

# Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p><b>Date:</b> June 3, 2018  <b>Title:</b> How The Church Should ACT Today  <b>Theme:</b> The direction and ways of the Apostolic church (Responding to the Spirit).  <b>Purpose:</b> To address two essentials of Christianity: repentance and social responsibility.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Deuteronomy 15:7-8  <b>New Testament:</b> Acts 2:37-47</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> June 10, 2018  <b>Title:</b> How The Church Should ACT Today  <b>Theme:</b> The direction and ways of the Apostolic church (Personal and Social Restoration)  <b>Purpose:</b> To encourage our church to act as a bridge to the body of Christ rather than act as a barrier.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Leviticus 19:13-15  <b>New Testament:</b> Acts 3:1-10</p>
<p><b>Date:</b> June 17, 2018  <b>Title:</b> How the Church Should ACT Today  <b>Theme:</b> The direction and way of the Apostolic church (Holy Boldness)  <b>Purpose:</b> To encourage the congregation not to embrace this world and to be bold witnesses for Christ.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Psalm 22:27-31  <b>New Testament:</b> Acts 4:1-22</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> June 24, 2018  <b>Title:</b> How the Church Should ACT Today  <b>Theme:</b> The direction and ways of the Apostolic church (Prayer)  <b>Purpose:</b> In times when we are criticized for our faith, we should not withdraw, but double down in prayer for boldness and insight from the Holy Spirit.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Psalm 2:1-8  <b>New Testament:</b> Acts 4:23-31</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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bae_bmumc@att.net).

## June Birthdays:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Jeri Hansen	4	Ruth Forgan	21
Tama Hamburg	16	Wendy Coffman	25
Rebecca Swango	16	Tyler Coffman	25
Delaney Barry	17	Patricia Cummings	27
Julie Ratliff	19	George Leber	28
Foster Coffman	20	Robin Miller	28
Robyn Wright	20		

## June Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>
George & Victoria Pinson	7
Donald & Gweneth Englebreth	13
Anne Dunne	16
Bruce & Barbara Swango	18
Samuel & Erin Muir	20
Barbara & Gregory Koch	27

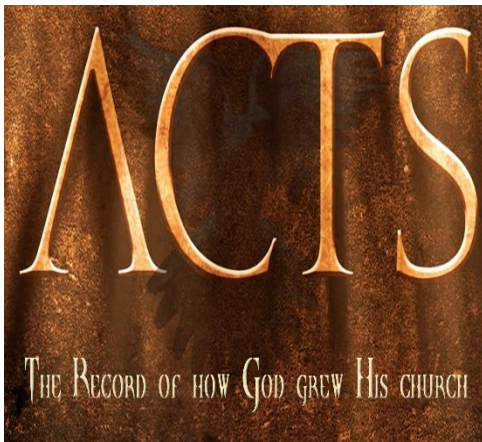
# The Beacon

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Through the months of June, July and part of August, we will be continuing our current sermon series titled, "How the Church Should ACT today." This series is based upon the first Church (*body of believers*) that was formed following the day of Pentecost when Jesus (God) sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in the hearts of all the believers as they were waiting in Jerusalem.



The Bible is clear concerning the mission of the Church. It is not complex; it is actually quite simple:

<sup>NRS</sup> **Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Jesus added another dimension to serving God:

<sup>NRS</sup> **Matthew 22:37** He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

The primary vehicle by which God has chosen to spread this message on earth is His church (the body of believers.) After the day of Pentecost and the formation of the early Church, God tells us exactly what the functions or purposes of the church should be:

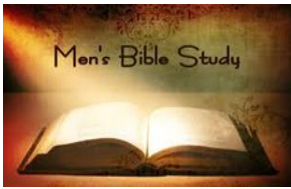
<sup>NRS</sup> **Acts 2:41** So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## From those verses come five functions the church needs to perform:

- Salty Service (Acts 2:47)
- Extravagant Generosity (Acts 2:45)
- Radical Hospitality (Acts 2:41)
- Passionate Worship (Acts 2:46)
- Intentional Discipleship (Acts 2:42)

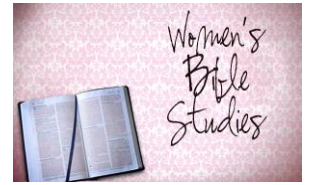
I hope these functions sound familiar to you. If they don't, then let me tell you a little bit about the 5 pillars of the Methodist Way. Stay tuned next month for more information about the Methodist Way. ☺





## Bible Study Groups

*The Women's and Men's Bible Study Groups are on vacation for the summer. Please watch for an announcement in the fall for the next meetings.*



## Membership and Information Class

*On Sunday, June 10, 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 for 2018 is ready for you!* Please consider placing an orchid on the altar in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone or something (such as a ministry or event) or to the Glory of God. In 2018 we will not have altar flowers on Communion Sundays – the Sacrament will be our focus. The year is completely open – so sign up! Cost is \$20.00 per arrangement. The calendar is in the Narthex or you can contact the church office. Please, only two orchids per Sunday.

## Passionate Worship Committee

We are always looking for people to help the church out in any way they feel comfortable. So if you can spare some time, we are in need of volunteers in the following areas: Acolytes, Children's Church, Greeters & Ushers, Liturgists, help with the Altar Guild, and any singers and/or ringers are welcome and needed. Hand bells practice on Wednesday at 6:00 until the choir comes back in the middle of August. The choir is not singing during the summer, but will resume in September. The WOW Band practices on Tuesdays, so if you can play an instrument or want to help lead singing, come join the WOW Band. Our next meeting is *Monday, July 23, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.* For more information call Carlene at 301-655-0522 or email her at [dcjarboe@gmail.com](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com). Thanks for your interest and support. Be of service to the church.



## Choir News



First I want to thank all choir members for their dedication and beautiful singing. We had many compliments on our small but awesome sound as a choir. We will be taking a summer vacation break until probably August 22, but stay tuned for any changes. If you would like to join us in August, it would be a great time to start. Singing is always good for the soul and helps with lung capacity. If you need more information, please call me at 301-655-0522 or email me at [dcjarboe@gmail.com](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com). Thanks again. Carlene Jarboe.

## Ringling News

*Looking for a few good ringers!* The Burton Ringers are looking for new members – short term or weekly. New ringer practice is from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm every Wednesday followed by our regular rehearsal from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm 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 Raeligh Gonsalves for more information.



## Status of Offerings

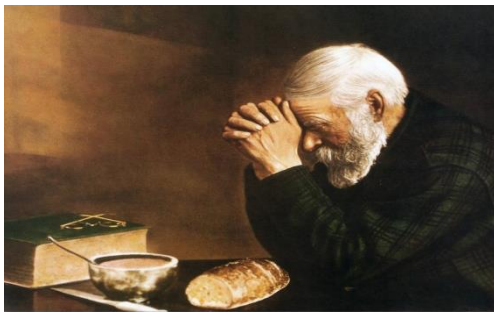


It is important to understand that the weekly offerings through the collection plate and website are what pay the expenses of our worship services, as well as contribute to the various church ministries. Below are the offering and website collections for the past four services.

Last Four Weeks					Year to Date		
Week	Date	Offering	Plan	+ / -	Offering	Plan	+ / -
18	6-May	\$2,377	\$2,554	-177	\$60,803	\$62,718	-1,915
19	13-May	\$1,694	\$2,554	-860	\$62,497	\$65,272	-2,775
20	20-May	\$1,741	\$2,554	-813	\$64,238	\$67,827	-3,589
21	27-May	\$1,661	\$2,554	-893	\$65,899	\$70,381	-4,482

### College Ministry

To date, two students have notified us that they will be taking summer classes: Kayla Lynn de Vroedt at Miami Dade Community College and Shannon Premaza at Florida Southwestern State College. If you know of any other students who are planning to enroll for summer classes, please notify me, Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator @ ([ble1k1@aol.com](mailto:ble1k1@aol.com)) or Betsy in the church office so that we can encourage and support them during the summer months.



### 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. Many thanks to the UM Women for volunteering for the fourth Thursdays for June, July and August, and for the Kiwanis for the second Thursdays for the months of July and August. *If you would like to help out, please call the office at 305-852-2581.*

### Free Blood Pressure Checks

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

### Vacation Bible School



This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from **July 16 to July 20, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**, with a free dinner from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Our theme will be "Shipwrecked". *This VBS program will take kids to an uncharted island and anchor them in the truth that Jesus carries us through life's storms.* We will have our second VBS volunteer meeting on June 10, 2018 at 12:00 pm in the Joy Classroom Center. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to help with this year's VBS, please be there.

### Church Work Day

There will be a work day at the church on Saturday, June 16, from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. We will be landscaping the back of the church and painting the Air Handler doors. So please wear clothing that you won't mind getting some dirt or paint on.



## Remembering Who We Are 2018 Annual Conference Offering

### Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Bishop's Offering for Annual Conference 2018 will be divided evenly between ZOE Ministries and funding for training laity and clergy in innovative forms of evangelism.

### About ZOE Ministries

According to global research, 385 million children are living in extreme poverty throughout the world. The debilitating results are disease, hunger, exploitation, abuse, illiteracy, and hopelessness. ZOE's approach has proven that children living in poverty also hold the greatest capacity to create lasting solutions for themselves, their families, and their communities.



By investing in local, indigenous leaders in seven countries on three continents, ZOE's distinctive, holistic international development model provides the vital relationships, training, and resources to empower young participants to overcome the isolation and stigmatization associated with extreme poverty. We are blessed to be able to assist Zoe Ministries in empowering children and youth to become self-reliant and able to give back to their communities and churches. [www.wearezoe.org](http://www.wearezoe.org)

### Training Laity and Clergy

As I move about the annual conference I consistently see our churches engaged with their communities in new and exciting forms of evangelism. Training our laity and clergy in creative and contextual ways of reaching out will be essential to sustaining and creating vital churches in the future, and in reaching new people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your generosity! The Peace of the Lord, Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. Florida Area Resident Bishop, The United Methodist Church



**On June 10, 2018 we will be taking a special offering during our 8:30 and 10:30 service that will be given to the Bishop's Offering of the Annual Conference 2018.**



### Ocean Reef Community Foundation Grant

Many thanks to the *Ocean Reef Community Foundation* for their continued support in *funding the refrigerated truck used to deliver food from Publix and Winn Dixie to our Food Pantry*. They also support our program by *donating money to Feeding South Florida on our behalf*, which allows us to purchase canned and dry food at greatly reduced prices.

**Way to go  
Burton  
Memorial  
United  
Methodist  
Church!**



My neighbor declared that if we have another hurricane next season, she will put her house up for sale. She believes extreme weather events are going to happen more frequently to us here in the Keys due to Climate Change.

Is this true? If so, is there something I can do about it? According to the Faith and Facts Card on Climate Justice produced by the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, “Carbon dioxide and other heat trapping pollution...are collecting like a blanket in the atmosphere.” This blanket is slowly warming the planet.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) defines climate change as “a broad range of global phenomena created predominantly by burning fossil fuels.” These phenomena include global warming and “extreme weather events” ([NASA Global Climate Change](#)). So, what can I do about it? The Burton Green Team suggests the first thing we can do is become aware, and then, as always, listen to God’s call.

## FAITH & FACTS

### ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

# CLIMATE JUSTICE

#### What does the Bible say?

God saw everything that God had made and indeed, it was very good. **(Genesis 1:10)**

Praise God, you highest heavens. **(Psalm 148:4)**

There is no faithfulness or loyalty, and no knowledge of God in the land... The land mourns, and all who live in it languish; together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing. **(Hosea 4:1,3)**

The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers; the heavens languish together with the earth. The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed laws, violated the statutes, broken the ever-lasting covenant. **(Isaiah 24:4-5)**

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. **(2 Chronicles 7:14)**



#### What does The United Methodist Church say?

All creation is the Lord’s and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God’s creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. **(Social Principles ¶160)**

The adverse impacts of global climate change disproportionately affect individuals and nations least responsible for the emissions. We therefore support efforts of all governments to require mandatory reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and call on individuals, congregations, businesses, industries, and communities to reduce their emissions. **(Social Principles ¶160.D)**

As we continue to call for bold leadership and advocate for policies rooted in justice and sustainability, we understand that God is calling each of us to respond and that as a denomination we cannot hope to transform the world until we change our way of being in it. **(2016 Book of Resolutions, #1035, “Climate Change and the Church’s Response”)**

A transition to energy efficiency and renewable energy sources will combat global warming, protect human health, create new jobs, and ensure a secure, affordable energy future. **(2016 Book of Resolutions, #1001, “Energy Policy Statement”)**



**CHURCH & SOCIETY**  
The United Methodist Church  
Living FAITH Seeking JUSTICE Pursuing PEACE



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



### **Local News:**

The Burton UMWomen will resume our monthly meetings in September, meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Edith Zewadski-Bricker  
President, Burton UM Women  
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### **District and Conference News:**

The Florida Conference United Methodist Women offers three mission studies every summer, the same studies taught at Mission u in conferences around the world. This summer the studies are “What about Our Money,” “The Missionary Conference of The United Methodist Church in the United States,” and “Embracing Wholeness.” The youth study is “Is it Just Money?” and the children’s study is “Money Matters.”

***2018 Mission u is July 12-15, on the beautiful campus of Bethune Cookman University, one of two United Methodist secondary schools in Florida, located in Daytona Beach.*** The cost for great food and a wide variety of selections in the school cafeteria, lodging in the new college dorms, interesting and inspirational plenaries and informative classes is \$200 per person. It’s a bargain. Won’t you join us? Come enjoy a world class pianist, teachers from throughout Florida and as far north as New York, a mission Fair, a South East District ice cream social, the video room, a resource room, a precious children’s talent show, and a few hundred United Methodist deaconesses, missionaries, pastors, and, of course, women, youth and children.

By the way, this is a great place to bring your grandchildren. Dine together for breakfast, lunch and dinner...and then know while you are in plenary and classes your grandchildren will be well-supervised by screened and qualified teachers, and immersed in scripture, fun and the teaching of Christ as it applies to the world around them.

For transportation to, or more information about Mission u, call Edith Zewadski-Bricker at 305-363-8392.



### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry recently made 25 new baby hats. UMWomen President Edith Bricker and her husband Tim took them to the 2018 United Methodist Women's Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. They were on display in the prayer/meditation room, and then distributed through United Methodist Women's Maternity Health work. You are invited to join us for knitting, crocheting, fun and fellowship Thursday nights at 7:00 pm in the Joy classroom. Come and learn too. For more information, please call Virginia 305-852-7757.



### **Prayer Bead Ministry**

The UM Women continue to sell handcrafted Prayer Beads as our ongoing fundraiser for \$15.00 each. The beads make great wedding, graduation, birthday and holiday gifts. Our ministry expands by offering classes on how to make Prayer Beads. Please contact Kim Youngblood. Call or text 443-207-4000 or email [kyoungblood528@yahoo.com](mailto:kyoungblood528@yahoo.com)



## Meditation and Prayer Time “Waiting on God”

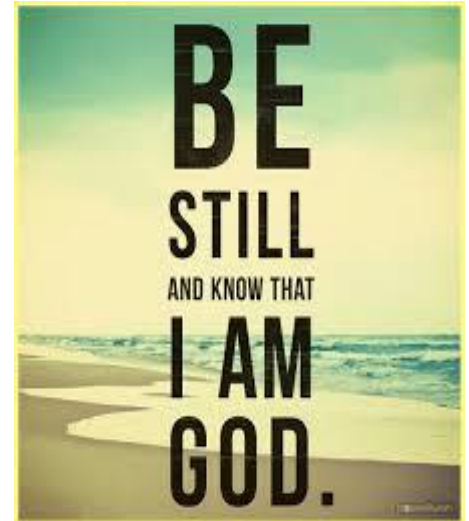
Every great movement of God, through the Holy Spirit, has been preceded with the church investing the time of waiting and praying before God. Here at Burton, it should be no different. As we are going through our current sermon series, “**How the Church Should ACT Today**”, I am excited about what will happen here at Burton and the community around us. However, given that we have acknowledged the Apostolic church “waited” and “prayed” before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, it should be no different for us. After all: *The people in the Bible are a lot like us and we are a lot like the people in the Bible.*

I find it hard, if not seemingly impossible, to wait on the Lord. Perhaps you have the same struggle.

The Lord said there would be times when we would gather that would not have a specific structure. We are to gather and wait before Him. We are to wait until the Holy Spirit empowers us. Waiting makes me nervous. Waiting makes me feel vulnerable. I don’t like it and I struggle to do it.

### **Seeking and Obeying**

Before Jesus had appeared to all of His disciples, the Bible tells us in John 20:19 where you could find them. They were hiding in a room behind locked doors. Jerusalem was a dangerous place for Christ’s followers. Because they had just crucified Jesus, who knew which disciple would be next?



Jesus came with a message to His followers. What do you think that message was? None of the disciples had been able to pray all night with him in Gethsemane. Peter had denied Him 3 times, and every disciple (except John, the Beloved) had abandoned Him. What do you think Jesus was going to say to them?

Surprisingly, He did not chide them nor was He angry with them. As a matter of fact, He comforted them by saying, “Peace be unto you. As the Father has sent me, even so, I am sending you.” Could God’s grace get any better?

Now we come to Acts 1. Jesus is alive. He has shown them by many proofs and He invested 40 incredible days talking about the Kingdom of God. What do you think the disciples wanted to do? No doubt they were ready to proclaim Jesus to the world. I can’t imagine their excitement. Notice how verse 4 reads. He “ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem **but to wait...**”

We are an impatient culture. If we are not careful, our lack of patience will find its way into our walk with Christ. Is the Church supposed to wait to be empowered by the Holy Spirit today as it was in the Book of Acts? **I think to a large degree, WE ARE!**



That is why I am excited to announce that we will be providing members of our church and community an opportunity to start the work week off with some much needed “meditation and prayer time” at Burton Memorial. ***Every Monday, June through August, we will be opening the Sanctuary from 7:00 am to 9:00 am for silent meditation and prayer. WE WILL BE WAITING ON GOD!***

I hope to see you there as we “wait and pray” for the power of the Holy Spirit here at Burton.



## Why Jesus (is my Lord and Savior)?

Tim Bricker, May 6, 2018

Jesus loves me.

This I know.

For the Bible tells me so.

Without reservation. In spite of (and because of) my humanity. The good and the bad. Just as I am.

JESUS  
Loves Me  
This I  
know...

Jesus saves.

I cannot fully grasp the price that was paid, but it included giving up this earthy life, so I might have an idea of 1) what it means to sacrifice, and 2) what it means to live in grace.

Jesus is the Way.

More importantly, Jesus showed me the Way, and He told me how I can walk in the Way. He told me to be kind, considerate, and to show compassion for those less fortunate than myself. He told me to love everyone, even my enemies. I fall short of doing these things often. But I am aware that I should try, and I do. It's not easy. That's why grace is good.

Jesus is a friend of mine.

He is with me always. He came into my life, and He returns every day. Not that He has gone anywhere. It is I who have turned away, accepting Him back, again and again.

Getting right in the Way connects me to what my idea of God is all about.

God is everything. A concept so vast, I am humbled in my awareness that I cannot comprehend it all. After all, the known universe alone is boggling, and reason suggests there are multiple universes beyond our own.

God is all that. And more.

Both physical and metaphysical.

That is what my faith is based on. The appreciation of what I experience, and a belief in things not seen.

My friendship with Jesus gives me a goal, a purpose, and hope. Hope that I may be a faithful follower, and an active traveler on the Way.

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**  
Come to the  
**Burton Community Conference**  
Sunday, June 3, 12:30pm  
Fellowship Hall

We will look at and discuss several issues being brought to the Florida Annual Conference,  
June 6-9, in Lakeland.

As the Lay delegate representing Burton Memorial, I want to hear what you think about the  
issues reflected in the summaries described below.

Due to an error made in the language of a constitutional amendment, from the 2016 General Conference (held every four years), a re-vote on the amendment will take place at our upcoming Annual Conference. The subject of the constitutional amendment is discrimination against women and girls. If adopted, by a 66% of the delegates to all the Annual Conferences, language would be added in the **Book of Discipline** that would direct the United Methodist Church to “confront and seek to eliminate discrimination against women and girls, whether in organizations or in individuals, in every facet of its life and in society at large.” This would become the new ¶6, and the current ¶¶ 6-61 would be renumbered as ¶¶ 7-62.

Annual Conference delegates will also consider **two Resolutions**.

One of these, entitled “**Valuing God’s Gift In Difficult Circumstances**,” seeks to recognize unborn children as our “neighbors” (Mt.22:30NRSV) and as “strangers” (Mt.25:35NAS) whom we are to welcome as “the least of these” (Mt.25:40). It further resolves to encourage and urge “all pregnant mothers and fathers to recognize their unborn children as persons worthy of love, value, and life, and to do them no harm,” offering to those women, who experienced unintended pregnancy, our compassion during and after their pregnancies.

The other Resolution, entitled “**Affirming Unity In Diversity**”, seeks to “affirm unity in our diversity, to challenge in love all that divides, and to proclaim God’s offer of saving grace through Jesus Christ.” It calls for prayer to “resist schism and express openness to diverse perspectives in matters of sexual identity and practice.”

I look forward to hearing from you, and to being your representative at the 2018 Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Faithfully yours,

**Tim Bricker**