

# MARS UP CHURCH



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

JANUARY 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

*To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12).*

Made your New Year's resolutions yet? Still thinking? Most resolutions are usually about our behaviors or habits. Watching too much TV? Eating between meals? Not walking enough? Need to call our families more often? Those in the diet or exercise business say that January is the busiest month!

In his second letter to the church at Thessalonica, Paul prays that God will help them fulfill *every good resolve and work of faith, so Jesus' name will be glorified*. We must ask ourselves – have we made resolutions so Jesus' name might be *glorified*?

We need to *resolve* to do better in 2019! As we close out 2018 and move into the New Year, we can say with confidence that 2019 will be exciting in the life of our great church. Many issues are before us, and our leadership needs your prayers and support.

The Transition Team continues their work, facilitating the Interim Process. They will be working with you to hear God's answer to the following questions:

1. Who has Mars UP been in this community and the world?
2. What aspects of our past do we want to keep?
3. What might God be calling us to leave behind?
4. Who is God calling us to be in the future?
5. What type of pastor do we need to lead us?

Part of the Interim Process is to consider *everything* we do: look at it, discuss it, and decide if we need to change anything. We want to be sure that everything has been addressed before the next pastor arrives. And if you make any resolutions for 2019, please make two more:

1. Resolve to be more active in the life of our church
2. Resolve that the name of Jesus will be glorified, both in your heart and here at Mars Church.

Continue to pray for our church, and our leaders. Pray that God's will is done. Two thousand nineteen stands to be an exciting year for us, as we await God's intervention in our lives.

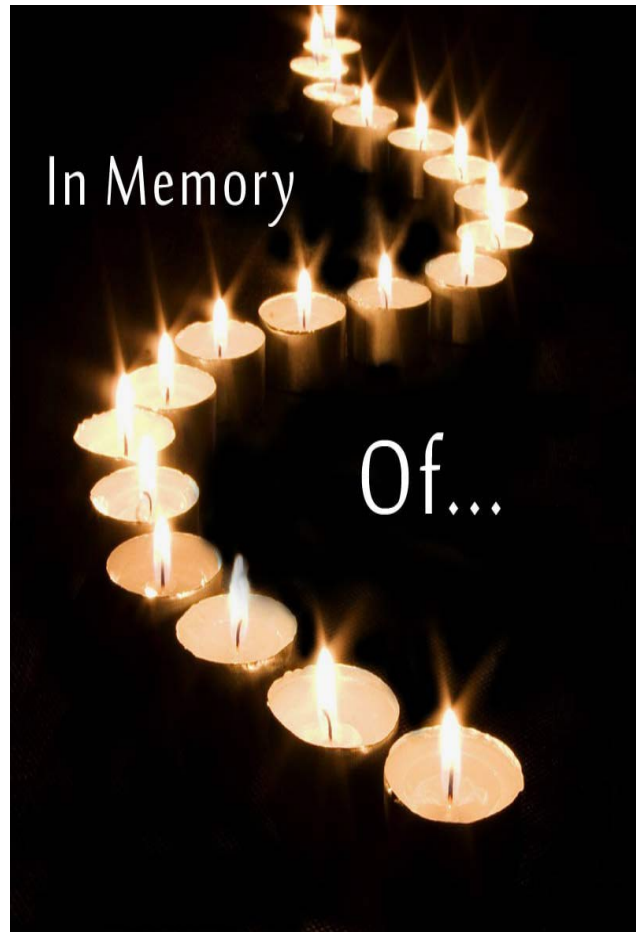
My sincere thanks and appreciation to all the folks who make Mars UP Church "GO." Because of you, the Body of Christ on Crowe Avenue is alive and well! I praise God for your work and ministry, both to Mars and to me. To everyone else, keep our leaders in your prayers, as the demands of 2019 will be high!

Finally, my sincere thanks for your continuing support and encouragement. I am honored to serve as your pastor.

Blessings for the New Year, and always.

In Christ,

**Pastor Jim**



**Louise Snow**

December 17, 1921 - February 17, 2018

Member, Deacon

**Susan A. Bartolac**

March 24, 1954 - August 23, 2018

Member

**Delores Stella Shupsky**

July 3, 1935 - October 28, 2018

Member

**Howard L. Meeder**

March 11, 1918 - December 10, 2018

Member, Elder, Deacon

## THANK YOU ELDERS AND DEACONS

*THANK YOU* to **ELDERS:** Sally Olsen, Linda Moody, Herb Wellman & Alma Staskiewicz.....**DEACONS:**  
Jenny Ivory, Janie Aiken, Bonnie McElhinny, Pat Auld.....

*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!*

### \*\*\*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.

Enjoy the Food and Fellowship in Tarry N Talk after worship???

Sign up to make or supply refreshments for our time of fellowship.



## Volunteering for 2019

### January Nursery

January 6-  
January 13-  
January 20-  
January 27-

### January Greeters

Elder: Deacon,

### January Tarry N Talk Hosts

Stewardship Committee: Marie Matthews, Alice Leonberg

### January Muffin Crew

January 6  
January 13-Linda Lees, Pam Kennedy  
January 20  
January 27-Linda Lees, Pam Kennedy

### January Flowers for Worship

All Sunday's Available

## 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 \\$40.69.](#) 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 6, 2019.**

Those being installed are: ELDERS, Keith Nichols, John Ivory, Bob Riefer, Alma Staskiewicz, and Ira Baumgartel. DEACONS, Ruth Wilson, Marsha Haley, Bonnie McElhinny, Jennifer Ivory, Pat Auld.



# A Living Nativity







## **\*\*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!



LOUISE BENJAMIN \* January 2

CARLEY STOY \* January 11

AMAYAH KLEIN \* January 12

SANDY WAHL \* January 15

BRAEDEN CROOP \* January 17

GARY CLINGERMAN \* January 18

MARIA CLINGERMAN \* January 21

CAROL COONEY \* January 22

JOHN MCCRALEY \* January 24

LEEANN CHIARIZIO \* January 28

BONNIE MCELHINNY \* January 30

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

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM DECEMBER 2018 MEETING**

1. Church Officer Training - January 5, 2019
2. Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons - January 6, 2019
3. If the Sunday Worship Service needs to be cancelled due to severe inclement weather, it will be posted on Channel 4 and 11.
4. Volunteers needed for handling the Nursery during the Worship hour



# MARS UP STUDENT MINISTRY PAGE

What you need to Know about!

*Let's Check out the next couple months for  
Mars UP Student Ministry!*

**JANUARY 2019**

1/6— 1st Youth Group of the New Year @ 7:00 pm

1/13—Normal Youth Group

1/20—Normal Youth Group

1/27—Normal Youth Group.

**SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER—FEBRUARY 10TH**

Unfortunately, the ski trip to Peak N Peak has been cancelled due to lack of support and interest. We are looking at the possibility of doing a one day Ski trip to a local resort. More Details to Follow.







**FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

**Come out to Mars UP Church Sunday, February 10th from 5pm until 8pm to help support our Student Ministry by attending our ALL YOU CAN EAT spaghetti dinner.**

**Dinner includes: pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic, bread, dessert and refreshments.**

**Adults: \$10 and children 9 and under \$5.**

**Proceeds will support the Mars UP Student fellowship retreats, summer 2019 mission trip thru Experience Mission and continued student growth as a ministry.**

**GIFT BASKET RAFFLE WILL BE AT THE DINNER. WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!**

#### DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL????

As the Transition Team continues its work, the Team will be sending some congregational surveys via email. We need to be certain the information we have for YOU is correct! If you think what we have for you might be incorrect, please give the office the correct information. Or if you haven't been receiving anything from the church, please give your information to the office.

Likewise, if you would like to have your email remove, please notify the office.



**volunteer**  
*do good, feel good*

#### WHERE CAN YOU VOLUNTEER???

- THE NURSERY DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP HOUR
- A GREETER AT EACH WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 AND 11:00 AM
- SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE FOR ELEMENTARY KIDS
- BAKING MUFFINS OR PROVIDING "GOODIES" FOR TARRY n TALK
- THE ATEAM IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE MEMBERS
- TV MONITORS DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICES

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.



*Seek his will*

in all you do, and he will show you  
which path to take.

Proverbs 3:6

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# January 2019

**TARRY N TALK HOSTS:** Stewardship Committee: Marie Matthews and Alice Leonberg

		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR  OFFICE CLOSED	2 9am Material Girls  7pm Chancel Choir	3  7:00 pm Cub Scouts	4	5
6 8:30 Early Wsp 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Wsp 7:00 Youth Group  <b>Nursery:</b>	7 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study  6:00 pm Boy Scouts	8 9am Ateam  7pm AA	9 9am Material Girls 6:30pm Cubscouts 7pm Pastor Bible Study 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 9:30 Pastor Bible Study 6pm Stewardship Meeting 7pm Deacon Meeting	11	12
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## SAVE THE DATE!

- ♦ January 1st— HAPPY NEW YEAR—OFFICE CLOSED
- ♦ January 6th—Communion @ 8:30 service
- ♦ January 6th—Installation of Officers
- ♦ January 13th—Minute from Mission/Lighthouse



## 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 8:30 & 11

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