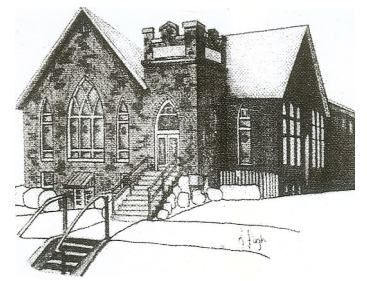


MARS UP CHURCH



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

May 2019

“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven” (Matthew 18:19).

[Paul and Mark] had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus... (Acts 15:39).

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to talk about two things we encounter probably every day of our lives – agreement and disagreement. We all agree: agreement is better than disagreement! We all get along when we agree, but challenges arise when we disagree.

In the first passage, Jesus’ remarks actually are at the end of a discussion about how to handle disagreement or offense in the community – we should handle the disagreement by agreeing! In the second passage, Paul and Mark had such a strong disagreement they chose to part ways. (But if you read the end of Acts, their separation allowed the young church to grow, and they eventually reunited!)

Needless to say, there is both agreement and disagreement at Mars – I hope you agree! There was general agreement on the necessity of the Interim Process, but there is disagreement over how long it’s taking. Some have disagreed with my leadership style, methods, or actions, others have agreed.

Everyone will agree there has been plenty of disagreement the past few years. Some have left our fellowship, but hopefully, like Mark and Paul, they have landed somewhere else, and are enriching another Christian community. Sadly for some, the disagreement was so strong they no longer speak! We all need to pray for conviction, courage, and reconciliation – not just for others, but for ourselves.

We all stand before the Cross, and all are in need of God’s grace – I hope you agree! And WHEN we disagree (and we WILL), it must be dealt with in Christian love. We need to be careful what we say, or do, or write, knowing full well that our Savior God is watching.

You will all agree I have caused some disagreement in every church I have served. I am as much in need of God’s grace as anyone. Even though I am supposed to be a “non-anxious” presence, I am subject to the same emotions as anyone else, and sometimes I succumb to those emotions. For that I apologize, and ask forgiveness.

One more thing – if you disagree with ME, please let me know (face-to-face!) With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can at least try to do better for the Kingdom.

Many years ago, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) published a document, ***In times of disagreement, we will:***

Here are the highlights:

- **Act...**in a spirit of truth and love;
- **Respect...**each other, believing that all desire to be faithful to Jesus Christ;
- **Learn...**about the various positions on the topic;
- **Respond...**after stating what we have heard and asking for any clarifications;
- **Indicate...**where we agree as well as disagree;
- **Share...**our concerns directly with the individuals or group with whom we disagree;

- **Speak**...for our personal experiences related to the subject of disagreement;
- **Refrain**...from name calling or labeling of others...
- **Focus on Ideas**...instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence, or integrity;
- **Maintain Community**...with each other though our discussion may be tense; and
- **Pray**...seeking God's grace to listen attentively, speak clearly, and remain open to the vision God holds for us all.

My brothers and sisters, we are the Body of Christ, and we ALL need to remember we are in a **bat-tle for Christ** in Mars. When we disagree (who's not guilty?), Satan has his eye on us (and ME!) and he's clapping his hands for joy. HOW we handle disagreement is part of the battle.

Disagreement will come – pray when it does come, we respond to it and to each other as Christian sisters and brothers.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim

MISSION TRIP

The Christian Ed/Mission and Outreach Committee would like to send a Mission Team to Webster Springs, WV the week of July 7-12.

Webster Springs is a rural, impoverished area about 3 1/2 hours from Mars. We need a commitment of 6 youth and adults VERY

SOON in order to give our deposit for the trip. Adults, college students, past attendees and high school students are needed. If you are interested and want to attend, please contact Alma Staskiewicz, Lisa Barbour or anyone from the committee. Funds are available for all to attend. Don't let costs deter you from helping those in need! You can also put a note in the offering or contact the office.



SAVE THE DATE



JULY 14TH -18TH



6:00 - 8:30PM

Make VBS your mane event this summer! This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life

Please mark your calendars, registration available at www.mars-up.org

We will need many volunteers to minister to the children. Please consider how God can use you this summer to impact the lives of children in our community.

Questions or willing to volunteer? Please contact the church office @ 724-625-1365

More Info to Come!!

Background Clearances are needed for Adults to participate and help with VBS. These are free and can be done at the church office.

MAY Volunteers for 2019

MAY Nursery

May 5– Angela Badger
May 12 –Bonnie McElhinny
May 19—Christi Augustine
May 26—Shelly Bocheff

MAY Greeters

Elder-Alice Leonberg and Deacon-Jay Wilson

MAY Tarry N Talk Hosts

Stewardship committee: Marie Matthews, Alice Leonberg and John Ivory

MAY Muffin Crew

May 5- Pam and Linda
May 12-Mothers Day
May 19-Cake
May 26-Pam and Linda

MAY Flowers for Worship

Sunday Available for Flowers May 5th

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

MAY 5TH @ 10am

Zach Bailey will be conducting the worship service. Zach needs to conduct a worship service for his seminary requirements.

Please come and support Zach on Sunday, May 5th!



Membership Breakfast



LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 2, 2019

JUNE 9, 2019

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE @ THE PARK

ADAMS TOWNSHIP PARK IN THE
TOWNSHIP PAVILLION

(DOWN BY THE PLAYGROUND)

HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS AND BEVERAGES
PROVIDED. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING A
COVERED DISH.

GAMES, FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL!



MAY REMINDERS

- ◆ First Sunday of the month, May 5th....Food Bank collection
- ◆ Second Sunday of the month, May 12...Deacon Kindness collection



Summer Worship time change

Mars UP Session has decided to have only one service in the Summer starting at 10:00 am

This will begin on Sunday, June 16th.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office, talk to Pastor Jim or a current Session member.



May 12, 2019

Flowers will be given out to the women of our congregation in honor of all Mothers.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session Highlights – April 25 Meeting

- Authorized purchase of new My School Preschool sign for building and front yard. Funds to come from Mission, My School Preschool, and member donations
- Endorsed Mission Trip July 7-12 to Webster Springs WV
- Purchased one CD, kept sufficient funds back for liquidity
- Authorized Jack Barbour to pursue Jane Berry Estate opportunity
- Stewardship to investigate setting up a “Special Music Fund” for future events like the recent “Gathered as One” evening
- Looking for snow plow service (sooner rather than later), HVAC maintenance this spring



SUNDAY

JUNE 9TH

**CELEBRATE AND WEAR RED
also Annual Church Picnic at
Adams Township Park**

**GRADUATION
SUNDAY**
WE HONOR YOU



GRADUATE RECOGNITION – JUNE 2ND

On Sunday, June 2nd, high school and college graduates will be recognized during the 11am worship services. If your son or daughter is graduating from high school or college, please let us know! We would like the opportunity to recognize their hard work and accomplishments and pray for the next step in their journey! An insert will be made for the bulletin on June 7th - a photo and 4 to 5 sentence blurb about your graduate is requested.

THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED BY MAY 15TH!

BLESSINGS OF EASTER





My School Preschool

PO Box 541

Mars, PA 16046

724-272-9911

**Mars United Presbyterian
Church**

232 Crowe Avenue



My School Preschool will hold their Annual Art Show /end of year celebrations on Wednesday May 8th from 6-8 and Thursday May 9th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. The students art work from throughout the year will be displayed in the social hall. All are welcome.



CHURCH WIDE BOWLING

We are looking to have another night of fellowship at Misty Lanes Bowling. Everyone is invited and bring your friends. We are hoping to get

lanes one of the following days. May 17, May 18 or May 19th.

More details to Follow! Watch your Bulletin!

If you might be interested in attending, please notify the office, or put a note in the offering.

This will give us an idea of the number of lanes needed.

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!***

MAY

MAY 5TH—One Service with Zach Preaching

MAY 5TH— Normal Youth Group

MAY 12TH - MOTHER'S DAY / No Youth Group

Enjoy some time with MOM!!!!!!

MAY 19TH - Normal YG and Zach's Last Day

Last Normal Youth Group

MAY 26TH—Holiday Weekend

JUNE 2ND—Graduation Sunday

Looking ahead to May,
June, and July...

MAY 19th last Sunday school

JUNE 2nd—Graduation Sunday

JUNE 9th— Church Picnic & Wor-
ship Service @ Adams Twp Park

JUNE 16th— One Worship for Su-
mer hours at 10AM

JULY 14th—"KICK-OFF of VBS
6:00—8:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD FOR SUMMER EVENTS

Late JULY 2019—PINE VALLEY
SUMMER SERVE

JULY 7TH THRU JULY 12TH
MISSION TRIP TO WEBSTER
SPRINGS, WV



Hope to see you this
Summer for some exciting
events and surprises!

May 2019

Tarry N Talk Hosts: Stewardship Committee

Marie Matthews, Alice Leonberg, John Ivory

			1 9:00a.m. Material Girls 7:00p.m. Choir Re- hearsal	2 7:30pm Transition Team Meeting	3	4
5 10am Worship Service 11:15 am B & G Mtg 11:15am CE/MO Mtg 7:00 pm MS/HS YG Nursery: Angela Badger	6 1:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	7 9am A-Team 7:00 p.m. AA	8 9:00a.m. Material Girls 6:00 pm MSPS Art Show 7:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9 5:30 pm MSPS Art Show	10	11
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SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ May 5th-ONE SERVICE/ZACH BAILEY PREACHING
- ◆ May 12th- Mother's Day
- ◆ May 13th—Last Griefshare Session
- ◆ May 19th-Zach's Last Day
- ◆ June 2nd—Graduation Sunday
- ◆ June 2nd- Last Choir and Sunday School
- ◆ June 9th—Church Picnic and Worship @ Adams Park@ 10am
- ◆ June 16th- Starting one Service during the Summer @ 10am



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Sunday's at 8:30 & 11

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