the McDonald-Aeberli Funeral Home, Inc. 238 Crowe Ave. Mars, PA and condolences are available at [www.mcdonald-aeberli.com](http://www.mcdonald-aeberli.com). Burial will be in Mars Cemetery, Adams Twp., PA. Memorial contributions may be made to Mars UP Church, PO Box 805 Mars, PA 16046.

# Summer Reading?

Mars UP Church maintains a large collection of books in our church library that you are welcome to browse through and check out for your reading enjoyment this summer or at anytime.

The library is located on the main floor of the church building at the rear of the church across from the choir room. Please ask any of our members who will be happy to show you where it is or stop in the church office during the week.



# MARS UP STUDENT MINISTRY PAGE

What you need to Know About!

*Let's Check out what's going on this month  
for Mars UP Student Ministry!*

## JULY and AUGUST

July 4th— HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

July 14th— Vacation Bible School

July 31st —Pine Valley Summer Serve

September 8th—Rally Day

September 15th— Start of Sunday School



*Rebuilding Broken  
Lives Through Christ*

On July 31st the MUP youth will be taking treats and serving dinner at Pine Valley Bible Camp. Any Adults are welcome to attend. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Ivory (724) 713-7050 or the office.





# July 2019

**Tarry N Talk Hosts:** Building & Grounds— Keith Cuyar, Bob Riefer, Pat Auld, Jay Wilson, Ruth Wilson

	1 1:30pm Women's Bible Study	2 9am A-Team  7:00 p.m. AA	3	4 4th of July Office Closed	5	6
7 10:00am MORNING WORSHIP/ Communion <b>Nursery: Bonnie McElhinny</b>	8  6:30 Griefshare	9 9am A-Team  7:00 p.m. AA	10 9am Material Girls  6:00 pm Stew- ardship Meeting	11	12	13 11AM Nancy Pen- ney Memorial Service
14 10:00am MORN- ING WORSHIP 4:45pm "Kick Off" VBS <b>Nursery: Chris- ti Augustine</b>	15  6:00 VBS	16 9am A-Team  6:00 VBS	17 9am Material Girls 6:00 VBS	18  6:00 VBS	19	20
21 10:00am MORNING WORSHIP <b>Nursery: Keith Nichols</b>	22	23 9am A-Team  7:00 p.m. AA	24  9am Material Girls	25	26	27
28 10:00am MORNING WORSHIP <b>Nursery: Chris- ti Augustine</b>	29	30 9am A-Team  7:00 p.m. AA	31 9am Material Girls Pine Valley Sum- mer Serve 7pm PNC Train- ing			

# August 2019

**Tarry N Talk Hosts:** Christian Education– Angela Badger, Alma Staskiewicz, Lisa Barbour, Jenny Ivory, Jill Cooper, Marsha Haley

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## SAVE THE DATE

- ♦ JULY 4—HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
- ♦ JULY 7—COMMUNION
- ♦ JULY 13-NANCY PENNEY MEMORIAL @ 11AM
- ♦ JULY 14 - JULY 18 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- ♦ AUGUST 4—COMMUNION



## Contact Us

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

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[www.mars-up.org](http://www.mars-up.org)

We're also on Facebook!!

Join us for Worship  
Sunday's at 10

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