



**Being
United in Christ
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Musings from Mike

You Can't Make This Stuff Up...

The calendar does something interesting this Lent and Easter season, something that has not happened in my journey as a pastor for 37 years.

In 2018 Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day, and Easter is on April Fool's Day.

Huh. Ain't that a hoot.

The day devoted to love stands alongside the day where we acknowledge the broken hearts and ashes of our own lives.

The day of bad jokes and pranks built around 'I didn't mean it!!' is also the day where we proclaim the greatest mystery and power of our faith – that Jesus is risen.

I don't know how you might feel about this accident of the calendar, but I have to tell you that it makes me a little jazzed. I think God calls us to live deeply into these seemingly opposite realities all of our lives.

We live with red hearts of love and have places where our hearts have some ashes on them.

We confidently proclaim the truth of God even at the times where everything seems to say to us, "You are a fool for believing this."

It is out of those realities bumping into each other that we get challenged, we get confirmed, and we get equipped to live in a world that does not see things like we do in any way, shape, or form.

Just like the disciples and followers of Jesus that first Easter.

Shalom,

Pastor Mike

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS FOR FEBRUARY...

February will be an amazing month of meaningful and important worship as you have the opportunity to hear about their incredible trip to Haiti taken by Kate and Emma Nafz, reflect on the interesting dates we begin and end the season of Lent this year, and start a new series of sermons for Lent entitled: “What Makes a Hero? The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus”.

February 4th : Communion with Kate and Emma Nafz sharing about their Haiti trip with pictures. A worship you do not want to miss.

February 11th : Sermon: ‘You Can’t Make This Stuff Up’

February 14th : Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
A special bi-lingual service to begin the Journey of Lent in the sanctuary with imposition of ashes and communion.

February 18th : First Sunday of Lent
Sermon: What Makes a Hero? – ‘Good, Evil, and God’

February 25th : Second Sunday of Lent.
Sermon: What Makes a Hero? – ‘Right, Wrong, and Holy’

LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

During Lent two small groups will be offered in addition to the ongoing Bible Studies on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 6 a.m. (Men’s Bible Study).

Pastor Mike will be leading a group that will study the book “What Makes a Hero? Jesus’ Death-Defying Ministry” on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Scott Lowe and Lin Hack will be leading a group that is using the book: “Coloring Lent” on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. The group meetings will be a chance to share discoveries from the coloring projects and to sharing in coloring a common picture for the day.

In addition, several books are available to order for your personal reading and reflection during Lent. A display of the books will be in the narthex of the sanctuary and orders may be made until February 4th. Books will be handed out on February 11th.





HUGO WANTS YOU AT RED BIRD 2018!!

July 14th - 21st, 2018 is the week of the next Red Bird Mission Trip.

The sign up is now open and registrations need to be in by March 1st.

The cost to participate is \$275 per person and a one half deposit on your trip (\$137.50) is due with your registration.

Any person who feels physically able and is up for a spiritual challenge is welcome to be part of the 2018 team. Participants need to be either 14 years old, or have finished 8th grade.

Any questions? Contact Pastor Mike (mrevmj@aol.com) or Pat Inglis (jpinglis@optonline.net)

Please use the registration form on page 5 **and the skills form below** to sign up for the 2018 trip.

And to the folks who support us with prayer...it is never too early to start!!

SKILLS FORM

Name _____

Age Group: Youth (Under 18)
 Young Adult (18-25)
 Over 25

Have you attended Red Bird or another work camp previously?

Yes No

Do you have any limitations that should be considered when making assignments for work sites (i.e. – fear of heights, physical limitations, medical conditions, etc.)?

Yes No If yes, what are they?

Mark each one with one of the following
 1= willing to learn; 2= some experience
 3= fairly competent; 4= Experienced/
 Can teach others

Painting	
Sheet rock	
Windows/Doors	
Roofing	
Decking/ Porches	
General Carpentry	
Masonry	
Flooring/ Tiling	
Minor Electrical	
Minor Plumbing	

Other skills: _____



Red Bird Mission Team Registration 2018

Name _____ email _____

Address _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Age Group: ___ Youth (14-17) ___ Young Adult (18-25) ___ Adult (25+)

T-shirt Size: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___ XX-Large

I understand that in signing up for the Red Bird Mission Trip that I commit myself to acting in accord with the highest standards to other participants on the trip and to all people we meet. In addition I understand that I am committing to participate fully in all parts of and events associated with the trip.

Signature: _____

For participants under 18:

*As parent/guardian of _____
I hereby give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the 2018 Red Bird Mission Trip to Beverly, Kentucky. July 14th -21st, 2018*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent's Contact Info:

Email: _____ Phone _____

(please attach skills form found on page 4)



FEBRUARY 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p><u>1</u></p> <p>9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room</p>	<p><u>2</u></p> <p>6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners</p>	<p><u>3</u></p> <p>8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba/Fellowship Hall 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting</p>
<p><u>4</u></p> <p>8am Youth Group Hoagie Prep. 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:15am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship 6pm Disciple Fast Track</p>	<p><u>5</u></p> <p>10-1pm Gleaners 7-9pm Gleaners</p>	<p><u>6</u></p> <p>9:30-4pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><u>7</u></p> <p>10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7pm Bells 7:15pm Zumba in Hall 8pm Choir</p>	<p><u>8</u></p> <p>9:30-4pm Gleaners 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room 7:30pm Al-Anon Study Group In Library</p>	<p><u>9</u></p> <p>6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners</p>	<p><u>10</u></p> <p>8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba/Fellowship Hall 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting</p>
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<p><u>25</u></p> <p>9:30am Worship, nursery 10:15am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship 6pm Disciple Fast Track 6pm Youth Group Mtg.</p>	<p><u>26</u></p> <p>10-1pm Gleaners 9-11am } <i>Loaves &</i> 7-9pm } <i>Fishes</i> 7-9pm Gleaners 7pm Naomi Circle</p>	<p><u>27</u></p> <p>9:30-4pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><u>28</u></p> <p>10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7pm Bells 7:15pm Zumba in Hall 8pm Choir</p>			

SPECIAL

Service

OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS

(Keith Worman 973-838-5538)

Dan Hack, Captain
Georgia Connell
Debby Smeilus
Debbie Pitt

VIDEO TECHNICIAN

(Pat Inglis 973-838-1916)

February 4th Pat Inglis
February 11th Jeff Matthews
February 18th Pat Inglis
February 25th Pam Campbell

LITURGISTS

(Lin Hack 973-492-1505)

If you are willing to serve as a
Worship leader for a Sunday morning
worship service, please contact
Lin Hack for details.

COFFEE HOUR

Rebecca Durren 973-492-1345
Sandy Weigel 973-835-5544

February 4th Bill & Linda Bosland
February 11th OPEN
February 18th Sindy, Mason & Myles
February 25th Vickie, Betty,
Georgia & Lea

ACOLYTES

(Alex Nafz 973-283-2668)

Emma Inglis
Ivy Campbell

SOUND TECHNICIAN

(Dan Hack 973-492-1505)

Karl Barton

COUNTERS

(Tim Campbell 973-768-2476)

February 4th Maurice & Dot
Cailleteau, Alison Bisanti
February 11th Linda Meilan,
Helen Guenter, Karen Bailey
February 18th Linda Bosland,
Janet Schaefer, Tim Campbell
February 25th Dawn Kruimer,
Jean Bresett, Sandi Smith



As we begin a new year of service here is a devotion to consider from My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers:

“When it pleased God...to reveal His Son in me...”

Galatians 1: 15-16

“The call of God is not a call to serve Him in any particular way. My contact with the nature of God will shape my understanding of His call and will help me realize what I truly desire to do for Him. The call of God is an expression of His nature; the service which results in my life is suited to me and is an expression of my nature. The call of the natural life was stated by the apostle Paul – “When it pleased God...to reveal His Son in me, that I might *preach* Him (that is, *purely and solemnly express* Him) among the Gentiles....”

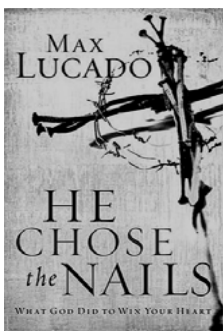
Service is the overflow which pours from a life filled with love and devotion. But strictly speaking, there is no call to that. Service becomes a natural part of my life. God brings me into the proper relationship with Himself so that I can understand His call, and then I serve Him on my own out of a motivation of absolute love. Service to God is the deliberate love-gift of a nature that has heard the call of God. Service is an expression of my nature. Therefore, when I receive His nature and hear His call, His divine voice resounds throughout His nature and mine and the two become one in service. The Son of God reveals Himself in me, and out of devotion to Him service becomes my everyday way of life.”

Discerning the Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer

Wednesday Nights 7:00-9:00pm in the Library,

Led by Amanda Zielenkiewicz

This 6 week study includes an online video, study guide and devotional. Suggested donation \$20.



He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado

Wednesday Nights 7:00-9:00

In the **Library beginning March 7, 2018**

Led by Rich Zielenkiewicz, this is a 4 week Lenten Study.

Suggested donation \$10.00



**ENROLLING NOW ...
FOR SEPTEMBER 2018.**

OPENINGS in 2, 3 and 4 year old classes.

Open Monday through Friday 7:00am – 6:00pm all year. If you or someone you know are looking for a home away from home for your child, call [973-492-3103](tel:973-492-3103) for a tour today.

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!!

CUMAC NEWS...

SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd, 2018
HAVE- A- HEART TRICKY TRAY
at *The Bethwood* in Totowa
12:00 – 3:00PM
Preview Time 11:30AM
Lunch 12:30 - 1:30PM



CUMAC, a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding people and changing lives, is having their first tricky tray event on Saturday, March 3 at The Bethwood in Totowa, NJ. Your ticket comes with a delicious lunch, a sheet of 20 prize tickets, and the chance to win over 60 amazing prizes and 50/50 raffle. Baskets include everything from plane tickets and Broadway seats to restaurant gift cards and special experiences. Tickets are just \$40 and all proceeds will help feed people & change lives. Tickets on sale soon. We hope to see you there!

\$40/person with a sheet of 20 tickets
\$20 for 20 Tier 1 Tickets
\$30 for 5 Tier 2 and 5 Tier 3 Tickets
Go to CUMAC.ORG or Call [973-742-5518](tel:973-742-5518)



Loaves & Fishes

Our supply closet could especially use donations cereal (hot & cold) and peanut butter and jelly this month, 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
- Canned peas, carrots
- Mixed vegetables
- Canned beans
- Canned tomatoes
- Boxed Cereals**
(hot & cold)
- Pancake Mixes
- Pancake Syrup
- Dried or Powdered Milk
- Peanut Butter**
- Cooking Oil
- Tomato Sauce
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- 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
- Shampoo

Thank you for your generosity,
Debby Smeilus, Coordinator



Youth Group Hoagie Sale

It's Super Bowl time again! Don't go hungry during the game! Don't stop watching to cook... let us do it for you!! The Butler United Methodist Youth Group is making super bowl hoagies again for you!

Each hoagie is only \$8 and comes stuffed with 10 ounces of ham, salami, pepperoni, American cheese, provolone cheese, and lettuce on locally made rolls.



Orders can be placed via email to:
timothy.d.hack@gmail.com
or through any youth group member. Payment is due at pick-up. Last chance to order is February 2nd, and pick-up is February 4th during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Youth Group!!

IN MEMORIAM

Al Catracchia January 9, 2018
(of Oviedo, FL ...father of Diane Fay)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Ephesians / Efesios 4:1-8	Luke / Lucas 12:22-32	1 Thessalonians / 1 Tesalonicenses 4:1-18
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Hosea / Oseas 2:14-20 2 Corinthians/2 Corintios 3:1-6 Psalm/Salmos 103:1-13 Mark/San Marcos 2:18-22	1 Peter / 1 Pedro 2:1-10	Jeremiah / Jeremías 3:1-14	Luke / Lucas 1:47-56	Isaiah / Isaías 63:7-14	James / Santiago 2:1-13	Luke / Lucas 6:27-36
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2 Kings/2 Reyes 2:1-12a 2 Corinthians/2 Corintios 4:3-6 Psalm/Salmos 50:1-6 Mark/San Marcos 9:2-9	Hosea / Oseas 14:1-9	Micah / Miqueas 6:1-8	Matthew / Mateo 12:22-37	Luke / Lucas 19:11-27	Hebrews / Hebreos 13:1-16	Ephesians / Efesios 2:1-10
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28			
Genesis/Génesis 17:1-10 Romans/Romanos 4:16-25 Psalm/Salmos 105:1-11 Mark/San Marcos 8:31-38	Luke / Lucas 16:1-13	Matthew / Mateo 20:20-28	Philippians / Filipenses 2:1-11			



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

Sundays, 11:00am – **“Coloring Lent”** (beginning February 18th)
Led by Scott Lowe & Lin Hack
6:00 to 7:30pm... **DISCIPLE FAST TRACK**

Wednesday Night Bible Study ... in the Library, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
“Discerning the Voice of God” led by Amanda Zielenkiewicz

Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30pm – **Spanish Bible Study**
7:30 pm (beginning February 15th) **Lent Study**
“What Makes a Hero? Jesus’ Death-Defying Ministry”
Led by Pastor Mike

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