

"The Butterfly Flyer"

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What's fluttering this month

"Notes from Lisa"

Merry Christmas to All:

This Holiday season coming means so much to me.

I have, and continue to be reborn each day, in Christ. It continues to amaze me, of how little I understand of Gods Love and Forgiveness. Each day brings new growth to the depth of his words.

When we take on the purpose of Peace, which is Gods will for us, and our deepest desire, many obstacles seem to appear right in front of our face. These obstacles are meant to teach us the depths of his forgiveness. And our own unforgiveness of ourselves, that we hold onto.

This past year, I have had the challenge of being a Parent to two teenage children. We plan for what we think will bring happiness for them and for us. We want our children to learn from our mistakes, we want our children to be protected from the ills of the world.

It's funny how my plan never seems to workout. My plan, was that my Daughter was going to be what I never was, she was going to prove to the world, for me, that I am worthy of Gods Love, by her becoming an attorney. She was going to be successful by the world's standards. My children, have become, my greatest lessons in life.

I have taught my children of Gods Love and forgiveness everyday. The challenge comes when; they don't seem to be making the grade by, my own standards, and my own concept, seems to become distorted

when I look at them with the eyes of the world.

I have had to go on my knees to understand God's plan for me, and the world. God wants us continually, to give up our own Judgment, so that we can receive his Love. I must give up my own desires of what I think happiness really means. Happiness is something, I was not feeling when, my Daughter Gabrielle, who is 17 years old, told me she was pregnant. The feelings I was feeling were anger, resentment and truly unforgiveness. She was definitely not following my plan, for her life.

Just when you think you know, God shows us how little we understand. Gabrielle made a mistake, a mistake that I was unable to hide. The whole world would know that I screwed up again. I questioned my parenting decisions, I questioned everything.

The one thing I did not question though was that God continues to forgive me and, the problem was that I was continually, not forgiving myself.

When we don't forgive ourselves, we live in a state of hell, anger, shame, guilt and sorrow; those were the feelings, that I was feeling.

The great thing was, I had all the tools to unlock these chains, but my

own resistance, to accepting His truths, kept him out.

It kept his peace out, it kept his love out, and it kept his Joy out.

Being a Christian is a constant rechecking of our own lack of forgiveness in certain areas. For most of us, we can easily avoid the things we don't like, If someone rubs me the wrong way, I can get out of that environment, leave so that I don't have to feel those feelings. But for some reason another situation comes along that rubs me the wrong way again. And again.

We try so hard to see people as we are taught. I ask why I am not seeing this clearly?

On my knees I can see clearly again. Does God Love me? Yes. Does he forgive me? Yes! Does he want me to have peace? Yes. Does God create unlike himself? No. Am I worthy of his forgiveness? Yes. When I accept these truths continually, Gabrielle, "the Angel" who she is, becomes more and more apparent to me.

The lessons in life are not learned from the ones we avoid, but the brothers we walk towards, who show us the depths of God love. Don't run, they hold salvation out to you!

Forgiveness was Jesus Christ's gift to us, forever, eternal and if I make a mistake, he will not hold it against me. Why do I hold it against me? Why do I hold it against my Brother? Jesus died for my "sins". Without "sin" this world would not have the message of "Jesus Christ". This is the world of "sin", Jesus is the world of "life". He died to prove what is true, is true for now and forever more.



Accept his gift, it is free. Then share it with the ones who need the most. Don't save it for the one who you think is worthy. God knows we are all worthy. Share your gifts of his Love, Joy and Peace with your brother through forgiveness. Now I have his gifts again, Joy, Love, and Peace. I put on the glasses of the Holy Spirit to see change.

My grandchild is due on Christmas Day; let this be the lesson for all of us, to learn the birth of Christ in our hearts this Christmas.

Let us continue to see our own innocence, so that we can see our brothers. This is the Vision that Christ received, we have a choice always to change our own perception. We can't change the script, it is written.

I choose to see Gabrielle with the vision of Christ. I love her and I owe her gratitude for this lesson. Thank You for teaching the depths of Gods Love.

Merry Christmas and
God Bless,
Lisa

"Bonnie's Corner"

Dear Abundant Nurses:

The winter season approaches us along with the Christmas holiday. The true spirit of the holiday season dwells within our hearts. To capture the true essence of the holidays, joyfully give-receive and be grateful. Give your love to those around you. This is the best gift of all. Give your time by volunteering for a local charity. Give a financial donation or a physical gift like food for the local food bank, or warm blankets, or clothing for those who need them. Giving to those who need, helps us to see our abundance and all we should be grateful for. Receive the greatest gift of all, God's Love. Open your heart to accept all the wonderful benefits of believing in this truth. God gave us his greatest love through his son, born to give us abundant life now, and forever more. We were given the gift of the Holy Spirit to give us comfort and joy. God gave the gift of himself so that we might be blessed with all the love we would need. God is waiting for us to give

our love to him. Be grateful for all you have been blessed with this year. As the winter season comes upon us, give yourself permission to relish in the season. Colder weather tends to mean more time indoors and a slower paced life. Take more time for reflection, going within, seeking God and his kingdom. God is faithful to supply all of our needs, and meets us right where we are, just as we are. Let the birth of Christ begin in your heart. Accept the greatest gift of all, God's eternal love.

Merry Christmas To All,
And To All A Good Night,
Love, Bonnie

EMPLOYEE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



**"Stacy J. Klinedinst,
Staffing Coordinator"**

Stacy has been an Abundant employee since April 2000. She lives with her husband and three children in Mount Joy. Stacy is our "behind-the-scene" employee who addresses your calls after hours. She has a dedicated work ethic, despite having to handle problems which may arise. Thanks Stacy for all you do.



Reminder:

Please remember we are providing a service for our facilities; we are not to get overly involved in the politics of the day-to-day personal problems which always arise. Please think about the opinion or comments you are offering. Please follow the correct chain of command and always schedule through the



appropriate individuals. Kim must be directly involved in all scheduling. Any problems you may encounter; however, big or small, please call the office.

Happy birthday wishes go out to the following employees:

Rose I. Benson, CNA
Rosalind M. Burke, LPN
Jennifer L. Givler, LPN
Christina L. Hummer, CNA
Heidi L. Sadowski, CNA
Erica J. Young, CNA

Stars Program

The following employees were recognized for doing an outstanding job!

Stephani D. Brodt, LPN
Maple Farms
Wendy S. Santiago, CNA
Maple Farms

I nspirations

"Love is the greatest thing that God can give us; For He Himself is love; and it is the greatest thing we can give to God."

Jeremy Taylor

Dear God,
Remind me that when I give to others, I am really giving to you. Help me to share all that you have given me, my money, my possessions, my time, my talents, my love with those who are in need.

Amen

"For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you."

John Greenleaf Whittier

Christmas began in the heart of God. It is only complete when it reaches the heart of man. It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.

The finest Christmas gift is not the one that costs the most money, but the one that carries the most love.

Henry Van Dyke

The wreath is a symbol of the cycle of life, and God's never ending love.
