



# CREDO

## This I Believe

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I believe that God has a plan for my life – to love, serve, and care for others regardless of the path I'm on or the circumstances in which I find myself. With prayer and reading scripture, I strive to trust Him and not rely on myself. Because of my impatience, trusting His timing is a continuous battle. But with the help of the Holy Spirit, God continues to guide me and lifts me up when I stumble.

How could one not see God's handiwork in the beauty that surrounds us? Maybe that's why gardening for me is giving back to him – keeping His beauty free from weeds not only for my satisfaction but to see the joy on the faces of my clients. A favorite time for me on the farm was sitting on the bank of the Oriskany Creek – a quiet time for meditation and relaxation.

Church, Sunday School, youth group activities, parents, Bible study groups, Christian friends and family shaped my faith on this journey. I especially remember my grandmother occasionally quoting scripture in a non-judgmental way but most of all that image of her kneeling beside her bed well into her nineties remains etched in my mind.

If I've learned anything from researching church history – it was the church's commitment to maintaining worship from the onset of the settlement, providing inspirational music to the glory of God and giving to mission. History is more than recorded facts. To me it's like life's journal – cherished memories of how things used to be and important changes made along the way. God remains unchanged! He loves me, forgives me and is steadfast in reminding me to stay in relationship with Him.