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All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:

*The Lord God
made them all.*



Well-ness Words: Mind, Body & Soul

Living the Resurrected Life

By Pastor Iraida



(This written piece is a revised version of "Living the Life," from April 2014, written after a season of preparation for my interview with the Board of Ordained Ministry and learning that the Board affirmed me as an elder in full connection in the United Methodist Church for ordination at the Annual Conference in May 2014. I had been running away from God's purpose in my life for too long, but finally, it caught up with me. Amen!).

What if Jesus had given in to John's feelings of unworthiness to untie the sandals on Jesus' feet, had given in to the temptations offered by Satan, had chosen to "unfriend" the twelve disciples because of their failure to figure out his riddles (parables), would have chosen any other day besides the Sabbath to perform miracles, had chosen to give Peter professional swimming lessons instead of allowing him to try to walk on water, would have decided to take the multitude out to dinner to experience fine dining instead of feeding them with fish and bread straight out from a child's basket, would have taken the water out of the well himself instead of asking the Samaritan woman for water, had chosen the broader way instead of the narrow path, would have decided to die a different death, at a different time, and under normal circumstances?

Decisions and choices seem easy enough. We make them all the time, don't we? And we too often pay high prices for it.

God always has our BEST interest at heart and plans the BEST for us. Why, then, is God's success rate so seemingly low? When we make choices and decisions that do not align with God's plan and purpose in our lives, we fail miserably because we don't measure the consequences of our actions and inactions and end up affecting ourselves and the lives of many others around us.

God fearfully and wonderfully created each of us with a unique purpose in life. God's plan for us is a life of abundant joy, love, peace, and hope in a tangible Kingdom that is livable here and now and eternal and flawless. On the other hand, we insist on living our lives constantly derailing ourselves from that path and purpose. We continuously run away from ourselves, determined to find our purpose in life that is suitable to us in our manner, and in this running, we are exhausted, weary, and lost. And even worse, we alienate ourselves from family and friends. Can we separate ourselves from the love of God even when we have driven ourselves to feel separated from God?

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Paul, in his letter to the Romans in chapter 8, sheds some healing light our way and provides us with an opportunity for reconciliation with God, self, and others:

“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Jesus chose to humble himself, resist temptation, walk with us despite our human condition, and show us that we should love ourselves, our neighbors, and God above all things, no matter what day of the week. Jesus taught us of God’s faithfulness, riches, and abundance by sharing a meal as little as it may have seemed. Drinking living water sends us running to witness and testify to the love of God. Jesus chose to walk that narrow path to Calvary and bore our sins, stubbornness, shame, doubts, fears, arrogance, and humanness. God’s giving of God self to be with us, teach us, love us, heal us, care for us, die for us a death of cross which pours on us the crimson red blood of the Lamb that takes away our sins, washes us of our transgressions until clean and makes us pure as white snow. Through this love called Jesus, there is a resurrection that promises us a new day, birth, and life with the Holy Spirit to guide us, comfort us, counsel us, and lead us from this life into the next, and we are never alone.

We cannot boast of God’s actions for us, with and through us. It’s called grace, and grace is an unmerited gift from God. But to boast about the right choice and the decision that we have made to follow God and to accept God’s will in our lives and desire God’s purpose even when it goes against our flesh desires, dreams, and passions is called witness (2 Corinthians 10:17, “Let he who boasts, boast in the Lord”)! And it is this which we celebrate! It is our daily resurrection! Like Jesus told the crowd in his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, “...if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” (Luke 19:40b)

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What was your wilderness journey like this past Lenten season? In what ways did you experience closeness with Jesus, personal growth, healing, spiritual awareness, and mindfulness? Did you experience an alignment with God's will and purpose in and for your life? How are you celebrating this gift? If you find yourself in the in-betweens, don't stop now! Keep pressing on!

Live life as the resurrected people in Christ that we are so that others may live the life!

In Christ,

Pastor Iraida

Each month a project or mission is named to which members and friends are invited to make a Communion Offering. Envelopes for the Communion Offering are available or you may make use of the Giving Button on the Church Web Site (www.bumcnj.org). Simply click onto 'Communion' and your offering will be applied to that month's designated mission.

**Communion
Offering**



The Communion offering for April is dedicated to our *Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry*. Each month the pantry serves over 100 families, and even with the generous donations of food items, there are still several items which need to be purchased to keep the shelves stocked. Your support of this month's Communion offering will be put to good use in meeting an ever increasing need.



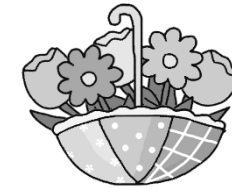
Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, April 6th – 8:30 am

We need you! ... to help beautify our church grounds! All ages are welcome, there's something for everyone to do. We'll meet in the upper parking lot on Saturday, April 6th, at 8:30am for instructions.



APRIL 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<u>1</u> 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7-9pm Gleaners Open NO Zumba	<u>2</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-Anon	<u>3</u> 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting NO Zumba NO Choirs	<u>4</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-A-Teen (Youth Rm) 7pm Ball Room Dancing in Hall 8pm Estudio Biblico	<u>5</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting	<u>6</u> 8:30am Spring Clean-Up 10-1:00pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
<u>7</u> 9:30am English Worship and Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:30am Spanish Worship	<u>8</u> 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7-9pm Gleaners Open 7pm Zumba in Hall	<u>9</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-Anon 7pm Bible Study	<u>10</u> 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 6:30-7:30pm Choir 7pm Zumba in Hall 7:30pm Spanish Praise Team	<u>11</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-A-Teen (Youth Rm) 7pm Ball Room Dancing in Hall 8pm Estudio Biblico	<u>12</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting	<u>13</u> 10-1:00pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
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<u>28</u> 9:30am English Worship and Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:30am Spanish Worship	<u>29</u> 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7-9pm Gleaners Open 7-9pm Loaves & Fishes 7pm Zumba in Hall	<u>30</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-Anon 7pm Bible Study				



Loaves & Fishes

The Easter distribution cleared our shelves! Help us to restock ... the requests for help continue to rise, and we need your help more than ever. Any and all donations are needed and appreciated, but **please check expiration dates and make sure all packages are sealed and not used.** If you can donate any of the following, it would be a great help ... the items listed below in bold print are particularly needed each month...

Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Tuna

Canned Fruit

Canned Vegetables

Canned Red & Black Beans

Dried Red & Black Beans

Canned Tomatoes

Cooking Oil

Hot or Cold Cereals

Pancake Mixes

(just add water type)

Sugar

Toilet Paper

Toothpaste

Deodorant

Shampoo / Conditioner

Dish Detergent

Cleaning Wipes

Peanut Butter

Jelly – Strawberry or Grape

Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo

Tomato Products

Pasta Side Dishes

Pasta / Pasta Sauce

Boxed Potatoes

Rice a Roni/Pasta Roni

Bags of White Rice

Soup

Snack Foods

(chips/cookies/nuts/granola bars)

Paper Towels

Tissues / Napkins

Toothbrush

Hand Soap

Bleach

Laundry Detergent

Any donations of non-refrigerated items from the above list can be left in the *Loaves & Fishes* bin outside the church office or in the entry to the Narthex, clearly marked for *Loaves & Fishes*. **No time to shop, no problem...** monetary donations are always welcome. They can be made online, mailed to the church office, or dropped in the offering plate. Just please be sure they are designated for *Loaves & Fishes*.

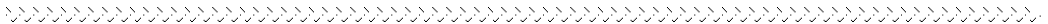
Thank you for your generosity,
Debby Smeilus, Coordinator

Mother's Day Honor Roll



Mother's Day is just a few weeks away... If you would like to honor a special woman in your life ... your mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, teacher or friend, by including them on our *Mother's Day Honor Roll*, please fill in the form below and put it in an envelope with your donation and either mail it to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate by May 5th .

Your gift of \$10 per name helps meet our church's pledge to United Methodist Communities, formerly known as United Methodist Homes. Their goal is to help seniors successfully age-in-place, whether they remain in their own homes or choose to live on one of the 10 campuses across New Jersey.



Please include the following on this year's Mother's Day Honor Roll:
(PLEASE PRINT)

	In Honor	In Memory
Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Given By: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Scrapbooking/Card Making/Crafting Event

Come and be in fellowship with other scrappers/stampers/crafters

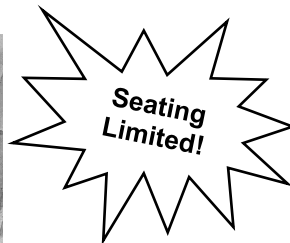
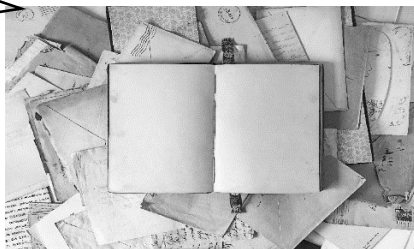
May 4, 2024

Butler United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall

Benefit: Butler United Methodist Church

9:00am – 6:00pm

Cost: Whole Day \$60



Breakfast, Lunch, and Snacks will be provided.
Goody Bags, Door Prizes

Registration Form

**Deadline to register will be April 26th so we can make sure to have enough food for all.
Thank you!**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Dietary needs _____ Electrical needs _____

Cost: \$60 Whole Day

Make checks payable to: Butler United Methodist Church, 5 Bartholdi Ave, Butler, NJ 07405
PayPal or Venmo via the church website www.bumcnj.org, please mark your payment for
Scrapbook Day. Church office phone: (973) 838-2026

For questions or information, please contact Dawn Kruimer (862)274-0631 Dksunrise@aol.com

SPECIAL

Service

OPPORTUNITIES

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Karl Barton

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

(Pat Inglis 973-838-1916)

(pat.inglis@bumcnj.com)

April 7th Pat Inglis
April 14th Pam Campbell
April 21st Lauren Thorburn
April 28th Pat Inglis

WORSHIP LEADERS

(Dawn Kruimer 862-274-0631)

April 7th OPEN
April 14th Jeff Zeigler
April 21st Laura Weingartner
April 28th Lauren Thorburn

COUNTERS

(Tim Campbell 973-768-2476)

(tjcamp13@optonline.net)

April 7th Linda Meilan & Karen Bailey
April 14th Dawn Kruimer & Jean Bresett
April 21st Carroll Campbell, Janet Schaefer
& Jeff Matthews
April 28th Linda Meilan & Karen Bailey



The most powerful weapon against trials is Prayer. Please join us as we pray for:

Samuel Dugan (healing)
Bill Bosland (recovery from surgery)
Linda Bosland (strength)
Greg Beaumont (healing)
Jackie Beaumont (strength)
Betty Greig (healing)
Linda Meilan (healing)
Carroll Campbell (healing)
Carolyn Campbell (strength)
Ricardo Rico
Susan Davenport (strength)
Laura Weingarten (strength) and
Her Mom (healing)
Denise Mott (strength) and
Her Mom (healing)
Peter Shepard (Health)
Enid Amaro (Health)
Eileen Weinbrecht (Health)