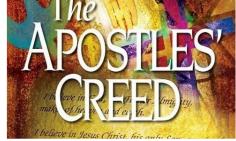
CrossWay Covenant COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Dear Friends,

Every Sunday, we recite the Apostles' Creed together. When we do so, we repeat a practice going back centuries, and stretching across the globe. And yet, it is easy for us to repeat these words again and again and give little thought to what they say or where they come from.

In the months to come, I am hoping and planning to write up a line-by-line commentary on the Apostles' Creed for us to read through and discuss. The beliefs echoed in these ancient words are worth our attention, and our study. For the moment, however, I thought it might be worthwhile to mention the origins of the Apostles' Creed and mention the importance of creeds in general for Christianity.



September

2024

Unlike most world religions, including Judaism, Christianity has a long history of distilling its most basic theology into succinct statements of faith called "creeds," from the Latin word $cr\bar{e}d\bar{o}$, meaning, "I believe." Arguably the most important creed is the Nicene Creed, dating back to the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. However, even before this, a slightly shorter and simpler creed existed which is attributed to none other than the Apostles of Christ.

In her classic work, *The Making of the Creeds*, British theologian Frances Young makes it clear that the origins of the Apostles' Creed must be left to our imagination. "There is a legend already developed before the fifth century that prior to setting out to preach the gospel all over the world, the apostles first settled an agreed norm for their future preaching." Meeting together for this purpose, the Holy Spirit inspired them to create the brief statement of faith we know today as the Apostles' Creed.

We do know that in the early church, the Apostles' Creed was used during baptisms, with each new believer being asked to affirm their belief in each of the three major components of the creed. The creed is remarkable both for how much doctrine it fits into just a few words, as well as for how much Christian teaching it leaves out. It is not meant to be exhaustive, however, but instead to act as a base from which the disciple can grow in understanding.

Though the vast majority of Christians in the world are "creedal," meaning they use the creeds at some level as statements of their belief system, it is important to know that a few non-creedal branches of Christianity exist, especially in North America. The Restoration Movement of the early 1800s – which gave us the Disciples of Christ, the Christian Churches, and the Churches of Christ – was anti-creedal in character. Some Baptist churches are also anti-creedal. These groups don't reject the theology behind the creeds, but feel that creeds detract from the Bible as a basis of belief. As Methodists, however, creeds have always held an important place in our faith life and practice, and continue to do so.

> Blessings, Pastor Bill

Pastor's Office Hours: Thursday, September 12th & 26th from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment

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<u>July 28</u>

Sunday School Attendance: 16 Sunday School Offering: \$36.34 Worship Attendance: 24 Sunday Offering: \$665.00

August 4

Sunday School Attendance: 17 Sunday School Offering: \$ 17.08 Worship Attendance: 26 Sunday Offering: \$.3,218.00

August 11

Sunday School Attendance: 21 Sunday School Offering: \$ 46.00 Worship Attendance: 33 Sunday Offering: \$544.00

August 18

Sunday School Attendance: 19 Sunday School Offering: \$ 41.00 Worship Attendance: 22 Sunday Offering: \$1,075.00

August 25

Sunday School Attendance: 22 Sunday School Offering: \$ 34.00 Worship Attendance: 36 Sunday Offering: \$1,468.00 Prayer Meeting Mondays at 4:00PM

50 Plus Luncheon Fri, Sept. 6th at 12:00PM

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VOLUNTEERS

Holy Communion Sun, Sept. 1st at 10:45AM

The Women's Group Wed, Sept. 4th at 7:00PM

Men's Fellowship Group Wed, Sept. 11th at 7:00PM

Administrative Council Wed, Sept. 18th at 7:00PM

> <u>Greeter</u> Cathy Pointer

<u>Usher</u> Rachel Welliever Rhett Welliever

<u>Liturgist</u>

- 1st Dan Welliever 8th Mary Ann Lowe 15th Lori Hedrick 22nd Sylvia Green
- 29th Kelly Clifton

<u>Nursery</u> Marci Welliever Sheila Chadd



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship Group held its annual bowling night at Plaza Lanes on August 14th. Eight members attended, and enjoyed a fun evening together.

- •Tina Bowers
- •Dan Burns
- Dick Chadd
- •Stacy Cook
- •Faith Ells
- •Sue Foy
- Kevin Fruits
- •Kevin Hull
- Frank Howell
- •Larry & Louise Hulse
- •Kevin Jordan
- •Tina King

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- •Jamie McCormick
- Kathy Olin
- •Jacob Pike
- Steve Quigg
- •Barb Runyon
- Norma Sillery
- •Karen Swalley
- Matthew Thomas
- Madonna Watson
- •John & Karen Wilbur
- •Our Country
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Our sympathy to the families and friends of Bill Welliever Ron Hatke Dale Hockersmith Dolores Farley Jeff Cedars Rose Marie Hutchinson Bob Coudret

We will be taking a collection for **Habitat for Humanity** during the month of September. There will be a container on the piano for any donations.

Thank you in advance.

New Market Community Rummage Sale 2024

RUMMAGE SALE & FOOD COURT

Good weather and the hard work of our volunteers contributed to another successful community rummage sale day. Our rummage sale made \$1,931.81, and the food court netted \$440.75. Thanks to the many members and friends of the church who gave their time and effort to bring this event about yet again. And our sincere thanks to those in the community who supported our congregation by stopping by.





CINNAMON ROLLS



Our cinnamon roll team worked Friday evening making all the rolls for Saturday morning. A total of 236 cinnamon rolls were sold at the food court and bake sale table. The team was led by Judy Welliever and she had a great crew. Thank you crew; Marcia, Rachel, Jerilyn, Dixie, Bill, Sue, Jack, Halle, Reilly, Karis.

BAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who donated to the bake sale during the annual New Market rummage sales. Everything was packaged and labeled and that was a big help. The table looked very inviting. We cleared \$363.75. That will be added to the profits from the rummage sale which will be put into the elevette fund. To date for 2024 we have spent \$4,202.86 on the elevette. Last year it was \$465.00.



BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Mobile was here bright and early Saturday morning and the community came out to support them. The staff of Versiti Blood Center was so impressed with how easy the people of New Market was to work with, so patient and kind. They had a very successful day with fifteen single unites and two double units donated. There were no deferrals and they had several walk-ins. A special thank you to Judy Welliever for coordinating the blood drive and to Lynn & Davia Neff for hosting the Blood Mobile in their driveway.

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8	9 Prayer Meeting 4PM	10	11 Men's Fellowship Meeting 7PM Kathy Lidester Birthday	12 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM	13	14
15	16 Prayer Meeting 4PM	17	18 Ad Council Meeting 7PM Nick Hedrick Birthday	19	20	21
22	23 Prayer Meeting 4PM	24 Lori Hedrick Birthday	25	26 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM Brendan Paddack & Kevin Sillery Birthday	27 Bill Pike Birthday	28
29 Rachel Welliever Birthday Jamie & Marci Welliever Anniversary	30 Prayer Meeting 4PM Levi DeBusk Birthday					

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SEPTEMBER 2024 COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Come Worship With Us

Sunday School: 9:30 AM Worship Gathering: 10:45 AM



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