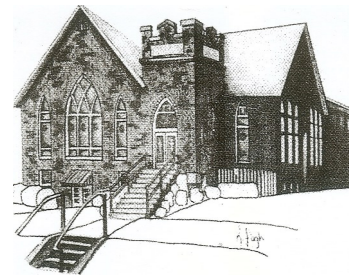


MARS UP CHURCH



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

November 2021

“GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, CALL ON HIS NAME; MAKE HIS DEEDS KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLE!”

1 CHRONICLES 16:8

As Fall hits and we nudge ever closer to the holiday season there is always a rush to identify the things we are thankful for: we are thankful for family, thankful for what we have, thankful for the days we can spend together, thankful for meals, thankful for good friends, thankful for safety, thankful we live in this country, the list goes on. There are countless things in which we ought to be thankful for ranging from the beauty of the leaves to the roofs over our heads.

But something that I often feel is lost in the over hyped hallmark style holiday season we experience is a question for more relevant than ‘What are you thankful for?’. While it is important that we identify the many things we are thankful for as a way of centering ourselves with a thankful heart; the question we should be asking before we do that is this: To who are we thankful? The feeling of thankfulness derives from gratitude, who are you grateful for?

There is a long list of people and groups I am grateful to and so I give thanks for each of them. It is always dangerous to make a list like this because inevitable I will forget someone, but here are a few of the people that I am most thankful for today. I am thankful to the committee that called me to Mars-UP, I am thankful to Shelly who brings so much institutional knowledge to the office to enlighten my way, I am thankful to the A-team for their calm demeanor and diligent work ethic, I am thankful for Alma, Lisa and Herb who help provide our worship to the community, I am thankful to my wife Ashley who does an incredible job raising five children while I am working at the church, I am thankful to the deacons for the hours they devote to church functions and serving our community, I am thankful to the Session for their willingness to engage in hard topics. We do not tell others enough that our thankfulness is directed to them, because of what they do for us. Gratitude and thanks are emotions that are directed to people, and should not just be thought of as us being thankful for things.

I challenge you this month to not just feel thankful, but be thankful by taking the time to thank others. By showing thanks, our gratitude has the ability not just to impact ourselves, but others as well. So send a card, tell someone thank you, call them on the phone and let them know you appreciate them, take time to show your thankfulness to the people who you are thankful to.

Above all I am thankful to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I am thankful to God for creating me, I am thankful to Jesus for saving me, I’m thankful to the Holy Spirit for sustaining me, every day! It is important, as this season reminds us, to acknowledge our thankfulness for so much that surrounds us, but inherent in being thankful for something, is realizing that we are thankful to someone. And we ought to be thankful to God! God is the one who we are thankful to, because God is the creator of all things, the redeemer of all things, the sustainer of all things. Thank you, thank you, thank you God!

With many Thanks, Pastor Brian

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 - Per Capita for 2022 set: Beaver-Butler Presbytery - \$32.52; Synod - \$2.40; General Assembly - \$8.98
Total amount is \$42.90
- 2 - 80+ Luncheon took place on October 10. We had 13 attendees
- 3 - Bonfire to be held at Quality Gardens on Sunday October 24. Chili, Hotdogs and S'mores to be available
- 4 - Sunday October 31 will be Heritage Sunday.
- 5 - Sunday November 7 we will celebrate All Saints Day, we will also have a Baptism for Jacob Hauser
- 6 - Sunday November 14 will be Boy Scout Sunday and honor Veterans
- 7 - Youth Group will hold a Homeless Event in conjunction with St. Johns Church. November 5th and 6th
If you are able to donate some time, there is a need for adult volunteers for that evening.
- 8 - Deacons are planning a Trick or Treat table in the parking lot for Sunday evening October 31. Any help will be appreciated.

What Would Jesus Brew?

Have you ever had questions about faith, tradition, scripture, or just life in general? Our new Wednesday evening Bible study is a perfect place to come and ask questions while sharing in the fellowship of believers. Our group currently meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month beginning at 5:30pm at the Dented Keg Brewing Company in Seven Fields. All are welcome! Bring a friend!



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!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

On Sunday afternoon our church was a lively place with nine middle schoolers running, playing, and sharing in the joy of Christ. The group continues to grow with the kids inviting more friends each week! November meetings will be the 7th and 21st from 1:00-



Youth are leading worship!
Nov. 21st at the St. John Lutheran church.
Come support our joint youth group as we worship God!

The youth group is sleeping outside on November 5th-6th in homebuilt cardboard houses in an effort to understand homelessness. They are also collecting funds to support Robin's Home, a female veteran shelter in Butler, PA. Sponsoring our youth for this event helps homeless vets.!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 7th we will observe All Saints' Day (All Hallows' Day) the tradition service to remember, honor and celebrate all the saints of the church, members and friends of the congregation. All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord and made an impact on our lives.

VETERANS RECOGNITION SUNDAY



On **November 14th** a portion of worship will honor and recognize the military veterans associated with our church. We will honor current and retired military as well as celebrate the memory of veterans who have been called home. The Boy Scouts will also be attending this Sunday to help us honor veterans.

Our Veteran's Recognition Service has become an important Sunday for many in our community and church. The celebration remind us of our veteran's bravery and sacrifice. It also reminds us of our responsibility. 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!

APPLEFEST HIGHLIGHTS





Rotary Pancake Breakfast at MUP

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

Saturday, November 13th 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

1st 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, Lisa Barbour, Pastor Brian or notify the office at 724-625-1365





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, November 28th 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 7th.



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

Communion will be served on November 7th.
First Sunday in November!

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

Greening of the Church— November 20th 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 , Don Lewis & Tom McMeekin for a wonderful, fun-filled evening of fellowship around the bonfire. The rainy weather didn't stop the MUP family from enjoying this Annual event. We look forward to celebrating again in 2022!!!!



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Don't forget to fill out and submit your stewardship survey. As Pastor Brian shared with us, stewardship is about being responsible with all of God's gifts including our time and our talents. If you did not receive a survey, contact the church office.

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.

Thank you also to the numerous memorial donations received in Memory of
Mary Ellen Grau
Alma Long
Samuel Moore
Karen Davidson

Congratulations to our 25yr members:

Rick and Lisa Foster
John Grau
Ron Weaver

50yr members:

Linda Lees
Larry Baumgartel
Ira Baumgartel



Old-Fashioned **HARD TACK** Candy



The MySchool Preschool and Mars UP Church are doing a joint fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the purchase of playground equipment and upgrading the playground area.

Help us sell homemade hardtack candy!! It is delicious and basically sells itself if you share with your family and friends. **An order form is attached in this newsletter and more will be provided in the church Tarry N Talk.** The cost is \$5.00 per 1lb bag and it comes in assorted or single flavors.

Another way you can help is making the candy. It is not hard work, but does take many hands. There will be timeslots during the day and evening to accommodate nearly any schedule. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Brian at Pastor@mars-up.org or cell 724-689-3412

Thank you for supporting this campaign to improve the play area for our children!

Fellowship & Fun



HOMEMADE HARD TACK CANDY

\$5.00 per
1 lb. bag!!

MSPS & Mars-UP

Assorted bags include:

Cinnamon Watermelon Grape Spearmint Wintergreen Peppermint Butter Rum

You can also purchase **individual flavors** in 1lb bags!! Available Flavors are:

Cinnamon	Watermelon	Grape	Spearmint	Wintergreen	Peppermint	Butter Rum
Sassafras	Pina Colada	Cherry	Butterscotch	Coconut	Lemon	Banana Cream
Orange	Apple	Anise	Clove	Vanilla	Butternut	

NAME	KIND OF CANDY	Phone #	TOTAL # OF BAGS
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SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ NOVEMBER 5th / 6th —YOUTH HOMELESS EVENT
- ◆ NOVEMBER 7th-COMMUNION, BAPTISM, ALL SAINTS DAY & YOUTH GROUP
- ◆ NOVEMBER 13TH- ROTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- ◆ NOVEMBER 14TH-VETERAN / BOYSCOUT SUNDAY
- ◆ NOVEMBER 3RD & 17TH- BIBLE STUDY @ DENTED KEG
- ◆ NOVEMBER 20TH- HANGING OF THE GREENS
- ◆ NOVEMBER 21ST—WORSHIP @ ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN
- ◆ NOVEMBER 25- HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- ◆ NOVEMBER 28TH- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

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