



# Monaghan Memo



February 2017

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## From the Pastor...

### **The 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 communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

As we journey through 2017 we are spending some time looking at the confessions of the church. Confessions always seems to be a word that doesn't compute to our understanding of confession, offering to God our admission of sin and seeking forgiveness. For many of the statements that are included in the confession offer no apology, no issuance of wrong, but what they all do is proclaim a voice of unity, that if there were schisms, if there were disagreements, if there were times when the church was silent, if there were moments when wrongs had been committed, with one voice they offer their hearts to God. We will see this more as we progress through the confessions.

However, February brings us to the confession, the creed, the statement we are most familiar with: the Apostles Creed. This is unique among the confessions, for authorship and date are

unknown. This statement didn't come from a time of disagreement, but instead is considered by most to have come directly from the apostles themselves, with tiny bits and pieces added through to the mid-700s AD.

Some scholars offer that each of the apostles contributed a line, borrowing from the gospels, the epistles and even some mentions of the Old Testament. In other words, the Apostles Creed is the most basic understanding of our Christian faith; it is a statement that is widely used by many different denominations. It doesn't do what the Nicene Creed did, and seek to answer some of the debates of the day, it instead simply lays out a Trinitarian belief in God. It doesn't address the divine nature of Jesus or the Holy Spirit, but talks about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Historically there are examples of a statement known as the Old Roman Symbol that was probably the most pure form of the creed, dating back to 150 AD or earlier. As time went on that early statement began to be written and shared more frequently, until by 750 AD it was widely accepted.

So these words we have in the past said every week at Monaghan are the purest expression of a shared faith, that the words we utter have been spoken since the time of the Apostles themselves. Many wonder why we share together in liturgy, so many churches nowadays no longer recite together any part of the service, but as a confessing church, as a connectional church, as a church that knows faithful people have come before us, guiding us and nurturing us, we join our voices with theirs and proclaim together our faith in our God.

Try to imagine the next time you say these words aloud, try to picture centuries of faithful

believers saying them with you, joining their voices with yours and affirming their faith with yours in the One God, the creator, who dwelt among us and whose spirit moves through us. We are of one faith, from generation to generation, passing from the hands of the faithful believers of every time and place. May these words connect you to your God, and with the saints in the church triumphant.

Peace and grace,

*Janice*

## **WORSHIP SERVICES . . . . .**

### **Worship Service Times for February 2017**

**February 5** – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Souper Bowl of Caring Offering  
Scout Sunday

8:00 a.m. – 1st Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. – 2nd Worship Service

**February 12** – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Lord's Supper

8:00 a.m. – 1st Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. – 2nd Worship Service

**February 15** – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. – 1st Worship Service

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. – 2nd Worship Service

**February 22** – Transfiguration of the Lord  
8:00 a.m. – 1st Worship Service

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. – 2nd Worship Service

### **Praise and Prayer Worship**

Our monthly Praise and Prayer Worship Service will continue on Saturday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. We encourage you to join us for an enjoyable and uplifting worship service in a contemporary format. If you have not experienced this style of worship, please join us as our House Band leads contemporary songs of praise. The message and prayer is given in a relaxed environment. Come as you are - invite friends and neighbors!

### **Souper Bowl of Caring Offering**

While we all prepare to eat - watch football - and eat some more, many people within our community continue to go hungry on a daily basis. Join

the youth in collecting money to support New Hope Ministries' Food Bank while we participate in the nationwide "Souper Bowl of Caring" campaign on Sunday, February 5. Soup pots will be available at the back of the sanctuary for donations.

### **Scout Sunday at Monaghan**

Please welcome our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, their leaders and families as they celebrate Scout Sunday at Monaghan Presbyterian Church on February 5. Since its beginning, the Cub Scout program has been a fun and educational experience concerned with values. Besides providing a positive place where boys can enjoy safe, wholesome activities, Cub Scouting focuses on building character, improving physical fitness, teaching practical skills, and developing a spirit of community service.

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

Monaghan will hold an Ash Wednesday service on March 1 at 7:00 p.m. As the journey to the cross unfolds over the next 40 days, Ash Wednesday marks the start of the season of Lent, a season of penitence and confession.

## **MONAGHAN CHILDREN & YOUTH . . . .**

### **Krackerjacks**

Monaghan's Krackerjacks youth group will meet Sunday, February 12, 6:00 p.m., at the church. Bring a friend!

Any youth interested in participating in Krackerjacks (grades 3-6) can contact Jay Tiedeck at [jtiedeck@gmail.com](mailto:jtiedeck@gmail.com) or 610-724-9949.

### **Children's Choir**

The Children's Choir practices on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Any child with a desire to sing is welcome and encouraged to join us! Contact Amanda Allen for more information at 717-514-1554 or [theallens1304@icloud.com](mailto:theallens1304@icloud.com).

The Children's Choir will not be practicing on Sunday, February 5.

### **Parents' Time**

Parents' Time meets on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the cry room (room 105), in conjunction with the Children's Choir practices. A special time for parents to share joys and struggles while fellowshiping with other parents.

## ***SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY . . . . .***

### **Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Bible Study will meet from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1. We are currently studying the book of Esther. Join us in finding out more about this fascinating woman of God. For further information, contact Mary Beth Brann at 432-3923 or the church office.

### **Upcoming Topics Classes**

Starting February 5 and continuing through May 14, *Evangelism and Discipleship in Our Community* will be the subject of our Topics Classes. Christian and Susan Neubaum will lead us as we explore the Biblical practices of evangelism and discipleship and how we as the local church can share the gospel in our community. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20).

## ***CHURCH EVENTS . . . . .***

### **Host Families Needed**

Please consider the gift of hospitality that has a huge impact on a young adult's life.

Host families are needed for the International Student Ski weekend, which takes place February 17, 18, & 19. Sam & Hannah Hakes minister to international students in the Northern Virginia region by introducing them to Christ and providing opportunities for fellowship.

This year we hope to host 15 students in homes to give students a glimpse of an American home and family. Having children in your home is a great advantage because it is also a learning experience for them to experience someone from another culture. However, if you've already raised children you also know how to relate to young adults and how tremendously fun and enthusiastic they are to explore the world. And please, don't worry about your house setup; college students will sleep anywhere!

Please contact Megan Hakes by February 12 at 717-574-4499 (call or text).

- Students stay in pairs. Please specify 2 male or 2 female students.
- February 17: Students are introduced to their hosts on Friday night around 9:00 p.m. at

Monaghan Presbyterian Church and then stay with you overnight.

- February 18: After breakfast bring students back to the church by 9:00 a.m. They will be taken to Ski Roundtop (at their own expense) for the day and will return to the church for pickup at 6:00 p.m. Feed them dinner, enjoy each others' company, and house overnight.
- February 19: After breakfast bring students to church with you for the 10:30 a.m. service. Congregational Life will provide lunch after church for you and your students to say thank you and farewell.

To learn more about International Students Inc., please visit [www.isionline.org](http://www.isionline.org).

### **Caregiver Coffee Break**

Join us for a Caregiver Coffee Break and a little "Tea"—L—C at Monaghan on Tuesday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. The group offers an ongoing opportunity to network with other caregivers, learn about area resources and take a welcomed "break" from your daily caregiving role. The Coffee Breaks are facilitated by Hospice of Central Pennsylvania and Hospice staff. For more information, please contact Jeanne McClintick at 717-732-1000.

### **Monaghan Men's Breakfast**

The monthly Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m., at Brothers Restaurant, 705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg. This is a great opportunity to get to know other men from Monaghan and enjoy a time of fellowship. The Men's Breakfast takes place the second Saturday of every month, the same time and same place. No reservations needed! Call John Wise or the church office if you have any questions.

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper**

On Tuesday, February 28, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., the Congregational Life Committee will be sponsoring a Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper. Why pancakes? We eat pancakes because they contain all of those decadent ingredients, like butter and eggs, which traditionally were not allowed during Lent. Shrove Tuesday is the last feast before Lent begins.

### **Book Lovers' Group**

Please join us and bring a friend! The next Book Lovers' group date will be Friday, February 24, at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. A short review of the book choice for next time is as follows:

*The Forgotten Room* by Karen White, Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig

*New York Times* bestselling authors Karen White, Beatriz Williams, and Lauren Willig present a masterful collaboration—a rich, multigenerational novel of love and loss that spans half a century.... 1945: When the critically wounded Captain Cooper Ravenal is brought to a private hospital on Manhattan's Upper East Side, young Dr. Kate Schuyler is drawn into a complex mystery that connects three generations of women in her family to a single extraordinary room in a Gilded Age mansion. *The Forgotten Room*, set in alternating time periods, is a sumptuous feast of a novel brought to vivid life by three brilliant storytellers.

There will be a copy of the book available to share on a first come basis. The book is also available from the Dillsburg Public Library or *Amazon.com*. For further information, or to borrow the copy of the book, contact Mary Beth Brann, 432-3923.

### **Super Spaghetti Supper!**

A spaghetti supper fundraiser hosted by Team Monaghan to benefit Relay For Life is scheduled for Friday, March 24, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Monaghan Presbyterian Church. The meal is dine-in or take-out, and includes an entrée of spaghetti (with meatballs or meatless), salad, bread and a dessert. (Beverages will be provided for those dining in.) Ticket prices are: \$8.00 for 7 years through Adult; \$5.00 for Ages 3-6 years; and Under 3 free with Adult purchase. Tickets may be purchased Sundays beginning February 26 through March 19, before or after worship in the narthex, from a Relay for Life/Team Monaghan member, or contact Luanne Barrouk at 717-798-0747 or email [luannebarrouk@hotmail.com](mailto:luannebarrouk@hotmail.com). Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of the supper..

### **Ladies Lunch Bunch Returns in March with a Date and Time for All Monaghan Women!**

The winter months are slipping by, and we are looking forward to the month of March when our Ladies Luncheon date will return. Mark your calendars now because we hope to include all Monaghan Women in our lunch get together on Saturday, March 11 at 12:00 p.m. This date is in place of the regular weekday luncheon.

Not a workday for your job? Spring sports for the children still in the practice stages? Retired ladies... wait... every day is Saturday when you

are retired! Join us for a fun time of fellowship and good food – a time to catch up with each other.

The menu for the lunch is a return of the popular Grilled Cheese Sandwich Bar. Pick out your sandwich toppings from a variety of ingredients to top an assortment of breads and your sandwich will be grilled while you enjoy a cup of soup. Save room for dessert because that will be provided too! A donation basket will be available to cover the cost of your meal.

Please RSVP that you will attend by Wednesday, March 8, to Diane Roy, 432-3653, Mary Beth Brann, 432-3923, or the church office, 432-4234, so that arrangements can be made.

### **Mark Your Calendar for Game Night**

It's back by popular demand! Come and join us in the narthex on Sunday, April 30 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. to relax and play games. There will be card games, board games – games for all ages. We will have plenty of snacks to nibble as you play. Best of all, there will be lots of fun, laughter and fellowship! You don't want to miss it!

### **Giant Gift Cards**

The Congregational Life Committee members sell Giant cards in the narthex that can be used for groceries or gas, and yes, you will receive bonus points. If you want to be sure we have what cards you need, please let Cindy Hoehn ([cahhoehn@gmail.com](mailto:cahhoehn@gmail.com) or 258-6353) know how many and what denomination you want so we will be sure to have them available.

## ***CHURCH BUSINESS* .....**

### **Work Day at Monaghan**

The Property Committee is having a work day on February 4, from 8:00 until noon. There is plenty of work to do. You can stay the whole time or part of the time.

### **New Church Picture Directories Are Coming! Save These Dates!**

Have you been thinking that our 2013 picture directory is outdated? Save these dates because we will be making a new church member picture directory this spring! The dates that the photographer will be at Monaghan are May 17-20. You may register for a photo time in April in the Narthex and all who have their directory photo taken will receive a free copy of that photo and our church will receive free picture directories for each family. The more photos we have taken, the

more benefits our church will receive. Your family can also take this opportunity to have terrific family group photos taken together with no pressure to purchase packages after you see the results. Friends don't need to be Monaghan members to take advantage of this opportunity for having photos made. Children will be home from colleges, and we hope the dates are before family vacations! *Everybody – get ready to Smile!*

### January 2016 Session Highlights

- Session dismissed 23 inactive members.
- Eunice Hager and Sharon Kelly will serve as Commissioners for the Presbytery meeting of February 28.
- Session approved Monaghan's participation in the Souper Bowl of Caring in February.
- Session approved the dates for communion in 2017.

## ***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES . . . . .***

### Liturgists & Ushers Wanted

Opportunities are available for ushers and liturgists at our 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. If you are interested, you can sign up on the bulletin board in the church hallway. Also, to volunteer or for more information: Liturgists, contact Jeanne Luksic (8:00 a.m. service) or Eunice Hager (10:30 a.m. service); Ushers, please contact JoAnne Gahres (8:00 a.m. service) or Eunice Hager (10:30 a.m. service).

## ***MONAGHAN MISCELLANY . . . . .***

### February Birthdays

Best wishes to those in Monaghan's church family who are celebrating this month. May your birthday and the year ahead be filled with blessings!

February 1–Marge Rettgers; 2–George Harrison; 3–Eric Briant; 4–Jordan Smith; 5–Keller Lucas; 6–Spencer Williams; 7–Anthony (AJ) Bobb; 8–Isabelle Gruber; 9–Brandon Brown; 10–Luanne Barrouk; 12–Eileen Bullock; 14–Cathy Neubaum; 14–Linette Printz; 16–Adelaide Allen; 17–Beckie Lucas; 18–Kathy Gochenour; 19–Laura Schmidt; 19–Alexander Fronk; 20–Noelle Williams; 22–Caleb Waybright; 23–Lincoln Milner; 23–Kendal Rank; 24–Pat Karns; 27–Cynthia Stone; 28–Vesta Mummert; 28–Vesta Weaver; 28–Ronda Williams.

If you have a February birthday and are missing from the list, please let the church office know.

### March Newsletter Deadline: February 22

All newsletter articles should be submitted to Pam either in the church office mailbox or by email at [monaghan@monaghanpresby.org](mailto:monaghan@monaghanpresby.org). Submitted articles should be short and related to one of the newsletter's sections. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

### Monaghan Quilters

Please drop in any Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. and enjoy the camaraderie of the Monaghan Quilters. Everyone is welcome to join us, whether a quilter or not! You can even bring along your own project to work on while you're here with us.

*Important FYI:* You may come pick out a quilt for someone who is in recovery, having a baby, to thank a veteran, or for someone having an extra-special celebration and would appreciate a Monaghan lap quilt. Although donations are greatly appreciated, there is absolutely no charge to you. Speaking of donations, thank you to everyone who cleans out a sewing space and brings the treasures to the quilt room. The quilters express gratitude to both the anonymous and known supporters. All sewing items are appreciated, and items that the quilters cannot use are passed onto other volunteer groups.

### Save Your Can Tabs

Please save your flip tabs from aluminum beverage cans. Meg Hollowbush is collecting them for the Shriners Hospitals for Children Philadelphia location. There is a marked plastic container by the church mailboxes where you may put them at your convenience.

## ***MINUTE FOR MISSION . . . . .***

### February Is "Wipe and Dipe Month"

Dillsburg Kiwanis is once again turning to the community and asking for Monaghan's help in matching or exceeding last year's numbers. All items will be given to New Hope Ministries on behalf of the entire community. Kiwanis' motive is to help our youngest neighbors. We are collecting all sizes and brands of diapers and wipes. You can drop off your donations in the church's New Hope collection boxes located in the narthex and side entrance. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Brown at 432-0536. Dillsburg Kiwanis thanks you for all your past support of New Hope's needs through the Kiwanis!

### **New Hope Wish List**

New Hope Ministries' Dillsburg Center is in need of canned fruit, pasta sauce, Hamburger Helper, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish, soup, dish soap, cleaning solutions and condiments. You may deliver your donations to New Hope's Dillsburg Center at 6 North Second Street, or place them in the New Hope boxes provided in the church narthex and side entrance.

### **Volunteer Opportunities at New Hope**

Do you have a couple of hours to give? The following volunteer opportunities are available at New Hope's Dillsburg Center: Front Desk and Food Pantry. Visit New Hope's website, [www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org), or stop by the center at 6 North Second Street, Dillsburg, for details and volunteer applications.

### **Walk for Hope**

New Hope Ministries' 2017 Walk for Hope is scheduled for Sunday, April 30 at Logan Park, Dillsburg. This event supports the programs and services provided at New Hope Ministries. Bring your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers! For more information, visit [www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org).

### **Explore Krislund's Website**

You'll find the 2017 Summer Camp schedule, the latest issue of *The Krislund Korner* newsletter, as well as an assortment of information to help you get to know Krislund Camp & Conference Center better at [www.krislund.org](http://www.krislund.org).

### **Lend A Hand**

Lend A Hand (LAH) is a volunteer organization, founded in 1989 as a local disaster response and assistance program. The mission and purpose of LAH is to coordinate a reliable system of trans-

portation, labor, housing and meals, and job assignments for volunteers who wish to help people suffering extraordinary hardship as the result of natural disasters. Lend A Hand is a mission project of the Presbytery of Carlisle of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. LAH welcomes volunteers from all faiths and creeds. For more information about Lend A Hand, visit their website at [www.lendahand.net](http://www.lendahand.net).

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS.....**

### **Wednesday Noonday Organ Recital**

As part of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church's Music, Art & Drama Series, Sean McCarthy, a member of the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, will perform an organ recital on Wednesday, February 1. A light lunch, served at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, precedes the organ recital at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. A free-will offering will be received. Camp Hill Presbyterian Church is located at 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill, and is handicapped accessible. For more information, call 737-0488 or visit [www.thechpc.org](http://www.thechpc.org).

### **Southern Gospel Concert**

The Dillsburg Lions Club will present a Southern Gospel Concert featuring the nationally known top level performing group "Legacy Five" and "Brothers in Grace," a well-known local group, at Northern High School Auditorium on Friday, April 7, 2017. This is a night of great music and entertainment. Ticket prices are \$22.00 for Reserved seats and \$20.00 for General Admission seats. Proceeds go to fund New Hope Ministries and other local organizations. For tickets or more information, contact Sam Stone (432-3201) or any Lions Club member.

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Worship Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 a.m.

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