

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: July 5, 2020 Title: A Declaration Of Dependence Theme: Independence Day Purpose: While we celebrate Independence Day we need to remember that we are a dependent people that rely on Christ for forgiveness of sin and eternal life. Old Testament: Psalm 33:4-12 New Testament (Epistle): Galatians 2:15-21 New Testament (Gospel): John 8:27-32</p>	<p>Date: July 12, 2020 Title: Nothing Shall Separate Us Theme: Set Your Mind Purpose: We are more fully ourselves when we set our minds on the things of the Spirit. Old Testament: Genesis 25:19-34 New Testament (Epistle): Romans 8:1-11 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</p>
<p>Date: July 19, 2020 Title: Nothing Shall Separate Us Theme: Creation Waits Purpose: We need to take an active part in building the kingdom of God. Creation waits. Old Testament: Genesis 28:10-19a New Testament (Epistle): Romans 8:12-25 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</p>	<p>Date: July 26, 2020 Title: Nothing Shall Separate Us Theme: More Than Conquerors Purpose: The promise here is that there is nothing in your life that God can't take and bring a blessing for you or for others. Old Testament: Genesis 29:15-28 New Testament (Epistle): Romans 8:26-39 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</p>

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. *During the Covid-19 pandemic, the 8:30 am service will be held outside and those attending are encouraged to dress appropriately...t-shirt and shorts are acceptable.*

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. *During the Covid-19 pandemic, the 10:30 am service will be held in the sanctuary while practicing social distancing in the pews.*

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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

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE

July Birthdays:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Kyrie' Foote	8	Logan Shannon	17
Carol Baxter	12	Sandy Klifman	26
Virginia Spear	13	Michael Ratliff	27

July Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>
Harry & Ruth Forgan	27



The Beacon

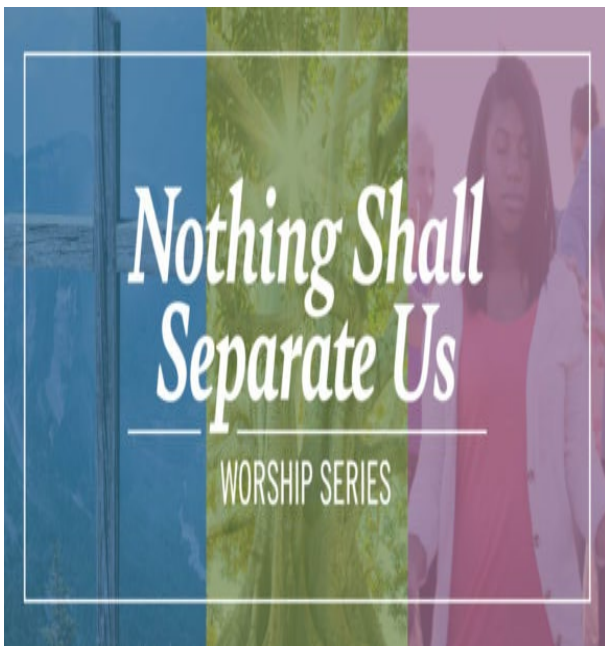
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Kerry's Corner

For the month of July, we will be starting a new sermon series titled: “Nothing Shall Separate Us”.

Here we are in the midst of summer, wondering how we will hold on to folks when summer fun calls. Of course, COVID-19 might have something to say about what and where and when we can gather.

One of the results of the various means of reaching out during the “safer-at-home” period has been our Facebook Live service. Believe it or not, our church has been able to reach more people through our online presence than during in-house worship. We have even been able to reconnect with members from the past that have moved away. I am calling this our “**extended parish.**” So now, we have a 8:30 service, a 10:30 service, and an online service



The added benefit of our online presence is that when members of the congregation are traveling, it will be easy for them to plug in and “be present,” even when they are away. “**Nothing shall separate us.**” Physical presence is only part of the body that we are—only a part of what keeps us connected.

So, what do we celebrate in this series? Connection! **Nothing shall separate us**, remember?

So, this series is about how we experienced the closeness of God in our apartness. We will be looking for individuals and families who can tell their stories of experiencing God during the quarantine. During the July 12th, 19th and 26th we will have a time of testimony during the service and online. We will be asking people to share their stories of how they have still been able to connect with God and others during this difficult time.

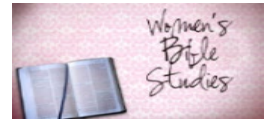
During this series we will be setting our minds on staying close to God, who has promised to stay close to us and promised that follow, about the hand that holds us as we do, and about the joy of being in the Lord. Songs such as “I am Thine, O Lord” (*United Methodist Hymnal*, 419), “I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord” (*United Methodist Hymnal*, 617), and “You Are Mine” (*The Faith We Sing*, 2218) speak to us of this choosing and this being claimed.

The goal of this series is to remind everyone that the community is bigger than what you can see in the sanctuary. Connection is more than the faces around us; it is the presence of the virtual community, live or delayed that represents the ever-present God who calls us together as one. **Nothing shall separate us.**



Bible Study Groups

The Men's and Women's Bible Study Groups are not currently meeting. Watch the announcements for when meetings will resume.



Choir News

Unfortunately the Zoom singing did not work out. It is too technical for our small group, needing microphones and headsets and advanced sound settings. The bottom line is that I have to cancel choir until further notice. Normally we take off the whole summer anyway, so this is not unique to this time of year. We will wait and see what the future brings and hope that this is under control by the Christmas season. Until further notice, we will not be singing in church as a choir. We can, however, keep singing from Facebook Live, in the car, in the shower or wherever you are, unless you are sitting in the pews. If you didn't know, singing in church is not recommended at this time. So stay safe, and sing safely. Feel free to contact me either by email, dcjarboe@gmail.com, or call at 301-655-0522.

Carlene Jarboe



Our ringers are continuing the social distancing but keeping in touch via email. We are continuing to encourage, strengthen, share, and grow through devotions, videos and shared prayers. WE WILL BE BACK TO RINGING as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, be healthy.

Ringin' News

College Ministry

by Sue Peacock, College Ministry Coordinator

The following students are currently enrolled for the last college term: James and Jacob Kirkman, Kyrié Foote, Makenzie Wright, Kayla Lynn de Vroedt, Daniel Walker, Brooke Peacock, and Reid Bennett. Please keep them in your prayers as they make arrangements to get through the summer and possible COVID-19 school re-openings. Please contact Sue Peacock with any changes at 305-923-9541.



God's Kitchen



We are continuing to serve To Go boxes for Thursday night God's Kitchen Free Dinner. We are experiencing an influx of new clients, both for dinner and for the food pantry. We are still looking for groups or individuals to help with our dinner, helping to cook, box and clean up on Thursdays. If you would like to help out, please call Marylou Wilkinson at 305-394-3878 or the church office at 305-852-2581.

Status of Offerings

Please remember that the weekly offerings 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	+ / -
23	7-Jun	\$2,550	\$2,013	537	\$63,059	\$65,758	-2,699
24	14-Jun	\$1,314	\$2,013	-699	\$64,373	\$67,771	-3,398
25	21-Jun	\$2,547	\$2,013	534	\$66,920	\$69,784	-2,864
26	28-Jun	\$2,301	\$2,013	288	\$69,221	\$71,797	-2,576



While our services have reopened, we are still continuing with our Facebook Live service at 10:30 am, with videos posted on Facebook and on our website, www.bmumc.net. If you do not feel safe at this time to come to the church, please help us by either mailing your normal donation by check to Burton Memorial UMC, 93001 Overseas Highway, Tavernier, FL 33070, or go to our website and click on Give Online to set up a payment online.

Membership and Information Class

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 contact Pastor Kerry to set up an appointment.* Call or text him at 305-407-7040 or email him at kmf_bmumc@bellsouth.net.

Message from the Green Team: What's the big deal about extinction anyway? Jack Stein Grove, Ph.D.

In order to explain why extinction is such a significant matter, consider this metaphor: As you are boarding an aircraft, you notice a technician with pliers removing a rivet from the wing of the aircraft you are about to board. Your reaction would likely be one of alarm, and you would surely ask the technician what he was doing? To which he might respond, don't worry, this aircraft has more than a million rivets holding it together. It will fly with just one less rivet.

Science has shown us that our biosphere is comprised of vast ecosystems, interconnecting habitats and species. Each organism fills a "niche" or position within the fragile network of life. If one species, one niche, is lost, others are impacted. The more species there are in an ecosystem, the more stable and resilient that ecosystem is. We are in the midst of an epoch, widely referred to as the Anthropocene, during which human activity has driven to extinction at least 700 species of vertebrates. The United Nations recently reported that as many as a million more kinds of plants and animals could die out, many within decades.



In June of 2012, the last Pinta Tortoise, nicknamed Lonesome George, died. I happened to be in the Galapagos at the time. Of course I was saddened by the news, but the gloom of the moment was not simply because of the passing of a massive reptile, one that I had spent a lot of time with over the previous four decades. It was because of George's iconic stature that I was saddened. His ancestors had been over-hunted by the whalers and George was the last of his kind. Humans were responsible for the extinction of yet one more species. The loss of a species is a deprivation of our own awareness, the cognizance that our biosphere is now more vulnerable.

Returning to the metaphor, our planet is analogous to a spaceship. We are not the pilot. We are the crew. Speaking of spaceships, I think it is really exciting that the USA is making plans to go to the red planet, but let's make a greater investment in our guardianship of the blue planet in the meantime. The recent socioeconomic crisis has not only revealed to us the rejuvenating capacity of our biosphere, but it has also made it clear that we must seek the truth, and in turn justice.

Quoting Werner von Braun, father of space science:

Although I know of no reference to Christ ever commenting on scientific work, I do know that He said, "you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Thus, I am certain that were He among us today, Christ would encourage scientific research as modern man's most noble striving to comprehend and admire his father's handiwork. The universe as revealed through scientific inquiry is the living witness that God has indeed been at work.

Bereavement Support Group

We are providing a bereavement support group weekly at Burton on Fridays in the Fellowship Center starting at 11:00 am. For more information, please contact Cindi Miller, 786-236-6336 or cynthia651@msn.com.

Children's Church

Burton Memorial will be starting up children's church for the 10:30 am service on Sunday, July 5. It will be held outside in the breezeway and parents are encouraged to dress their children for warm weather. We will not be having a nursery due to concerns of being indoors and infection from CDC use during the week. Children will be dismissed from the 10:30 am service after the children's sermon.



Health and Wellness

Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN

Hurricane preparedness during Covid-19 Pandemic is scary to think about but being prepared helps to ease our future fears and anxieties.

1. FEMA's Updated COVID-19 Preparation Guidelines

FEMA continues to coordinate with state, local, tribal, and territorial officials, along with the private sector, to share operational guidance and to encourage hurricane planning that reflects public health guidelines. While many preparedness tools available to you are the same, certain actions may look different while COVID-19 remains a concern. FEMA has updated guidelines for preparing for hurricane season.

2. Make an Emergency Plan

Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands [your hurricane plan](#). Discuss the latest [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidance on COVID-19](#) and how it may affect your hurricane planning. Don't forget a plan for [your church](#) and [church structure](#).

3. Gather Hurricane Supplies and COVID-19 Supplies

"Because of COVID-19, this spring has been like nothing we've ever experienced. Now we find ourselves in hurricane season, realizing that [in addition to our usual list of hurricane supplies, we need to add pandemic supplies – masks, disposable gloves, antibacterial disinfectants, soap, and yes, even toilet paper!](#) We cannot take for granted that these will be available after a storm. And just like any other season, we can't help others if we haven't prepared ourselves. This year, preparation takes on a whole new meaning as we live into social distancing and heightened awareness of cleanliness and sanitary practices to help stop the spread." – Pam Garrison, Disaster Response Coordinator, Office of Missional Engagement

4. Know Your Evacuation Route

Check with local officials about updated evacuation shelters for this year. You should note that your regular shelter may not be open this year due to COVID-19. If you [evacuate](#) to a community shelter, follow the latest [guidelines from the CDC](#).

5. Evacuation Safety, If You Have to Evacuate

If you are able, bring items that can help protect you and others in the shelter from COVID-19, such as hand sanitizer, cleaning materials, and two cloth face coverings per person. Children under two years old and people who have trouble breathing should not wear cloth face coverings. While at the shelter, be sure to wash your hands regularly. If possible, be sure to maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet of space between you and people who aren't members of your household.

--All information sourced from FEMA June 10, 2020 Kendra Rich | FloridaRestores



<https://www.flumc.org/newsdetail/especially-now-preparation-is-vital-in-hurricane-season-14021739>

Matthew 6:34 (NIV) 34: Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

If anyone needs someone to help with online health resources or needs a health partner, or just a listening ear, please contact me at 305-546-6682.



We are back—and it has been so nice to get together with a few of the UMW ladies. We have been meeting in the sanctuary on the fourth Monday of the month for the last two months. If you would like to join us, we are going to have a picnic dinner at our next monthly meeting, July 27 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have fried chicken, baked beans, salads and dessert. We should have plenty of food as all good Methodists do. So ladies, if you are tired of sitting around the house and would like to join us for a nice picnic dinner and fellowship, please come and join us. Love, faith and hope. Mary Lou Wilkinson.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet in the Joy classroom Thursday evenings until it is safe to do so. Please continue to knit and crochet at home, and watch for an announcement about resuming our meetings. Sending prayers and good health to all. For more information, please call Virginia Spear at 305-522-2978.

Many thanks to Viola for these beautiful prayer shawls.



Prayer Bead Ministry

The UM Women have been handcrafting Prayer Beads since 2015 when Linda Norman introduced this ministry to the congregation at our annual tea as the Key Note Speaker. Many of you have purchased these Protestant Prayer Beads and have found comfort in them.

During these isolating, difficult times we encourage you to purchase a copy of Kristen Vincent's book "*Another Bead, Another Prayer.*" This book provides devotions to use while praying with your beads. The devotions offer blessings, prayers, love and comfort to all. Call, text or email Mrs. Kim Youngblood at kyoungblood528@yahoo.com or cell 443-207-4000, or Linda Norman at lindalillonorman@gmail.com or cell 305-393-2589 if you wish to share your love of Beads.

