

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: April 3, 2016 Title: "A Kingdom of Priest...our Mission in Jesus Christ" Theme: Second Sunday of Easter Purpose: To realize that God's authority, not human authority, directs our mission in Jesus Christ. OT: Psalm 150 NT: Acts 5:27-32</p>	<p>Date: April 10, 2016 Title: "We Never Done It That Way Before" Theme: Third Sunday of Easter Purpose: We are called to reach out to every kind of person. And we are stretched by Jesus' call to keep fishing, even in ways that are odd for us, until the whole haul is taken in. And when we do this, then we can feast. OT: Psalm 30 NT: John 21:1-19</p>
<p>Date: April 17, 2016 Title: "I Recognize That Voice" Theme: Fourth Sunday of Easter Purpose: The works of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, are done in the name of the Father and testify to his oneness with the Father. His sheep hear his voice and follow (do the same works). OT: Psalm 23 NT: John 10:22-30</p>	<p>Date: April 24, 2016 Title: "I Gotta Do What?!?" Theme: Fifth Sunday of Easter Purpose: As Jesus faces the events leading to his execution, he commands his disciples, "Love one another as I have loved you." OT: Psalm 148 NT: John 13:31-35</p>

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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!

April Birthdays:

April Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Robert Chabinak	1	Susan Hulsbeck	19	Richard & Nancy Lancaster	5
Marian Anderson	3	Doratheia Tewes	20		
Blair Ellis	5	George Berger	22		
Jill Thomas	6	Ken Mills	23		
Sally Ann Crawford	7	Anne Dunn	24		
Nathan Frier	9	Ty Guevara	25		
Mary Harris	12	Cody Frier	27		
Robert Hills	15				
Dawson Ellis	16				
Claude Bullock	17				
Amy Harrelson	17				

The Beacon

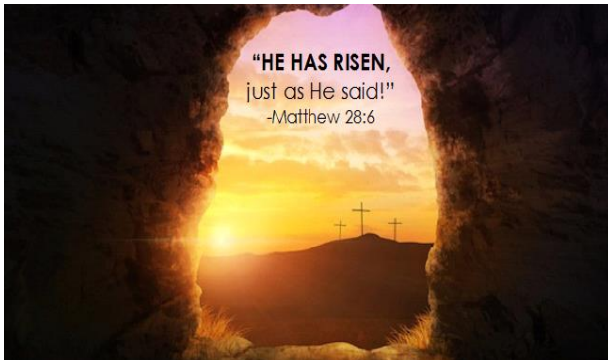
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It Ain't Over Yet!

Well, you can tell that Easter is behind us because you see all those Easter Baskets, plastic Easter Eggs, jelly beans and various other egg-shaped chocolates have made their way to the clearance isles of the store. This is sad, because I really love Easter and the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I love the feeling of the church service on Easter morning and seeing the church filled with worship. I wish it lasted longer than just one day!

I have a little secret for you and this may surprise some of you...but Easter is not over, it has just begun.



According to the church calendar, Easter (like Christmas) is not just one day. Just as Christmas starts December 25th and lasts 12 days; Easter started March 27, 2016 and it lasts not 12 but 50 days. Although the date for the beginning of Easter changes every year, it lasts 50 days none the less. Western churches (Catholic and Protestant) celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. This means that Easter may take place anywhere between March 22 and April 25.

Because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar—even more important than Christmas—the Easter season continues on for 50 days, through the Ascension of Our Lord (May 8, 2016) to Pentecost Sunday (May 15, 2016). Indeed, for the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty, the Easter season extends until Trinity Sunday (May 22, 2016) the first Sunday after Pentecost!

Our ancestors found great symbolic meaning in these 50 days of Easter. For example, 50 days is seven weeks — a week of weeks plus one day. That extra day was the Eighth Day, the same name they gave to Sunday — the day of resurrection, the day that symbolized eternity. It's not just the start of a new seven-day week but the beginning of a whole new creation. Fifty days is also just about one-seventh of the whole year, so these 50 days hold the same relationship to the year as Sunday does to the week. **That's why the 50 days of Easter are known as the Great Sunday of the entire year.**



While 50 days of unmitigated joy seems hard for us to sustain today, the season still has meaning. It's the time when we are meant to experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. It's the season when we hear and ponder the beginnings of our Church, the gifts of the Spirit, and the meaning and mission of discipleship.

So keep on celebrating and wishing your friends a happy Easter!

The Women's Bible Study Group

The Women's Bible Study Group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Joy Class Room. We have finished studying John MacArthur's "Twelve Unlikely Heroes" and are now using the "Upper Rooms." Please join our group for study and fellowship. Contact JoAnn Waits at 305-853-9879 or Alberta Albury at 305-852-5638 for more information.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join us for knitting or crocheting (learning how to) or just talking in fellowship every **Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the Joy classroom.** For more information, call Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757.

United Methodist Women

Burton's United Methodist Women's meetings are the fourth Monday of the month. **We will meet on April 25 at 7:00 pm at the home of Virginia Spear.** All women are welcome. For directions or transportation call Virginia at 305-852-7757.

United Methodist Women's General Conference will be held from May 10 to May 20 in Portland, Oregon. We will be going in spirit and we've been asked to pray for unity.

June 3 – 5 is the Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting of UMW in Charleston, South Carolina. We'll be going by train.

June 15 – 18 is the Florida Annual Conference of the UMC in Orlando. We'll be traveling by car.

July 7 – 10 is Mission u in Daytona. We'll be going in a passenger van.

All are invited to come along. For more information on United Methodist Women, call Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757, or Kim Youngblood at 305-852-7497.



Membership and Information Class

On April 17 we will have a membership and information class in the Pastor's Office at 1:30 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.

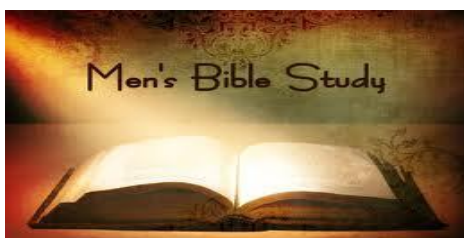
Flower Calendar

Would you like to sponsor the altar flowers? And enjoy them after the second service? **Please sign up to honor, remember, or simply Praise the Glory of God. The Sign-Up Book is located on the podium in the narthex (lobby).** Each orchid is \$20.00 to be paid in advance. It is important for the altar to be adorned each and every week so please help us by selecting a Sunday that has not been filled with two spaces. **A maximum of two flowers** (no exceptions please) will be purchased each Sunday without exception, so sign up early.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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



Passionate Worship Committee Meeting

The next meeting for the Passionate Worship Committee will be Monday, May 2 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. If you are in charge of an area that affects worship, you should attend or send in a report via email. All are welcome to attend, especially if you are interested in contributing to the worship services or have specific ideas about improving the worship experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Carlene Jarboe at 301-655-0522 or email her at dcjarboe@gmail.com.



Choir News

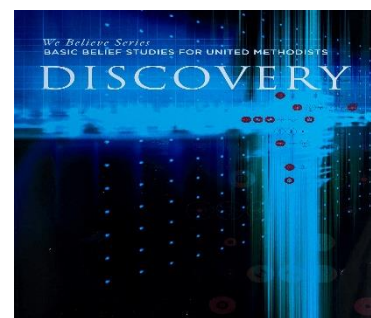


It is not too late to join the choir. *We practice on Wednesdays from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm.* Come for the fun, fellowship, and the pleasure of singing for the Lord. We are losing some of our winter people so please consider helping us out.

If you have any questions about the choir, please feel free to call the Choir director, Carlene Jarboe, at 301-655-0522.

Adult Bible Study

Beginning on April 6, Tom and Anita Simpson are starting a new Adult Bible Study that will be meeting weekly at their house on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. They will be using the "Discovery" curriculum for their first series. This curriculum has been described as an adult confirmation class or as a Bible 101 class. The Discovery curriculum lasts thirteen weeks and covers the basics of Christianity. All are welcome. Tom's address is 768 Bostwick Drive, Key Largo, Florida. 33037. If you have any questions, please call Tom at 305-393-7707.



Status of Offerings

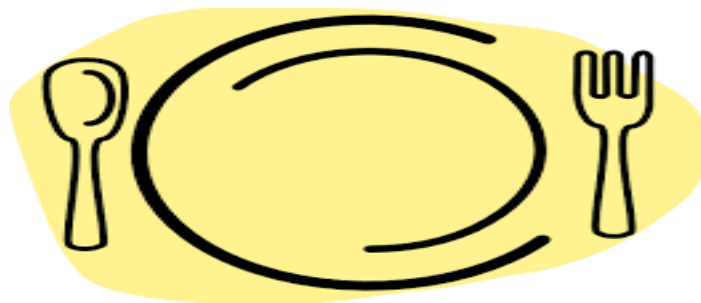
It is important to understand that the weekly offerings through the collection plate and website are what pay the expenses of our worship services, as well as contributing to the various church ministries. Below are the offering and website collections for the past four services.



Last Four Weeks					Year to Date		
Week	Date	Offering	Plan	+ / -	Offering	Plan	+ / -
10	6-Mar	\$4,590	\$3,782	808	\$40,396	\$37,817	2,579
11	13-Mar	\$4,847	\$3,782	1,065	\$45,243	\$41,598	3,645
12	20-Mar	\$4,361	\$3,782	579	\$49,604	\$45,380	4,224
13	27-Mar	\$3,273	\$3,782	-509	\$52,877	\$49,162	3,715

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 Men's Breakfast and the Youth Groups for volunteering in March, and the UMW for April. *Starting with May, we need coverage for the second Thursday of each month.* No fancy cooking required. Please call the office at 305-852-2581 to volunteer.



dV8 Youth Group

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed (dV8) by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Our youth group is open to all adolescents in grades 6 through 12. You do not have to be a member of Burton to attend and friends are always welcome. As a matter of fact, we encourage our youth to BARF at every event. (Bring a Real Friend). **Our normal dV8 events are Sundays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** (with exceptions for special events which will be advertised in advance) at “The Place” a.k.a. the youth room of the education building. Come and enjoy our new and repaired games: **Foosball, Ping Pong, and 5 ft. Jenga Game.** Our new schedule on Sunday is as follows:

5:00 pm to 5:30 pm – Free time- fellowship, music, and games.

5:30 pm to 6:00 pm – Team games and mixers

6:00 pm to 6:15 pm – Large Group meeting

6:15 pm to 6:45 pm – Cell Group meetings

6:45 pm. to 7:00 pm – Dinner



April 3: (5k walk/run) – [12:00 pm to 3:00 pm]

The youth will be working the relief stations for the 5k walk/run by handing out cold water on the course and fresh fruits at the Harry Harris halfway point. There will be no dV8 meeting at “The Place” from 5:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. on this day. Our youth function will be the 5k walk/run.

April 10: (The Most) – [5:00 pm to 7:00 pm] The youth will be playing 9 square and a game called “1,000.00 bill exchange.” Then we will watch an Academy Award Nominated Live Action Short called “Most.”



April 17: (CrossFit) – [5:00 pm to 7:00 pm] The youth will be meeting at i am CrossFit across from the Florida Keys Electric Coop to play a game of Tasmanian Kickball. Do not meet at the church. It would be good to invite friends to this one. **Your parents will need to drop you off and pick you up from the Cross Fit location: 171 Hood Ave #11, Tavernier, FL 33070.**

April 24: (ARK) – [5:00 pm to 7:00 pm] The youth will be performing an ARK (Act of Random Kindness) for this particular Sunday. This is sort of a surprise, so just show up and see what God has in store for you!

Airsoft Games

Our dV8 youth group has resumed playing airsoft on specific Sundays of the month. Those wanting to play are encouraged to show up at **3:30 pm** on specified Sundays wearing long sleeved clothing and pants. We will be dividing up into two teams: **Red Dawn and Team America.** Youth can bring their own guns and we have some extras that we can supply for those that do not have their own. Also, **youth are not allowed to play without eye protection gear.** **This month the youth will be playing Airsoft on April 10 and 24.**



Food Pantry Assistant Position Opening

BMUMC is seeking help from an individual in overseeing our Daily Bread Food Pantry operations. This is a paid part-time position (\$10.00/hour; approximately 50 hours/month) and the person who fills it will work closely with the church's Administrative Assistant and the Food Pantry Volunteers to ensure that the operation runs smoothly and operates in an accountable manner.

Key responsibilities of this position include:

- Coordinate volunteer workers to ensure that the Food Pantry is staffed during all hours it is open and also during regular major food delivery times. The Food Pantry/Delivery schedule is as follows;
 - Monday and Wednesday; 9:00 am – noon.
 - Tuesday and Thursday; 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
 - Thursday; Food Delivery only 10:00 am – noon.
- Work with volunteers to ensure that:
 - Measurable activities are logged onto the proper forms [volunteer daily work hours, client sign-in sheets, new client cards (with appropriate identification checked), daily shopping lists, receipts of food with weights and type of food noted].
 - Food received from Feeding South Florida, Publix, Winn Dixie, Star of the Sea (SOS) Farmshare, and other sources is sorted and stored properly.
 - Food Pantry shelves are continuously restocked.
 - Boxes are broken down and trash taken to the dumpster each day.
- Coordinate activities and reporting as required with God's Kitchen staff.

The person that fills this position should have good interpersonal skills, enabling them to work with a variety of groups and individuals, and be able to use a computer well enough to enter data tracking Food Pantry operations.

All applicants should apply by submitting a resume to the church office in person Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, or by emailing bae_bmumc@att.net, or by sending a fax to 305-852-4917. The Staff Parish Relations Committee will conduct interviews and make the final selection. ***The deadline for applications to be received by the church office is noon on April 20, 2016.*** For additional information contact the church office at 305-852-2581.



Burton Memorial First Annual 5k walk/run

Burton Memorial will be hosting its first annual 5k walk/run on Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm. We will start the walk/run from the church parking lot at 12:00 pm. We will then proceed to walk/run to Harry Harris Park. There will be a refreshment station at the halfway mark to Harry Harris providing cold water.

Then upon arriving at Harry Harris, there will be another refreshment station providing water and fruit refreshments. Harry Harris Park will be the halfway point of the 5k. From Harry Harris, we will travel back to Burton Memorial with that same refreshment station to help you on your return journey.

Upon arriving back to Burton, you will have completed your 5k walk/run and will be treated to a healthy lunch. If you would like to help out with this new venture, please contact Debbie Premaza at 305-852-6030.