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Musings from Mike

'Start With Why'

Before I begin this note I need to say 'thank you' to all of you for:

- All the prayer support to me, each other, and our common ministries.
- All the creative and persistent ways that you celebrated this holiday season in worship, study, and service to others.
- The passionate work done to decorate, sing, lead worship, and show up for each other.

It means a lot and it matters, thank you all very much.

As we begin a new year together I want to take a short season and reflect on the 'why' behind all this effort. For three Sundays in January I will offer you my reflections on three key whys we all need to answer in our faith journey: Why Jesus? Why Church? Why This Church?

There are two reasons to ask why of our faith and lives that matters the most (there are lots of other good reasons). First, having a healthy sense of why we do all this gives you and me the stamina and understanding to see us through times when things do not go well, along with making sure that we are giving our best efforts to the right things for the right reasons.

The second reason why it matters is that there are tons of people who want to know why we do this – the Christian thing – this journey of faith. People are desperate to be part of people who know who they are, why, and who practice the why in their life with integrity.

As I am preparing for these sermons I am finding the time helpful and important for my own faith and I hope that you will find that too...

Shalom,

Pastor Mike

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP FOR JANUARY 2019

January 6th : Epiphany Sunday and Communion
Matthew 2:3, 13, 16, 21; Luke 2:28-32, 49, 52
Meditation: "The Rest of the Story"

January 13th : "Why Jesus? – Grace and Truth"
John 1:1-14

January 20th : "Why the Church? – A More Excellent Way"
I Corinthians 12:27-13:7

January 27th : "Why This Church? – In Spite of Ourselves"
Genesis 18:1-15

MISSION TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA January 7th -12th, 2019

On Monday morning January 7th a team of rebuilders from Butler UMC will travel to Tarboro, North Carolina to spend four days rebuilding and repairing homes that were flood damaged in recent weather events.

The members of the team are: Jack Inglis, Bill Bosland, Hope Dean, Pedro Martinez, Alex Nafz, Mike Pitt, Manuel Vargas, Lourdes Calle, Pastor Mike McKay, and from Sparta UMC; Cullen Kempson.

We invite you to worship on Sunday, January 6th as we pray for and dedicate the team members and then we covet your prayer support as we travel, work, and live together – and above all – that God's will may be done in us and through us for the week.

Also, a special thank you to everyone for your generous support through the Christmas offering that will enable us to do more that we might have been able to and to support future teams.



RED BIRD MISSION 2019 ...

July 13th -20th, 2019

SIGN UPS ARE NOW OPEN

Sign-ups are now open for the 2019 Red Bird Mission Trip. Red Bird Mission is a week long, intense, and intentional experience of Christian Community and Service. We travel, eat, play, and work together for a week and while there are many parts of the trip that are challenging, participants report rewards and gifts back that are equal to or greater than the challenges faced.

Participants need to have completed 8th grade, or be at least 14 years of age. Construction skills are welcome by not required for you to participate in the trip. The trip is physically challenging but still can account for any physical challenges you might face. If you have questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Mike or any previous participant on a Red Bird Team.

Also, please consider inviting a friend or family member to share the Red Bird experience with you. First time participants are especially welcome to be part of the experience. The cost to each participant for the trip is \$275 and participation in team meetings and fund raising. If you are willing, we are so glad to have you on board.

On page 5 of this newsletter is a registration form, please prayerfully fill it out and return it to the church office with a \$125 deposit. We will be in touch with you on team meeting and fundraising dates.

Red Bird Mission Team Registration 2019

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Phone (Hm) _____ (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 2019 Red Bird Mission Trip to Beverly, Kentucky on July 13th to 20th, 2019

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____


Parent's Email _____

Parent's Cell #: _____



JANUARY 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 <u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Prayer Time 7:15pm Zumba in Hall	<u>3</u> 9:30-4:00pm Gleaners 6:30pm Choir 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room	<u>4</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners	<u>5</u> 8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
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SPECIAL

Service

OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS

(Keith Worman 973-838-5538)
(wormanke@aol.com)

Karl Barton, Captain
Jill Thomas
Cathi Berteele
Keith Worman

LITURGISTS

(Lin Hack 973-492-1505)
(lin_n_dan@hotmail.com)

NOTE: Dawn Kruimer is covering for Lin while she recovers. If you are willing to help out one Sunday please contact her at dksunrise@aol.com or 862-274-0631

January 6th Youth Group Class
January 13th Cathi Berteele
January 20th OPEN
January 27th Pat Inglis

COFFEE HOUR

Jill Thomas 973-879-6659
jilliethomas@aol.com
Sandy Weigel 973-835-5544

November 4th OPEN
November 11th Bill & Linda Bosland
November 18th Naomi Circle
November 25th OPEN

VIDEO TECHNICIAN

(Pat Inglis 973-838-1916)
(jpinglis@optonline.net)

January 6th Pam Campbell
January 13th Pat Inglis
January 20th Jeff Matthews
January 27th Pam Campbell

SOUND TECHNICIAN

(Dan Hack 973-492-1505)
(dannyparts@hotmail.com)

Jim Gawley

ACOLYTES

(Alex Nafz 973-283-2668)
(Alnafz@yahoo.com)

Maddie Durren
Dustan Marciano

COUNTERS

(Tim Campbell 973-768-2476)
(tjcamp13@optonline.net)

January 6th Carroll Campbell,
Vickie Boyd, Betty Greig
January 13th Maurice & Dot
Cailleteau, & Alison Bisanti
January 20th Linda Meilan,
Helen Guenter, Karen Bailey
January 27th Janet Schaefer,
Connie Anderson & Linda Bosland



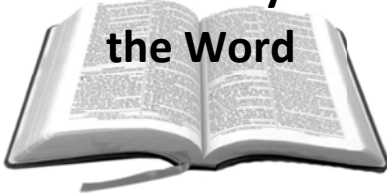
What Will You Do With Jesus?

The celebrations are over and a new year has begun. What will you do with Jesus? What will your answer be? Did you receive Him in your heart this Christmas? Did you crown Him as your King? What will you do with Jesus? Your answer is the key. Someday your heart will be asking, "What will He do with me? Like Mary, we learned, in trusting we'll see that nothing is impossible when we believe. And like the shepherds long ago, we can't wait to share the news and tell the whole wide world that He was born for me and you. And like the wise men from afar who came to worship the King, have we come to give the Lord a praise offering? Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the King, will we be His messenger and serve HIM joyfully?

If you answered Christ's knocking on the door of your heart you've already received the best Christmas present ever, but if you haven't it's never too late and it's time to begin. Prayerfully come to worship as Pastor Mike leads us through Scripture to answer the questions, Why Jesus, Why the Church, Why *this* Church.

Excerpted from the Best Christmas Present Ever,
Clydesdale & Clydesdale

Wednesdays in the Word



Wednesday Bible Study

begins January 16th

7:00 to 9:00pm in the Church Library

EVERYONE WELCOME!

LETTERS TO THE CHURCH by Francis Chan is a study of Jesus Letters to the Church found in the book of Revelation.

Please register by 1/6/19 via email at pamw@optonline.net or leave a message at 973-838-2026 x 15. A study guide is required, suggested donation is \$9.00.

The purpose of this 9 week study is to point us to the Bible and cause us to fall in love with God's original design for the Church.

Skylands District Foundational Leadership Training

Date: Saturday, January 19, 2019

Location: First UMC in Newton

The Foundational Leadership Training is designed for church officers, committee and team leaders, and people engaged in various ministries of the church to provide foundational understanding and leadership skills. Two workshop sessions provides opportunity for participants to choose different options to learn about their area of ministry and other more general leadership skills. There is no cost for the event, but pre-registration is requested so that we might be prepared with adequate numbers of materials for you.

Schedule for the Day

9:00 a.m. Registration and Fellowship Time

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration

10:15 a.m. Workshop Session 1

11:30 a.m. Break

11:45 a.m. Workshop Session 2

1:00 p.m. Adjourn for the Day

Administrative Workshops:

- Local Church Finances
- The Work of the Staff Parish Relations Committee
- The Ministry of the Board of Trustees
- Cyber-Security for Local Churches

Vitality Marker Workshops:

- The Stigma-Free Church
- Making Mission Happen
- Ministry through Small Groups
- Creating Worship Together
- Discipleship Pathway

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Loaves & Fishes

Our supply closet could especially use hot & cold cereals 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
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
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/Toothbrush
Soap
Shampoo

Thank you for your generosity,
Debby Smeilus, Coordinator



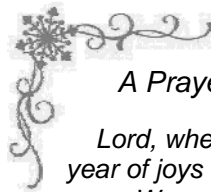
Dear Friends,

Thank you for the wonderful party that I have to tell you is my favorite party and I'm so sorry that I could not be there. It was my sisters' 65th birthday and she sent me a ticket so off I went to celebrate with her.

Over the years we've really enjoyed your warmth and caring in the true spirit of the holidays. You've been wonderful people and neighbors to Strengthen Our Sisters and we hope the New Year brings good health to all of you and continued support for our mission.

In struggle for a peaceful and non-violent society, I remain,

~ *Sandra Ramos*, Founder
MA Staff and Residents



A Prayer for the New Year

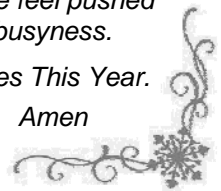
*Lord, whether we leave behind a
year of joys or of trials and difficulties,
We pause to give Thanks.*

*Thank you for being with us
every day of the year.
Thank you for making all things new
And for giving us the grace
of fresh starts and New beginnings.*

*Remind us of your presence in the days
to come, even when we feel pushed
and rushed by the busyness.*

Be Glorified in Our Lives This Year.

Amen



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		1 Thessalonians / 1 Tesalonicenses 1:2-10	Isaiah / Isaías 42:1-9	Luke / San Lucas 10:1-12	1 Peter / 1 Pedro 2:1-10	Colossians / Colosenses 3:12-17
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Isaiah/Isaías 60:1-6 Psalm/Salmos 72:1-14 Ephesians/Efesios 3:1-12 Matthew/San Mateo 2:1-12	Isaiah / Isaías 46:5-11	Hebrews / Hebreos 6:9-20	Matthew / San Mateo 19:16-30	Matthew / San Mateo 6:25-34	1 Corinthians / 1 Corintios 3:10-17	2 Timothy / 2 Timoteo 1:1-14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Isaiah/Isaías 61:1-4 Acts/Hechos 8:14-17 Psalm/Salmos 29 Luke/San Lucas 3:15-17, 21-22	John / San Juan 1:35-51	Matthew / San Mateo 9:9-13	Luke / San Lucas 9:23-27	Matthew / San Mateo 10:34-42	John / San Juan 10:22-30	Matthew / San Mateo 11:25-30
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Isaiah/Isaías 62:1-5 1 Corinthians/1 Corintios 12:1-11 Psalm/Salmos 36:5-10 John/San Juan 2:1-11	Luke / San Lucas 5:1-11	Jeremiah / Jeremías 1:1-10	Romans / Romanos 1:1-7	1 Peter / 1 Pedro 1:13-25	1 Peter / 1 Pedro 3:8-12	John / San Juan 21:15-23
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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.
Beginning January 16th ... **LETTERS TO THE CHURCH** by Francis Chan ... Everyone welcome!

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

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