

MARS MEMO

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:
8:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

9:20 A.M. JR. CHOIR
9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
FOR ALL AGES

MOUNTAINS MOVE OUT OF OUR WAY-WE'RE GOING TO LIVE BY FAITH!

It is good to be in the house of the LORD! The weather brings out the best in all of us. Smiles are more readily noticeable on everyone's faces and people are more apt to sit outside and talk with their neighbors. I noticed the signs of spring and warm weather in our congregation this past Sunday as we reflected on the activities of Lent and prepared to help usher in a new vision for the church.

Our congregational meeting was a great *kick start* to begin the work toward achieving our vision to renovate Tarry N Talk, the Red Room, and install new carpet in the sanctuary. We received enormous support from the congregation to take on these renovation

projects. I believe we all shared the sentiment of our clerk of session, Dr. Ira Baumgartel, that these projects to update a few areas in the church "enhance" our ministry. They build on what might be referred to as the strengths of our church, worship and fellowship, and provide others outside the church a chance to glimpse the power of the ministry at Mars United Presbyterian Church.

Now the challenge... Now that we have given a *kick start* toward achieving our vision and enhancing our ministry, let's build the momentum. The session and congregation have identified mid-to-late summer as a target time period to begin the work - so we need your help! Help us

achieve our goal to raise \$30,000 for this project! If you would like to give a gift to the building fund, in addition to your weekly offering, simply identify a portion of your giving as "BUILDING FUND". The funds designated as such will be set aside to pay the cost of the renovation projects.

Thank you for your love for this ministry and for this church. More importantly, thank you for your love for Christ and all the little things you do each and every day to help spread the good news of Christ's grace.

In the power of Christ's love to move mountains,

Rev. Nathan Esser

FLEA MARKET JUNE 4, 5, 6

Donations are now being accepted for our much anticipated Flea Market to be held here at MUP. Please remember us when you are doing your spring cleaning. If it isn't broken, and you are no longer using it, consider "re-cycling" your unused items for our very popular "re-cycling" event—it's all for a good cause! No computers or clothing, please.



CHURCH RENOVATION COSTS BREAKDOWN

Below is a breakdown of the projected costs for renovations. Please keep in mind that these are "WORST CASE SCENARIO" estimates and are projected on the very high end of our estimates:

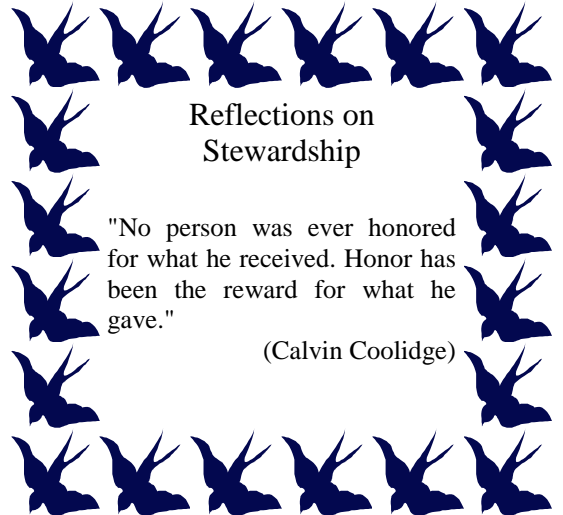
Paint for Sanctuary & Tarry N Talk	\$8,000
Carpet for Sanctuary & Tarry N Talk	\$18,000
Removal of Wall and Trim Work in Tarry N Talk	\$4,000
Total Cost of Renovation	\$30,000

With the help of Cody Moody and Boy Scout Troop 400 and lower project costs, we hope the overall renovation cost will be less than \$30,000. The target time period to begin renovation is mid to late summer.

Reflections on Stewardship

"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave."

(Calvin Coolidge)



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OUR PIPE ORGAN

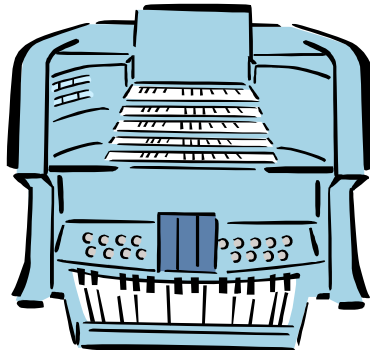
DID YOU KNOW?.....

Some interesting history about how our present pipe organ came to be at Mars UP Church. Special thanks to Nancy Penney, our musical historian for "digging into the archives" and sharing a bit of history.

Our pipe organ presently in service at Mars UP Church was originally installed before 1940 in the old Mars Presbyterian Church currently used as apartments in downtown Mars. The instrument was the gift of Mr. Joseph Trees and was built using parts from two separate pipe organs. The pipes of this instrument were installed in the attic of the old Presbyterian Church. As

a result, the ravages of summer heat and winter cold took its toll on the organ. Since funds were not allocated to maintain the organ, the organ fell in a grave state of disrepair.

During the 1960's, the two Presbyterian churches completed a merger and renovation of the present sanctuary was begun. The decision was made to move the organ and have it rebuilt. The present console was built by the *Humpe Organ*



Company from Ohio and Bruce D. Snyder worked on the labor intense project of rebuilding the instrument. In the 1980's, under the direction of Clarence Ebner, the leather parts of the organ were replaced. New stops were also added to the swell (the upper keyboard). After

this renovation, the organ received regular tuning and maintenance.

Our pipe organ is now over seventy years old and as such is in need of a great deal of work.

It continues to lead and inspire our congregation in Sunday worship, but if one were to listen carefully one might notice indicators of its

decline. As a result, we are forming a committee to guide us forward and examine all options that are available to our congregation. We have already received quotes for reconstruction of our organ which, as you might imagine, are expensive. Elders on Session have also created an "organ fund" for the congregation to help save funds for its repair or replacement. Along with your regular offering, please consider supporting the worship life of our congregation with a gift to help us replace or re-build our organ. The majesty of the organ expresses desire to glorify and worship God with the very best. We carry on the tradition of many years of praise while stepping into the future, grounded in our past.

Jamie Daugherty

OFF THE FLOOR

Dear Christian Friends,

Off the Floor, Pittsburgh is currently in dire need of cribs, crib bedding, high-chairs, changing tables, rocking chairs and strollers. We have a lot of pregnant women who are expecting in the next two months and we do not have any of these items in stock at our rented warehouse space at the Pittsburgh Presbytery office. Ways that you can assist these very poor women:

1. Put this notice in your bulletins at your churches for the next two weeks. If people wish to make a donation they should phone: (412) 531-6227 X220. A OFP volunteer will

return their call to arrange for pick up of these items. Tax documentation will be mailed to every donor.

2. Pray for this ministry! Like all non-profit ministries, we are having fewer donations and many more requests from recipients; most likely due to the economy.

3. Encourage your friends and co-workers and neighbors to consider us when they are wishing to donate any basic furniture item, linens or blankets.

4. Consider writing a personal check of support if you do not have any of these items to donate,

at this time. Money is needed to rent U-hauls and buy fuel to pick up items and deliver them to these poor families. (Checks should be written to: Mt. Lebanon U.P. Church and in the memo write: OFP. Mail checks to: MLUPC 255 Washington Rd. Pgh., Pa. 15216).

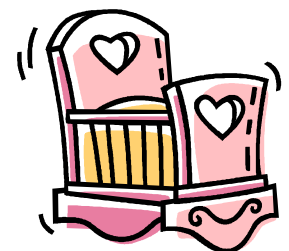
5. Invite us to speak at your church about this local ministry. We are happy to come to do a minute for mission in a service, speak to a Sunday School class, or provide a brief presentation to your Missions Committee at your church.

6. Organize a pick-up and delivery team at your

church, hold a fund raiser and donate the profits to this Christian ministry or have the children in your church collect change during vacation bible school and donate it to us to buy new pillows for children who have nothing to sleep on.

As Christian friends of OFP, we covet your prayers and your ongoing support!

Blessings! M. J. McCarty, R.N., Ph.D., Founder





Glade Run Food Pantry Collection is the First Sunday of the Month. Please remember

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Tarry & Talk Hosts:

Mission & Outreach:
Jack Barbour, Lisa Foster and Dave Merriman

Van Driver: Addam Snow

Muffins:

3- Tom & Pam Kennedy, Linda Lees
10- Volunteer needed
17- Tom & Pam Kennedy, Linda Lees
24- Volunteer needed
31- Tom & Pam Kennedy, Linda Lees

Altar Flowers:

3—Wayne Mahaffy
10— Robert and Susan Cox
17-
24-
31— Paul Bhame

Nursery:

3- Christi Augustine
10-Angela Guesman
17-Bonnie McElhinny
24-
31-Jennifer Esser

Greeters:

Elder: Jay Wilson
Deacon: Colleen Morris

MAY 80+ BIRTHDAYS:

2-Elizabeth Walker
10-Mary Schwab
18-May Schwab

Westminster Presbyterian Church, New Brighton is asking anyone with gently used children's clothing from infant to youth size 16/18 to please contact Betty Gailey (724-384-0044) or the church office (724-846-7433). The demand for children's clothing has depleted the clothing we have to offer and we would very much like to replenish our supplies so that we can help those who come to us asking for assistance. Thank you in advance to all who are able to help.

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST—WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On Sunday, May 31st at 9:45 a.m., the entire church is asked to join the Membership Committee in the Social Hall for a hearty breakfast as we welcome new members to Mars United Presbyterian Church.

Help us welcome our new members into the congregation and help them feel a part of our ministry. We will be welcoming and introducing the new class of members as

well as the class who joined in February.

Here is a list of names of those who are joining:

Bob and Linda Riefer
Dianne Hazen Brady
Nicole Majors
Walt and Pam Schiller
Wanda Jones
Sean and Amanda Brubaker

New member class from February:

Doug and Shelly Titchen
Chris and Tracey Derouin
Sandy and Chuck Wahl
Marcia Rymarchyk
Jennifer Esser



OUR RED CARPET STORY . . .

If the church carpet had ears and could talk, what do you think it might say? It's amazing to think of all the activities that have taken place on the red carpet in the sanctuary and Tarry N Talk. It has absorbed a great deal of foot traffic, but more importantly it has also absorbed a lot of laughter, fun, praise, even muffin crumbs and coffee.

No one really knows when the carpet was originally installed. Most estimates place the age of the carpet around 30 years old. If that estimate is correct, the church received its money's worth and then some in the life of the carpet. Hopefully the new carpet to be installed will last as long and share in as much fellowship and ministry as the current carpet. It's also interesting to note that, after a look at the original building plans of the church, the Tarry N Talk wall that will

be removed wasn't a part of the original drawing. The beautiful folding doors that currently extend out from the wall were included, but the plaster wall wasn't a part of the plan. When the wall is removed, not only will the space be opened up, but we will also re-claim a certain historic element of the church.

If you have an opportunity, please examine the vision for Tarry N Talk along with the financial update for the renovation. If you haven't already, please consider a gift to help the church reach its financial goal. As has been mentioned already, what a wonderful opportunity to *enhance* our strengths as a congregation.

Renovations are scheduled to begin by mid-to-late summer. The Building and Grounds Committee along with the Decorating Committee are working diligently in the midst of the renovations to maintain the worshipful, traditional, intimate feel of the church. If you have questions, you are invited to talk with Rev. Nathan Esser, Dr. Ira Baumgartel (Clerk of Session), or appear before Session on May 21st at

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MUP SOFTBALL TEAM SCHEDULE 2009

Everyone is invited to come and cheer on our team. Game dates, times and locations are here. Best of luck to our team: Sean Brubaker, Nathan Esser, Walt Schiller, Dave Kennedy, Addam and Mary Snow, Jack Harrison, Andy Lubbert, Christi Augustine, Keith Nichols, Steve Carpenter, Bruce Golden, Rick and Lisa Foster, Justin Houck, Eric Cooper, Dan and Lisa Aaron, Dominick Cesare, Matt Cesare, Emily Cook, Dave and Bonnie McElhinny, Colleen Morris, Steve Schiller, Chris Derouin, Will Fredrick, Nicole Majors, John Ivory, Nick Rymarchyk. (Hope we got everyone!)

Directions to all fields are on our website.

Thurs., May 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Deer Creek Pres. @ East Union Church

Mon., May 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Dorsey Alliance 1 @ Kelley Field

Wed., May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Bakerstown Pres. 1 @ Richland Park

Thurs., May 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Bakerstown Pres. 2 @ Kelley Field

Mon., June 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Church at the Heights @ Kelley Field

Thurs., June 4 at 6:30 p.m. (doubleheader)

Dorsey Alliance 2 @ East Union Church

Thurs., June 11 at 6:30 p.m. (doubleheader)

Middlesex Area @ Kelley Field

Tues., June 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Bakerstown Pres. 1 @ East Union Church

Mon., June 22 at 6:30 p.m. (doubleheader)

Hampton Pres. @ Kelley Field

Mon., June 29 at 6:30 p.m.

East Union Pres. @ East Union Church

Wed., July 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Bakerstown Methodist @ Richland Park