

Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

Date: March 4, 2018
Title: Rehab: PROGRAM
Theme: Lenten Preparations
Purpose: At some point, we have to take that step of faith and just do it, whether we think we can or not, whether we are afraid or not, whether we think it might kill us or not.
Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17
New Testament: John 2:13-22

Date: March 11, 2018
Title: Rehab: RECOVERY
Theme: Lenten Preparation
Purpose: Today we celebrate what it means to continue into the stages of Rehab where we start to see some real recovery taking place.
Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9
New Testament: John 3:14-21

Date: March 18, 2018
Title: Rehab: PROMISE
Theme: Lenten Preparation
Purpose: Above all, this season is intended to move us from uncertainty and a confused way of living toward a living hope that orders our steps in Christ's ways.
Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34
New Testament: John 12:20-33

Date: March 25, 2018
Title: Love Leads The Way: PALM SUNDAY
Theme: Holy Week
Purpose: Palm/Passion Sunday recapitulates the beginning and the end of Christ's final week in Jerusalem. We move from a triumphal procession to a forced march with a crucifix, to conclude it.
Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
New Testament: Mark 11:1-11

Sunday's Service Information

Traditional Service – For those that love that “Old Time Religion”, we have a traditional worship service that meets every Sunday at 8:30 am.

Blended Service – Not too bold, not too mild...just right. Our Blended service combines the best of our traditional and contemporary worship services. The Blended service is every Sunday at 10:30 am. There is also Children's Church available for kids K through 5th grade and a nursery for infants and toddlers.

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Friday – Office Closed.

Newsletter and Bulletin Deadlines

We have a lot of ministries and events going on at Burton and it is important to get the word out regarding them. So, please remember the *deadline for getting information into the weekly bulletin is on Wednesdays. The deadline for monthly Beacon articles is the 20 of each month.* Please send all information that you want placed in the bulletin or in the Beacon to the office at bae_bmumc@att.net.

March Birthdays:

	<u>DAY</u>	
Bud Preston	1 st	Lawrence Beerkircher
Sharon Plezia	5 th	Liz Baker
Shannon Premaza	6 th	Kyle Gonsalves
Lou Ward	14 th	Edna Waldorf
Linda Lillo Norman	15 th	Shirley Albury

March Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>
Debbie Grove	20 th
Vincent & Jeri Hansen	20 th

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Kerry's Corner

Holy Week is the heart of the church's ritual, theological, and missional life. Everything we do in worship, doctrine and mission is grounded in, leads to, and springs from this week. The life and mission of Jesus meet their fullest test. Jesus stares directly into the face of the structures of sin and the powers of death and remains true to his calling and the work of God's kingdom. Jesus is executed by crucifixion. Three days later, God raises Jesus from death in sure and certain pledge of raising all who are found in him. Everything is here. Life, sin, love, death, life and love overcoming sin and death. This week remembers, enacts, and participates in the hope of the renewing of all creation, starting with our lives and loves, here and now.



That is why these eight days from Passion/Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday include more worship services for the whole congregation than any other time of the Christian year. Many United Methodists will participate in at least five distinct services during these eight days: Passion/Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, a sunrise service on Easter Sunday morning, and a "main" Easter Sunday service.

As United Methodists who follow in the footsteps of the Wesleys, we know the power of such ritual in gathered community through this week will take deeper root in our own lives if we also practice the means of grace of family and private prayer.

I hope you will join me in this year's Holy Week activities as we participate in this year's theme titled: **Love Leads The Way**. In addition to attendance of our special Holy Week services, I would also like to invite you to go through the special daily devotions that are provided by the United Methodist Church for the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. You can access them online at:
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/holy-week-2018-worship-planning-series/weekday-devotional-guides-for-holy-week-2018/monday-march-26-2018-hearing-the-passion>

A quick overview of the services that we will be provided are listed below.

Palm/Passion Sunday recapitulates the beginning and the end of Christ's final week in Jerusalem. We move from a triumphal procession and its stirring of hope as our entrance rite to hearing of a very different kind of procession, a forced march with a crucifix, to conclude it.

Holy Thursday, or Maundy Thursday, marks the last conversation Jesus has with his disciples, a conversation grounded in what he calls a new commandment (mandatum in Latin, hence our English word "Maundy"). He illustrates and underscores the new commandment by washing their feet: "Love one another as I have loved you."

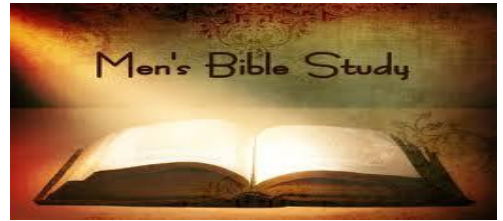
Good Friday, or Holy Friday as it is known in nearly every non-English-speaking culture, we witness the execution of Jesus, recognize our ongoing complicity with the powers of death, and are called to enter the Great Silence of all creation in response to the death of its God and Maker.

Easter Sunrise is an early morning service built on the framework of the Great Vigil of Easter. It moves from contemplation to celebration.

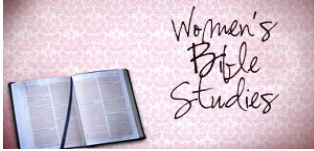
Easter Sunday is the principal Easter Sunday morning service of word and sacrament celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and kicking off the Easter Season of 50 days (through the Day of Pentecost).

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men are invited to meet in the Burton Fellowship Hall every Wednesday for fellowship and breakfast from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Pastor Kerry is the facilitator and selects pertinent topics, videos, and scriptures for discussion. Opportunities are provided for prayer requests and events of interest (football, etc.). Breakfast favorites are provided by the men and/or their wives.



Women's Bible Study Group



The Women's Bible Study Group meets on Wednesday morning 9:30 am in the Joy Classroom. We are studying the Upper Room. For more information or a ride, please call Jo Ann Waits at 305-853-9879 or Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757. All ladies are invited to attend.

Membership and Information Class

On Sunday, March 18, we will have a membership and information class in the Pastor's Office at 2:00 pm. If you would like to discover more about Burton Memorial United Methodist Church and what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church, please just show up. If after the class, you would like to become a member of Burton Memorial United Methodist Church, we can make that happen.



Flower Calendar



The Flower Calendar is ready for 2018! You are encouraged to choose a Sunday and purchase flowers for the altar in honor, in memory, or simply to the Glory of God. Each bouquet is \$20.00 to be paid in advance. Each Sunday has only two spaces for flowers. *A maximum of two bouquets* (no exceptions please!) will be purchased each Sunday, so sign up early!

Passionate Worship Committee

I would like to thank Julie Ratliff for her service with our acolytes. She has to resign this position to take care of her mother. If you would like to help out with this need of our church, please let me know. Lighting the candles is a very special job and we always need to have the "light" at our services. Please consider this job as part of your service to our church. Even if you would consider helping out part-time with organizing the lighting of the candles, this would be very helpful. We are also in need of help with the following areas: Greeters & Ushers, Acolytes, Liturgists, Music, Altar Guild, Children's Church, and Drama. If you can commit to any of these areas in need, please contact Carlene so she can guide you to those in charge of that area. It is important to contribute to our church family, so pick your area and get involved. **Keep a look out for the date of our next meeting of the Passionate Worship Committee.** Feel free to join us and share your ideas. We welcome any new ideas you have that would improve the worship experience. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Carlene at 301-655-0522 or email her at dcjarboe@gmail.com.



Choir News

The choir is a fun, healthy way to sing praises to God. There are no auditions, just a commitment to Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We usually sing on the fourth Sunday, but we are flexible and sometimes sing on other Sundays. We sing at both services, 8:30 am and 10:30 am. We are always looking for new singers. Singing is good for the body and soul. If you have any questions about the choir, please feel free to call the choir director, Carlene Jarboe, at 301-655-0522.

Ringin' News

Looking for a few good ringers! The Burton Ringers are looking for new members – short term or weekly. New ringer practice is 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm every Wednesday in the Sanctuary. No experience necessary. God offers the BEST benefit package around! Come and join the bell choir. See any bell choir member or director Raeleigh Gonsalves for more information.



KIDSRING Choir



There's a new choir in town – and it's just for kids! The KIDSRING Choir is a beginning bell choir that meets each Sunday during the first 15 minutes of Children's Church during the 10:30 am service. The choir is open to children age 5 through 3rd grade. All children who meet the age requirement are invited to join! For more information please contact the Church Office or Raeleigh Gonsalves at rgonsa2910@yahoo.com/305-522-9361.

Status of Offerings

It is important to understand that the weekly offerings through the collection plate and website are what pay the expenses of our worship services, as well as contributing to the various church ministries. Below are the offering and website collections for the past four services.

Last Four Weeks					Year to Date		
Week	Date	Offering	Plan	+ / -	Offering	Plan	+ / -
5	4-Feb	\$3,859	\$3,536	323	\$21,504	\$21,656	-152
6	11-Feb	\$3,134	\$3,536	-402	\$24,638	\$25,192	-554
7	18-Feb	\$3,821	\$3,536	285	\$28,459	\$28,728	-269
8	25-Feb	\$3,212	\$3,536	-324	\$31,671	\$32,265	-594



Free Blood Pressure Checks

Every Sunday Monroe County Fire Rescue Department will be providing *free blood pressure checks in the Fellowship Center after the 10:30 am service.*

College Ministry

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

This month please remember the following fourteen students in your prayers: Jenna Johnson, Sara and Joshua Waits, Lee, Sara and Ryan Bowman, Natasha Murphy, Shannon Premaza, Rebecca Fernandez, Daniel Walker, James Kirkman, Reid Bennett, Kayla Lynn de Vroedt and Kyrié Foote.



Most of these students are midway through their academic terms with mounting pressures and responsibilities. We pray for God's guidance in making wise decisions and His comfort and encouragement in the face of difficulties.



Publix Food For All

Many thanks to Publix for their generous donations throughout the year to our Food Pantry. Recently Pastor Kerry was invited to a luncheon in Miami where we received a check in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Burton Memorial that will help us help the less fortunate in our community.

God's Kitchen

As we all know, the tradition of Thursday night's God's Kitchen meals are an important service to our community that Burton performs. *We need someone to cook on the fourth Thursday of the month. If you would like to help out, please call the office at 305-852-2581.*



Message from the Green Team

Margaret Miller is a coral ecologist and sometime-worshiper at Burton Memorial when she is doing coral field research in Key Largo. Her research focus is coral restoration. She lives in Miami with her husband and 14 year old son, all members of Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church.

God's covenant with his creatures (not just humans) includes the command to be fruitful (Gen 1:22). Similarly, God's covenant with Noah was not limited to humans (Noah and his family), but included ALL the creatures (Gen 9:10-12). Despite this very clear demonstration of God's care and intent that all creation function as a whole, it is a sad result of our brokenness that in many regards human actions have degraded the environment and prevent creation from fulfilling God's intended fruitfulness. It is often difficult to perceive these impacts of our actions when they are far removed, as is the degradation of coral reef habitats to folks living far from the ocean. However, we who live in the Keys have no such excuse!



There are many direct and indirect factors that threaten corals and the reef habitats they build (when they are able to fulfill their commanded fruitfulness). The truth is that corals and humans are part of the same ecological system of air and water (aka Creation). That means that everything we put into the air or water influences the environment in which corals make their living. All of the water and energy (both food and fuel) we use in our daily lives has more or less impact on the ecosystem that we share. So be conscious of what you eat, how much water you use, and how much energy you consume, and be aware of how it affects the rest of Creation with which we share our precious planet. A further list of suggested personal actions to alleviate threats to corals has been developed by the professional association of coral experts, and is available at <http://coralreefsorg/isrs-conservation-committee/ten-things-you-can-do/>.

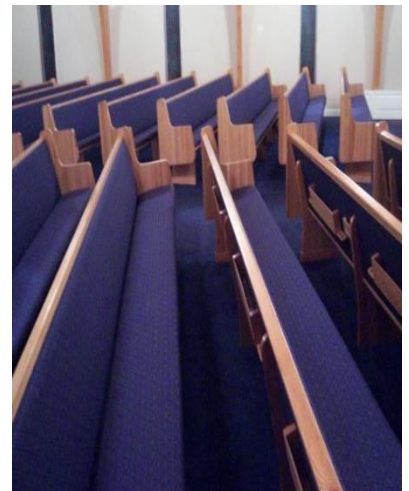


Church Work Day for Easter Preparation

There will be a work day at the church on Saturday, March 10, from 8:00 am till... to prepare the church for the new pews that will be arriving the March 13 – 15, 2018.

SANCTUARY RENOVATION: New Pews

The sanctuary is getting a long overdue renovation and we could use your help. We are getting new pews and the Trustees of Burton Memorial United Methodist Church are sponsoring a “**Pew Fund Drive**” to make it happen. You can contribute to the “**Pew Fund Drive**” and have a pew named in honor or memory of an individual or family. There is a sign-up board located in the narthex in which you can pick the pew that you would like to sponsor in memory or in honor. The sponsorship contributions will range from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00. For those that would like to contribute to the Pew Project, but are unable to donate \$1,000.00, we will be taking donations and preparing a plaque to be posted in the Narthex with the all names of those that contributed to the project. We are planning to have these pews installed prior to Easter Sunday with your help.



Contact Information

For those of you who will be leaving for the summer, please make sure the church has your contact information. If we don't already have your cell phone number(s) or email addresses on file, please call Betsy at the church office, 305-852-2581, or email her at bae_bmumc@att.net with your updated information.

Easter Lilies

It is beginning to look a lot like Easter. *If you would like to remember or honor someone special to you, please fill out the Flower Offering envelope located in the Beacon or the weekly bulletins.* The Easter Lilies will be presented on the altar area of the church on Easter Sunday. Please indicate the person you wish to remember and/or honor. *Please print clearly.* The cost is \$20.00 for each pot. The lilies will have 8 – 10 blooms and come with decorative pot covers. *The deadline to order the Easter flowers is Sunday, March 18, 2018.*



We Need Candy

We need wrapped non-chocolate (no mints please!) candy to stuff our Easter eggs. If you are unable to get to the store and wish to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope or check “Easter candy”. Thank you!

Easter Egg Stuffing

Our annual Easter Festival is not that far away and you know what that means...*Eggs...Lots and Lots of Eggs! This year we will be setting up “drop off” and “pick up” stations in the narthex of the church starting this Sunday, March 11, 2018.* There will be empty eggs and candy that individuals can pick up following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am service or any time during office hours of the week. There will also be a drop off station where individuals can bring their candy-stuffed eggs. *(Please no chocolates or things that can melt).*



Children's Church Update

Debbie Premaza

Starting on Sunday, February 25, 2018, the Children's Church's new location and format will be as follows: K-5th grade children will start out in the Fellowship Center for bells **(led by RaeLeigh Gonsalves)** then move to the front 1st floor room of the CDC. This will accomplish the identified need for a dedicated space for Children's Church that is accessible, functional, and age appropriate as well as observing safe practices for Burton's Children's Church program. Attendance and children/guardian contact information will be kept by all teachers/leaders as well as back ground checks for all children volunteers. *Sharon Albury* will continue to be in the next room leading the nursery children during Children's Church as before. *Curriculum, tools, and resources will primarily be used by the teachers from Sermons4Kids.com.* Anyone can use this free web site.

The order of Children's Church will include: a) Christian music/song; b) Collection of offerings towards a designated mission (to be determined by the Children and leaders); c) Reading out of Bibles the New Testament scripture set for the particular Sunday which will hopefully reinforce adult church themes/topics and inspire further discussions throughout the week; d) Group and silent prayer time (using prayer cards to be passed on the Burton's prayer chain). Children will be picked up from the CDC rooms except on communion Sundays when they will be dismissed to the Church for Communion time.

Our Volunteers are as follows: Week 1: Debbie Premaza and (volunteer needed), Week 2: Allison Barry and Carol Ackenhausen, Week 3: Kaya and Mike McCoy, Week 4: Debbie Premaza and Terri Cummings, Week 5: Holly Holly and (volunteer needed). *Substitute teachers* are Edith Bricker and RaeLeigh Gonsalves.

"Start **children** off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it" [Proverbs 22:6](#).

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to teach/lead our children as we would have them go and grow. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer or just observe and assist in a class, call me at 305-546-6682.



**United
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Women**
Faith • Hope • Love in Action



Local News:

In a hurting world, Jesus provides warmth, love, and wisdom. UMWomen is an extension of Christ's ministry where I know I have found friendship, spirituality and purpose. Burton Memorial United Methodist Women invite you to participate in our meetings, studies, events and retreats. Fellowship, education, support and opportunities await you. ***Join us the fourth Monday of the month, 7:00 pm, at Edna Waldorf's home, won't you? This month the meeting is on March 26.***

Extravagant Hospitality best describes the upcoming UMWomen's events in the month of March. ***Our UMWomen Annual Tea, March 11, 2:30-5pm***, is always a sell-out, so contact us as soon as possible for a ticket. Call the church office and leave a message or talk to any of our members of UMWomen.

Edith
Edith Zewadski-Bricker
President, Burton UM Women
305-852-9259/305-363-8392

District and Conference News:

March 24, 9am-2pm, is the **UMWomen South East District's Day Apart**. This mini retreat is in Miami at Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Contact Edith for information, registration and/or transportation. If you would like to attend to learn more about United Methodist Women, call Edith at 305-852-9259 or email her at edithzewadski-bricker@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

The UMWomen would like to thank all who have donated supplies and/or money to purchase supplies so that we can continue this amazing ministry. To date we have handcrafted over 500 Prayer Shawls and have touched so many lives with the healing power that reaches the recipients with the Power of Prayer. Join the ladies who create Prayer Shawls and other blessed handcrafted items, even if you just want an evening out, on ***Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Joy Classroom***. No experience is necessary. For more information call Virginia Spear 305-852-7757.



Prayer Beads and Love

Wouldn't one of our beautiful Protestant Prayer Beads look lovely in an Easter Basket? What a wonderful way to express the joy of the holiday! Our handcrafted Prayer Beads, made by United Methodist Women, sell for \$15.00 each. Your purchase will raise funds for our local community needs. If you are interested in purchasing or learning to string your own prayer beads ***please call Linda Norman at 305-393-2589 or text or email lindalillonorman@gmail.com to make arrangements.***



Save the date!
South East District United Methodist Women
Day Apart

Date: March 24, 2018

Theme: “A Call to Community”

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.” Colossians 3:15 (NRSV)

Keynote Speaker



Rev. Dawn Worden
Pastor, St. John's on the Lake
Miami Beach

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Place: Ebenezer United Methodist Church
2001 NW 35th St., Miami, FL

Registration deadline: Saturday, March 17. You must register in advance for childcare and meals.

Rev. Dawn Worden was named to her appointment at St. John's on the Lake in Miami Beach by Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. and the cabinet of the Florida Conference in July.

Rev. Worden, who lived in Atlanta, first came to Florida as an associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg. She was appointed Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church South Miami, before moving in July to St. John's.

After receiving her Bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond, she enrolled in Memphis State University, and left with her JD degree. She was a successful attorney with a thriving real estate practice in Georgia when God called her to the ministry. She earned her Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree from Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta.

She is an active member of Florida Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON), a non-profit ministry of the South East District of the United Methodist Church providing free immigration legal services to families in the Miami area, education on immigration issues, and advocacy for immigrant rights.

She and her husband Doug are the parents of two sons.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Worship Opportunities 2018

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018 Worship times: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Come and hear about Palm Sunday as told through the Word, song, and prayer and witness the transformation of the sanctuary as we celebrate the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday

March 29, 2018: Service 7:00 pm



Come on Maundy Thursday for a special service and foot washing. The consensus is that “Maundy” comes from the Latin word *Mandatum* (itself from the verb *Mandare*), which is translated “commandment.” In the context of Holy Week it refers to the commandment Jesus gave to his disciples while washing their feet, as recorded in John 13. Specifically, the commandment in John 13:34-35: “This is a humbling act and evokes a deep response in the heart.”

Good Friday

March 30, 2018 Worship time: 12:00 pm

We are invited to join our UMC family at Matecumbe UMC for a service on Good Friday. This service of Word, song, and prayer is a wonderful way to prepare your heart for Easter – come and bring a friend. Prior to the service, Spirit and Truth will be undertaking their traditional “Cross Walk”. This is open to any that would like to participate. They will be meeting at Venetian Shores at 9:30 a.m. and will walk the two crosses to Matecumbe UMC for the Good Friday service.



Easter Sunrise

April 1, 2018 Worship time: 6:45 am.



Join the Upper Keys community at the best service of the year – Easter sunrise! *We will meet at Harry Harris Park at MM 93 O/S (follow Burton Drive right to the park) at 6:45 am for an amazing service – see the sunrise and hear the story of God's gift to us all! Bring a chair and a friend!*

Easter

April 1, 2018 Worship times: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

He has risen, He has risen indeed! Celebrate the Resurrection with your family at Burton! *Experience the Joy of Easter with our Burton Ringers, and WOW Band as we ring and sing the Joy of the Gift of Easter!*

Easter Egg Hunt

April 1, 2018 Time: 12:00 pm

And what would Easter be without an Egg hunt? *Tons of eggs* will create a carpet of color all over our church campus! The hunt begins in the Sanctuary at noon with the Gospel story for kids and ends with hot dogs in the Fellowship Hall! Some eggs will have a Bible verse – children read the verses to get prizes! This is a wonderful community outreach – everyone is invited! Following the hunt, hotdogs and refreshments will be provided as children redeem the scriptures in their eggs for Easter prizes. *Volunteers are still needed* – please call the church office for more information!



Easter Festival

Date: April 1, 2018
Time: 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Place: Burton Memorial Church
93001 Overseas Hwy MM93
Tavernier, FL 33070
Cost: Free Egg Hunt and Prizes



We are having a celebration and we would like you and your family to attend. There will be food (*\$1.00 per plate*), drinks, music, prizes and one of the **LARGEST EASTER EGG HUNTS** in the upper keys.

12:00 to 12:30 pm – Music and Gathering
12:30 to 1:00 pm – Easter Egg Hunt Begins
1:00 to 1:30 pm – Prizes Given Out
1:00 to 2:00 pm – Food & Drinks served
(Hotdogs and Chips)

There is no charge for the Easter egg hunt or prizes. So bring your appetite, bring your children, and bring your Easter baskets to celebrate with us!

For more information call: 305-852-2581



We will need volunteers to help make this Festival happen. If you would like to help hide the eggs, please show up at the church on April 1, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. You will be given a bag of eggs and a specific area to hide them.