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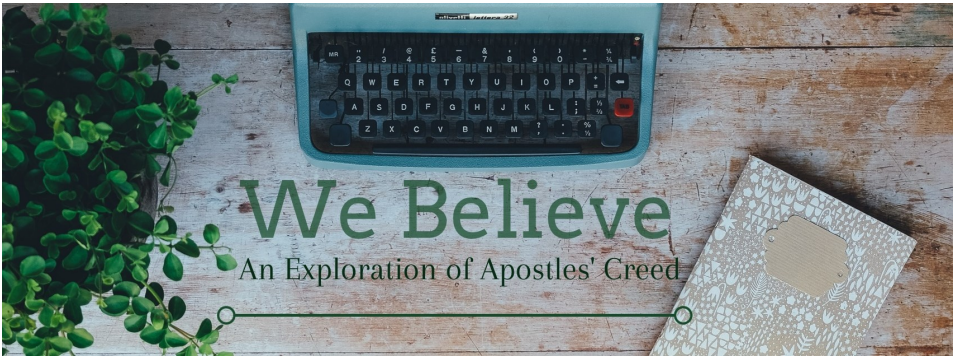

“I Believe He Descended to the Dead”

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He Says, And again, “I will Put my trust in him” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.” Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. Hebrews 2:12-15

Sanctuary & Facebook LIVE

"I Believe He Descended to the Dead"

***OPENING TIME OF WORSHIP** Worship Band

(You are welcome to worship as you feel led during this time. Stand up, sit down, kneel, or dance. This time is for connecting with God.)

"Attention" "God of Wonders " "Be Praised" Worship Band

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!
All: Come, let us worship our Creator!
Leader: God is the great Sower, scattering seeds of life and abundance across the earth.
All: We are the soil the Sower plants, created to nurture and sustain the seeds of God's life-giving love.
Leader: God is the great Gardener, tilling and cultivating our soil with love and grace.
All: We notice the rocks and thorns in our soil and call on the Gardener's love and grace to transform us into good soil.
Leader: God is the great Life-giver, sowing seeds and tending the soil to produce the fruit of abundant life.
All: May we nurture and grow God's new reality, bearing the fruit of flourishing and abundance for all God's creation. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(You are invited to share signs of peace with through waves, high fives, or handshakes. You are encouraged to say the words, "Peace be with you!")

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Rachel

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 2:10-18 Marian Smyser

SERMON *I Believe He Descended to the Dead*
Pastor Rachel

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"* *UMH 363*

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"I Will Serve Thee" *Gaither*

(As the plate is passed to you, you are invited to give as you feel led. Please be sure to fill out and place your completed connection card in the plate, as your presence is a gift. If you prefer to give online, visit our website www.middlesexumc.com and click on the donate tab. Thank you for your generosity!)

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***HYMN** *"I Know Whom I Have Believed"* *UMH 714*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Postludium in F"* Nordman

*Please stand as you are able

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Serving This Week in Worship:

Preaching: Pastor Rachel Wong

Organist: Pat Brown

Praise Band: Brian Moore, Seth Lawton, Bella Rose, Travis Clouse, Jess Clouse, and Elizabeth Peters, Ben Carney

Tech Team: Todd Eckenrode

Ushers: Greeter/Downstairs Rick Orner

Pastor/Sanctuary: Glen Kimmel

Greeters: Barb Elting and Dick/Esther Ocker

LET US REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS AND CARDS

Please use the Connection card to convey your prayer concerns to the body.

Prayer concerns are included with permission and
by request only, to protect the privacy of individuals.

Requests remain on prayer list for one month, unless requested otherwise.

Thank you for your passion for prayer!

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Bill McQueen (Carol Lawton's father) Linda Kimmel**,** Judy Bell**,** Doug Preston, Catherine Meals (step mother of Mona Huston) Alexander Morales and Heli Woodall (Cathy Barrick's grandson and daughter) Jenny Sunderwirth (Mary Groshan's sister), William Brady (Cheryl Brady), Scott Bruck (Shelby Hockenberry), Josh and Annie Austin (Ben Carney), Randy Clouse, Lily Lawton, Pat Brown, Rhea Schreffler (Linda Kimmel's mom),

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Loretta Calaman, Tanya Wynn (Mary Groshans), John Edwards (Andy & Mary Groshans), Asonia Wolf, Terry Sanderson (Dawn Gutshall), Mike Ohler, Dallas Gelbaugh, Vera Egolf, Jackie Weary, Ed Hair, Stewart Lamma, Anne Stanford, Dick Lindsey, Charles Sherman, Josiah Claire (Becky Smith), The Matrese Family, Brad Ocker, Steven Hair, Levi Potteiger (Harry and Marta Foltz), Jeannie Wagner (Mary Jayne), Freddy Rodriguez (Deb Kraft).

GRIEF:

Family of Deloris Mentzer**,** Family of Carol Clark (Judy Oatman's sister-in-law)

OUR WORLD MISSIONS: Mountains of Hope, Furcy, Haiti; Gideons.

THOSE DEPLOYED IN MILITARY SERVICE: Joshua Swartzlander (Air Force), Alex Myers (Army), Gerad Calaman (Air Force), Dylan Kupp (Navy), Justyn Padua, Brandon Padua, Dustin Jeardoe (Marine), Erin Driver (Army), John Durnin II (Marine).

NURSING HOMES: Thornwald Home: Pauline Hollenbaugh; Sarah Todd: Evelyn Carpenter; COG: Jane Sunday; Cumberland Crossings: William Kann.

Susquehanna Conference of the UMC
Circle of Prayer Churches
March 12 — 18

Wehnwood UMC, Altoona
Lake Ariel UMC, Lake Ariel
Cross Roads UMC, Cross Roads
Klinesgrove UMC, Sunbury
Trinity UMC, Bellefonte
Franklin Forks UMC, Montrose
Nisbet UMC, Williamsport
First UMC, Mechanicsburg
McElhattan UMC, McElhattan
Lewisberry UMC, Lewisberry

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Greeters: Barb Elting and Dick/Ester Ocker
Lector: Clint Healey

Interested in Serving in Worship?

Many gifts work together to make worship happen on Sunday morning. Is God calling you? Sign up on your connection card if you would like to greet, usher, serve Communion, read Scripture, give the kid's message, serve in our nursery, teach Sunday School, light our candles, run our live stream or sound booth, or sing/play in the Praise Band or Choir. There is a place for you!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March

1	Dick Lindsey
9	Gary & Cinda Whistler*
13	Jason Stambaugh
14	Holden Beddia
	Earl Smith
15	Bob & Judy Waggoner*
19	Ruth Smith
17	Bella Rose
19	Ruth Smith
20	Jim Cohick
22	Jackie Weary
22	Jack Coulson
	Deb Kraft
25	Olga Baron-Lamma
28	Jo Gelbaugh
29	Bob Egolf
	Carly Hoffheins
30	George Bellish
	Jennifer Lopiano

*** Anniversaries**

Announcements - Week of March 12, 2023

Easter Flowers

Order forms will be available in the gathering space as well as in your bulletins from

This Sunday, March 12th until Sunday, March 26th

Easter Candy Donations and Volunteers

Save the date and plan to join us as we host an Eggstravaganza Event at Country Manor West on Saturday, **April 1st from 10:30 am until Noon.** We will have food, games, prizes and of course, an egg hunt. We are seeking candy donations to fill our eggs. Any of the following individually wrapped candy would be greatly appreciated: Sweet Tarts, Starburst, Jolly Ranchers, Twizzlers, and small Tootsie Rolls. *Please refrain from donating chocolate candy or candy with nuts.* We are also looking to collect small prizes for the children. These shouldn't cost more than $5 each. Thank you so much and you may place your donations in the Gathering Area through Sunday, March 26th.

If you would like to volunteer at the Eggstravaganza, please sign up on your Connection card or contact Sherry Healey community@middlesexumc.com.

Little Hearts and Souls is now enrolling!

If you have a child who is ready for preschool or know of someone that does,
please check out our wonderful Preschool. We have availability in both the 3s class and Prek.

3s Class(3 by 8/31)-
Tuesday/Thursday 9-11:30 $100/month

Prek- Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9-11:30 $125/month

Email the director Aimee Peele
for more info preschool@middlesexumc.com

Little Hearts & Souls
PRESCHOOL

Little Lights

When: Wednesdays at 10am

Who: Ages Birth to Preschool

Location: Church Gym

What: Enjoy an hour of indoor fun with your child! We will supply the toys, a craft and circle time.

This is an on-going event: no registration required.

Sparks - 2nd through 5th Grade

Sunday, March 19th 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Join us for sparking your creativity!

Email kids@middlesexumc.com for monthly reminders.

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Ignite MUMC Youth - 6th through 12th Grade

Join us **March 19th Service Night 6-8 pm**

Prep for our outreach Egg Hung and make PB&J for our friends at CARES

Email ***office@middlesex.com*** for information.

Follow Ignite MUMC Youth on Facebook & Instagram

New Lenten Sermon Series:

We Believe: An Exploration of the Apostles' Creed

Is there a God? How did we get here?

Does my life really matter? Is there life after death?

Can I be forgiven? What is true?

What is the truth? What do I believe?

These are questions that surround our lives, and ones we may be tempted to ask Google just to see what pops up. For Christians, the answer to "What do I believe?" is found in the Apostles' Creed, a statement written long ago that is foundational to our faith. Join us on Sunday mornings this Lent as we unpack this creed and explore why our beliefs matter today.

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