

# MARS UP CHURCH

**OCTOBER 2024**

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

## *A Word from the Pastor*

This past week I was playing a board game with Ashley, Luke, Mary, and Hannah. The game was *Settlers of Catan*. The point of the game is to earn ten points by building settlements using the games resources. Throughout the game you can trade resources with the other players in the game. For example if the resource of wheat is scarce (based on the dice roll) then you might be able to trade a wheat card for two or more resources of wood. We were playing and I was getting close to winning. I needed one specific resource card to be able to win and everyone seemed to know that. It was Luke's turn and I knew he had the resource card I needed so I offered him basically my whole hand, four or five cards for the one card that I needed. Immediately Ashley and Mary and Hannah began telling him not to trade with me because I was going to win the game. But Luke looked at the plentiful amount of resources I was offering and gladly handed over the one resource I needed. I won the game. After which Ashley and Luke's sisters gave him a hard time about why would he trade with me when I was about to win. It was at this point that Ashley said, "Luke, you are just like Adam and Eve, you're too greedy".

That phrase stuck with me because I never thought of Adam and Eve as greedy, though that seems to have played a role in the decision to eat the forbidden apple. As I thought about that I realized my son fell victim to the age-old human blunder of shortsightedness based on short term gifts. It is the story of the Lorax again and again. The wealthy business owner pollutes and destroys their home town just to make a few extra dollars now. Thus, they forsake their future in the community and gain something they didn't need in the first place.

Or the teenager who spends all their money on the latest electronic but then has no money left to put gas in the car to get to work to earn more money. We see shortsighted decisions all the time from fortune 500 business dealings to homeless on the street. It seems to be human nature to bite the delicious looking apple in front of us without thinking about its impact down the road.

I wonder how our faith might be different if we could take a more holistic long-term approach? If we thought not in terms of immediate success or even family success and started thinking about the success of the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is on a much longer time frame than our individual lives. What if we thought not about what will help me get ahead today and instead thought what is best for humanity, for the community, for the world, tomorrow. It is just another way of thinking about others over ourselves. It is a way of thinking that prioritizes the results for all over the immediate pleasures of one.

To do this will not be easy. We are fighting against thousands of years of human tendency. But since it is our goal to spend eternity with our Lord and Savior, it might benefit us to think in those terms rather than fulfilling foolish longings and wants today. Matthew 6:19-21 says, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." I guess the question is; where is your treasure?

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian

# BONFIRE OCT. 27



@ Quality Gardens

*Join us at 4 pm for a warm time of  
fun, fellowship and food.  
Invite your friends and neighbors!*

## MomsUP

**Moms lifting Moms UP**

**Who:** Mothers of kids ages 0-6.

**What to Expect:**

**SMALL GROUPS:** to meet other moms and develop new friendships.

**CHILDCARE:** qualified and loving care for our little ones.

**Where:** Mars United Presbyterian Church

232 Crowe Avenue, Mars, PA

**When:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month

10 a.m. - Noon

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# October Worship - Scripture and Music

*"But just as your body needs sleep, your soul needs time to rest in God.  
To learn more about Him. To talk to Him. To worship and praise Him.  
To fellowship with other brothers and sisters."*

*Craig Groeschel*

## Scripture for October:

**October 6**      **Job 1:1, 2:1-10**

**October 13**      **Mark 10:17-31**

**October 20**      **Job 38:1-7, (34-41) & Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c**

**October 27**      **Hebrews 7:23-38**



## **October Music Listening:**

Music and hymns for the month of October.

All Creatures of Our God and King  
What Wondrous Love is This  
Give me Jesus  
Way Maker  
Crown Him With Many Crowns  
To God Be the Glory  
Lord, Speak to Me  
Touch of Heaven

Trust and Obey  
At the Cross  
Majesty  
As the Deer  
Our Great Savior  
Jesus You Alone  
All Your Anxiety  
I Surrender All

Easy ways to listen to music online:

[Spotify](#)

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[Amazon Prime Music](#)





# TOY SWAP!

SPONSORED BY MOMSUP (MOMS GROUP OF MARS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH)

## WHEN


Nov. 22, 2024– Coupon Holders Only  
3:00-7:00PM

Nov. 23-24, 2024– All Welcome  
12:00 PM-4:00PM

## WHERE

Mars United Presbyterian Church  
232 Crowe Ave, Mars, PA

**\*\*Also accepted- Books, infant toys (play gyms, swings, jumpers), puzzles, etc!**



Please donate only items in clean, working condition with all parts.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Bring your toys to swap to Mars UP Church Nov. 1st-19th Tuesdays-Fridays between 9:00AM-1:00PM

You will receive a coupon designating your number of items.

Return during the first swap day to get the number of items noted on your coupon!

No toys to swap? That's ok! Come on the days open free to everyone! (Nov. 23-24).

Just want to donate to the swap? That's ok too! All leftover items will be further donated!

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT  
MRMMURRAY626@GMAIL.COM**



# YOUTH group

Fall dates to know:

- October 27                      Service Project
- November 10                  Youth Group Meeting
- November 17                  Youth leading Worship (@St. John's)
- November 24                  Fun outing
- December 8                    Youth Group Meeting
- December 22                  Caroling



**Save the date**

**February 8**

**Ski Trip**

**Peek N Peak Resort**



**Daylight Saving Time Ends**  
change your clocks back an hour

**COMING SOON**

**INFORMATION  
ON A NEW**

**Church  
Directory**





# church picnic fun



# PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

*We appreciate  
all that you do*

*Brian  
Thank you*

Ephesians 4:11-15

<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

Thank you Brian for answering the "call" and serving our amazing God! (and MUP)

# DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time
October 27	Bonfire	4:00 pm
November 10	Urban Impact	
November 17	Youth Worship @ St. John's	
November 22-23	MomsUp Toy Swap	
December 13	Living Nativity	
December 19	Christmas Concert—Cranberry Men's Chorus	7:00 pm
February 8	Youth Ski Trip	

Here are just a few of the opportunities we have at MUP  
to **SERVE AND CONNECT**  
with each other and with the community

- Sunday School
- Nursery (sign up link below)
- Bulletin folding/ mailing
- Newsletter folding/ mailing
- Church Life Committee
- Church Picnic
- Choir

Speak with Pastor Brian regarding these opportunities and more...

2024 Nursery Sign-up Link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084BA8AA2EABFF2-50185849-nursery>

This holiday season...

**Dec 2 • 7:00pm**  
Dutilh Church  
Cranberry Twp

**Dec 4 • 6:30pm**  
Cross Roads Church  
Gibsonia

**Dec 16 • 7:00pm**  
Franklin Park Baptist Church  
Franklin Park

**Dec 19 • 7:00pm**  
Mars Presbyterian Church  
Mars

[CranberryMensChorus.com](http://CranberryMensChorus.com)



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Delivery date TBD.

## DATES TO KNOW

- ◆ **October 5 - Applefest**
- ◆ **October 6 - World Communion Sunday**
- ◆ **October 27 - Bonfire**



## 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 10:00am

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