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Musings from Mike

'The Rooms Where it Happens'

'Sitting in church does not make you a Christian any more than sitting in the garage for an hour a week makes you a car.'

Sayings like this make lots of folks smile and nod their heads.

It mostly makes me want to bang my head on a table. Not because I have worked in physical churches for 40+ years, but because over those years it has been my privilege to see and be part of people's lives as they are upheld and changed for the better.

In the room where we worship, not less than 8 to 10 people share with me in leading God's people in the 'people's work' of praising and seeking God for ourselves and our world.

In the rooms where Gleaners Thrift Shop and Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry happens the church's neighbors join with us to give and receive the basics of life in a way that anyone can afford. What really matters is that we do all we can to welcome people in Jesus' name.

In Sunday School and Noah's Ark rooms adults who care help children and youth to know that in a big and often bewildering world they are held in the love and grace of God.

In a variety of rooms and Zoom boxes there are Bible Studies, a Men's Group, and three different groups in Spanish, as well as groups seeking addiction recovery and physical health. The conversations had there are open and honest and I am convinced that through them God is at work in people's lives.

Finally, there is what happens outside the rooms. People are more equipped to live their lives with meaning and purpose every day. People are encouraged and supported by God's Spirit in the holy work of being part of the larger community and fulfilling a Divine purpose for life. It is outside the rooms where people come alongside neighbors in need to do what they need – whether at Red Bird, sharing a meal with someone locally, making a visit, joining a hurricane clean up team, or coming together to make 500 lunches for Eva's Village and pick up trash in town on Change the World Sunday.

I am not asking you to believe that the physical church building has a place because I say so, believe it because you are here and from time to time God helps you to see it for yourself – but to get that you have to be in 'The Room Where It Happens'.

Shalom,

Pastor Mike



WORSHIP AND PREACHING FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Pastor Mike is concluding the sermon series on 'The Scandal of Forgiveness' and will begin a series for the Sundays of Advent called THE JOURNEY.

- November 7th Communion 'All Saints Sunday'
Matthew 5:38-48 'Getting Even'
- November 14th Romans 12:1-21 'The Arsenal of Grace'
- November 21st Bilingual Thanksgiving Service – The Butler UMC Anglo and Hispanic Community will join together to share prayer, music, the Word of God together.
Matthew 7:13-23 'The Grace-Full Christian'
- November 28th First Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:26-38
THE JOURNEY 'Mary of Nazareth'

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – November 7, 2021

All Saints is the day in the church calendar where we take some time to remember, pray for, and trust to God's care through the power of the risen Jesus. If you have a person in your life who you would like to include in our reading of saints, please use the following link

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebDfep8H2SN3AGhJS-0Bd2YKezLHvrh6AUP8nMmGEEvIU1A/viewform?usp=sf_link) to share your loved one's name(s). If your loved one died in the last year, please also include their picture. Please join us for worship that day as we remember all these children of God.

If it is not possible for you to access the link, the names and/or the other information may be sent or dropped off at the church office to be included. **All information should be submitted by November 3rd.**

LOAVES AND FISHES HOLIDAY MINISTRIES

Debbie Smeilus and the Loaves and Fishes Team work very hard to provide full dinners at Thanksgiving, and dinner with gifts (when requested) at Christmas. If you would like to be part of this ministry you are welcome to participate in the following ways:

All donations of holiday appropriate non-perishable foods is needed and will be used well. Donations may be brought to worship or the bins located by the Main Office and Gleaners entrances.

If you could pick up a tag for a Christmas gift or two from the Giving Tree that will be in the Narthex of the Church in November. You are also welcome to sign up for gift purchasing electronically using the link here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdssjqRyT597ejunxnlQo1xTzJSTia53pHoawhM6Jqkz8hp1w/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you would like to be part of distributing food and meals at Loaves and Fishes, our distribution days during the holidays are:

- November 20th 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and November 22nd 7 to 9 p.m.
- December 18th 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and December 20th 7 to 9 p.m.

Please use the following link to sign up and let us know you would like to volunteer:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOYce1TKBLMjn_C1H1CTvyDKkJdAR7UxmPwfdlKN7vYhFt0g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Loaves & Fishes



Our *Loaves & Fishes* Food Pantry needs several specialty items in order to provide items for a Thanksgiving dinner for our families. Won't you think about those families when you're grocery shopping and pick up something extra, so they too might enjoy a special meal with their family. All items are needed before the distribution on November 20th. Some of the items that are especially needed include:

- Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Sweet Potatoes
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Turkey Gravy
- Turkeys or Hams (there's a greater need for hams)
(If fresh please bring closer to Distribution Date)

Thank you for your generosity is supplying this important ministry.



NOVEMBER 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<u>1</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7-9pm Gleaners Open 7pm Bible Study on Zoom	<u>2</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-Anon in Hall	<u>3</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 3pm Zoom Support Group 7pm Zumba in Hall 7pm Bible Study/Church Library	<u>4</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 10am-1pm Gleaners Open	<u>5</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 9am-1pm Office Open	<u>6</u> 10-1:00pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting In Fellowship Hall 10:30am Church Conference On Zoom TURN CLOCKS BACK TONIGHT!
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY <u>7</u> 9:30am Worship / Online by 11 Sunday School 11:30am Spanish Worship	<u>8</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7-9pm Gleaners Open 7pm Zumba in Hall 7pm Bible Study on Zoom	<u>9</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-Anon in Hall	<u>10</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 3pm Zoom Support Group 6:30pm Choir 7pm Zumba 7pm Bible Study/Church Library 8pm Bells	<u>11</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 10am-1pm Gleaners Open	<u>12</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 9am-1pm Office Open	<u>13</u> 10-1:00pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting In Fellowship Hall
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<u>21</u> 9:30am Bi-Lingual Thanksgiving Worship / Online by 11 Sunday School	<u>22</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7-9pm Gleaners Open 7-9pm Loaves & Fishes 7pm Zumba in Hall	<u>23</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-Anon in Hall	<u>24</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 3pm Zoom Support Group 6:30pm Choir 8pm Bells	<u>25</u> 	<u>26</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting	<u>27</u> 10-1:00pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting In Fellowship Hall
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <u>28</u> 9:30am Worship / Online by 11 Sunday School 11:30am Spanish Worship.	<u>29</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 6pm Holiday Decorating 7-9pm Gleaners Open 7pm Zumba in Hall	<u>30</u> 9am-1pm Office Open 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-Anon in Hall				

Reminder... Church Council, November 6th

On Saturday, November 6th at 10:30am our annual church conference will meet via Zoom. The conference will be officiated by Rev. Dr. Steven Bechtold, and we will review the actions taken in the past year, approve salaries for the pastoral staff, and approve the budget for 2022.

All professing members of the Church are welcome and invited to attend and will have voice and vote at the meeting. An email with an online meeting link will be provided prior to the meeting.

Mission Opportunities

If you would like to be part of some important and life-changing Mission efforts there are two opportunities coming up through the life and ministry of Butler UMC:

NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP

We have had a rich and rewarding relationship with relief and rebuilding ministries in North Carolina addressing damage from previous hurricanes and floods. We are organizing a trip this January to Plymouth, NC on the Roanoke River to work with Carolina Relief Ministries.

The trip will be January 8-15, 2022 and participant's cost will be \$300 per person. The cost will cover room, building materials, breakfast, lunches, and transportation. Participants will be responsible for the cost of their evening meals and incidentals.

Please register for the trip here.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCQdhgTTmTSwp0npACZX-Mz1LI5QRPqpHf4O5Zav5xnuUCJQ/viewform>

If you have questions, reach out to Jack Inglis at: jackinglis1916@yahoo.com

HURRICANE IDA CLEAN-UP AND RELIEF

Butler Church will be organizing one day teams to do clean-up and rehab work in New Jersey. Teams will organize on Weekdays and Saturdays, depending on when folks are available.

Please register here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfogo2cCRisjlQx6xhQkgx0vcoGdk5QTfyJUwmPnzNlIjvw/viewform>

and let us know your availability and how we can best contact you.

DON'T FORGET YOUR 2020 GIVING CARD

During the end of October and beginning of November we are inviting members and friends of Butler UMC to renew and consider their giving to God through the life of the Church. Giving Cards are available from the Church Office and in Worship. This congregation's giving during the trying times of the last year and a half+ has been generous, God-honoring, and amazing. It is with great thankfulness and trust in what God has next for us you are invited to join with what God is doing here in Butler through your giving.

ORDERING YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS/DECORATIONS

Orders are being taken for Christmas Poinsettias and Decorations. Here is an opportunity for you to help beautify the sanctuary this Christmas, as you remember or recognize a loved one. As we have in the past, we will also purchase greens for the beautification of the Lord's Table and surrounding sanctuary.

Please use the following link to submit the names of those you wish to be remembered

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScF8Ugdzwm1I8d5Wc1u1ZsTeAFleZNPHMdgAJM_eo3W-p_ZFg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Each plant/decoration ordered is \$14 and you may use the payment button on the link to pay electronically, or you may send your payment to the church office, with a notation that the payment is for "Christmas flowers" ordered online.

If you are unable to use the link to submit the names, please print clearly your name, and the name(s) of person(s) whom you wish to remember or honor. Enclose your payment with that information in an envelope marked "Christmas flowers" for each plant/decoration ordered. This may be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on any Sunday. **Deadline for ordering is December 13th.**

Plants may be removed for your own enjoyment, or to give to one of our shut-ins following the Christmas Eve 9pm service.



Virtual Christmas E-Greeting

This year's Christmas card is going all virtual. With the help of April Inglis Gonzalez (april.k.gonzalez@gmail.com) we are using the web site: vidhug.com to help us produce video greetings this Advent and Christmas. The way it works is:

- Go to the website:
[https://app.memento.com/bumc-advent-christmas-ecard/ S43iXbri/record](https://app.memento.com/bumc-advent-christmas-ecard/S43iXbri/record)
- Click on the link just above from a device that has a video camera. (Ex: your cell phone) If you don't have access, just forward this email to someone who can do the video for you.
- Once you click on the link, scroll down and click on "Record". If you are on your phone, click on take a video. You then press the red button on your screen to start/stop recording.
- Once you are finished your recording, click on use video. A message will then pop up asking for your email address. Enter your email address here in order to have the final video sent to you once it is completed.
- That's it! Your message will then be on its way!
- **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are unable to record your own video and wish to participate, you will be able to record your video and have it submitted for you after worship on November 28th, December 5th or 12th
- Please submit your video by December 12th, when we have received all of them the videos will be put together in a single greeting that will be shared with you.

Tips to keep in mind when creating your messages:

- Limit your greeting to about 30 seconds (that does not sound like much but it can be a long time).
- Please be sure to share your names and your Christmas greetings to the church, and a word about something you are hoping for in 2022 with God's help.
- Please do have fun with hats, decorations, outrageous sweaters(?), or perhaps some decoration or tradition that is important to you and your family.

SPECIAL

Service

OPPORTUNITIES

SOUND TECHNICIAN

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

November	Jim Gawley
December	Karl Barton
January	Dan Hack

VIDEO TECHNICIAN

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

November 7 th	Pam Campbell
November 14 th	Pat Inglis
November 21 st	Jeff Matthews
November 28 th	Pat Inglis

COUNTERS

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

November 7 th	Carroll Campbell, Vickie Boyd & Betty Greig
November 14 th	Dawn Kruimer, Jean Bresett & Georgia Connell
November 21 st	Jeff Matthews, Linda Bosland & Janet Schaefer
November 28 th	Linda Meilan & Karen Bailey

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Loaves & Fishes

Can you help?? The supply closet could use replenishing of the items this month, which are in **bold type below** but any of the items on the list can be used to help our families supplement their monthly food budget. (Please note special Thanksgiving meal needs on page 4.) Donations can be put in the bin in the lower parking lot, by the entrance for the church office.

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Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Tuna
Canned Fruit

Canned vegetables

Canned beans
(Red, black & cannelloni)
Canned tomatoes
Cooking Oil

Hot or Cold Cereals

Pancake Mixes/Syrup
Dried or Powdered Milk
Peanut Butter

Ketchup, mustard, mayo
Tomato Products

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Boxed Potatoes
Stuffing

Rice Side Dishes
Bags of White Rice
Soup

Dried Beans – Red or Black
Jelly – Strawberry & Grape

Snack foods
Paper towels

Toilet paper

Tissues / Napkins

Toothpaste/Toothbrush
Soap / Shampoo/Conditioner
Bleach

Dish / Laundry Detergent
Cleaning Wipes

Thank you for your generosity,
Debby Smeilus, Coordinator