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Musings from Mike

'My Heroes'

The staff at my Mom's Nursing Home who do a very hard job for not a lot of money or positive feedback.

People who are walking with loved ones (parents, children, spouses, friends) through some of the toughest times in their lives.

The people who are being evaluated by productivity, test scores, bottom lines, and all kinds of other numbers and who still manage to give time and attention to their co-workers and customers.

Every parent who teaches a lesson, gently corrects, and laughs out loud with their children in the midst of an off-the-chain schedule and lifestyle.

People who are facing the aches, pains, and downright terrifying realities of aging and yet retain an sense of humor about themselves and life.

Teens who are facing big things and yet managing to stretch themselves in great ways and are discovering incredible things about the world and themselves.

The people who live an intentional faith and who let the light of gracious love, God's kind of love, shine through them.

The people who serve with humility and grace in so many ways through the life and ministry of Butler UMC to make this place and community the amazing thing that it is.

They, and so many more, are my heroes. They amaze, inspire, and astound me. More importantly, they help me to know that the love of God is real because I see it at work in them.

Who are your heroes?

Shalom,

Pastor Mike

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS IN MARCH

During March Pastor Mike will continue the series; 'What Makes a Hero? The Death Defying Ministry of Jesus'.

Sermons for the month are:

March 4th: Holy Communion

Sermon: 'Us, Them, and the Body of Christ'

March 11th: Clocks go forward one hour on Saturday night.

Sermon: "Have, Have-not, and The Kingdom of God"

March 18th: Baptism for the Alesandro Twins

Sermon: "Old, New, and Covenant"

March 25th: Palm Sunday

Sermon: "Life, Death, and Resurrection"

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The week of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem, Last Supper, and death on the cross are some of the most dramatic and demanding parts of our faith. During Holy Week we mark those events with the following Services:

Holy Thursday 'Worship at the Table' - In the spirit of how Jesus worshipped with his disciples we will worship together in Fellowship Hall around tables and over a meal. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Worship will begin at 7:30 p.m. and include Communion and Footwashing. The service will be bilingual.

Good Friday Worship

Noon – Community Crosswalk – We meet at St. Anthony's RCC and begin a journey that takes us to Butler UMC, Butler Park, Lower Main St., and Bloomingdale UMC. Many hands are needed to carry the cross and symbols as we walk the streets and the scriptures to hear the story of Jesus suffering and death for us.

7:30 p.m. – Bi-Lingual Good Friday Service – We remember Jesus with this powerful service of scripture and music that helps us to remember the events and power of Good Friday.

EASTER OFFERING

The Church Council has agreed to designate the 2018 Easter Offering as follows:

- Half of the offering will help to pay for 500 bag lunches that will be packed on May 20th during Change the World Sunday as well as the Breakfast and Lunch that is served at the Eva's Village kitchen for one day. Our estimate is that those meals are served for \$10 per person and we have a goal of serving 250 people (\$2,500).
- Half of the offering will be designated for the Pastors of Butler UMC to help meet emergency needs from people in the church and community. Emergency housing, help with bills, medical needs are just a few of the needs that we will be able to assist with.

You are invited to use your regular Communion Offering Envelope or one of the Easter Offering Envelopes any time during Holy Week or the Sundays after to make a gift to the Easter Offering. We will be bringing someone from Eva's Village to talk about their meal program and to let you see the great work they are doing.



LAST CALL!! RED BIRD 2018 SIGN UPS

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 deposit (\$137.50) is due at 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 (mrevmjm@aol.com) or Pat Inglis (jpinglis@optonline.net)

Please use the included registration and skills form found in last month's newsletter, or contact the church office to sign up for the 2018 trip.

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

**Attention
Team Members**

On Sunday, March 11th at 5 p.m. there will be a **Team Meeting in Fellowship Hall** for everyone who is signed up for Red Bird 2018. At that time we will welcome first-time attenders, talk about fundraising, and pray together to begin our preparation as people and as a Team.

Red Bird Brunches are scheduled for Sundays following worship on March 25th; April 22nd; (possibly May 13th); and June 24th. Team members will be also be organizing other events in the area, stay tuned for updated information and announcements.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

In the coming months there are going to be a variety of service, mission, and celebration events in the life of the church, please be sure to mark your calendar and plan to be part of them:

March 26th – Community Blood Drive

Rich Zielenkiewicz is helping us to organize a blood drive with the Red Cross on Monday, March 26th. The event will be held in Fellowship Hall and times will be announced with sign up opportunities. Give the gift of life during Holy Week through a donation of blood.

April 1st – Easter Sunday Services

- 6 a.m. Bi-lingual Sunrise Communion Service in Butler Park
- 7 a.m. Easter Breakfast at BUMC Fellowship Hall.
- 9:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Service in English.
- 11:15 a.m. Easter Celebration Service in Spanish.

April 14th – Triad Choir in the Sanctuary. The incredibly talented Triad Choir returns to the sanctuary of Butler UMC of an evening concert.

April 20th – Bella Voce Choir in the Sanctuary.

May 5th – ‘6th Annual Voices for Hunger’ Concert. This amazing array of talent gathers to share beautiful music and raise money for the Community Food Bank in Hillside. Cash gifts and gifts on non-perishable foods are welcome.

May 20th – ‘Change the World Sunday’. We hit the streets to work with and for our neighbors to clean-up, improve and share good time together. Lunches will be packed for Eva’s Village at the church and projects in the Community will be announced.

June 9th – ‘Car Show and Barb-b-que’ at the Church. Come and see a beautiful array of vintage cars in the Church parking lot and then treat yourself to a delicious BBQ dinner on the front lawn of the church from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday, June 10th Noon – 3 p.m.)



MARCH 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p><u>1</u></p> <p>9:30-4pm 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>9:30am Worship, nursery 10:15am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship 6pm Disciple Fast Track Youth Group Soup Kitchen (TBA)</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 TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR TONIGHT!</p>
<p><u>11</u></p> <p>9:30am Worship, nursery 10:15am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship 5pm Red Bird Team Mtg 6pm Disciple Fast Track</p>	<p><u>12</u></p> <p>10-1pm Gleaners 7-9pm Gleaners</p>	<p><u>13</u></p> <p>9:30-4pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><u>14</u></p> <p>10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7pm Bells 7:15pm Zumba in Hall 8pm Choir</p>	<p><u>15</u></p> <p>9:30-4pm Gleaners 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room</p>	<p><u>16</u></p> <p>6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners</p>	<p><u>17</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>PALM SUNDAY <u>25</u></p> <p>9:30am Worship, nursery 10:15am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour/Bake Sale 11:15am Hispanic Worship 6pm Disciple Fast Track</p>	<p><u>26</u></p> <p>Community Blood Drive 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>	<p>HOLY THURSDAY <u>29</u></p> <p>9:30-4pm Gleaners 6:30pm Holy Thursday Dinner and Worship Service 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room</p>	<p>GOOD FRIDAY <u>30</u></p> <p>6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners Noon Cross Walk (meet at St. Anthony's) 7:30pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p><u>31</u></p> <p>8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba/Fellowship Hall 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting</p>

SPECIAL

Service

OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS

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

Karl Barton, Captain
Jill Thomas
Cathi Berteele
Ken MacKay

VIDEO TECHNICIAN

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

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

LITURGISTS

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

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

March 4 th	OPEN
March 11 th	OPEN
March 18 th	Jackie Inglis
March 25 th	Naomi Circle

ACOLYTES

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

Maddie Durren
Amber Campbell

COUNTERS

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

March 4 th	Carroll Campbell, Vickie Boyd, Betty Greig
March 11 th	Maurice & Dot Cailleateau, Alison Bisanti
March 18 th	Linda Meilan, Helen Guenter, Karen Bailey
March 25 th	Linda Bosland, Janet Schaefer, Tim Campbell

SOUND TECHNICIAN

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

Emma Nafz



We are in a time of preparation during Lent when we ask God “What would YOU have me give up?” and “What would YOU have me take up?” We can’t hear God’s answer if we don’t sit still long enough to first, ask the question and second, to “Be still, and know that I am GOD; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10.

If we are wondering why it doesn’t seem that God is being exalted among the nations right now, we need to first, ask ourselves, Are we exalting God in all that we say and do and prepare for? Are we allowing ourselves to be held captive by our worldly desires? “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity.” Jeremiah 29:11-14a.

Are we distracted from God by the daily news of chaos in the world? “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth; It will not return to me empty, but accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:6-11. Following Jesus baptism, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus response to each temptation from the devil was the WORD OF GOD. Read it in Matthew 4: 1-11. If we want to resist temptation and live in the victory of our Lord and Savior we need to follow His example and be equipped with the WORD OF GOD.

I pray that each of us will humble ourselves before God and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we read, understand and fall in love with the Bible during this Lenten season.
In Christ, <><



He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado

Wednesday Nights 7:00-9:00pm

In the Library beginning March 7, 2018

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

Suggested donation \$10.00

All Day Scrapbooking/Card Making/Crafting Event

Come for the whole day or half day and be in fellowship with other scrappers/stampers/crafters!!!

May 12, 2018

Butler United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall

Benefit: **Red Bird Mission Team**

9:00am – 9:00pm

Cost: \$70/whole day or \$35/half day

Any registrations **received after the May 5th deadline will be an additional charge of \$10.**

**Register
Early!**



**Space Is
Limited!!**

Breakfast, Lunch, Snack, Dinner, Dessert will be provided.

Goody Bags

Door Prizes

Scrapbook Prizes and a few Surprises!

Vendor for the event:

Creative Memories

Melissa Quinones

2074 Country Glenn Lane

State College, PA 16801

Melissaq_CM@yahoo.com

(814)308-8645

10% of Vendor Sales for the day will benefit the Red Bird Mission Team.

Registration Form

Registration / Payment must be received in the church office no later than May 5, 2018

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Dietary needs _____ Electrical needs _____

Whole Day: \$70 _____ Half Day: \$35 _____ 9:00am-3:00pm _____ 3:00pm-9:00pm

Make checks payable to:

Butler United Methodist Church, 5 Bartholdi Ave, Butler, NJ 07405

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Questions or information, please contact Dawn Kruimer (973)728-6704 Dksunrise@aol.com



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



Easter Hams Needed...

Our Loaves & Fishes ministry would like to provide each of our participating families with a special Easter dinner. To do so, we could use your help. If you could donate a ham for one or more of these families, please see Debby Smeilus or let the church office know as soon as possible. Donations would need to be in by March 26th. Thank you for your help.

A warm welcome to Owen Andrew Hack, born to Heather and DJ Hack on January 24th, 2018. Proud grandparents are Lin & Dan Hack and Dennis & Nancy Grossman.



Sunday, March 25th

The Naomi Sale will be hosting their annual Bake Sale on Palm Sunday during Coffee Hour. Don't forget to stop by the table in Fellowship Hall for some delicious treats!



God gave us sunshine, birds, and trees;
the star filled sky above –
God gave us beauty, flowers, friends,
and special ones to love.
But sometimes life brings us concerns
or cares from day to day,
So God gave us all a special gift
to help us on our way.
God gave us the assurance
that God's love is always there
To comfort and to guide us
through the miracle of prayer.

EASTER PLANTS

DEADLINE: March 20th

Orders are being taken for Easter flowers. Here is an opportunity for you to help beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, as you remember or honor a loved one. Please print clearly your name, and the names that you wish to remember or honor. Enclose \$10 and the tear-off portion of this page in an envelope marked "Easter Plants". This may be left in the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

I / We wish to order _____ Easter Plants. \$ _____ Enclosed.

Name of Donor: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Plants may be removed for your own enjoyment after the Easter Service. Any remaining plants will be distributed following the Spanish service. Thank you.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Hebrews / Hebreos 12:12-17	1 Peter / 1 Pedro 4:1-11	John / San Juan 12:20-36
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Exodus/Éxodo 20:1-17 1 Corinthians/1 Corintios 1:22-25 Psalm/Salmos 19:7-14 John/San Juan 2:13-22	1 Kings / 1 Reyes 8:22-30	Nehemiah / Nehemías 9:6-25	Romans / Romanos 4:16-25	James / Santiago 1:1-15	2 Corinthians / 2 Corintios 1:12-22	2 Peter / 2 Pedro 3:5-13
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2 Chronicles/2 Crónicas 36:14-23 Ephesians/Efesios 2:4-10 Psalm/Salmos 137:1-6 John/San Juan 3:14-21	Genesis / Génesis 32:22-32	Exodus / Éxodo 3:1-12	Isaiah / Isaías 55	2 Corinthians / 2 Corintios 4:1-6	1 Corinthians / 1 Corintios 13:1-13	Romans / Romanos 8:1-17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Jeremiah/Jeremías 31:31-34 Hebrews/Hebreos 5:7-10 Psalm/Salmos 51:10-17 John/San Juan 12:20-33	Luke / Lucas 19:1-10	Matthew / Mateo 18:10-14	Ezekiel / Ezequiel 36:22-30	Jeremiah / Jeremías 30:1-10	Hebrews / Hebreos 2:1-18	Romans / Romanos 5:1-11
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Isaiah/Isaías 50:4-9a Philippians/Filipenses 2:5-11 Psalm/Salmos 118:19-29 Mark/San Marcos 11:1-11	John / Juan 17:1-19	Romans / Romanos 6:1-14	John / Juan 10:22-30	Matthew / Mateo 16:21-28	Luke / Lucas 8:40-56	John / San Juan 12:44-50

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”** in Church library
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.
“He Chose The Nails” led by Rich Zielenkiewicz

Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30pm – **Spanish Bible Study**
7:30 pm **Lent Study** at the Parsonage
“What Makes a Hero? Jesus’ Death-Defying Ministry”
Led by Pastor Mike & Julie Artim

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