

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

Date: October 7, 2018 Title: "Mystery Worship Series" Theme: Disoriented Purpose: God is always with us and has equipped us with grace to withstand challenges. Old Testament: Job 1:1; 2:1-10 New Testament (Epistle): Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 New Testament (Gospel): Mark 10:2-16	Date: October 14, 2018 Title: "Mystery Worship Series" Theme: Deserted Purpose: Hope is an assurance in God, even when God's justice is elusive and God's presence is a mystery. Old Testament: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 New Testament (Epistle): Hebrews 4:12-16 New Testament (Gospel): Mark 10:17-31
Date: October 21, 2018 Title: "Rated M for Mature" Theme: Spiritual Maturity Purpose: Using Halloween and monsters to challenge the congregation to step out of their comfort zone and reevaluate what it means to be a Mature Christian in a "Mature Audiences Only" world. Old Testament: Psalm 27:1-2 New Testament (Epistle): Hebrews 5:12-14 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 15:1-15	Date: October 28, 2018 Title: "Mystery Worship Series" Theme: Restored Purpose: Job illustrates that in spite of our personal pain and hurt, when we cannot change our situation, we can change our perspective. Old Testament: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 New Testament (Epistle): Hebrews 7:23-28 New Testament (Gospel): Mark 7:23-28

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.

*DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!*

October Birthdays:

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Ann Hickman	5	RaeLeigh Gonsalves	18
Billy Holly	7	Jack Grove	29
Patrick Cummings	15		

October Anniversaries:

	DAY
Neal & Sarah Hoover	8
Patrick & Elizabeth Frampton-Hickman	14
Brian & Debbie Premaza	14
Normand & RaeLeigh Gonsalves	16
Larry & Mabel Jacobsen	22
Tyler & Wendy Coffman	29

The Beacon

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Kerry's Corner

Our Men's Breakfast had a wonderful devotion that we shared on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 about loss from the book of Job. Since the whole month of October our sermon series will be based on the book of Job, I would like to share this with you. **The title of the devotion was: "What's There to Gain from Loss?" by Laura MacCorkle.**

Job 1:20-21 "At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.'" (NIV)

In the next-to-last chapter of Dr. David Clarke's *The 6 Steps to Emotional Freedom: Breaking Through to the Life God Wants You to Live*, a few sentences stand out in regard to our personal response to loss: "You're stuck if you have not genuinely changed as a person, in your relationships with others, and in your relationship with God. The whole point of loss is change. Each loss ought to move you ahead in these three areas... God wants you to experience positive change, and one of His main methods to promote change is loss."

Whoa. When's the last time any of us has looked at a loss in our lives as something good? As something meant for positive change? As something from which we can gain? It's so much easier to become bitter, to stay depressed, to go into denial or to lash out in anger at those closest to us.

When I think back about all the loss I've experienced in my lifetime, I don't know if I can see resulting positive changes every time. Divorce, death, job lay-off, broken relationships, a church split... these are some of the losses that have impacted my life so far. Yes, some have grown me and strengthened my spiritual life. But others are still a painful work in progress.

In the Bible, Job has got to be the No. 1 poster child for loss. He had it all: great wealth, good health and multiple children. And then one by one, God allowed it all to be taken away. There was great suffering. Job agonized and felt alone. He cursed the day of his birth. I can imagine him thinking, Please, God, I am so tired of hurting. I have nothing left. Why are you allowing this to happen to me? I don't know how much longer I can be 'strong,' hold it together and act like everything is fine.

But despite losing nearly everything, Job never curses God (although he is honest about his feelings). He honors His Creator and is faithful. Job sees that God's way is the right way. He repents. And then God blesses him, giving him TWICE what he had before. God doesn't explain to Job why he allowed the suffering. And Job is okay with that. In fact, he goes on to live another 140 years: "He saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so he died, old and full of years" (Job 42:16-17).

We see that Job's loss didn't cripple him. He didn't shrivel up his spirit and choose the bitter route for the rest of his days. No, what happened to Job only strengthened his relationship with God and matured his spiritual understanding. And that is the ultimate gain. Like Job, we are to be faithful to God even when we endure loss in our lives.

Intersecting Faith & Life: Ask God today how, through your loss, He can help you gain positive change as a person—in your relationships with others and in your relationship with Him. Ask Him to use your experience to encourage someone else who has also suffered loss.

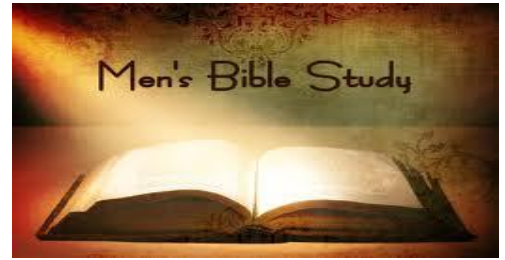
^{NRS} **James 5:10** As an example of suffering and patience, beloved,¹ take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

¹¹ Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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.



Passionate Worship Committee

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18, right after the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Center. 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 pm, followed by the choir at 7:15 pm. The WOW Band practices on Tuesdays, so if you can play an instrument or want to help lead singing, come join the WOW Band. For more information call 301-655-0522 or email me at dcjarboe@gmail.com. Thanks for your interest and support. Be of service to the church.

Choir News

The choir sings one Sunday a month and we practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, after the hand bell practice at 6:00 pm. We are really looking for any new singers we can get, but especially men who are interested in singing along side of Brad, our token male. No experience is necessary, no tryouts, just good fun and good service to the church.

Singing is always good for the soul and helps with lung capacity; in other words it is good for the body, mind and spirit. If you need more information, please call or email the choir director, Carlene Jarboe, at 301-655-0522 or dcjarboe@gmail.com. Thanks again. Carlene Jarboe.

Ringin' News

Looking for a few more new ringers! The Burton Ringers are looking for new members. *New ringer practice is from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm every Tuesday in the Sanctuary.* Ringing techniques and basic music education are provided. 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

We are so excited about our CHILDREN'S ARTS MINISTRIES! We will ring October and November while Mrs. Fara is out on maternity leave from the Children's Choir. For more information please contact the Church Office, or contact RaeLeigh Gonsalves at rgonsa2910@yahoo.com / 305-522-9361.

Membership and Information Class

On Sunday, October 14, 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 arrangements per Sunday.



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. Please note the plan numbers have been revised downward to reflect the revised budget.



Last Four Weeks					Year to Date		
Week	Date	Offering	Plan	+ / -	Offering	Plan	+ / -
35	2-Sep	\$1,681	\$2,046	-365	\$94,236	\$95,398	-1,162
36	9-Sep	\$2,058	\$2,046	12	\$96,294	\$97,444	-1,150
37	16-Sep	\$1,712	\$2,046	-334	\$98,006	\$99,490	-1,484
38	23-Sep	\$2,308	\$2,046	262	\$100,314	\$101,537	-1,223

CDC Annual FLAEYC Conference

FLAEYC - Florida Association for the Education of Young Children - is the statewide association to benefit children and families by providing leadership, advocacy and professional development for early childhood professionals. They offer annual conferences to all early childhood professionals.

Last year, we had paid for 8-10 of our staff to attend the FLAEYC conference; however, due to Hurricane Irma, the scheduled conference was cancelled and moved to December 2017. We did not attend in December due to scheduling conflicts. The payment made was credited towards this year's annual conference. However, the full conference (3 days) this year had increased tremendously, so we opted to attend the one day conference only (September 8, 2018) in Orlando. On Friday, September 7, our school had an early release, to allow our staff to drive from the Keys to Orlando after work. The staff that were able to attend were: Lucia Amable, Margarita Curbelo, Yuriselda Howell, Raquel Rodriguez; and Dominique Whitehead.

September 8, 2018 was a full day conference at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort Hotel, a 10 minute drive from where we were staying. Our staff learned lots of things, ranging from curriculum implementation, songs, arts and crafts, brain development, behavioral prevention, etc. It was a long day for each of them, but we all had fun as we had the chance to visit Disney Springs.



College Ministry

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

Here is the updated list of our 15 college students for the fall term:

Sarah and Lee Bowman – Birmingham Southern College

Rebecca Fernandez – University of Arizona

Kyrié Foote – Valencia Community College

Jenna Johnson – Christopher Newport University

James Kirkman- FKCC/MDCC

Natasha Murphy – Santa Fe College

Brooke Peacock – Florida State University

Shannon Premaza – Florida SW College

Kayla de Vroedt – MDCC

Joshua Waits – University of North Carolina

Sara Waits – Regents University

Daniel Walker – Florida State University

Makenzie Wright – University of Southern Florida

Robyn Wright – FKCC

Several of these students will be listed in the church bulletin every week so that you may remember to support them with your prayers.



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 are still in need of volunteers for the fourth Thursdays. *If you would like to help cook, serve, or clean up, please call the office at 305-852-2581 to volunteer for a Thursday night.*

Operation Christmas Child - The Power of a Simple Gift

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 157 million shoe box gifts have been delivered to boys and girls in some 130 nations. Through evangelistic materials and follow-up discipleship programs, millions of children and family members have heard the Gospel for the first time and many have made life changing decisions for Jesus Christ.

This is the nineteenth year that our church family here at Burton has participated in this wonderful ministry, which is a project of Samaritan's Purse. (Samaritan's Purse is a worldwide Christian relief organization headed by Rev. Franklin Graham). Last Year, we gave 175 gift-filled and love-filled shoe boxes. Here is how you can make a difference in the lives of these children:

Pray. Please pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Christ.

Pack a gift. Pack a gift-filled shoe box and bring it to the church by the deadline,

Sunday, November 11.

Give. Please remember to give \$9.00 per box to cover shipping costs.

If you need a brochure, shoe box or more information, please see Brad Kunkel at church on Sundays, or call Julie Ratliff at 305-747-6870.



Meditation and Prayer Time

The Sanctuary will be open every Monday morning thru December from 7:00 am to 9:00 am to members of our church and the community for silent meditation and prayer. Consider it a way to kick off the work week putting God first and seeking God's direction.

The Pumpkins Are Coming

On Saturday, October 6, the pumpkins will be here. We need people to help unload the pumpkins starting at 4:00 pm. This is a great tradition and family event at Burton, but you will get dirty and it is pretty hot. So, wear comfortable clothing that you can unload pumpkins with. Remember we will also ***need volunteers to sell the pumpkins*** throughout the month. From October 7 through October 31, those volunteering to work the pumpkin patch can choose between two shifts; 11:00 to 3:30 pm or 3:30 to 7:00 pm. If you are interested in working a few shifts, ***look for the sign up board in the narthex and church office.***



Fall Festival

This year's Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 28 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Fall Festival is a family friendly carnival event that is open to the Upper Keys community. There will be food, drinks, a dunk tank, inflatable games, a pumpkin carving contest, a costume contest, a petting zoo and a free magic show presented by Michael Trixx.

We need a lot of volunteers to make this event happen. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office at 305-852-2581, or sign-up at the Fall Festival Table outside at the front of the church on Sundays.



Schedule of Events:

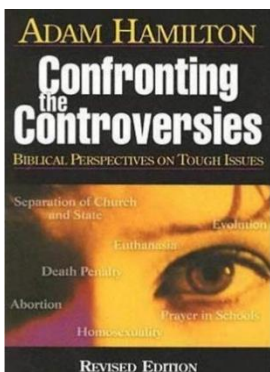
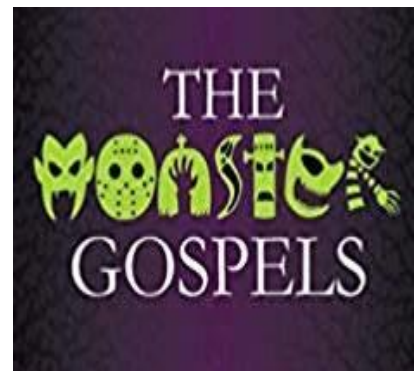
- 2:00 pm: Inflatables Rides (unlimited rides with \$5.00 wristband).
- 3:00 pm: Petting Zoo Opens (unlimited with same wrist band).
- 4:00 pm: Pumpkin Carving Contest (1/2 off pumpkins)
Participants are asked to bring their own carving utensils.
- 5:00 pm: Costume Contest (Free)
- 6:00 pm: **Michael Trixx Magic Show (Free)**

Food and refreshments will be provided at a reasonable price.

The Monster Gospels

Jason Korsiaak (author, *The Christmas Gospels*, *The Superhero Gospels*) returns to Burton Memorial UMC on Sunday, October 21, with a potluck luncheon at 12:00 pm and an all-new presentation at 1:00 pm based on his books *The Monster Gospels* and *The Monster Gospels For Kids*. In this one-hour program, Korsiaak plays a mad scientist attempting to create the ultimate monster by using "spare parts" from 13 of the scariest monsters of all time, all while using those monsters to illustrate timeless, spiritual lessons.

"The Monster Gospels" is a fun, not-scary spooktacular, filled with opportunities for audience participation, including such highlights as a "tongue twister" contest with Dracula fangs and competitive mummy wrapping. The event is for all ages.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

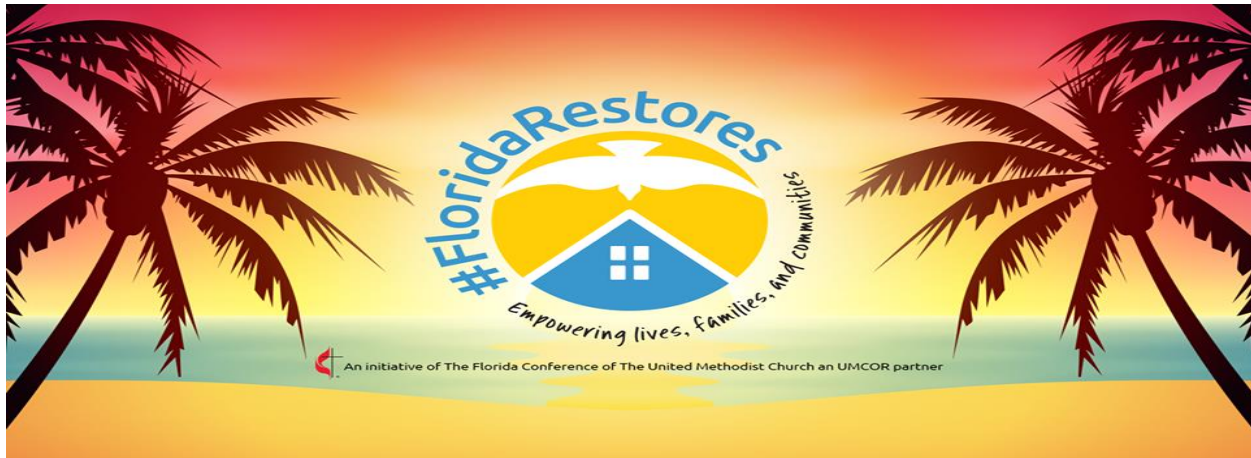
We will be launching our Wednesday Night Bible study on October 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the house of Tom Simpson, 768 Bostwick Drive, Key Largo, Florida. We will kick off this Bible Study by reading Adam Hamilton's book, "Confronting the Controversies: Biblical Perspective on Tough Issues." The specific issues we will be studying and discussing are: The Separation of Church and State, Creation and Evolution in the Public Schools, The Death Penalty, Euthanasia, Prayer in Public Schools, Abortion, and Homosexuality.

In order to assure that we have enough books, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex of the church on the Intentional Discipling Board.

Be Just. Be Green.

According to Southerly Magazine*, the public, the press and the politicians are becoming numb to the new trend in extreme weather events. Instead, we should be increasingly alarmed. Christians, now is the time to respond with Faith, Hope and Love in action! The poor, the elderly, and the widows are disproportionately suffering....and some right here in our own Upper Keys community..

If you have the skills to repair water-damaged ceilings, call Kerry Willis, Florida Keys Volunteer Coordinator for #FloridaRestores, the United Methodist Hurricane Irma relief program. Kerry's headquarters are in Marathon, but she is in need of volunteers throughout the Keys. Her number is 305-619-7895, or go to www.flumc-floridarestores.com or call Tim Bricker at 305-852-9259.



Burton Green Team member, Ralph Norman, has shared two articles on environmental justice from Southerly Magazine. Check out “How environmental justice is shaping a new civil rights movement in the South” and “In Hurricane Florence’s Path” at <https://southerlymag.org>.

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Local News:

Burton UM Women have resumed our monthly meetings. The next meetings are October 22, November 26, December 17, and January 21. ***Please note: October's meeting will be held at Virginia Spear's home in Tavernier.***

Faith, Hope and Love in Action,
Edith Zewadski-Bricker
President, Burton UM Women
305-852-9259/305-363-8392

District and Conference News:

2018 –

October 13 join us for the **UMWomen South East District's Annual Meeting** at Norland UMC in Miami.

November 3 travel with us to the **UMWomen Conference Annual Meeting** at First UMC, Lakeland.

December 1 party with us at the **Celebrating the Beloved Community** at Miami Lakes UMC.

2019 –

January 12 come to the special program Understanding Race, Privilege & Power: A Conversation at First UMC, Coral Gables.

February 17 come to UMW Sunday, luncheon and Mission Study.

March 3 is the Annual UMWomen's Tea.

We are a group of women, most of whom are members of Burton Memorial UMC, gathering together “to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand the concepts of mission through the global ministries of the church.”

For more information or transportation, call Edith at 305-852-9259, or text to 305-363-8392.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

In addition to prayer shawls, we invite you to join us in making hats for cancer children. They will be placed on the altar for prayer and then sent to a children's hospital. ***Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the JOY classroom for instruction, fellowship, fun and prayers.*** We will also teach newcomers. For information, call Virginia Spear at 305-522-5657.



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.