



**Being
United in Christ
Teaching the Word
Loving and Caring
Empowering and Enabling Disciples
Responding to Needs**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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TABERNACLE TIMES

***** APRIL 2018 *****

HE IS RISEN

Forgiven

For God so Loved the World

LAMB ^{of} God

love

He is Risen Indeed

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

HALLELUJAH

Eternal Life

Redeemer

my savior



Musings from Mike

Easter and April Fools – Perfect Together!!

Easter on April 1st.

If you are cynical you could say that both days take advantage of how gullible people can be and that Jesus' disciples and followers have perpetuated the biggest April fool's joke of all time.

But you know, I think there is more to the story than that. For instance:

- Why would Jesus followers so willingly give themselves to suffering and death to keep a joke going?
- When was the last time a joke inspired people to serve their neighbors in need, at great cost to themselves?
- Would you give yourself and your resources to a movement that is just kidding?

No, and I wouldn't either. I think this is what sets the resurrection of Jesus apart. The resurrection has caused people to be able to face and live with their worst moments (think Peter). The resurrection has changed the path of people's lives (think Paul). The people who are the followers of the Risen Jesus have conquered empires without picking up a weapon, have built places where art, learning, music, and great community happen, have been on the picket lines when that was needed, and have gone to places of great poverty and even danger and they were unafraid.

I don't think the resurrection is a joke and I don't think the people who follow the risen Jesus are fooling themselves or anyone else either.

It is the remarkable fact at the center of who we are – we are Jesus followers and He Is Risen!

Shalom,

Pastor Mike

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS IN APRIL

In April, Pastor Mike will begin a series of sermons on 'Signs of Hope' for Easter People.

On each Sunday, he will look at ways that the resurrection has empowered real word actions and attitudes for those who are following Jesus.

April 1st : EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Butler Park

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Church Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Easter Communion –

Sermon – 'The Story that Never Ends'

11:15 a.m. Easter Communion in Spanish

April 8th: John 20 - Sermon 'Follow Me'

April 15th: Signs of Hope – 'A Story of Hope'

April 22nd: Signs of Hope – 'Partners for the Journey'

April 29th: Signs of Hope – 'The Language of Justice'

May 6th: Signs of Hope – 'Together We Rise'

May 13th: Signs of Hope – 'Living Life with a Mission'

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.

RED BIRD 2018 TEAM EVENTS

We are happy to announce that there are again close to 30 members of the 2018 Red Bird Team from Butler UMC that will be traveling to southeastern Kentucky to be part of repairing and improving homes in the area and growing together through the experiences and conversations through the whole week.

Throughout the spring and early summer the Team will be hosting several fund raising events and a Dedication Sunday in worship the week before we leave. We invite you to mark your calendar and be part of supporting the team as it prepares.

- Sunday, April 8th Fund Raising Brunch I
- Sunday, May 6th Fund Raising Brunch II
- Friday & Saturday, May 11th & 12th Scrapbooking Day
- Sunday, June 24th Fund Raising Brunch III
- Sunday, July 8th Team Dedication in 9:30 a.m. Worship

Above all, we seek your prayer support for the team because it is God's grace and guidance that makes amazing things happen at Red Bird.

COME ONE, COME ALL...To a fun night sponsored by the Butler United Methodist Youth Group...

TREATS & TRIVIA

SUNDAY 4/29
7-8:30 PM

BUTLER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5 BARTHOLDI AVE, BUTLER

DESSERT TABLE & PRIZES

\$10 ADULTS
\$5 KIDS @ DOOR

QUESTIONS FOR ALL AGES

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:

April 14th - 7 p.m. – Triad Choir in the Sanctuary. The incredibly talented Triad Choir returns to the sanctuary of Butler UMC of an evening concert to support awareness and prevention of AIDS in our state and country.

April 20th - 7 p.m. – Bella Voce Choir in the Sanctuary. A talented and enthusiastic volunteer choir that are lending their voices for the enjoyment of the community.

May 5th – The ‘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.)

August 20th – 24th, from 9:30am - 12:30pm ...Vacation Bible School
Need more information, interested in helping out? Call Pam at 838-2026 x15

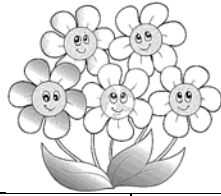
CAN YOU HELP?

Sunday Morning Counter needed...
See Tim Campbell or contact him at tjcamp13@optonline.net or 973-768-2476 if you are interested in counting the Sunday morning collection once a month. A substitute counter is also needed.

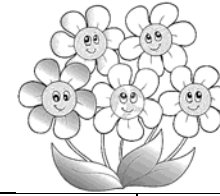
DON'T MISS THIS...

The 2018 Red Bird Team
will host their first
Red Bird Brunch
on Sunday, April 8th
Immediately following worship

Funds raised will help support this year’s trip to Kentucky. Please show your support... Tickets will be available at the door.



APRIL 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EASTER SUNDAY <u>1</u> 6am Sunrise Service 7am Easter Breakfast 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:15am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship	<u>2</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7-9pm Gleaners	<u>3</u> 9:30-4pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall	<u>4</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7:15pm Zumba in Hall	<u>5</u> 9:30-4pm Gleaners 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room	<u>6</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners	<u>7</u> 8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba/Fellowship Hall 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
<u>8</u> 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:15am Sunday School 10:45am Red Bird Brunch 11:15am Hispanic Worship 6pm Disciple Fast Track	<u>9</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7-9pm Gleaners	<u>10</u> 9:30-4pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall	<u>11</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7pm Bells 7:15pm Zumba in Hall 8pm Choir	<u>12</u> 9:30-4pm Gleaners 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room 7:30pm Al-Anon Study Group In Library	<u>13</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners	<u>14</u> 8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba/Fellowship Hall 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting 7pm Triad Concert
<u>15</u> 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:15am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship 6pm Disciple Fast Track	<u>16</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7-9pm Gleaners	<u>17</u> 9:30-4pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 7pm Trustees Mtg 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall	<u>18</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7pm Bells 7:15pm Zumba in Hall 8pm Choir	<u>19</u> 9:30-4pm Gleaners 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room	<u>20</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners 8 pm Bella Voce Concert	<u>21</u> 8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba/Fellowship Hall 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
<u>22</u> 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:15am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship 6pm Disciple Fast Track 6pm Youth Group Mtg	<u>23</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7-9pm Gleaners 7pm Naomi Circle	<u>24</u> 9:30-4pm Gleaners 6:30pm Al Anon in Library 7pm Ad Council 8:30pm Al Anon Dance In Fellowship Hall	<u>25</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7pm Bible Study 7pm Prayer Time 7pm Bells 7:15pm Zumba in Hall 8pm Choir	<u>26</u> 9:30-4pm Gleaners 7pm Spanish Bible Study 7:30pm AlaTeen in Youth Room 7:30pm Al-Anon Study Group In Library	<u>27</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners	<u>28</u> 8:30am Gleaners Devotions 9am Zumba/Fellowship Hall 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10 am NA Meeting
<u>29</u> 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:15am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 11:15am Hispanic Worship 7-8:30pm Treats & Trivia	<u>30</u> 9-11am } <i>Loaves &</i> 7-9pm } <i>Fishes</i> 7-9pm Gleaners					

SPECIAL

Service

OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS

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

Greg Bailey, Captain
Karen Bailey
Barbara Bailey
Barry Marciano

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.

ACOLYTES

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

Gabby Gonzalez
Ashley Campbell

SOUND TECHNICIAN

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

Dan Hack

VIDEO TECHNICIAN

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

April 1 st	Jeff Matthews
April 8 th	Pam Campbell
April 15 th	Pat Inglis
April 22 nd	Jeff Matthews
April 29 th	Pat Inglis

COFFEE HOUR

Rebecca Durren 973-492-1345
Sandy Weigel 973-835-5544

April 1 st	} Volunteers Needed!!! Won't you sign up to host one Sunday this month?
April 8 th	
April 15 th	
April 22 nd	
April 29 th	

COUNTERS

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

April 1 st	Dawn Kruimer and Jean Bresett
April 8 th	Carroll Campbell, Vickie Boyd, Betty Greig
April 15 th	Maurice & Dot Cailleteau, Alison Bisanti
April 22 nd	Linda Meilan, Helen Guenter, Karen Bailey
April 29 th	Linda Bosland, Janet Schaefer, Tim Campbell



HALLELUJAH!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!

The Cross of Christ is the revealed truth of God's judgment on sin. Never associate the idea of martyrdom with the Cross of Christ. It was the supreme triumph, and it shook the very foundations of hell. There is nothing in time or eternity more absolutely certain and irrefutable than what Jesus Christ accomplished on the Cross – He made it possible for the entire human race to be brought back in to a right-standing relationship with God. He made redemption the foundation of human life; that is, He made a way for every person to have fellowship with God.

The Cross was not something that *happened* to Jesus-He came to die; the Cross was His purpose in coming. He is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8). The incarnation of Christ would have no meaning without the Cross. Beware of separating "God was manifested in the flesh..." from "...He made Him...to be sin for us..." (1 Timothy 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:21). The purpose of the incarnation was redemption. God came in the flesh to take sin away, not to accomplish something for Himself. The Cross is the central event in time and eternity and the answer to all the problems of both.

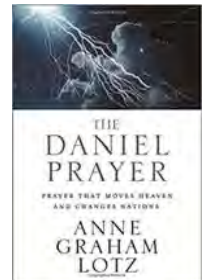
The Cross is not the cross of a man, but the Cross of God, and it can never be fully comprehended through human experience. The Cross is God exhibiting His nature. It is the gate through which any and every individual can enter into oneness with God. But it is not a gate we pass right through; it is one where we abide in the life that is found there.

The heart of salvation is the Cross of Christ. The reason salvation is so easy to obtain is that it cost God so much. The Cross was the place where God and sinful man merged with a tremendous collision and where the way to life was opened. But all the cost and pain of the collision was absorbed by the heart of God.

Copied from My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

THE DANIEL PRAYER – PRAYER THAT MOVES HEAVEN AND CHANGES NATIONS

By Anne Graham Lotz – called the 'best preacher in the family' by her father, Billy Graham. A six week Bible Study will begin Wednesday, April 18, 2018 in the Library. Suggested Donation \$10. If interested please leave a message at [838-2026](tel:838-2026) x15 by April 6th so study guides can be ordered.



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

Church office phone: (973)838-2026

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



Loaves & Fishes

Our supply closet could especially use donations cold cereals and tomato products 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



Twins, Chase Robert and Everleigh Reese, son and daughter of Megan & Robert Alesandra of West Milford were baptized at morning worship on Sunday, March 18h. We welcome these newest members to our church family.



ENROLLING FOR SEPTEMBER 2018.
OPENINGS IN 2, 3 and 4 year old classes.

Open Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 6:00pm all year.

If you or someone you know is looking for a home away from home for your child, call [973-492-3103](tel:973-492-3103) for a tour today.

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!!

IN MEMORIAM

Audrey Pierce
February 20, 2018

APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Isaiah/Isaías 25:6-9 Acts/Hechos 10:34-43 Psalm/Salmos 118:14-24 Mark/San Marcos 16:1-8	Acts / Hechos 14:19-28	1 Peter / 1 Pedro 2:21-25	1 Corinthians / 1 Corintios 1:3-11	Isaiah / Isaías 53:1-6	Isaiah / Isaías 53:7-9	Isaiah / Isaías 53:10-12
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Acts/Hechos 10:44-48 1 John/1 Juan 5:1-6 Psalm/Salmos 98 John/San Juan 15:9-17	Acts / Hechos 3:11-16	Acts / Hechos 4:1-12	Acts / Hechos 5:17-32	Acts / Hechos 2:22-36	Ephesians / Efesios 1:15-23	2 Corinthians / 2 Corintios 4:7-18
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Acts/Hechos 1:15-17, 21-26 1 John/1 Juan 5:1-6; 9-13 Psalm/Salmos 1 John/San Juan 17:11b-19	Romans / Romanos 6:1-11	Ephesians / Efesios 2:1-10	Galatians / Gálatas 2:11-21	John / Juan 17:1-5	Romans / Romanos 6:15-23	Romans / Romanos 8:18-30
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Ezekiel/Ezequiel 37:1-14 Romans/Romanos 8:22-27 Psalm/Salmos 104:24-34 John/San Juan 16:4b-15	Ezekiel / Ezequiel 36:22-36	Genesis / Génesis 17:1-8	Genesis / Génesis 39:19-23	Philippians / Filipenses 4:1-9	Colossians / Colosenses 2:6-15	Acts / Hechos 4:23-37
29	30					
Isaiah/Isaías 6:1-8 Romans/Romanos 8:12-17 Psalm/Salmos 29 John/San Juan 3:1-17	Jeremiah / Jeremías 23:1-8					



Please join us for one or more of these exciting opportunities to draw near to God reading through His love letter to you...

Sundays, 6:00 to 7:30pm... **DISCIPLE FAST TRACK**
(April 8th, 15th & 22nd)

Wednesday Night Bible Study ... in the Library, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
"The Daniel Prayer"
beginning April 18th.

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

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