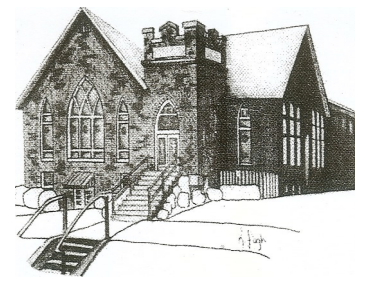


# MARS UP CHURCH



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

May 2021

Dear friends at MUP,

Last month we not only celebrated the resurrection of our Lord on Easter morning, but we also met, visited with, and worshiped with our new pastor, Reverend Brian Hauser and his wife, Ashley, and their 4 children Luke, Mary, Hannah, and Leah.

Truly, a “new day” is dawning: not only because we are in the Easter season of the Christian calendar proclaiming “He is Risen!”; but also because we are looking forward to what God has in store for MUP as we work together with our new pastor, Rev. Hauser; and not only that, but by the first Sunday Reverend Hauser leads us in worship (July 11), his family of 6 will have become 7!

The “new day dawning” theme continues now into May, as we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church – on Pentecost Sunday (May 23) – just 50 days after Easter when the Holy Spirit took a dramatic hold on the disciples and the early followers of Jesus. It was a “new day” in that their lives would never be the same and that even today you and I are the recipients of that grace, that hope, and that transformative power given to the disciples long ago.

As we live in anticipation of the arrival of Rev. Hauser and his family, I invite you to begin now praying for them as they say their goodbyes to their friends where they have been serving, have their baby, plan and make their move, and get settled into their new home. All in preparation to serve our Lord in our midst.

In His service,

Rev. Paul Aiello



# LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 23, 2021

## SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 8TH

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!



## MAY REMINDERS

- ♦ First Sunday of the month, May 2nd....Food Bank collection
- ♦ Second Sunday of the month, May 9th...Deacon Kindness collection



## PULPIT CHANGES FOR MAY

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Aiello will do a “pulpit exchange” with Pastor Gregg Hartung of the Crestview Presbyterian church who will also lead us in communion.

May 9, 23 & 30 Pastor Aiello will lead our worship services.

May 16<sup>th</sup> Pastor Karl Kennedy will lead our worship while Pastor Aiello and Dee travel to Virginia to be with their daughter and family.



May 9, 2021

Flowers will be given out to the women of our congregation in honor of all Mothers.



# Meet & Greet







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**INTRODUCTION TO OUR NEWEST MISSION SUPPORT.  
REV. SHAWN WILL BE SPEAKING ON MAY 9TH DURING WORSHIP.**

Ciao (Hello) Mars UP Friends,

I pray you are staying close to God right now. My name is Rev. Shawn Harmon. I am the son of a Presbyterian pastor and my father Tim Harmon is the pastor at Second Pres Oil City, PA. I personally came to trust in Christ and the freedom of the gospel when I was 19. By God's grace, I received a call to ministry around the same time. In 2019, I graduated from Seminary in Louisville and discerned a call to long-term missionary service. I want to share an important mission long-term partnership opportunity with you!

In seminary, I accepted a position to serve as a missionary partner with The Antioch Partners (TAP) who are connected with the Presbyterian Church, the Outreach Foundation, and Frontier Fellowship. They are often involved at the New Wilmington Mission Conference. There are around 70 TAP missionaries serving throughout the world. TAP's two main placement priorities are working among unreached/least reached people groups and capacity-building with global partners. My journeys abroad and walk with Jesus have led me to develop a heart to love refugees and see them find abundant life. God has also called me to faithfully and humbly share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our Muslim neighbors.

I had the opportunity to serve refugees last summer (2019) in Sicily. I was privileged to see God at work in the lives of refugees who don't follow Jesus and who have experienced some of the most difficult realities imaginable. I even experienced God open the scriptures to Muslims for the first time and encounter the grace and kindness of Jesus. During that summer of ministry, the team asked me to join them in Italy long-term at a new site in Rome. After returning home, I accepted to follow the Holy Spirit's lead to serve in Italy and was ordained into my position.



## ***Support Goal***

I am raising my salary through partnership and financial gifts from individuals and churches. I am looking to leave for Italy sometime in the early part of 2021. I want to ask you to prayerfully consider partnering with me in mission by joining my support team. I need to raise \$5,400/month or \$64,800/year. Would you consider supporting my ministry with a regular gift of \$150 a month or \$1,800 a year to The

Antioch Partners or another amount God might be leading you to? I serve 3-year appointments at a time, so regular monthly, quarterly or yearly financial partnership is important to assure I can fully do the ministry God is leading me to (here is a link to look at potential giving options [www.theantiochpartners.com/giving](http://www.theantiochpartners.com/giving)). Building a long-term partnership and relationship is a key to furthering God's kingdom and life-giving work both in the church and to the ends of the earth. If individual church members are interested in supporting my ministry directly, they can reach me at [harmonhusky@gmail.com](mailto:harmonhusky@gmail.com) or (712)-832-0077. After those 3 years I will return on home assignment and come back for 6 months to share what God is doing in Rome with you before heading back to the mission field! Below I have included a short description of my ministry. Thank again for your consideration my sisters and brothers in Christ!

Grazie mille! (Thank you very much in Italian)

## ***Missionary Role Description***

### **Disciple-Maker / Coach (DMC)**

The DMC role will lead a process of finding, training, discipling, and coaching Local Partners, assisting and coaching them to start Movements of Disciples and Churches in Rome and across the region. The DMC will use disciple-making tools and processes, leading and coaching our Local Partners to do the same. The DMC's role will focus on strategies to create movements among the unreached populations of our Local Partners in the area of Rome. (My ministry position is security sensitive, because I will be serving with Muslims and refugees).

*"Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth." Psalm 67:3-4*

*"And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you...And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:38,40*

*"And said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.'" Luke 24:46-47*



# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

## Session Highlights – April 15 Meeting

- \* Served Communion to 23 people on Maundy Thursday
- \* PPP Loan has been Forgiven
- \* Pointing of Bricks on from of Building has been completed
- \* Working to adjust the Bells after a Power Outage last month
- \* Rev. Shawn Harmon will present a Moment for Mission on May 9
- \* My School Preschool start date will be September 9, 2021. Still accepting Registration for several classes
- \* Pastoral Candidate has been accepted by Beaver-Butler Presbytery
- \* Meet/Greet will Saturday April 17, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- \* Pastoral Candidate Sermon will be Sunday April 18, 2021 at 10:00 am Service with a Congregational Meeting to follow after Service

GRADUATION  
SUNDAY  
WE HONOR YOU



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION – JUNE 6TH

On Sunday, June 6th high school and college graduates will be recognized during the 10am worship service. If your son or daughter is graduating from high school or college, please let us know! We would like the opportunity to recognize their hard work and accomplishments and pray for the next step in their journey! An insert will be made for the bulletin on June 6th - a photo and 4 to 5 sentence blurb about your graduate is requested.

**THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED BY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>!**



## Thank you PNC!

The 7 members of the Pastor Nominating Committee worked long and hard finding us a new minister. They met almost every Wednesday for almost two years. They have traveled far and wide to screen potential candidates, with most of the travel costs coming out of their own pockets. But most importantly, they listened to the wants, needs and concerns of our congregation. They used this information, along with God's guidance, to help select the best minister that will meet our needs.

Job Well Done!

Alma Staskiewicz, Herb Wellman, Carol Kopar, Jenny Ivory, Roy Schmitt,  
Don Lewis, Louise Fox



**SUNDAY, MAY 23RD**

**Day of Pentecost**

**CELEBRATE AND WEAR RED**

### **Meet & Greet Ministerial Weekend**

April 17 & 18 was an important weekend in the life of Mars UP Church. 60+ members attended the Meet and Greet held to introduce Rev. Brian Hauser, his wife Ashley and four young children, Luke, Mary, Hannah and Leah. Reverend Hauser came to the PNC's attention as a self-referral while serving two separate churches in the Knox, PA area. He is a graduate of Clarion University and has a Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Pastor Brian is involved in the Knox community and looks forward to doing the same in Mars. Rev. Hauser lead the MUP worship service on Sunday morning, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The service this was followed by a congregational meeting whereby unanimous vote Reverend Hauser was accepted as our new pastor. He is approved by the Ministerial Vocation Committee and the Beaver Butler Presbytery. We are blessed to welcome Brian and his family to our church community. We look forward to becoming acquainted with our new pastor and his family. Pastor Brian's first official day in the pulpit will be July 11<sup>th</sup>.





**Mars UP Church's**

# **NEW 2 U SALE**

**Friday June 11th & Saturday June 12th**

All proceeds will be going towards the purchase of new chairs for the Fellowship Hall!

**More details to Follow!**

**MUP's New to You Sale-** Spring Cleaning yet? Donations are now being accepted for MUP's New to You Sale. You can drop off **GOOD** donations at the church office during office hours or contact Ruth Wilson or Jill Cooper.

Items not accepted: Televisions, Couches, Mattresses, Large Appliances, Computers and please no Junk!!

**VBS**

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

**JULY 11TH —  
15TH**



**WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS**

## SAVE THE DATE!

- ♦ May 2nd—Guest Pastor—Gregg Hartung
- ♦ May 9th— Mother's Day/ Minute for Mission
- ♦ May 10th—Last Griefshare Session
- ♦ May 16th— Pastor Karl Kennedy Preaching
- ♦ May 23rd—Pentecost Sunday
- ♦ May 30th— Last Sunday with Chancel Choir
- ♦ June 6th—Graduation Sunday
- ♦ June 11th—New to You Pre Sale
- ♦ June 12th—New to You Sale

## Contact Us

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

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Join us for Worship  
Sunday's at 10:00am

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