



From Pastor Steve's Desk...

Annotation of a Creed

Starting this month, I will be sharing a series of articles with you regarding our beliefs as a church. In seminary, I had to articulate and annotate the Apostles' Creed. I thought it would be helpful to share that reflection with you and add some commentary where necessary. Some of the language I use is more scholarly than you are used to (or that I am typically used to), but read on.

The first article is entitled God the Father.

The first line of the Apostles' Creed (AC) is: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Belief in the doctrinal truth claims of the AC can be experienced at two different levels. One can understand all the tenets of the Christian faith and express that faith through that knowledge and information. That is referred to as "The Faith" by John Lawson in his book, *Introduction to Christian Theology*. "The Faith" is an important corporate learning process that passes the Christian faith from generation to generation. Another level is one in which the truth claims of the AC confront each person, individually, in such a way that he/she is convinced of and expresses that truth in a heartfelt faith that leads to a life lived to serve and be loved by God. God reveals truth to us through the special work of the Holy Spirit and also through our general perception of God through nature and our human faculties.

There are several arguments that have been formulated to prove the existence of God. Among them are the ontological (the existence of God has been weaved into our minds by God), the cosmological (the universe is proof of God), the teleological (the apparent purpose and order of the universe proves that God exists) and the moral (because there is assumed to be a good heart in each person, God must be the source of that goodness). Each argument illuminates a portion of the mystery of God's existence, but the existence and purpose of God is beyond our comprehension, and faith is the bridge that connects us to God.

That faith connection has led our understanding of the natures of God. God is transcendent and completely holy, which means God has sovereign control over the universe (heaven and earth) that God alone has made. Because God is holy, God can not tolerate sin. God is also an imminent God, ever-present and intimate. God knows us by heart, and desires that our hearts turn to Him alone in faith. God desires us to be in a relationship with Him.

Belief in God, **the Father Almighty**, is the first truth statement that is made in the AC. The reference to God as Father is normative for Christians because it is indicative of God's natures: provider, protector, and superior to God's children. The male-gendered association for the first person of the Trinity is used to express the personhood of the Father. The Father loves and speaks and cares for creation, thus exhibiting that nature. We do know, however, that God is not male or female, but engenders both male and female and we interact with God with characteristics that are both male and female in nature.

The term Almighty is used to express the eternal, omnipotent, and all powerful aspect of the Fatherly nature of love. Out of that love, we believe that God created the heavens, the universe,

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the earth, the animals and plants, and the sky and the sea. Out of God's love, God created humans, in God's image, as expressions of perfect will

Why is this important to know? Well, what we believe is critical to knowing in WHOM we believe. This series of articles will help us dive deeper into our faith.

Next month...*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*Peace in our Savior,
Pastor Steve*

A look into May.....

May 3 - Christian Education Meeting

May 6 - National Day of Prayer

May 8 - Volunteer Work Day; Mission Meadows; 9am - 4pm

May 9 - Family Sunday School; 8:45am

May 11 - VBS Planning Meeting; 6pm

May 22 - Spring Work Day; Camp Findley; 9am - 4:30pm

(Come for any length of time that you can!)

May 31 - Memorial Day

June 13 - Chicken BBQ; 11:30am; Mission Team Fundraiser

(Details coming SOON!)

*(Please see Pam if you would be willing to
donate cookies for the BBQ.)*

June 22 - Baccalaureate

Please check the MAY calendar at the end of this newsletter to find additional "happenings" at PUMC.

Family Sunday School

Join us on Sunday, May 9th for Family Sunday School. We will be making some great gifts for our moms. Have a picture taken with your mom, Grandma, Aunt or anyone you look to as a mother figure.

Hope to see you all on Sunday, May 9th.



Camping scholarships are available for any children who will be attending a Christian Camp this summer. Please see Stacy Taylor or Debbie Johnson with questions on how to register.

Mission Meadows will be holding Day Camps in July. Bethany Camp is open - and we're checking into other options.

This is THE summer to get away and enjoy God in the outdoors.

JUST ONE 4 OTHERS

We are continuing with this ministry for 2021. Each month we are encouraging you to purchase "ONE" of the items listed above. These will be offered to our Food Pantry, PCS, Love INC, and Jamestown Missions.

Questions? See Jody, our Parish Nurse.

The MAY item of the month is
Cotton Balls

VBS...COMING SOON TO A PUMC NEAR YOU!!!!

Watch for details!

The VBS Team will be meeting on May 11 at 6pm to discuss this summer's VBS. Our theme is Rocky Railway and it's sure to be an exciting one!! Stay tuned for dates and additional information.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

MAY 2021

May 2 - Brenda Ireland and Stacy Taylor
May 9 - Larissa Enlow and Lilly Odell
May 16 - Summer Wolcott and Trudy Anderson
May 23 - Betsy Eggleston and Brenda Ireland
May 30 - Stacy Taylor and Larissa

JUNE 2021

June 6 - Lilly Odell and Trudy Anderson
June 13 - Megan Reynolds and Summer Wolcott
June 20 - Brenda Ireland and Larissa Enlow
June 27 - Betsy Eggleston and Summer Wolcott

JULY 2021

July 4 - Lilly Odell and Stacy Taylor
July 11 - Summer Wolcott and Larissa Enlow
July 18 - Brenda Ireland and Megan Reynolds
July 25 - Lilly Odell and Betsy Eggleston

*Mothers
hold their
children's hands
for a while,
but their hearts
forever.*



Come and check out the
*****LUNCH BUNCH*****

Wednesday, May 19

11:45am

Blood pressures and sugars will be offered the
1st Sunday of every month
in the Parish Nurse's office.
Use the double doors near the coat room
and go down the hall past the elevator.



CLOTHING SHED

We ask that you spread the word about the St. Pauly's Clothing Collection Shed found in the corner of the East Main Street parking lot. Proceeds from the clothing shed assist the Missions Team in their many projects, locally and around the world. Thank you for your support, and please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

CONNECTIONS

Thank you for supporting the
Connections Ministry this year
with your monetary and
snack donations!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Classes are in full swing and there is room for you! Classes are available for every age and our teachers are prepared and excited to share the enduring truths of God's Word.

Sunday School starts at 9am.

*Come early, grab a cup of
coffee and join us!*

Hope to see you there!

Sunday Morning Classes

PreK-Grade 2: Summer and Kevin Wolcott

Grades 3-5: Howie Wheeler

Grades 6-8: Becky Cable

Grades 9-12: Jess Nelson

Adults: George Anderson

Adults: Jon cable

Adult Women: Marge Vollmer

Additional adult classes
(other than Sunday morning)

Adults: Cindy and Dennis Furlow - this
class

meets on Sunday afternoon at 2pm only on
ZOOM. They are discussing the Tabernacle
(symbolisms of Jesus) through all the tem-
ples. Please contact the church office for
ZOOM information.

Adults: Stacy Taylor - this class meets
Wednesdays at 3:30pm in the Church

STRONGER.....TOGETHER.....IN PRAYER!

With sympathy to the families of.....

Sharon A. Passarelli

November 15, 1945 - April 3, 2021

Sharon is survived by her husband, Ted, to whom she was married on June 2, 2007. She is survived by her sister, Laura Mae (Larry) Nelson, her brothers, Jack (Linda) and Richard. Sharon is also survived by her stepchildren, Lisa Passarelli and Michael (Darcy) Passarelli.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Violet Sturges and her sister-in-law, Barbara Sturges.

Memorials may be made to the Panama United Methodist Church, Love INC, or the UCAN City Mission in Jamestown, NY.

Jean M. Trisket

April 22, 1923 - April 4, 2021

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Roger, to whom she was married on August 28, 1943 and who passed away on October 11, 1979. Survivors include two sons, Edward (Barbara) and John (Kathy), 6 grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, one greatgrandchild and 2 expected this summer. She is also survived by her two sisters, Jane Beckerink and Beverly White. Her parents, two brothers,

Clyde and Max Manwaring and a grandson, Mark Trisket, also precede her.

Memorials may be made to Jamestown Meals on Wheels and the Panama United Methodist Church.

Thomas A. Anderson

March 21, 1957 - April 10, 2021

Tom, of Villa Rica, GA, was the son of the late Kay Anderson and Marie J. Anderson. He is survived by his children, Theresa, Charles and James. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, George (Trudy) Anderson, Dennis Anderson, Donna Martin, Mary Pochatko, Patti, and Judy.

John F. Garvey, Sr

December 12, 1945 - April 22, 2021

Jack is survived by his wife, Barbara. They were married on March 2, 1968. He is Jack is also survived by 3 children, John (Nancy), James, and Gena (Dave) Pearson. 6 grandchildren, including Madison and Jackson Pearson, 2 brothers, and 2 sisters and his stepmother, Grace Garvey, also survive him.

*The love and prayers of the church are with you and your loved ones
as you continue through this time of grief and adjustment.*

MAY Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 5 Jon Cable, Kathy Smith
- 6 **Jason/Jolene Ayres**
- 8 Matthew Apthorpe, Brittany Schutt
Bryan Rupczyk
- 9 Sarah Osborne
- 10 Jessica Komarek, **George/Trudy Anderson**
- 12 **David/Carrie Munsee**, Michaela Swineford
- 14 Brynne Hinsdale
- 15 Kristy Catanese
- 16 **Joel/Jessica Keefer**
- 17 **Carl/Sue Davis, Mike/Sara Beebe**, Anna
Jo Irgang
- 18 Grace Munsee
- 19 Isabella Anderson, Michael Butler
- 20 Molly Butler, **Tim/Connie Middleton**
- 23 Brad Osborne, Shelly Rupczyk, Don Wood
- 25 Cindy Furlow, **Doug/Cindy Weise**
- 26 Connor Tremblay
- 28 Cole Munson
- 29 **Nick/Katie Sard**
- 28 Jonathan Anderson
- 31 **Erin/Michael Miller**



God's Groceries Food Pantry

Monday Morning: 9-10am
Monday Evening: 6-7pm
Thursday Evening: 5-7pm

Questions? See Tina Swineford

WHITE GIFT FUND

Are you aware of a community need?
We have a White Gift Fund with available ministry dollars. If you know of anyone with a need, please talk to Pastor Steve

The Meal Preparation Committee

The Meal Preparation Committee is a service of the Food Security Team. Charged with providing meals to those recovering from a serious illness, surgery, injury or any need where a meal will help in the time of stress and medical decisions.

Anyone who knows of a family who will benefit from the receipt of a meal will refer the family to Pastor Steve or Jody Marsh, the Parish Nurse. When the Pastor or Parish Nurse is made aware of needs, they will refer the family to the Meal Preparation Committee. The Pastor and Nurse will confirm with the family that a meal will be accepted and will include any information regarding the number of people in the family and any food sensitivities. The referral will then be forwarded to the Meal Preparation Committee chairman.

The Meal Preparation Committee will:

1. Solicit and maintain a list of people who are will to prepare and deliver meals.
2. Accept referrals from the Pastor or Church Nurse
3. Determine who will contact individuals to prepare/deliver the meal when needed,
4. Provide the person delivering the meal with contact information so they can arrange a convenient delivery time.
5. Promote ministry through Grace Notes and the church bulletin.

If you are willing to prepare a meal for a family, please contact Kathy Foulk at 716-499-6437 or via email at cleaning.granny@gmail.com.

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer Meeting (Conference Room) 9:00 AM Sunday School for Pre-K (age 4) - adults 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM WORSHIP! at PUMC and via Livestream and Facebook 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth (Community Room)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 7:00 PM Sunday-School-Meeting (Community Room)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>SPRC 7:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Team Meeting (Community Room)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>3:30 PM Adult Bible Study with Stacy (Conference Room) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Praise Team Meeting (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Prayer & Praise Meeting (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Girl Scouts with Summer (Community Room)</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Communion Sunday 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM Family Sunday-School (Community Room) 9:00 AM Sunday School for Pre-K (age 4) - adults 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM WORSHIP! at PUMC and via Livestream and Facebook</p>	<p>3</p> <p>CHRISTIAN IMPROV 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 7:00 PM Sunday School Meeting (Community Room)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Grace Visitation 6:00 PM Grace Visitation Team Meeting (Community Room) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Brothers Discipleship Group (Gallery) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Prayer & Praise Meeting (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Ladies of Light Discipleship Group via zoom</p>	<p>5</p> <p>TRUSTEES 3:30 PM Adult Bible Study with Stacy (Conference Room) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Praise Team Meeting (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Prayer & Praise Meeting (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Trustee Team Meeting (Conference Room)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM National Day of Prayer 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Harmony Senior Citizens (Community Room/Kitchen) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 PM CHAT Care Group Meeting</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY 8:15 AM Prayer Meeting (Conference Room) 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM Family Sunday-School for Pre-K (age 4) - adults 9:00 AM Sunday School for Pre-K (age 4) - adults 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM WORSHIP! at PUMC and via Livestream and Facebook</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Safe Sanctuaries 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 7:00 PM Safe Sanctuaries Team Meeting (Community Room)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>PLANNING 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>3:30 PM Adult Bible Study with Stacy (Conference Room) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Praise Team Meeting (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Prayer & Praise Meeting (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>MISSIONS Stewardship Committee 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stewardship Team Meeting (Community Room) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Stewardship Team Meeting via Microsoft Team online</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Girl Scouts with Summer (Community Room)</p>
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A Mother's Prayer

Dear Lord,

It's such a hectic day,
with little time to stop and pray.
For life's been anything but calm,
since You called me to be a mom -
Running errands, matching socks,
Building dreams with stacking blocks.
Cooking, cleaning and finding shoes,
and other things that children lose.
Fitting lids on bottled bugs,
wiping tears and giving hugs.
A stack of last week's mail to read -
where's the quiet time I need?
Yet, when I steal a moment, Lord,
at the sink or ironing board,
to ask the blessing of Your grace,
I see then, in my little one's face,
that you have blessed me all the while.
And I stoop to kiss that precious smile.

~Unknown

