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Well-ness Words: Mind, Body & Soul



³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Acts 2:37-39

The people, Jews, Gentiles, foreigners, and converts alike, began to gather after Jesus' resurrection, without a clue to what's next. Peter began gathering a crowd that would soon be willing to take on the task. In the book of Acts, popularly known among scholars as the sequel to Luke, authored by Luke, Peter begins to share a message that is both concerning and hopeful. After witnessing in his sermon the death of Jesus through crucifixion, it seems as though Peter continues to feel guilt and shame for the times he spoke up to soon, denied Jesus, and couldn't recognize Jesus at the shore while trying to carry his disappointment, shame, or guilt, transfers his emotions to Jews and others present, reminding them in what way all had some role in Jesus' death. Peter's comment cut to the heart of the people, meaning they felt a "deep emotional or spiritual impact, leading to conviction, remorse, or a desire for change."

"What should we do?" is a question that pastors and church leaders love to hear from their congregations and communities. It inspires the desire for newness and helps the church maintain its relevance in an ever-changing community and world. The community tends to look to its religious leaders or to what they have learned from life itself for guidance and wisdom on how to respond during communal adversity, hardships, and even celebrations.

On Holy Wednesday, a fire engulfed Main Street businesses and apartments, triggering a three- to four-alarm response. First responders, firefighters, and police arrived in minutes. All worked tirelessly until the fire was under control. Thanks be to God, all lives are safe. Soon enough, the community responded to the question, "What can we do?"

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Some joined efforts with business owners, some responded to caring for firefighters, first responders, and the police. Others from the community ensured that store signs from well-known, long-time businesses were preserved at the Butler Museum. Butler United Methodist Church became the voice, the hands, and the feet of Jesus for the least of these and responded to the question, "What should we do?"

Butler United Methodist Church and the Butler community heeded the call, and our church became a collection center and depository for generous donations of clothes, gift cards, and food. Fellowship Hall became a safe place for the Red Cross to register cases. Food and coffee, prepared by our church members, were served to all who came seeking guidance and a place to process what had happened, in the company of church members.

The church will always find what to do when it asks the right, tough question: "What should we do?" Though we don't want tragic things to happen, we should always be willing to do what Jesus would want us to do. And do it in the love, mercy, compassion, and grace that Jesus taught us and gave us freely.

Thank you for all that you did during the two weeks following the Main Street fire, whether through Gleaners, Loaves and Fishes, with the survivors, and in and for the community. With patience, understanding, love, and joy, what we do together goes a long way!

In Christ,

Pastor Iraida

Happy Mother's Day



***She is clothed in strength and
dignity, and she laughs without fear
of the future. Proverbs 31:25***



Cinco de Mayo, May 5, 2026

Mother's Day, May 10, 2026, with Holy Communion

Ascension Day, Thursday, May 14, 2026

Ascension Sunday, May 17, 2026

**Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, May 17th
through May 19**

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026

Flag Day, June 14, 2026

Juneteenth, Friday, June 19, 2026

Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, 2026



*The Hospitality Committee will be hosting **Coffee Hour Sunday, May 3rd**. All are welcome to enjoy food, refreshments and conversation! We look forward to seeing everyone in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 9:30 service!*

Looking ahead:

- *Join us June 7th as we kickoff Summer with a picnic themed coffee hour!*
- *Let's celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence! - bring 4th of July themed desserts / food on July 5th!*
- *I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM! Come enjoy an ice cream social August 2nd!*

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
For
Missions**



The Communion Offering for May has been designated for the **Rice & Beans Ministry**, which is dedicated to providing hope and joy to the children of Costa Rica, Brazil and the United States. They seek to build relationships, support families and communities, and care for those in need through three primary ministries: Food Ministry, Children's Ministry, and Construction Ministry. They visit families daily to deliver food and pray as a way of sharing God's love. They visit the schools to work with children and their teachers. Throughout home visitation and time with the schools, they encounter many needs to repair or build homes. With our help the *Go Live Love* gifts campaign provides the children with a backpack filled with small toys, creative items such as crayons and coloring books, and personal care essentials. Our Gift enables them to improve lives in your backyard and in communities around the world, changing lives, sharing vision and love for our neighbors. Won't you give generously to support this special mission?

The June Communion offering will be dedicated to our Loaves & Fishes Backpack ministry.

Communion Offerings 2026

On Communion Sundays (usually the first Sunday of each month), a special offering, in addition to tithes, pledges, and offerings, is collected for the following missions and ministries. Please identify the designated mission and the amount on a separate envelope

May	Rice & Beans Ministry	September	Butler Fire Department
June	Loaves & Fishes/Backpacks	October	World Communion
July	Tri Boro First Aid Squad	November	Loaves & Fishes
August	Animal Shelters	December	General Funds

Other **2026 Special Offerings:** (subject to change if a specific need arises)

April – Easter Offering – General Funds

December – Christmas Eve Offering – General Funds

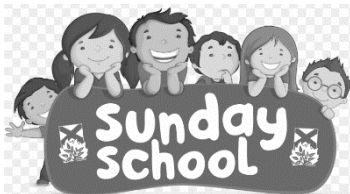
Summer Book Reading List

Summer is right around the corner, and beautiful days are coming, perfect for enjoying a refreshing drink with a book in hand on a porch, in a hammock, or in your go-to room in your favorite chair. Here are some suggestions:

- Amy Oden, **Right Here, Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness.** Abingdon Press, 2017.
- Patrick Saint-Jean, **The Spirituality of Transformation, Joy and Justice: The Ignatian Way for Everyone.** Broadleaf Books, 2023.
- Kirk Byron Jones, **Rest in the Storm: Self-Care Strategies for Clergy and Other Caregivers, 20th Anniversary Edition,** Judson Press, 2021.
- Kirk Byron Jones, **Fulfilled: Living and Leading with Unusual Wisdom, Peace, and Joy,** Abingdon Press, 2013.
- Octavia F. Raheem, **Pause, Rest, Be: Stillness Practices for Courage in Times of Change,** Shambhala, 2022.

BALLROOM DANCING

Ballroom Dancing continues to meet from 6:30-7:30 **on Thursdays.** We will return to 7:00 once bells ends for the summer. Any questions?? You can call or text Kate Nafz (973) 879-0320 with any questions or for more information. Please join us for free instruction. No experience is needed.



Children of all ages are welcome to join us for Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00am in the church library. Please note, Sunday School will not meet on May 24th & 31st, but will then return to class through June 14th.



Father's Day Honor Roll

If you would like to honor a special man in your life ... your father, grandfather, brother, uncle, teacher or friend, by including them in our Father's Day Honor Roll, please fill in the form below and put it in an envelope with a donation of \$10 per name and either mail it to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate anytime before June 14th.

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.

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Please include the following on this year's Father's Day Honor Roll:

(PLEASE PRINT)

In Honor In Memory

Name: _____

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Given By: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



Pentecost
Sunday

MAY 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>3</u> 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am English Worship 10am Sunday School 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:30am Spanish Worship	<u>4</u> 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7-9pm Gleaners Open 7pm Zumba in Hall	<u>5</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-Anon	<u>6</u> 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7pm Zumba in Hall 7pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>7</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 6 pm Choir 6:30pm Ball Room Dancing 7:30pm Bells	<u>1</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 6:30pm Scrapbooking Set Up <u>8</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting	<u>2</u> 9-6pm Scrapbooking in Hall 10-1:00pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting <u>9</u> 10-1:00pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
Mother's Day <u>10</u> 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am English Worship 10am Sunday School 11:30am Spanish Worship	<u>11</u> 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7-9pm Gleaners Open 7pm Zumba in Hall	<u>12</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-Anon	<u>13</u> 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7pm Zumba in Hall 7pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>14</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 6 pm Choir 6:30pm Ball Room Dancing 7:30pm Bells	<u>15</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting	<u>16</u> 10-1:00pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
<u>17</u> 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am English Worship 10am Sunday School 11:30am Spanish Worship Greater New Jersey Annual Conference in Wildwood ... 17 th – 19 th	<u>18</u> 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7-9pm Gleaners Open 7pm Zumba in Hall	<u>19</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-Anon	<u>20</u> 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7pm Zumba in Hall 7pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>21</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 6 pm Choir 6:30pm Ball Room Dancing 7:30pm Bells	<u>22</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting	<u>23</u> 10-1:00pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
Pentecost Sunday <u>24</u> 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am English Worship 11:30am Spanish Worship	<u>25</u> 	<u>26</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 7pm Al-Anon	<u>27</u> 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting 7pm Zumba in Hall 7pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>28</u> 10am-1pm Gleaners Open 6 pm Choir 6:30pm Ball Room Dancing 7:30pm Bells	<u>29</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am-Noon Gleaners Sorting	<u>30</u> 9:30-12:30pm Loaves & Fishes 10-1:00pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
<u>31</u> 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am English Worship 11:30am Spanish Worship						

Generosity Today and Tomorrow—Part I

Why We Give Thanks

Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will reek upon us, ⁷⁹ to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

A Grateful Heart

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus Cleanses Ten Men with a Skin Disease

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gift of Giving

Acts 2:43-47

Life among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

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The Gift of Giving Acts 2:43-47

Life among the Believers

⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous^[c] hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Gift of Service Romans 12:4-8; Matthew 16:13-18

⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

The Gift of Time Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; Mark 12:32-34

Everything Has Its Time

3 For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; ⁵a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; ⁷a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

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The Gift of Time

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; Mark 12:32-34

The God-Given Task

⁹What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. ¹⁴I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it; God has done this so that all should stand in awe before him. ¹⁵That which is already has been, that which is to be already is, and God seeks out what has gone by.

Mark 12:32-34

³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself"—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gift of Witness

John 4:28-30; 39-42

⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

What is Tithing?

Malachi 3:10

¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

Loaves & Fishes

The Food Pantry has been very busy, and we need to have our staple items restocked each month... pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, tuna fish for this month. 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 staple 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

Side Dishes

(Ricearoni, Knorr pasta or rice sides)

Pasta / Pasta Sauce

Boxed Potatoes

Bags of White Rice

Soup

Snack Foods

(chips/cookies/nuts/granola bars)

Paper Towels

Tissues / Napkins

Toothbrush

Hand Soap / Bar 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

Message from our Church Historian Keith Worman

This photo shows the front entryway into the Butler Methodist Tabernacle on Bartholdi Ave. It was probably taken around 1950. You can see the “Mothers’ Window” above the entrance. It is the same stained glass window depicting the Last Supper now



above our present sanctuary entrance. That window was given by many in honor of mothers who endured worries during WW2.

In the photo, the pastor’s study is to the right and a conference room to the left. The educational and fellowship hall were not constructed yet so all activities, like Sunday School, were held in the basement.

Two sets of the original doors are used by the Gleaner’s Shop.

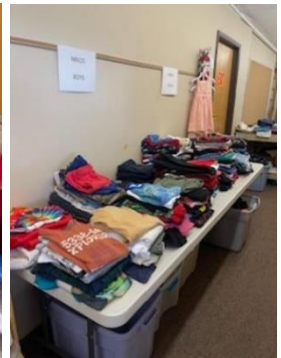


If you, your friend, or someone in your family is graduating this year, please give us their name and the name of the school they are graduating from and, if possible, what their plans for the coming year are, so we can include them in our Graduates Honor Roll next month. These graduates can be from all ages, nursery through college, and names can be left in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or emailed to me at pat.inglis@bumcnj.com.

Thank You to our Butler Family...

On Thursday, April 2nd, a devastating fire struck in downtown Butler, leaving several occupants with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Word went out, seeking help for those who had lost so much, and the community responded immediately with canned and non-perishable goods, clothes, bed sheets, towels, toiletries, gift cards and cash, allowing those residents to stay temporarily at nearby hotels after Red Cross assistance ran out.

All the donations were sorted in the Education wing of our church, and the survivors were welcomed in to replace at least some of what they had lost. Thanks to the generosity of our community, at least some of the burden was lifted from their shoulders. Below are a few pictures of the many donations received, and we send our warmest *Thank You* to all who donated or helped with the sorting and distributing of these items.



SPECIAL

Service

OPPORTUNITIES

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Karl Barton

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

(Pat Inglis 973-650-1830)

(pat.inglis@bumcnj.com)

Pat Inglis

COUNTERS

(Jeff Ziegler 732-236-7178)

(jeffziegler129@gmail.com)

May 3 rd	<i>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</i>
May 10 th	Jeff & Deb Matthews
May 17 th	Dawn Kruimer
May 24 th	<i>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</i>
May 31 st	Jeff & Deb Matthews

WORSHIP LEADERS

(Dawn Kruimer 862-274-0631)

May 3 rd	Julie Artim
May 10 th	OPEN
May 17 th	Cathi Berteele
May 24 th	Julie Artim
May 31 st	OPEN



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

Elizabeth Peters (healing)
Peter Valk (healing)
Sandy Breyer (strength)
Jean Tullo (healing)
Linda McKeever (recovering from surgery)
Terry Medino (healing, strength)
Karen Alisse (strength)
Conchita Laporte (surgery recovery)
Mark Gallo (coma from septic shock)
Albert Miller (Dawn Kruimer's brother, healing)
Teresa Ziegler (strength, healing)
Keith Worman (strength, healing)
James H. (car accident)
Sue Zee (Health)
Wilma (healing)
Claudia (healing)
Anthony (strength)
Jerri (health, healing)
Michele Barton (health)
John Bosma (healing)
Lucy Matyisin (health)
Bob & Linda Corter (health & healing)
Pam Shirley (healing)
Liz Mack (healing)
Carroll Campbell (healing)
Carolyn Campbell (strength)
Sandy (Teresa) Weigel (healing)
Tom Fox (strength & healing)
Ricardo Rico (strength)
Susan Davenport (healing/strength)
Denise Mott (strength) & Her Mom (healing)
Enid Amaro (Health)
Eileen Weinbrecht (Health)