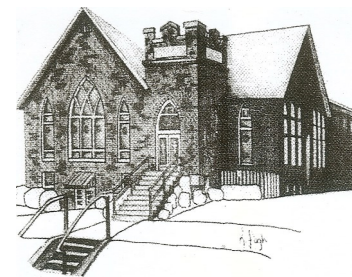


# MARS UP CHURCH



**We are your hometown church: Faithful to Tradition, Loving in Fellowship & Reaching for Tomorrow! July/ August 2018**

*Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress*  
(1 Timothy 4:15).

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month I have several things to address. Mars UP is making progress, and the evidence is all around us. First, my sincere thanks to all those who helped with our recent Vacation Bible School. Fifty-two children attended, and as many as twenty-five volunteers from MUP helped. (Actually, that number is probably higher, if we count the preparations and clean-up). I am certain lives were changed – both the children and the volunteers! My thanks especially to Alma Staskiewicz for her devotion and leadership.

Between MUP and St. John's, fifteen of our own children participated, which means over thirty-five neighborhood kids joined the fun. This is not a ministry about attendance or income, but bringing the love of Christ to children and families in Mars. Pastor Bob Zimmerman and I will encourage the families to join us on Sunday mornings. (A joint letter of thanks and invitation will go out soon.)

Regarding the Interim Process, we are making progress here as well. The Transition Team has been formed, and we will begin meeting soon. *A reminder – the Transition Team is NOT the Pastor Nominating Committee.* The Transition Team will lead the congregation through the Interim Process, beginning with a review of our history. Our first meeting will be in early July.

**The Team members are:**

- Christi Augustine
- Angela Badger
- Jill Cooper
- Keith Cuyar
- Louise Fox
- Bonnie McElhinney
- Keith Nichols
- Roy Schmitt

These persons were suggested by the Session because of their trustworthiness and credibility. As you can see, some are life-long members, others are newer to our fellowship. The Team is committed to being open and transparent as it leads us through the Process. To repeat, everyone will have many opportunities to participate and contribute. Please speak to a Team member if you have suggestions or comments. The Team's ultimate goal is to prepare the Self-Study, which will be turned over to the Pastor Nominating Committee (elected by the congregation), who will prepare the on-line document describing MUP, our ministries, and the type of pastor we are seeking.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a short poem called, *Summertime* by Audrey Mullen. It is a friendly reminder that God is active and present in our lives fifty-two weeks a year, not just from September and May. Please continue to join us on Sundays, and please continue your financial support of the mission and ministries of MUP. God doesn't take the summer off, neither should we!

I am seeing progress and restoration at MUP. God indeed has a plan for us – we just have to *be diligent in these matters, give ourselves wholly to them, so that everyone may see our progress!*

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?



## WELCOME

### MY SCHOOL PRESCHOOL



#### **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.

#### FALL OPENINGS AVAILABLE:

My School Preschool has a couple of openings in our 2 day afternoon preschool class and our 3 day afternoon PreK class. We also have openings in our Lunch Bunch Program (Parent and child) for 2 year olds. If you or anyone you know is interested please email Jill Ceasar , Director at [myschoolpreschool-mars@gmail.com](mailto:myschoolpreschool-mars@gmail.com) or call 724-272-9911. All information is available on the website - [www.myschoolpreschool.org](http://www.myschoolpreschool.org).



## July Volunteers for 2018

### July Nursery

July 1- Keith Nichols  
July 8- Katie Olsen  
July 15- Jenny Ivory  
July 22- Natalie Llewellyn  
July 29- Marsha Haley

### July Greeters

Elder- Louise Fox and Deacon- Carol Kopar/Pat Auld

### July Tarry N Talk Hosts

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Herb Wellman, Ira Baumgartel,  
Keith Cuyar, Pat Auld, Jay Wilson

### July Muffin Crew

July 1-  
July 8- Pam and Linda  
July 1-  
July 22- Pam and Linda  
July 29-

### July Flowers for Worship

Available Sundays, July 1, July 8, July 22, July 29

## August Volunteers for 2018

### August Nursery

August 5- Bonnie McElhinny  
August 12 -  
August 19-  
August 26 - Pat Auld

### August Greeters

Elder- Louise Fox and Deacon- Linda Lees

### August Tarry N Talk Hosts

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

### August Muffin Crew

August 5 -  
August 12 - Pam and Linda  
August 19 -  
August 26 - Pam and Linda

### August Flowers for Worship

Available Sundays August 5 and August 26

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—DONATIONS FOR FOOD BANK

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—DEACON KINDNESS COLLECTION



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











We are currently in the process of updating the MUP prayer chain. If you are currently a prayer chain member and feel that you are no longer able to be a part of this important ministry, please email either the Church Office at [marsup@mars-up.org](mailto:marsup@mars-up.org) or prayer chain coordinator Janie Aiken at [mjaiken@zoominternet.net](mailto:mjaiken@zoominternet.net) to have your name removed.

If you are not currently a prayer chain member and would like to be part of this ministry, please contact either the Church Office or Janie at the email addresses above to have your name added to the list to be emailed or called when Janie receives a prayer request.

Many thanks to Janie and to all the people who pray faithfully for those who in need.

# Peach Festival



## Friday, August 17

### 4pm-7pm

All you can eat peaches, & ice Cream & cake

Adults \$7.00 - Children ages 4-13 \$3.00 - Children under 3  
free

Al la carte sandwiches and beverages will be available



## JULY BIRTHDAYS



JULY 2ND KAREN STACK  
JULY 3RD DEE SHUPSKY  
JULY 6TH SHARON GIBBS  
JULY 9TH JACOB AUGUSTINE  
JULY 13TH ED RAUPP  
JULY 18TH SUE HENRY  
JULY 21ST CARA STOY  
JULY 23RD SARA AUGUSTINE  
JULY 27TH NANCY PENNEY  
JULY 31ST LINDA RIEFER



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 1ST ALICE LEONBERG  
AUGUST 11TH TOM KENNEDY  
AUGUST 13TH MEGAN AARON  
AUGUST 13TH LINDA MOODY  
AUGUST 20TH PAT AULD  
AUGUST 21ST BRENTLEY HAGER  
AUGUST 21ST AMY LAUTEN  
AUGUST 24TH TOM MCMEEKIN  
AUGUST 24TH WANDA JONES



If you do not see your birthday listed above, be sure to let the office know the special day!



# 2018 VBS "Shipwrecked"





# June Session Highlights

(Session Will Not be meeting in July)

1. My School Preschool is beginning to transform our Church's upper floor into an amazing preschool area
2. The transition team is in the process of starting their very important work
3. We will have one worship service on July 29, at 9 AM, and Session welcomes everyone's input regarding thoughts on this day's single worship service.
4. Session's building and grounds committee is concerned with needed repairs on the fence around the little playground area behind the office and on the stone wall outside of the office basement entrance. If you have ideas and/or thoughts, please share with Session.
5. Work continues in seeking a Youth Director .

## 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 and the offerings for the last couple of years. The deficit for the six months of this year have been kept to a minimum by aggressive management of expenses. For the next six months, we will have the expense of a pastor for every month and the possibility of the expense of a youth director.

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.





**ALISSA COOPER SANDE**

**Guest Speaker: July 22, 2018**

**Mars UP Church during both Worship Services**

**Minute For Mission**

Heart for Uganda was founded by Alissa Cooper Sande, who resigned from her elementary teaching position in 2008 to fulfill her childhood dream of rescuing children in Africa. Heart for Uganda is headquartered in Clarion County, PA and partners with God's Care Ministries in Kyenjojo, Uganda. God's Care Ministries was founded by Pastor Victor Sande, who was called by God to preach the Gospel and alleviate poverty in his nation.

Our primary purpose for existence is to carry the hope and love of Jesus to the despairing in Uganda. We know that the "living" Gospel is the only hope for Africa. We desire to carry God's heart for the lost, destitute, and rejected and love them as Jesus would. It is our vision to bring hope, life and love to the Ugandan people and empower them to be successful in whatever they do. We believe that as we lead them to understand and know God and His love for them, their lives will be transformed spiritually and physically.



Bob and Susan Cox would like to thank our church family for the cards and prayers during Bob's surgery and radiation treatments. A huge thanks to all those who drove Bob to Shadyside for his daily treatments. We ask for continued prayers as Bob recovers from the treatments and moves forward with immunotherapy for the next year.

*Thank You!*

**HELP NEEDED!!!**

**TV MONITOR VOLUNTEERS** Worship committee is looking for volunteers to help run the power point on Sundays during the 8:30 and 10:00 Worship hour. This is a fairly easy task and Michele Baumgartel will continue to have the power point ready for Sunday Worship. If you would like to help with the monitors, please contact the office or Linda Moody via email at [ljmoody@consolidated.net](mailto:ljmoody@consolidated.net)



# 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 2nd– Pine Valley Bible Camp Visit**

**July 4th— HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**

**July 22nd—Alissa Cooper—Heart for Uganda**

**August 17th—Peach Festival**

**September 9th—Rally Day**

**September 16th– Start of Sunday School**

Keep the Mars UP Youth Group in your prayers during this time of transition. We have begun to look for our next Youth Director . Postings have been placed at local Christian College websites.

Do you know someone who has a passion to help young people grow spiritually, lots of creative ministry ideas, knowledge of cutting-edge technology? The position will be part time which provides more of an opportunity for various people to apply. If you know of someone, please contact the office or Alma Staskiewicz at [tna81@zoominternet.net](mailto:tna81@zoominternet.net)



# July 2018

Tarry N Talk: Building & Grounds:  
Herb Wellman, Ira Baumgartel,  
Keith Cuyar, Pat Auld, Jay Wilson

<p>1 8:30 Early Worship 10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p><b>Nursery: Keith Nichols</b></p>	2	<p>3 9am A-Team</p> <p>7:00 p.m. AA</p>	<p>4 9:00a.m. Material Girls</p>	<p>5 11:00 am Griefshare</p>	6	7
<p>8 8:30 Early Worship 10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p><b>Nursery: Katie Olsen</b></p>	<p>9 6:30 Griefshare</p>	<p>10 9am A-Team</p> <p>7:00 p.m. AA</p>	<p>11 9:00a.m. Material Girls</p>	<p>12 11:00 am Griefshare</p> <p>6:00 pm Stewardship</p>	13	14
<p>15 8:30 Early Worship 10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>Baptism Sunday</p> <p><b>Nursery: Jenny Ivory</b></p>	16	<p>17 9am A-Team</p> <p>7:00 p.m. AA</p>	<p>18 9:00a.m. Material Girls</p>	<p>19 11:00 am Griefshare</p> <p>No Session</p>	20	21
<p>22 8:30 Early Worship 10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>Minute for Mission/ Heart for Uganda</p> <p><b>Nursery: Natalie Llewellyn</b></p>	23	<p>24 9am A-Team</p> <p>6:00 pm BBP Meeting</p> <p>7:00 p.m. AA</p>	<p>25 9:00a.m. Material Girls</p>	<p>26 11:00 am Griefshare</p>	27	28
<p>29 8:30 Early Worship 10:00 Morning Worship</p> <p><b>Nursery: Marsha Haley</b></p>	30	<p>31 8:30am WIC 9am A-Team</p> <p>7:00 p.m. AA</p>				



# August 2018

**Tarry N Talk Hosts:** CE/MO  
 Committee Alma Staskiewicz,  
 Lisa Barbour, Angela Badger,  
 Jenny Ivory, Jill Cooper

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## SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ JULY 1—COMMUNION @ 8:30 SERVICE
- ◆ JULY 4—HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
- ◆ JULY 15—BAPTISM
- ◆ JULY 22—HEART FOR UGANDA Minute for Mission
- ◆ AUGUST 5—COMMUNION @ 8:30 SERVICE
- ◆ AUGUST 17—PEACH FESTIVAL @ 4:00 PM



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

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