

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

Date: January 6, 2019
Title: “Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow”
Theme: New Year’s Resolutions
Purpose: To acknowledge that we face the new year with our same old self and finding ways to truly embrace our future resolutions by looking to our past.
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 4:9
New Testament: Philippians 3:12-14

Date: January 13, 2019
Title: Greater Gifts Worship Series: You are Beloved
Theme: Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Purpose: Baptism, as a “first gift” from God, leads us in life toward paths of discovering and rediscovering God-given gifts and activating those gifts through the Holy Spirit.
Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7
New Testament (Epistle): Acts 8:14-17
New Testament (Gospel): Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Date: January 20, 2019
Title: Greater Gifts Worship Series: Gifted for Others
Theme: Gifts and Talents provided by God.
Purpose: To rediscover our God-given gifts – equipping us for a lifelong journey as disciples.
Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5
New Testament (Epistle): 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
New Testament (Gospel): John 2:1-11

Date: January 27, 2019
Title: Greater Gifts Worship Series: Being Needy
Theme: Relying on others
Purpose: We need one another. Just as God arranged the members of our bodies for different functions so that we all “need” one another to be complete.
Old Testament: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
New Testament (Epistle): 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
New Testament (Gospel): Luke 4:14-21

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!

January Birthdays:

January Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Neal Hoover	2 nd	Edith Bricker	18 th	Jack & Melba Benson	24 th
Terri Cummings	6 th	Cynthia Miller	24 th		
Debbie Premaza	7 th	Alberta Albury	26 th		
Christian Foote	12 th	Kerri Foote	26 th		
Makenzie Wright	15 th	Nancy Lancaster	31 st		
Eddie Holly	16 th				

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Kerry's Corner

The first Men's Devotion Breakfast for January had the following devotion that I would like to share with you. The title of the devotion was: "**The Redemptive Value of New Year's Resolutions**" by Mike Pohlman

But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. --Philippians 3:13-14

Thinking about New Years and what resolutions I want to make this year. I, for one, see God's grace in the close of one year and the dawn of another. This yearly cycle gives us the opportunity to take inventory of where we stand in relation to our Creator; are we seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33)? The New Year can be a time for "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead," to recommit ourselves to "setting our minds on things above" (Colossians 3:1-4).

To help me in this endeavor I've enlisted Steven Lawson and his fine book on Jonathan Edwards: *The Unwavering Resolve of Jonathan Edwards*. Jonathan Edwards, of course, is probably best known for his sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." Lawson's aim with his book is "to challenge a new generation of believers to pursue holiness in their daily lives" by focusing on Edwards' seventy "Resolutions" (Amazingly, Edwards wrote these resolutions in 1722 and 1723 when he was just eighteen and nineteen-years-old).

Lawson chose to focus on Edwards' "Resolutions" given how well they demonstrate the towering virtue of his life, namely, his piety. "In short, though Edwards was intellectually brilliant and theologically commanding, his true greatness lay in his indefatigable zeal for the glory of God."

Consider Resolution #1:

Resolved, that I will do whatsoever I think to be most to God's glory, and my own good, profit and pleasure, in the whole of my duration, without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriads of ages hence. Resolved to do whatever I think to be my duty, and the most for the good and advantage of mankind in general. Resolved to do this, whatever difficulties I meet with, how many and how great so ever.

Edwards was resolved, regardless of the difficulty, to live for the glory of God, his own pleasure (in God) and the good of mankind generally. Profound and convicting.

Now, notice what this puritan - this relic of centuries ago - says in **Resolution #2:**

Resolved, to be continually endeavoring to find out some invention and contrivance to promote the aforementioned things.

We don't usually associate Jonathan Edwards with "innovation" or "cutting edge thinking." And yet, here he is resolved to continually dream up ways to advance the glory of God.

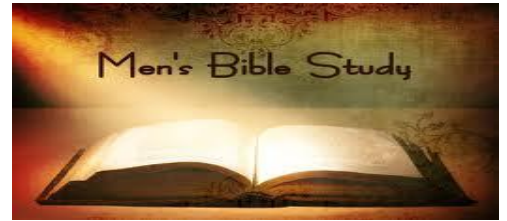
I want to do that this year. I want to be resolved to live for the glory of God, to find my pleasure in Him and the good of mankind generally. And I want to do this with a determined, vigorous and biblically-wise analysis of ways I can do it better.

Intersecting Faith & Life: What new ways can you think of to advance the glory of God, your pleasure in Him and the good of mankind? And don't just think innovation. Perhaps what is "old" should become new again.

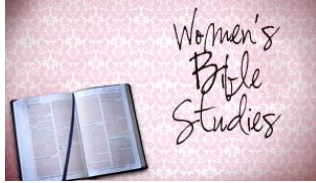
Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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.



Women's Bible Study Group



The Wednesday Women's Bible Study Group will resume on January 2 at 9:30 am in the Joy classroom. We will be studying the book, *Cast of Characters: Common People in the Hands of an Uncommon God* by Max Lucado. For more information or a ride, please call Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757. All ladies are invited to attend.

Membership and Information Class

On Sunday, January 13, 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.



The Flower Calendar for 2019 is ready for you! Please consider placing a flower arrangement or 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 2019 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.

Flower Calendar

Choir News

Make a New Year's Resolution to join the chancel choir. The chancel choir sings once a month and we practice on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. We are always 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. Our next performance is January 6, so if you can help us out, please come at 7:15 pm on Wednesday after the hand bell choir practices. 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 me at 301-655-0522 or email me at dcjarboe@gmail.com. Thanks again.

Carlene Jarboe



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. *Watch the announcements for our next meeting date.*

Ringin News

Join us on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:00 pm for BEGINNER bells.

The Baby Belles of Burton are looking for a few more new ringers. We currently have five ringers practicing but we would love to have a few more. 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.

The BURTON RINGERS will restart rehearsals on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. We are always seeking new ringers. If you have handbell/music experience, we would love to have you! See any bell choir member or director RaeLeigh Gonsalves for more information.



KIDSRING Choir

The KIDSRING CHOIR will start kids' chimes again in February. We are so excited about all our CHILDREN'S ARTS MINISTRIES – with a new one beginning in 2019! See you then. For more information please contact the Church Office or RaeLeigh Gonsalves at rgonsa2910@yahoo.com/305-522-9361.



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. 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	+ / -
49	9-Dec	\$2,275	\$3,457	-1,182	\$123,796	\$128,493	-4,697
50	16-Dec	\$2,679	\$3,457	-778	\$126,475	\$131,950	-5,475
51	23-Dec	\$1,448	\$3,457	-2,009	\$127,923	\$135,407	-7,484
52	30-Dec	\$4,866	\$3,457	1,409	\$132,789	\$138,864	-6,075

Operation Christmas Child



Through your love and support we were able to send 109 shoebox gifts to hurting children around the world. They will be a part of the 12 million shoe box gifts that are being distributed. Thank you for your generosity and love for all God's Children! Please continue to pray for the millions of boys and girls who will be receiving gift-filled shoe boxes and gospel literature telling the story of God's love, and for the ministry partners as they distribute the shoe box gifts and share God's love with the children and their families. Your prayers are appreciated.

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 volunteers over the last few months. *We are still looking for someone to cook on the fourth Thursday of the month. If you would like to help out, please call the office at 305-852-2581.*



Free Blood Pressure Checks

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

FIT 4 CHRIST - A Healthier Self in 2019

As we spend time reflecting on 2018 and look forward to new beginnings in 2019, we can take this time to review our "Wholeness" and plan for a healthier self in 2019. Below is some information, scriptures, and upcoming events to reflect on and plan for a healthier you in 2019 as God intended us to be.

Health: "Book of Resolutions - Health and Wholeness": Health is the ultimate design of God for humanity and is a gift from God. It includes biological well-being as well as spiritual health. The Faith Community Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice define health as "the integration of the spiritual, physical, psychological, and social aspects of the patient, promoting a sense of harmony with self, other, the environment, and a higher power."

Scriptures related to health, healing and wholeness to reflect on...

Matthew 9:27-30 Jeremiah 17:14 Matthew 14:36

Mark 8:22-25 Psalms 31:12 Ecclesiastes 4:10

John 9:1-7 Ezekiel 34:16 Mark 16:18

Mark 7:33 Hosanna 6:1 Luke 4:18

Mark 1:29-31 Romans 14:7 Luke 4:23

Luke 22:49-51 Matthew 9:12 Luke 4:40

Isaiah 53:5 Matthew 9:22 Acts 5:16

Jeremiah 8:22 Matthew 10:8 James 5:15

Psalms 69:20 Romans 14:7 John 16:32

<http://www.gbophb.org/TheWell/Root/CFH/4380.pdf>

Small groups are a key component to health and wholeness so I hope you will join us in 2019 for a healthier you small group! **FIT 4 CHRIST will begin meeting on January 7, 2019 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the Burton Fellowship Center.** We will promote "wholeness" by exercising, supporting each other, studying health related scriptures/topics. Please contact Debbie Premaza at 305-546-6682 or just show up.

Message from the Green Team

Edith Bricker

"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." - United Methodist Social Principles, 160.

The United Methodist Church and Society states:

"United Methodists are called to a ministry of reconciliation between God, humankind and creation. In and alongside frontline communities experiencing environmental injustices, we are participating in God's healing of creation. Through acts of personal, social and civic righteousness, United Methodists are modeling a new lifestyle and advocating for God's people and God's planet so that all God's children can share in the goodness of Creation."

Below is an excerpt from the poem "The Question" by the award-winning poet, Theo Dorgan, which poses a question for us all:

"What have you done
with what was given you,
what have you done with
the blue, beautiful world?"



UMWomen's Christmas Party

Pictured from left to right: Betty Ann Gear, Rena Jett, Mary Lou Wilkinson (way back), Sue Peacock (back), Virginia Spear, Edith Zewadski-Bricker, Edna Waldorf, Dottie Guyette (back), and Betty Bullock. Not pictured: Kim Youngblood, our photographer!



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



Local News:

Burton Memorial United Methodist Women is 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.” We invite the women of our church and community to our upcoming events.

Please consider attending the UMWomen event in Coral Gables on January 19, “Understanding Race, Privilege and Power: A Conversation.” The program will be led by Rev. Katie Lineberger, Executive Director of the united campus ministry serving the campuses of FIU, UM, and Miami Dade College. It will follow the Point of View (POV) conversation template for this difficult topic. It is open to the community and is free. ***Please note: January’s Meeting will be on January 28 at 7:00 pm at Edna Waldorf’s home.***

Faith, Hope and Love in Action,
Edith Zewadski-Bricker
President, Burton UM Women
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District and Conference News:

2019 –

January 19 come to the special program Understanding Race, Privilege & Power: A Conversation at First UMC, Coral Gables.

February 17 come to UM Women’s Sunday, luncheon and Mission Study at Burton.

March 3 is the Annual UM Women’s Tea in the Fellowship Center.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry:



A big "Thank You" to all contributing knitted and crocheted prayer shawls to our ministry. ***You are invited to join us every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Joy classroom for fun and fellowship.*** Prayer shawls are prayed for each Sunday by the congregation. We will teach you and we have plenty of knitting needles, yarn and crochet hooks. No experience is necessary. For more information call Virginia Spear 305-852-7757.



Prayer Bead Ministry:

UM Women’s Handcrafted Prayer Beads make fantastic gifts for any occasion. If you would like to learn to make them for your family & friends we will teach you! Please call, text or email Mrs. Kim Youngblood at 305-852-7497, cell 443-207-4000, kyoungblood528@yahoo.com.