

# MARS UP CHURCH



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

JANUARY 2021

Dear friends at Mars United Presbyterian Church,

During these days of COVID-19 regulations, I find I am doing more reading than usual. I recently started reading [The Rose Guide to Discipleship](#). It's a training guide that explores what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in today's world. The authors say, "a disciple is a person who follows Jesus – **to know** Jesus and his teaching; **to grow** more like Jesus, and **to go** for Jesus, serving others and making new disciples." They also identify the five traits of a disciple: **trust, love, learning, life change, and service**. And that there are several disciplines that shape and strengthen a disciple's life.

I have decided to focus on some of those disciplines during our worship time in January 2021. And since we have to limit our activities somewhat during these challenging pandemic days, I thought it might be beneficial to think about some of the disciplines that shape a disciple and consider being more intentional about practicing them in our homes during these challenging days.

Here's where I'm headed:

January 10 – What is Worship?

January 17 - What is Discipleship?

January 24 - ( The Bible – Our Manual for Living)

January 31 - What is Prayer?

My hope is that we may take the time to examine ourselves now in light of who God calls us to be as followers of Jesus; and that we might become more aware of how we can align our lives with God's vision for each of us, so that we may grow and mature as believers and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. For as we do so, we can then become the Church God has called us to be.

In His Service,

Rev Paul Aiello

Interim Part-Time Pastor



*In*  
LOVING  
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**WHO ARE**  
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**Roseann Marshall**

October 13, 1927—May 2, 2020

**William Bell**

July 1, 1926—May 5, 2020

**R.B. McCrumb**

May 27, 1940—May 13, 2020

**Ida Bailey**

April 15, 1930—July 31, 2020

**Donald C. Aiken**

June 15, 1932—August 17, 2020

**Edward Raupp**

July 13, 1947—December 3, 2020

**Wanda Jones**

August 24, 1927—December 19, 2020

## THANK YOU ELDERS AND DEACONS

*THANK YOU* to **ELDERS:** Louise Fox, Angela Badger, Alma Staskiewicz **DEACONS:** Caroline Kopar, Nancy Huggins, Marie Matthews

*Having fulfilled your term of service, our church thanks you for answering the call, honoring your commitment and for your efforts to help proclaim the love of God! We are better because of YOU!*



**\*\*\* 2021 A NEW YEAR!**

Consider sponsoring sanctuary flowers for Sunday Morning church worship services. A new sign up list available in Tarry N Talk. Sponsoring flowers for worship is a great way to recognize a person, significant occasion and honor the memory of a loved one.

# Per Capita—What is it & Why Do it???

Many have asked questions about per capita, What is it? What does it support?

The Per Capita is an important aspect of how we do church. Presbyterians are proud of how our convictions inform our church function and organizational structure. As Presbyterians, we believe in “the priesthood of all believers” and acknowledge that all are called to bring their gifts and talents to God (1 Peter 2:9). And so, we champion this idea “call” throughout all levels of our denomination. On the local church level, church members are called to serve as Elders, Deacons, and pastors. Elders

and pastors of churches in geographical groupings gather as Presbyteries.

There will be a Per Capita envelope in February’s envelope mailing. The cost per member is \$40.82. In a small but significant way, consider Per Capita as one way YOU and MARS UP CHURCH might be able to respond along with other Christians and churches across the nation, proclaiming the Gospel message that sin, separation and disunity will not have the final answer for us, our church, our denomination OR our world. The final answer is fully in the sovereign hands of God. Indeed, God is greater and more powerful than our broken and foolish ways of sin.

This is Jesus’ prayer and petition for us: “I have told you (plural) these things, so that in me you (plural) may have peace. In this world you (plural) will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

## *Installation of Officers*

**Installation of Elders and Deacons will be held during the worship hour on Sunday, January 17, 2021.**

Those being installed are: ELDERS, Lisa Barbour, Mary Ann Croop, Don Lewis, and Herb Wellman

DEACONS, Sharon Gibbs, Caroline Kopar, and Alice Leonberg

## Winter Communion– January 3, 2021

On Sunday, January 3rd Communion will be celebrated. Pastor Karl Kennedy will be providing worship. The Morning Message will be on “Biblical Love—It’s What You Do” All are welcome! Come gather around the table of our Lord, break bread and share the cup in humble thanks for what God freely offers us through





# The *Living* NATIVITY



Thank You Mars Agway and Jack and Merrit Fassick!!











**\*\*OUR MONTHLY OUTREACH \*\***

- Bring non-perishable food donations the first Sunday of each month to support our local food bank!
- Deacons Kindness Offering (separate offering) is the Second Sunday of the month!



**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** Please make sure to take your name. Offering envelopes will no longer arrive in the mail at your address. The entire year will be in your box of envelopes. If you did not receive envelopes and would like to have some, please contact the office. If you haven't picked them up, they will be in the office.



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM DECEMBER 2020 MEETING

### From Congregational Meeting:

- Present Slate of Officers for the Coming Year:
  - Elder - Maryann Croop, Don Lewis, Lisa Barbour, Herb Wellman - MSP
  - Deacon - Alice Leonberg, Carol Kopar, Sharon Gibbs - MSP
  - Nominating Committee - Keith Nichols, Christi Augustine, Robyn Beckwith, Pam Kennedy, Sue Cook-MSP
- Presented Preliminary Budget for 2021
- 31 Members present in-person; 7 Members present virtually via ZOOM

### From December 17, 2020 Session Meeting:

- Thank outgoing Session Members for their Service - Louise Fox, Angela Badger, Alma Staskiewicz
- Welcome new Session Member - Maryann Croop, Don Lewis, Lisa Barbour, Herb Wellman
- Installation of Officers will be on Sunday January 17, 2021 during Worship Service
- Stress continuance of Social Distancing, Mask Wearing, etc. while in Building and during Worship Service
- Heard brief report from Building and Grounds Committee about the need to begin to examine The front of the Church Building for re-pointing of the brick façade. Also, roof over parking lot entrance into Building might need to be re-built as it still leaks



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*do good, feel good*

#### WHERE CAN YOU VOLUNTEER???

- A GREETER AT EACH WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 am
- THE ATEAM IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE MEMBERS
- TV MONITORS DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICES
- CREATING THE POWER POINT FOR WORSHIP
- HELPING WITH LIVE STREAM DURING WORSHIP
- VARIOUS "TO DO" JOBS AT MUP

If you feel that you would like to help the church in any way, please contact the office or place a note in the offering. We would love to make you a part of our MUP Volunteers.



## SAVE THE DATE!

- ♦ January 1st— HAPPY NEW YEAR—OFFICE CLOSED
- ♦ January 3rd—Communion
- ♦ January 17Th—Installation of Officers



**Beautiful Sanctuary**

## Contact Us

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

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We're also on Facebook!!

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

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