

# Sermon Themes and Scriptures

**Date:** September 6, 2020  
**Title:** Fear Not (Week 1)  
**Theme:** Healthy and Unhealthy Fear  
**Purpose:** Learn to recognize the difference between healthy and unhealthy fear and exercise the necessary disciplines in dealing with them.  
**Old Testament:** Genesis 3:8-11 & 15:1-4  
**New Testament:** 2 Timothy 1:6-10

**Date:** September 13, 2020  
**Title:** Fear Not (Week 2)  
**Theme:** A Proper Place  
**Purpose:** Be aware of your response to difficult or adverse situations and adjust as needed to have a more faithful response.  
**Old Testament:** Numbers 6:22-27  
**New Testament:** Philippians 4:6-7 & 11-13

**Date:** September 20, 2020  
**Title:** Fear Not (Week 3)  
**Theme:** Focused On Today  
**Purpose:** Consider how freeing it is to only be concerned with one day at a time, rather than feeling the pressure to manage your entire future all at once.  
**Old Testament:** Isaiah 41:10 & 43:1  
**New Testament:** Matthew 6:11 & 6:25-34

**Date:** September 27, 2020  
**Title:** Fear Not (Week 4)  
**Theme:** You're Not Alone  
**Purpose:** Embrace the reality of an ever-present savior and know that He is always there.  
**Old Testament:** Joshua 1:4-9  
**New Testament:** Matthew 28:20 & John 16:33

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Church Contacts

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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)

*DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!*

## September Birthdays:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Jerry Wilkinson	1	Bootsie Wells	17
Tiffany Katz	2	Jacob Kirkman	18
Sophia Barry	5	Barbara Koch	19
Sharon Albury	11	Shirley Held	21
Barry Gabler	14	Jill McCauley	24
Charles Bigger	15	Carol Johnson	25
Bill Crofts	15	Victoria Pinson	25
Lillie Kunkel	15	Deborah Shelley	27
Mike Donovan	16	Reid Bennett	29
George Pinson	17	Annie Mulford	30

## September Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>
Claude & Betty Bullock	5
Barry & Susan Gabler	22
Dorothy & Larry Jarboe	23



# The Beacon

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## Kerry's Corner

It's no secret that fear is a pervasive issue in our culture. Fear can be crippling, demoralizing, and exhausting to deal with it.



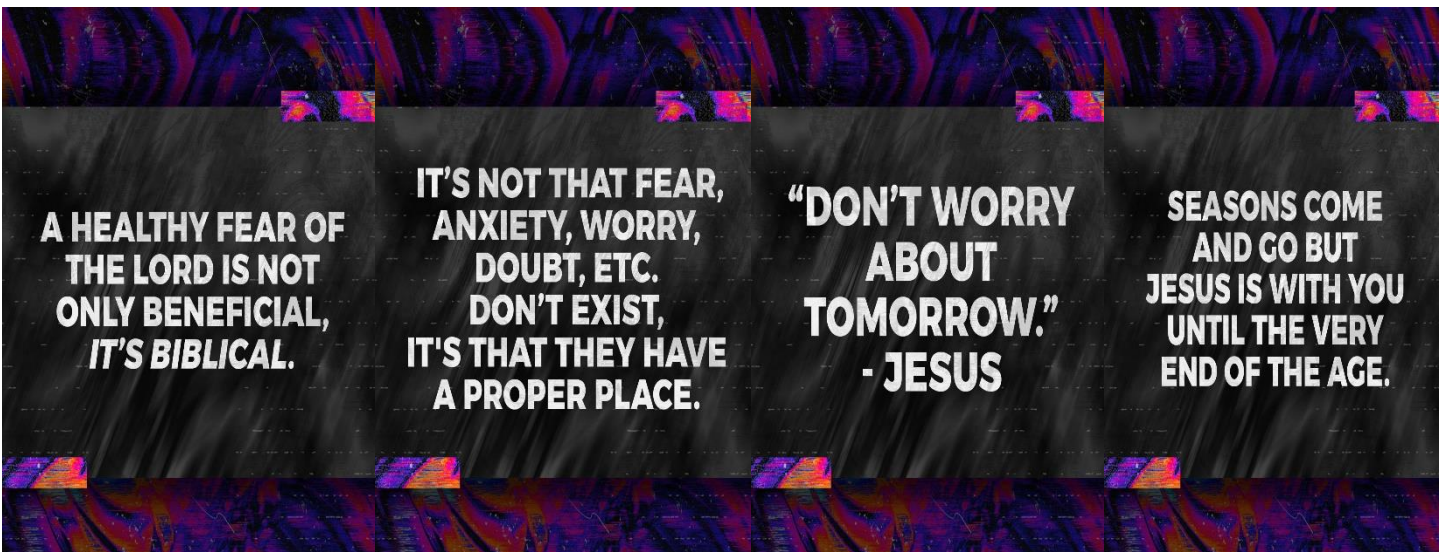
Add to it things like anxiety, discouragement, doubt and you've got a recipe for disaster. With so many possibilities and avenues for affliction, oppression, and horrible life-altering events it can feel a bit like life is spent simply going from adversity to adversity.

But what if there was a better way to live? A healthier option to choose from the proverbial buffet of life?

I am excited to present a new sermon series that we will be running during the month of September titled: Fear Not. I believe that this will be a very timely series addresses the very current pandemic that we are going through today.

It will guide us and help us address fear with both practical and divine resources. Each week our congregation will work through fear together and learn how people like the Apostle Paul, Joshua, and even Jesus dealt with fear.

This 4-week series will leave our church encouraged and equipped to step confidently into an unpredictable world.





## 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

Carlene Jarboe

I am sorry to say that the choir is canceled until further notice. Since there is no singing in church yet, we will wait until the pandemic is somewhat under control and singing in church is permitted. "This too shall pass." Until then, I have decided to learn ASL sign language. I have always loved to see music signed and this could be a solution to actual "singing" in church. This is a free class offered by Pam Feeser whom most of you already know. She is doing this in conjunction with the JOY center enrichment program. This is offered on Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 11:45 am, online with Zoom. Search for Upper Keys Life Enrichment on Facebook and like their page. You can also email Betsy Baste at [justolderyouthinc@gmail.com](mailto:justolderyouthinc@gmail.com) as she is in charge of the group. She will send you a schedule. You must RSVP with a link for acceptance into the class. There will be no Wednesday classes from September 9 through September 30. They will resume on October 7. Learning a language, of any kind, is good for the brain. There are many good classes offered with the Joy Center. I highly recommend supporting this group which is working for the betterment of seniors. If you have any questions about this, feel free to contact me either by email, [dcjarboe@gmail.com](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com), or call at 301-655-0522. Hopefully we can continue learning throughout this challenging time.



## Ringin' News

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.

## College Ministry

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 COVID-19 school re-openings. Please contact Sue Peacock with any changes at 305-923-9541.



## God's Kitchen



Our food pantry is still seeing more clients each month. And 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. We can also use people to bag rice and beans or help create the grocery bags we hand out to our clients. If you would like to help out, please call the church office at 305-852-2581.

## Children's Church

Burton Memorial has started up children's church for the 10:30 am service. It is being 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.



## 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](mailto:kmf_bmumc@bellsouth.net).

## 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	+ / -
31	2-Aug	\$2,638	\$2,013	<b>625</b>	\$83,953	\$81,862	<b>2,091</b>
32	9-Aug	\$4,499	\$2,013	<b>2,486</b>	\$88,452	\$83,875	<b>4,577</b>
33	16-Aug	\$1,946	\$2,013	<b>-67</b>	\$90,398	\$85,888	<b>4,510</b>
34	23-Aug	\$1,725	\$2,013	<b>-288</b>	\$92,123	\$87,901	<b>4,222</b>



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](http://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.

## Health and Wellness

Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN

Covid-19 has forced us all to look at the way we live our daily lives. At first, I thought like many that the changes we had to make would be temporary. Now I am questioning what is temporary? Are these changes here to stay? Either way, I wanted to share links and ideas to try during these changing times. First, online support (Church, Bible study, music, books, face time, virtual events, education, etc.) is readily available to ALL if you have access. If you do not have access, find a support buddy. Second, reducing social distancing has created more intimate small group gatherings bringing us closer ironically. Third, leaving buildings behind allows us to embrace our beautiful earth and find more activities out in the fresh air, with a better appreciation. Last, this time is tapping into our creativity in many areas of our lives. I pray that we embrace change and find new ways to be better people and a better world.



**One of my favorite prayers is:** “The Serenity Prayer”, a prayer written by the American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr (1892–1971). It is commonly quoted as: “God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

**My favorite apps and links are...** Biblegateway.com, Biblehub app, Pandora app, Baptisthealth.net, <https://events.baptisthealth.net/ClassesAndEvents>, UMC.org, <https://umcabundanthhealth.org/resources/> <https://umcabundanthhealth.org/resources/health-breaks/>. What are yours?

See, “I am doing a **new thing!** Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” [Isaiah 43:19](#)

*You may contact me anytime as a resource and/or for support. Debbie 305-546-6682*

## 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](mailto:cynthia651@msn.com).

Ladies, if you want an evening out with some fellowship and spiritual enlightenment, then this meeting might be for you. We meet on the fourth Monday of each month at the church at 7:00 pm. There is a program book that we use and a reading program. We are going to be purchasing new books for our library soon and all books that can be checked out are in the narthex. Please check out the assortment for titles and subjects. We hope you will join us and look forward to getting together. If you have any questions, please call me at 305-394-3878, and hopefully I can answer your question.

Faith, Love and Hope, Mary Lou Wilkinson, President.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thanks to those knitting and crocheting. We place prayer shawls on the altar every week. Last week four were mailed out of state. For the month of September our Thursday night group will continue to work from home. We continue to make children's hats for cancer children to be mailed in November. For more information, please call Virginia Spear at 305-522-2978.

### 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](mailto:kyoungblood528@yahoo.com) or cell 443-207-4000, or Linda Norman at [lindalillnorman@gmail.com](mailto:lindalillnorman@gmail.com) or cell 305-393-2589 if you wish to share your love of beads.



### Children's Home Fifth Sunday

Burton just received this certificate in honor of all the members that give to this worthy mission in 2019. This past August was another fifth Sunday month. If you still wish to donate, please find a Children's Home envelope on the table just inside the Narthex. Or simply mail your check to Burton and put "Children's Home" in the memo line.



## Message from the Green Team:

Natalie Weber of *The Tampa Bay Times* reports: “The next generation of Florida coral could be on its way. Good News for God’s Green Earth

On Wednesday, Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium scientists announced they’ve seen several of their restored mountainous star coral colonies spawning for the first time in Florida and Caribbean waters.

The scientists observed a coral colony near Cook Island in the Florida Keys release its eggs and sperm on Sunday. An additional five colonies spawned on Monday.

The massive coral species is endangered and forms part of the “backbone” of Florida’s Reef Tract, according to a Mote news release. The research and conservation group has worked to restore Florida corals with disease-resistant colonies that reach sexual maturity faster than they normally do in the wild.



The restored mountainous star coral colonies spawning this week have survived a global coral bleaching event in 2015, Hurricane Irma in 2017 and a 2019 tissue loss disease outbreak. Corals, which reach sexuality maturity at a given size rather than age, can take decades to reproduce, while Mote colonies can reach maturity after just five years.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, southeast Florida coral reefs and the visitors and outdoor explorers they draw have an annual economic impact in the billions of dollars and support 70,400 full- and part-time jobs.”

God works miracles through scientists and their faithful, diligent, optimistic efforts. Praise the Lord!

## Pumpkin Patch is Coming

It is just around the corner. And we need all hands-on deck.

We need a small crew to show up the day before the pumpkin arrive on Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm to help set out the pallets for the pumpkin to be placed on.

The pumpkins will arrive on Saturday, **October 10 @9:00 am**. We will need a lot of volunteers on this day to help unload over 1,000 pumpkins from the back of a semi-trailer and onto the church grounds. Those who help participate in this event will get a free pumpkin to take home to their family.



Finally, there will be a sign-up board located in the Narthex starting September 27<sup>th</sup> in which families and individuals can sign-up to sell pumpkin in the patch from October 11<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Due to Covid-19 we will not be having a Fall Festival this year...Sorry!

