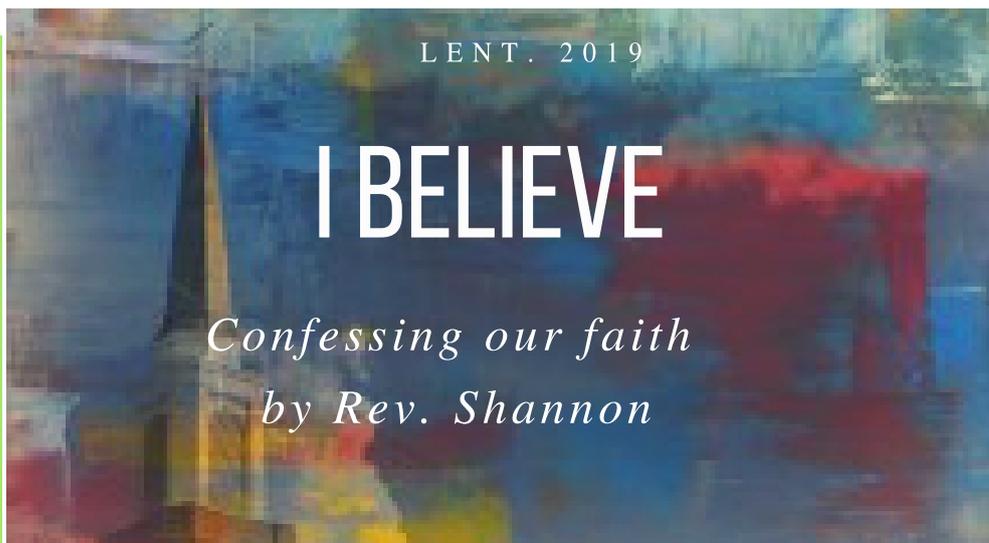


OTPM NEWS

The monthly newsletter of four dynamic ministries in one
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"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching"



WORSHIP HOURS

Blue Rapids 9 a.m.

Frankfort 9 a.m.

Marysville 10:30 a.m.

Washington 11:00 a.m.

Christ is risen! Every Easter we gather together and celebrate what is know as a turning point in the world. Through the death and resurrection death was defeated. From that moment rose a movement that would grow and change and become the christian faith that we know today. Looking around at the church today it's hard to imagine that we have common ground. Our churches spread far and wide in theology, structure, and issues. As a body it's easy to wonder if we ever came from a common point of view. This is where our creeds are useful. Declarations of belief in the form of confessions help give us common ground. To declare our faith in the confessions is to declare our faith through our the generations. During the season following Lent we will be moving back and forth between the lectionary texts and the Apostles Creed. As one of the oldest confessions of the Christian church each I believe statements leads us into themes of faith that are grounded in 2000 years of tradition. Through study of scripture and creed we will begin to unpack some of the core beliefs that formed our christian faith.

APRIL FAITH CHALLENGE

Take time this month to pray through the Apostles Creed. Using the "I believe" statements pray or write your thoughts and prayers.



5 REASONS To Teach Kids The Apostle's CREED

1. It teaches our kids that Christianity is “confessional.”
2. The Creed connects our children to their Christian heritage.
3. It teaches our children to value tradition and church history.
4. The Creed has historically been foundational instruction for Protestants.
5. It gives our children essentials of the faith.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

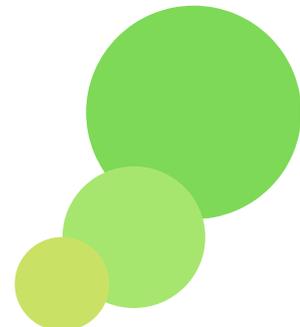
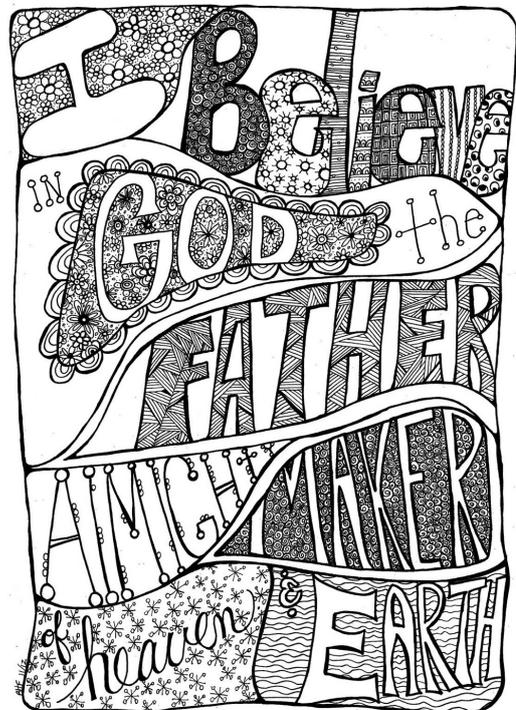
My name is _____

USE THE WORD BANK BELOW TO FILL IN THE PRAYER

I BELIEVE IN _____, THE FATHER
ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF _____ AND
_____; AND IN _____,
HIS ONLY SON, OUR _____, WHO
WAS _____ BY THE _____,
BORN OF THE _____ MARY,
SUFFERED UNDER _____ PILATE, WAS
_____, DIED, AND WAS BURIED. HE
_____ INTO HELL; THE THIRD DAY
HE _____ FROM THE _____. HE
_____ INTO HEAVEN, AND IS SEATED
AT THE _____ HAND OF GOD. THE _____
ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME
TO JUDGE THE _____ AND THE DEAD. I
_____ IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY
_____ CHURCH, THE _____
OF SAINTS, THE _____ OF SINS, THE
_____ OF THE BODY, AND LIFE
_____. AMEN.

WORD BANK

ASCENDED PONTIUS DESCENDED CRUCIFIED VIRGIN RESURRECTION GOD
CATHOLIC JESUS CHRIST RIGHT CONCEIVED DEAD HOLY SPIRIT LIVING ROSE
FORGIVENESS COMMUNION HEAVEN BELIEVE LORD FATHER EARTH EVERLASTING





HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

The OTPM offers a beautiful sampling of worship services. Please join us for any of the following

Marysville

April 3rd, 10th and 17th at 12 noon for Lent Luncheon at the Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday Meditation Service, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. This beautiful collection of prayers and readings draws you into the meaning of the cross.

Blue Rapids

April 3rd, 10th and 17th join in Adult Lent Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m. Break bread around the table.

Washington

Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian church.

Good Friday, April 19 @ 12pm at the Christian Church

Frankfort

Maundy Thursday Service and Potluck Meal, April 18 at 5:00 p.m. Come help strip the alter, break bread and share a potluck meal together.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Prayers for Parker Price as he continues to battle cancer.
- Continued prayers and thoughts for Wayne Price who is at home recovering from pneumonia.
- Prayers for Suzanne Whitesell, Skip McMillen and Melanie Myers for health concerns.
- Praises for Shelly Bargdill as pathology results showed tumor to be benign as she recovers at home.

APOSTLES CREED SERIES

Each session in the series will be staggered between the lectionary texts for the week and may take more than one Sunday to cover. Below is a break down of the Creed series.

Session 1: Introduction: I Believe

Explore the foundations of our faith through the Apostles Creed.

Session 2: I believe in God

Is there a God? How do we know? What is God like?

Session 3: I believe in Jesus Christ

Unique to our Christian Faith is our understanding of who Christ is, his life, death and resurrection.

Session 4: I believe in the Holy Spirit

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in leading and guiding the church?

Session 5: I believe in the Church

Why do we say the "Holy Catholic Church?" I'm not a Catholic.

Session 6: The Communion of Saints.

A look the ordinary people we call saints in the church.

Session 7: The Forgiveness of Sins

Why are Christians always trying to convince us that we are sinners?

Session 6: The Resurrection of the Body and life everlasting.

New life, heaven, Christ return? What is this all about?

WORSHIP NOTES FOR APRIL 2019

PREACHING SCHEDULE

April 7 5th Sunday in Lent
Frankfort: Rev. Shannon Borgman (Communion)
Marysville: Rev. Shannon Borgman (Communion)
Blue Rapids: CLP Gary Phillips
Washington: CLP Gary Phillips (Communion)



April 14 Palm Sunday
Frankfort: CLP Gary Phillips
Marysville: CLP Gary Phillips
Blue Rapids: Rev. Shannon Borgman
Washington: Rev. Shannon Borgman

April 18 Maundy Thursday
5:00 p.m. Frankfort
5:30 p.m. Blue Rapids
6:30 p.m. Marysville
7:00 p.m. Washington Community at
First United Presbyterian Church

April 21
Easter Sunday
Frankfort: Rev. Shannon Borgman
Marysville: Rev. Shannon Borgman
Blue Rapids: CLP Gary Phillips
Washington: CLP Gary Phillips

April 28
2nd Sunday of Easter
Frankfort: CLP Gary Phillips
Marysville: CLP Gary Phillips
Blue Rapids: Rev. Shannon Borgman
Washington: Rev. Shannon Borgman



COMMUNION PREPARATION SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

Marysville- Peggy Link

COMMUNION PREPARATION THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH

**Blue Rapids - Kenneth
Johnson**

USHERS

Blue Rapids- Shana Murk

Marysville- Peggy Link

Washington

April 7 Bill & Quincie Keesecker
April 14 Bill & Quincie Keesecker
April 21 Mick & Michele Walter
April 28 Bob & Dee King

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

4 Delana Murk
4 Braylee Fritson
5 Dale and Lila Keesecker
5 Bill Keesecker
5 Corey & Andrea Tegethoff
6 Paula Murk
7 Stacy Wullscheleger
7 Libby Obley-Price
8 Norma Robinson

8 Harry Metz
8 Garison Bargdill
9 Cody Metz
10 Fred & Sheila Hofmann
13 Mary Ann Gier
14 Jerry Pope
17 Dennis and Marilyn Sweet
19 Adam Borgman
19 Michael Walter
20 Karen Claycamp
20 Martin Walter
20 Sheila Maxwell

22 Tim Grauer
26 John & Christy Metz
26 David Breeding
26 Maecyn Gunn
27 Jason Mattingly
27 Molly Pannbacker-Townsend
28 Agnes Marsteller
30 Chevelle Murk

AN ACCEPTABLE FAST

Finish up the Lent season with one of our two opportunities for bible study. At noon every Tuesday there will be an all women's study shared by the Christian Church, The EUCC and the Presbyterian church. Every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm we will be offering the same study for both men and women at the Blue Rapids United Presbyterian Church.



BLUE RAPIDS SESSION

Elder Training was held on March 24th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. followed by supper with youth group. The Valley Heights community Bible School asked for a contribution and our participation, it was voted to contribute \$200. A meeting about our 150th anniversary (next year) was held. Discussed the budget and celebration ideas. The celebration has preliminary plans to be held on May 2nd and 3rd. The audio visual system that is not working was discussed and voted to have the Trustee's contact RediSystems for a quote. No Communion will be held on the 1st Sunday, but will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 18th.



MARYSVILLE SESSION

Approved hosting "The Sheep Dog Seminars" in our church. A committee will set this up.

A report was given on the 2019 Nominating Committee Members

Approved compensating Greg Marples for snow removal and repairs to his bobcat.

Approved hosting a Christmas Concert on Sunday, November 3 for Pat Breeding & friends.

Approved a request from RSVP to serve a meal to RSVP workers and also to have them speak during worship services.

Approved having Lucas Packett paint the letters of the south side of the church.

Approved the purchase of a TV for the sanctuary. The money to purchase the TV came from Lee Papes and an anonymous donor.

We are going to look deeper into the Pony Up Program before making any final decisions.

Jada Ackerman gave a report on the first "Parents Night Out."

A BIG Thank You goes to Greg Marples for the many times he removed snow this winter. We would also like to thank him for sharing his gift of music with us each week!



YOUTH AND
FAMILIES IN THE
OTPM



LENTEN YOUTH GATHERINGS

Every Sunday evening at 5pm we will gather together with youth 6th grade and older for dinner, games, and conversations about our faith. The first gathering is on March 10th.



FUNDAY SUNDAY

EVERY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH IN MARYSVILLE

You're invited to join our Sunday
Funday Club! Things you can
count on:

1. That Jesus Loves You!
2. Always the first Sunday of the month directly after Church Service.
3. Decorating the Bulletin Board w/Activity
4. Scripture
5. Song or story!
6. Prayer



PNKS YOUTH CONNECTIONS

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN KANSAS (PNK)
YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

CONNECTIONS

Community building for PNK Youth



SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2:30-5:45PM
SALINA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
308 S. 8TH STREET, SALINA, KS

PIZZA, GAMES, AND SPECIAL GUEST
KAILEN SONCKSEN OF THE PC(USA)
YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



" I hope that sharing my experiences from my year of service with the YAV program inspires other young adults to listen for and follow God's call to love and serve communities that need it most."

Visit PnKyouth on FB for details

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9 am Coffee at BR 12 pm MS Lent 5 pm Jr Choir –BR 6:30 pm Adult Lent Study in BR 7 pm BR Trustee	4 12 pm WS Lent Lunch	5	6
7 11:30 a.m. Eunday Sunday at Marysville 5 p.m. Youth Gathering	8	9	10 9 am Coffee at BR 12 pm MS Lent 5 pm Jr Choir –BR 6:30 pm Adult Lent Study in BR	11 10 am Blue Rapids Session Meeting 12 pm WS Lent Lunch	12	13
14 9 am Jr Choir Sing at Blue Rapids 5 pm Youth Gathering	15	16	17 9 am Coffee at BR 12 pm MS Lent 5 pm Jr Choir –BR 6:30 pm Adult Lent Study in BR	18 12 pm WS Lent Maunder Thursday 5 pm FR service 5:30 pm BR service 6:30pm MS service 7 pm WS service	19 Good Friday 12 pm Washington service	20
21 MS Children's Easter Program 1:30 Country Living 2 pm Cambridge Devotions	22 Food Bank in Washington	23 Homestead Bingo in Washington	24 9 am Coffee at BR 5 pm Jr Choir –BR 7 pm Marysville Session meeting	25 7 pm Frankfort Session meeting	26	27
28 Presbytery Youth Connections in Salina	29	30 Presbytery Meeting in Ellsworth				

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APRIL 2019

The design on the face page depicts our partnership of four congregations in communities along the Oregon Trail as a fresh new dawn of service to Jesus Christ. The four stars represent each church, and the wagon wheel reminds us that we are led by our God on a journey forward.



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