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Advent

Musings from Mike

'Just Breathe'

I have a good friend who will tell me when I am tense or worked up to 'just breathe'.

I think they are on to something. The act of taking a breath slows me down and gets me in touch with what is basic about life. Taking a breath is reliving the act of creation when God breathed into human beings the *ruach* which is Hebrew and can be translated as breath, spirit, life.

I like that and it reminds me that as long as we are running around and panting for our next breath that it is possible to miss the very best stuff of life. The moments of personal discovery. The good times with other people. And most important the 'God moments' that can be all through the holidays. If we will only stop and breathe.

Here are some of the 'breathing moments' built into the life of the church for you.

Worship where we gather to breathe in together the life giving Spirit of God and remind each other that we are held in God's grace and through that grace God does great things in our lives.

Small Groups and Bible Studies where we not only learn things but you get to support and remind each other to breathe...and we rejoice with each other when we do.

Times of Service where you get to remember that this season is not all about clicking off every box on a 'to-do' list but to be open to the places and ways God might be calling you. Calling you to look, to listen, to serve and help you create joyful memories in that service.

Materials for Personal Prayer and Reflection through printed materials and the commitment we make to each other to breathe. Breathe in God's Spirit and be inspired to see God at work all around us.

Shalom,

Pastor Mike

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP FOR DECEMBER 2018

Pastor Mike will be offering a series of sermons in December on the theme: 'Home for Christmas – Tales of Hope and Second Chances' Each Christmas theme is told against the back drop of men and women finding their way back to life and a second chance after big failures.

December 2nd: Holy Communion and Decorating of the Sanctuary
Scripture: Psalm 25:1-10 and Jeremiah 29:4-14
Sermon: 'The Hope of New Life'

December 9th: Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11 and Matthew 9:35-38
Sermon: 'The Love of the Last and Lost'

December 16th: The Christmas Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir
Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Philippians 4:4-7
Sermon: 'Your Joy Will Be Complete'

December 18th: 8:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service in the Church Library.
A simple service of scripture, prayer, and communion for everyone who struggles with a loss or a burden in this season. The service is in English and in Spanish.

December 23rd: Baptism
Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:46-55
Sermon: 'Christ Is Our Peace'

December 24th: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00 p.m. Family Service – 'Do It Yourself Christmas Pageant' *Come and enjoy the carols, prayers, and scriptures of this night as people of all ages join together to be Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, angels, and wisemen to welcome Jesus on the night of his birth. The service includes candlelighting.*

9:00 p.m. Carols and Communion Service – We welcome Jesus into our world with our prayers, carols, the Christmas Story, and Communion together along with candlelighting and Silent Night.

December 30th: **10:00 a.m.** Bilingual Service of Carols and Communion. Come and enjoy all the carols of Christmas as we lift our voices in Spanish and English to worship the new born King.

MISSION TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA

Meeting, Sunday, December 2nd at Noon.

On January 7th – 12th, 2019 we will be sending a Mission Team to North Carolina to be part of the rebuilding efforts from Hurricane flooding. There is an introductory meeting for the group and anyone interested in future trips in the Church Library at Noon on Sunday, December 2nd. We will discuss what we will be doing, what you need to bring, and costs for the trip.

Contact Jack Inglis at: jackinglis1916@yahoo.com or 973-796-8502.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
3:00 pm

Tune up those vocal cords and join us on Sunday, December 9th as we share some Christmas cheer with some of shut-ins and neighbors as we travel around the area singing some Christmas songs, and then come back to Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship afterwards. EVERYONE's invited... won't you join us?

ADVENT STUDY GROUP – **Home for Christmas**

Thursdays in December at 7:30 p.m.

An opportunity to read, pray, and share the journey to the birth of Jesus together. The conversations of the group will follow the themes Pastor Mike preaches on the previous Sunday. The group will meet at the parsonage and books for the group are available at worship and from the Church Office.

In addition, Pastor Mike will host four 'sermon talk backs' after each other sermons in this series in the Church Library right after worship. It will be a chance for you to share what you heard, ask questions, and prayer together with others and for each other during this season.

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December 9th Pat Inglis
December 16th Jeff Matthews
December 23rd Pat Inglis
December 24th 5pm Pam Campbell
9pm Pat Inglis
December 30th Jeff Matthews

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December 16th Pat Inglis
December 23rd OPEN
December 30th OPEN

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December 2nd Dawn Kruimer,
Jean Bresett, Sandy Smith
December 9th Carroll Campbell,
Vickie Boyd, Betty Greig
December 16th Maurice & Dot
Cailleateau, & Alison Bisanti
December 23rd Linda Meilan,
Helen Guenter, Karen Bailey
December 24th Janet Schaefer,
Connie Anderson & Linda
Bosland
December 30th Dawn Kruimer,
Jean Bresett, Sandy Smith

During this busy Advent Season, take time to relax as you color and reflect on God's Greatest Gift to ALL of us ...





Loaves & Fishes

Our supply closet could especially use **hams for Christmas** this month, as well as any pasta and sauces, but any of the items on the list can be used to help our families supplement their monthly food budget. Donations can be put in the cabinet at the entrance to the Narthex to help us meet the needs of this important ministry.

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Mixed vegetables
- Canned beans
(Red, black & cannelloni)
- Canned tomatoes
- Hot or Cold Cereals
- Pancake Mixes
- Pancake Syrup
- Dried or Powdered Milk
- Peanut Butter
- Cooking Oil
- Tomato Sauce
- Pasta**
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- Boxed Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Rice Side Dishes
- Bags of White Rice
- Soup
- Dried Beans – Red or Black
- Jelly – Strawberry & Grape
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Tissues
- Napkins
- Toothpaste/Toothbrush
- Soap
- Shampoo

Thank you for your generosity,
Debby Smeilus, Coordinator

IN MEMORIAM

Carmine Spagnola
November 10, 2018

Harry Van Luvender
November 22, 2018

UP-DATING THE DIRECTORY

Pete & Sarah Galus & family
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RECENT BAPTISM

Wade William Johnston, son of Janan & William C. Johnston, Jr., was baptized on Sunday, November 11th, 2018

Don't Forget...

If you would like to honor or remember someone with flowers this Christmas, the deadline for ordering is December 16th. The order form can be found in the November issue, or through the church office. Cost is \$15 per plant.



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YOUR
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DECEMBER 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT <u>2</u> 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:00am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship 12pm Naomi Christmas Party 12pm NC Mission Meeting	<u>3</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7-9pm Gleaners 7:15pm Zumba	<u>4</u> 9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall	<u>5</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7:15pm Zumba in Hall	<u>6</u> 9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Choir 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room 7:30pm Advent Study 7:45pm Bells	<u>7</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners	1 & 8 8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9-3 Christmas Bazaar (1 st only) 9am Zumba (8 th only) 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT <u>9</u> 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:00am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship 3pm Christmas caroling	<u>10</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7-9pm Gleaners	<u>11</u> 9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall	<u>12</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7:15pm Zumba in Hall	<u>13</u> 9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Choir 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm Al-Anon Study Group 7:30pm Advent Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room 7:45pm Bells	<u>14</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners	<u>15</u> 8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba/Fellowship Hall 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT <u>16</u> 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:00am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship	<u>17</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7-9pm Gleaners	<u>18</u> 9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 8pm Blue Christmas/Library 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall	<u>19</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7:15pm Zumba in Hall	<u>20</u> 9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Choir 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room 7:30pm Advent Study 7:45pm Bells	<u>21</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners	<u>22</u> 8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba/Fellowship Hall 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT <u>23</u> 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:00am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship	<u>24</u> <i>Christmas Eve</i> Office/Gleaners Closed 5pm Family Christmas 9pm Carols & Communion Service	<u>25</u> <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	<u>26</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time	<u>27</u> 9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room	<u>28</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 Gleaners	<u>29</u> 8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
<u>30</u> 10am Bilingual Worship, nursery 11:00am Coffee Hour	<u>31</u> <i>New Year's Eve</i> Church Office & Gleaners Are Closed					

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Zephaniah / Sofonias 3:14-20
2 Jeremiah / Jeremías 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians/1Tesalonicenses 3:9-13 Psalm/Salmos 25:1-10 Luke/San Lucas 21:25-36	3 Luke / San Lucas 1:5-25	4 Luke / San Lucas 1:57-80	5 Matthew / San Mateo 3:1-12	6 Isaiah / Isaías 62:1-12	7 Luke / San Lucas 12:35-48	8 Isaiah / Isaías 51:1-8
9 Malachi/Malaquías 3:1-4 Philippians/Filipenses 1:3-11 Psalm/Salmos 126 Luke/San Lucas 3:1-6	10 Mark / San Marcos 13:1-13	11 Luke / San Lucas 21:25-37	12 Revelation / Apocalipsis 1:1-8	13 John / San Juan 1:14-18	14 Ezekiel / Ezequiel 34:11-16	15 Acts / Hechos 1:1-11
16 Zephaniah/Sofonías 3:14-20 Isaiah/Isaías 12:2-6 Philippians/Filipenses 4:4-9 Luke/San Lucas 3:7-18	17 James / Santiago 5:7-18	18 Matthew / San Mateo 1:18-25	19 Isaiah / Isaías 40:1-11	20 Ezekiel / Ezequiel 34:17-31	21 Isaiah / Isaías 9:1-8	22 Philippians / Filipenses 4:4-9
23 Micah/Miqueas 5:2-5a Hebrews/Hebreos 10:5-10 Psalm/Salmos 80:1-7 Luke/San Lucas 1:39-55	24 Exodus / Éxodo 20:18-26	25 Galatians / Gálatas 3:23 - 4:7	26 2 Corinthians / 2 Corintios 5:16-21	27 John / San Juan 3:1-8	28 Ephesians / Efesios 1:3-14	29 Colossians / Colosenses 1:15-23
30 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Colossians/Colosenses 3:12-17 Psalm/Salmos 111 Luke/San Lucas 2:41-52	31 John / San Juan 15:12-17					



Please join us for one or more of these exciting opportunities to draw near to God reading through His love letter to you...

Wednesday Night Bible Study ... in the Library, 7:00 – 9:00pm.
UNSHAKABLE HOPE, Building our lives on the Promises of God

Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30pm – **Spanish Bible Study**

Fridays, 6:00 to 7:00am, **Men's Bible Study** in the Youth Room