HOCKESSIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Monday Meet-Up Recap

Sunday, Continued: I Believe in Jesus Christ

OCTOBER 5, 2026 | LUKE 1:1-3



Participants gathered online for HUMC's Monday Meet-Up to continue reflecting on Pastor Vern's Apostles' Creed series. This week's Sunday, Continued conversation centered on Luke 1:1-3 and the confession, "I believe in Jesus Christ." The group explored the foundations of faith, the identity of Jesus, and what believing in Him means in everyday life.

The Message Revisited

The conversation emphasized that faith in Jesus is connected to eyewitness testimony and real historical events. Luke's careful investigation offered a starting point for considering how the accounts of Jesus' life were preserved and shared. Belief was discussed as a response to these accounts, alongside the personal trust that grows through a relationship with Christ.

Participants described Jesus as God made flesh and as the Redeemer who brings humanity back into relationship with the Creator. The words of the Creed invite believers to consider both who Jesus is and why His life and work matter to their own lives.

> **Believing in Jesus calls us to trust Him and let His love shape the way we live.**

The Stories That Shape Faith

Members remembered grandmothers and parents who planted early seeds of faith. Their lived examples and religious traditions helped introduce participants to Jesus and gave them a foundation from which their own faith could grow.

When asked how they understood Jesus, participants spoke of their Lord and Savior, their hope for eternity, and a perfect friend. These descriptions reflected a relationship with someone they could turn to for support through both joyful and difficult seasons.

Where the Message Met Us

Calling Jesus "Lord" was understood as more than using a familiar title. It expresses a commitment to recognize His authority and follow His teachings. The group considered how that confession becomes visible in the choices believers make and the ways they respond to other people.

The discussion of forgiveness was candid. Participants agreed that forgiveness can be difficult and does not happen overnight. They compared the process to a physical wound that heals but leaves a scar: progress may take time, and the memory of an injury can remain. Forgiveness was described as an ongoing process of healing, rather than a single moment that makes every hurt disappear.

The group also reflected on the Holy Spirit as sustainer and comforter. Members described the Spirit's guidance through inner nudgings in daily interactions, helping believers discern how to respond and carry Jesus' teachings into ordinary situations.

Jesus as Friend and Savior

Personal reflections held together Jesus' authority and His closeness. Participants spoke of Him as both Savior and friend, a source of hope and support through thick and thin. Their conversation connected the theological meaning of believing in Christ with the trust, guidance, and comfort they seek in their own lives.

Practice for the Week

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Ask In one difficult situation this week, pause and ask, "What would Jesus have me to do?"

Act Take one action that reflects compassion, mercy, or service.

Let this small practice connect your belief in Jesus with the way you respond to a real situation in your life.

Community and Prayer

The group prayed for Fred Crowgie's family following his passing, asking for comfort in their grief. They also prayed for healing for Mike and for Vanessa as she prepared for a mastectomy scheduled for October 8. These concerns invited the group to support one another through loss, illness, and uncertainty.

Pastor Vern shared updates on the Pumpkin Patch setup and its role in welcoming the community. The conversation recognized this church activity as an opportunity to offer hospitality and connection to neighbors.

Looking Ahead

The next Sunday, Continued conversation will focus on "I Believe in the Holy Spirit." The next Monday Meet-Up is October 12 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Participants who have already registered do not need to register again.

Follow-Up

- Practice childlike faith in one difficult situation this week.
- Ask, "What would Jesus have me to do?"
- Take one action that reflects compassion, mercy, or service.
- Continue praying for the concerns shared by the group.
- Join the next Monday Meet-Up for the conversation about the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, thank You for being our Savior and our friend. Help us trust You with childlike faith and follow You in the choices we make each day. Give us patience as we learn to forgive, and guide us by Your Holy Spirit toward compassion, mercy, and service. Bring comfort to Fred's family, healing to Mike, and strength and peace to Vanessa. May our church welcome our neighbors with the love You have shown us. In Your name we pray, Amen.