

**Apostles' Creed**  
*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.*  
Amen.

**Gloria Patri**  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.*  
Amen. Amen.

## Mars UP Church

### Come Holy Spirit, Come

*The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the prayer cards available in the pew. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word are noted in bold type.*

### **We Gather Before God**

(\*Please stand, if able)

#### **Welcome and Mars Messages**

#### **Prelude**

**Introit (11:00am)**

**Chancel Choir**

*"Here We Are Once Again"*

**\*The Call to Worship**

(Psalm 1)

Leader: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

**People: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

Leader: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**People: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**\*Invocation(Corporate)**

God and Father of all, you have willed that the last shall be first, and you have made a little child the measure of your kingdom. Give us that wisdom which is from above, so we may understand that, in your sight, the one who serves is the greatest of all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day  
our daily bread;  
and forgive us  
our debts,  
as we forgive  
our debtors;  
and lead us not  
into temptation,  
but deliver us  
from evil.  
For Thine  
is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

### *The Doxology*

Praise God  
from whom  
all blessings flow;  
praise Him  
all creatures  
here below;  
praise Him above,  
ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**568**

*"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"*

**\*Corporate Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Eternal Father, guardian of our lives: we confess that we are children of dust, unworthy of your gracious care. We have not loved as we ought to love, nor have we lived as you command, and our years are soon gone. Lord God, have mercy upon us. Forgive our sin. Raise us to new life. As long as we live, help us to serve you and other people, until, dying, we enter the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Silent, Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Grace and Pardon

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

***We Receive God's Word***  
**Prayer for Illumination**

**Choral Anthem (11:00am)**

**Chancel Choir**

*"Gather Us In"*

**Moment with Children (11:00am)**

*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*  
*"So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all the Lord has commanded you to say" (Acts 10:33b)*

**Scripture**

**Mark 9:30-37**

**Message**

**Reverend Jim Steiner**

*"Upside Down Theology"*

***We Respond to God's Word***

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### Church Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**\*Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of 1967, 9.15):** God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

### Commissioning of Chancel Choir

**\* Responsorial Hymn** **634**  
*"More Love to Thee"*

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**  
**Offering**  
**Doxology**  
**Prayer of Dedication**  
**Offertory Response(11:00)**  
**Chancel Choir**

*"All Things Come of Thee"*

### ***We Are Sent Into the World***

**\*Hymn of Commitment** **597**  
*"Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated"*

**\* Benediction**  
**\*Congregational Response** (Everyone sings)  
*"The Time has come...."*

**\*Postlude**

*Morning Worship:*  
*8:30 am and 11:00 am*

*Nursery provided*  
*during 11:00 am service.*

### **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prayer of Preparation**  
*Lord, we come to you  
today with so many  
things on our hearts.*

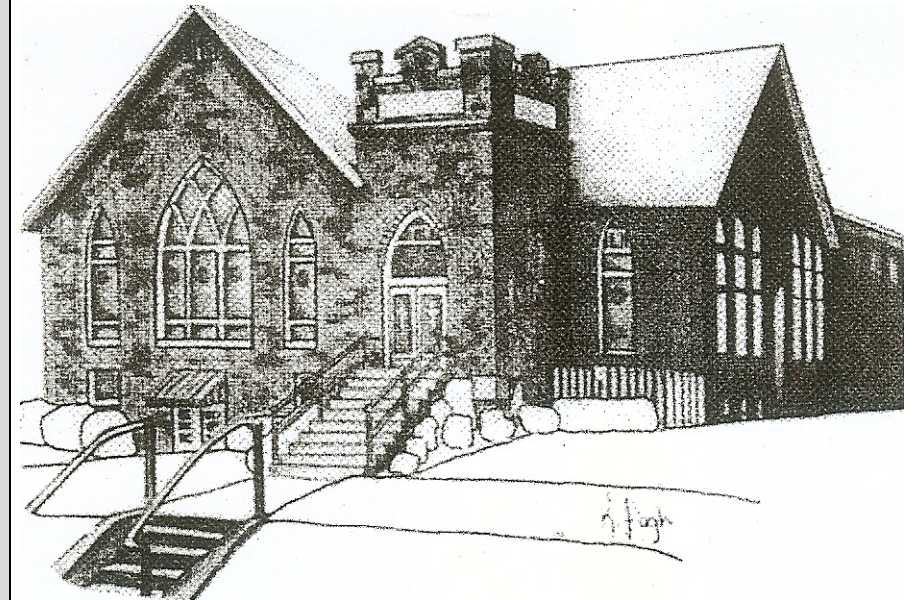
*You call us to be in  
relationship of trust  
and love with you and  
you offer healing to us  
for those portions of  
our lives that are  
broken and injured.  
Help us to be open to  
your mercy and healing  
love. For we ask this in  
Jesus' Name.  
AMEN.*

**Next Sunday Scripture:**

James 5:13-20

## Mars United Presbyterian Church

# *Welcome!*



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

*September 23, 2018*

**We welcome you and we are glad you've chosen to  
worship with us today!**

# CALENDAR: September 23<sup>rd</sup> thru September 30<sup>th</sup>

Church Office Hours: Monday -Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## Today, September 23, 2018

**8:30 am THE EARLY MORNING WORSHIP**  
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
12:15 pm CE/MO Meeting  
7:00 p.m. MS/HS Youth Group

## Monday, September 24, 2018

6:30 p.m. Griefshare  
7:15 pm Transition Team Meeting

## Tuesday, September 25, 2018

8:30 am WIC  
9:00 a.m. A-Team  
7:00 p.m. AA

## Wednesday, September 26, 2018

9:00 a.m. Material Girls  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, September 27, 2018

## Friday, September 28, 2018

## Saturday, September 29, 2018

## Sunday, September 30, 2018

**8:30 a.m. THE EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
7:00 p.m. MS/HS Youth Group

## VOLUNTEERS☺

### GREETERS:

(E) Herb Wellman  
(D) Jay Wilson

### NURSERY THIS WEEK:

Karen Stack

### NURSERY NEXT WEEK:

Mary Ann Croop

### JR CHURCH THIS WEEK:

### MUP MUFFINS:

### TARRY 'N TALK HOST:

Stewardship Committee

### LAST SUNDAY'S

### ATTENDANCE: 81

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Operating Funds: \$2890.00

Mission: \$75.00

Kindness: \$30.00

Roof Campaign: \$50.00

Total: \$3045.00

## PRAYER – JOYS & CONCERNS

Lou Beckwith

Wanda Jones

Terry Moore (Sam's cousin)

Kennedy (Great Granddaughter of Marlene Edwards)

Ellaina May Sacony (great niece of Dee Shupsky)

Reid Christopher Hall (June Stirling's nephew)

Paige Barbour (daughter of Andrew and Steph Barbour)

Maria Elizabeth McKaveney (June Stirling's niece)

Emma Libert (friend of the McElhinny's)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**September 16th SERMON** Copies of Pastor Jim's sermon last week is available in the Tarry N Talk if you would like to take one home.

**APPLEFEST-OCTOBER 6th** Please see the signup sheets in the Tarry 'n Talk area to volunteer to staff our "Applefest" Social booth. See Lisa Barbour or Alma Staskiewicz if you have any questions. We need many volunteers to help serve the "Walking Tacos"!

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS** If you are interested in serving as an Elder, Deacon, or Head Usher, please contact the office or someone on the nominating committee (Linda Moody, June Stirling, Nancy Huggins, Ron Weaver). The committee is meeting now.

**IDA BAILEY'S NEW ADDRESS:** Mrs. Ida H. Bailey, 1840 Towne Park Drive, Apt. 210, Troy, OH 45373

**SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 21, 2018!** Everyone is invited by the Membership Committee to their annual bonfire at Quality Gardens on Route 228 at **5:00 p.m.** We will be serving up some chili, hot dogs, s'mores and beverages. Be sure to bring a chair to sit in, flashlight and a roasting stick. Looking forward to some great campfire fun!

**UPCOMING SUNDAYS** On Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> Lay Pastor Tom McMeekin will be preaching and serving World Wide communion at both services. On Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> our guest minister will be Rev. Liddy Barlow.

**80+ Dinner** will be on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Watch for future details and invitation mailings. (Ham Loaf, Sour Green Beans, Cheese potatoes and Dessert will be provided)

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER RELIEF Give:** Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000169, which supports the church's response to hurricanes impacting the U.S. Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

## CHURCH ROOF

As you may be aware, the roof of the church will need to be replaced in the next three years. The cost is estimated to be \$70,000. Our goal is to raise this amount over the next three years. We need five members to lead this campaign for the next three years. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact the church office.