

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: August 2, 2020 Title: What Does Communion Do For Me? Theme: Communion Purpose: Understanding the Basics Emphasis in the New Testament on Communion Old Testament: Numbers 9:1-5 New Testament (Epistle): 1 Corinthians 11:23-25 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 26:1-4</p>	<p>Date: August 9, 2020 Title: God's Amazing Grace (Sermon Series) Theme: God's Grace: More Than Forgiveness Purpose: We will discover that God's grace is more than forgiveness; he sends his grace to teach us a new way to live. Old Testament: 2 Chronicles 30:8-9 New Testament (Epistle): Titus 2:11-14 New Testament (Gospel): John 8:9-12</p>
<p>Date: August 16, 2020 Title: God's Amazing Grace (Sermon Series) Theme: God's Grace: Paralyzed By Grace Purpose: The grace of God has been reduced to mean simply, forgiveness for everyone. We have turned it to our uses, instead of his. Old Testament: Leviticus 16:20-21 New Testament (Epistle): Hebrews 10:1-3 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 11:28-30</p>	<p>Date: August 23, 2020 Title: God's Amazing Grace (Sermon Series) Theme: God's Grace: Humility Brings a Greater Grace Purpose: We will explore the surprising connection between God's grace and humility, along with the great enemy of God's grace, human pride. Old Testament: 2 Chronicles 33:10-13, 23-25 New Testament (Epistle): James 4:6-8 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 18:1-4</p>
<p>Date: August 30, 2020 Title: God's Amazing Grace (Sermon Series) Theme: God's Grace: Spreading Grace, Peace, and Truth Purpose: We should learn from Jesus about the power of a message spoken in grace, peace, and truth. Old Testament: Genesis 1:26-28 New Testament (Epistle): 1 Peter 4:8-11 New Testament (Gospel): John 1:1-18</p>	<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. <i>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.</i> 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. <i>During the Covid-19 pandemic, the 10:30 am service will be held in the sanctuary while practicing social distancing in the pews.</i></p>

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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!*

August Birthdays:

	DAY		DAY
Betty Bullock	5	Tim Bricker	21
Gene Spear	10	Jazmyn Beerkircher	22
Patrick Frampton-Hickman	11	Kerry Foote	22
Carol Ackenhansen	12	Brooke Peacock	24
Ken Lasseter	12	John Benson	27
Jenna Gonsalves	16	PJ Cummings	27
Mary Lou Wilkinson	20	John Benson	27
Betty Lou Banks	30		

August Anniversaries:

	DAY
Ken & Kathy Lasseter	6
John & Carol Baxter	15
Jeff & Sharyn Bishoff	16
Tim & Edith Bricker	23
Gary & Ann Hickman	24



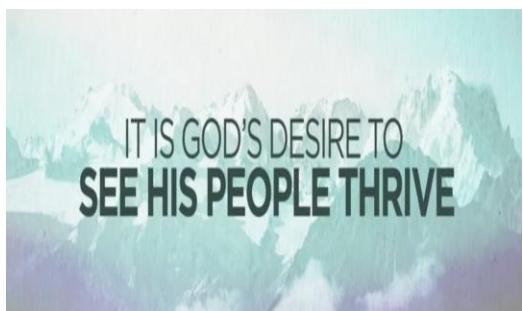
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Kerry's Corner

For the month of August, we will be having a new sermon series titled **“God’s Amazing Grace”**. In my opinion, this is one topic that cannot be talked about enough and also provides a lot of confusion to both Christians and Non-Christians.

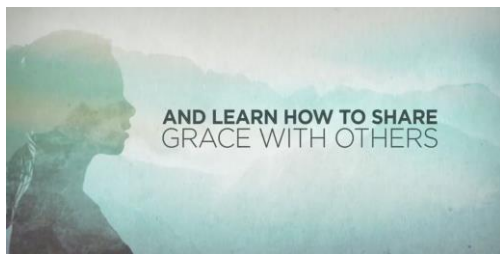
We marvel at the immensity of forgiveness offered to us in the gospel of Jesus Christ; we revel in the gift freely paid on our behalf through the blood of our Savior—but do we know just how vast and rich the gift of grace truly is?



Have we even begun to wade into the depths of the endless sea of the loving kindness of our heavenly Father?

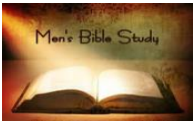
In this powerful four-week series (8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30), those attending Sunday service are invited to see that God’s gift of salvation includes far more than the mere forgiveness of sins—as utterly essential as this truth is.

We are invited to see that along with the forgiveness offered to us in Christ comes the transformation and renewal of our heart, mind, and body as we grow in the knowledge of God. Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection were not only meant to save God’s children from the *penalty* of sin but ultimately from the very *presence* of sin altogether.



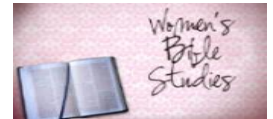
Throughout the series, we will continually learn that while God loved us even as we were, lost in our rebellion and sin, he loves us too much to leave us there. His grace saves us, guides us out of the darkness and into the light, and gives us steadfast hope as we look forward to the day of glory when all sin will be put away forever.

No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, this series will edify your soul and strengthen your understanding of all that God has designed to do in your life, starting from the inside out.



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

Unfortunately the Zoom singing did not work out. It is too technical for our small group, needing microphones and headsets and advanced sound settings. The bottom line is that I have to cancel choir until further notice. Normally we take off the whole summer anyway, so this is not unique to this time of year. We will wait and see what the future brings and hope that this is under control by the Christmas season. Until further notice, we will not be singing in church as a choir. We can, however, keep singing from Facebook Live, in the car, in the shower or wherever you are, unless you are sitting in the pews. If you didn't know, singing in church is not recommended at this time. So stay safe, and sing safely. Feel free to contact me either by email, dcjarboe@gmail.com, or call at 301-655-0522.

Carlene Jarboe



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

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



God's Kitchen



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. If you would like to help out, please call Marylou Wilkinson at 305-394-3878 or the church office at 305-852-2581.

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	+ / -
27	5-Jul	\$3,245	\$2,013	1,232	\$72,466	\$73,810	1,344
28	12-Jul	\$4,543	\$2,013	2,530	\$77,009	\$75,823	1,186
29	19-Jul	\$2,691	\$2,013	678	\$79,700	\$77,836	1,864
30	26-Jul	\$1,615	\$2,013	-398	\$81,315	\$79,849	1,466



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. 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 Wellness and Coping Strategies from Psychology Today by Beth Darnall PhD

These new circumstances require careful attention to self-care, stress management, and wellness practices to best ensure your continued health.

- 1. Take stock** of your daily health behaviors: the quantity and quality of sleep, exercise, spiritual practices, nutrition, and hydration.
- 2. Stabilize yourself with good health behaviors** by choosing one area for improvement and set a goal, then repeat. Setting a self-care goal can help keep you grounded and focused on things you can control. Good self-care will ensure your immune system is best supported and able to fight illness.
- 3. Observe your stress level.** Stress manifests mentally, emotionally, and physically.
- 4. Identify your emotions.** Anxiety, sadness, fear, anger, and frustration may be common. Acknowledge these emotions as they arise.
- 5. Calm your nervous system.** Even low-grade prolonged stress can have negative effects on your health. In this time of COVID-19, stress mitigation is key, and calming your nervous system is medicinal. Use your favorite tool daily or as needed throughout the day to de-stress. Interrupt any unhelpful thought patterns.
- 6. Have compassion with yourself and others.** Remind yourself that everyone is navigating uncharted territory without a playbook.
- 7. Stay socially connected.** Social connection is certainly different with "physical distancing" — and it may be more important than ever. Reach out to others by phone, email, text, or various social media platforms.
- 9. Limit your access to the news.** While staying informed is important, limiting news and screen time can support stress management and mental health.
- 10. Know your support systems and reach out to them for ideas, resources, support, and information.**
- 11. Gratitude and positivity.** Daily, find a positive story and allow yourself to reflect on one personal gratitude each day.



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.

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.

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.



Message from the Green Team:

“It sucks...” was one response to radio personality Ira Plato, who asked almost a dozen climate scientists, how they feel about the climate crisis. “It sucks to know this much about what’s coming and how much of it is already guaranteed. A lot of people are going to die and get hurt.” Another of Ira’s distinguished guests said, “I couldn’t possibly absorb it all, and if I could, I couldn’t possibly act.” Kate Marvel, climate scientist at Columbia University said, “You’re simultaneously really excited to find out something new, but then really depressed when you realize its implications, and I feel this almost every day.” Another guest said, “There’s always a moment that the data breaks your heart.” A scientist whose job it was to check papers before they are presented found the data to be “terrifying” and asked the authors, “Am I reading this right?” Another compared her feelings to grief, but said that in the five stages of grief “you end up at acceptance, and you can’t accept it...as acceptance would result in the loss of everything you love and need.”

Grieving the Climate Crisis



However, another response was that yes there is “sadness and fear, but determination as well. Instead of acceptance you focus on solutions and what we can do...It’s not hope that gets me up in the morning, but courage and spite for those, like the fossil fuel industry, who’ve gotten us into this situation.” “We need to make our own hope. It’s dangerous to think technology will save us. We have the technology; we have to implement it.”

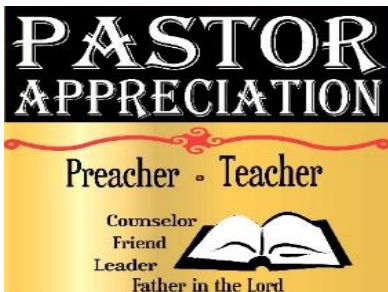
Ira asked how this compares to the Covid-19 crisis. “Both will change life as we know it. Covid 19 accelerated really fast, but is likely temporary. Climate change has moved relatively slowly, but the results are not temporary. Both cause loss of life, and both need compassion and empathy. One crisis illuminates the other. Both will bring change and an unprecedented future.” “It’s scary but energizing as everything needs to change or it will be changed for us.” “The response to the climate crisis is a social movement for justice which needs all types of participants. We must tackle it together.”

We can all get through this together.

Pastor Appreciation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Pastor Appreciation is customarily recognized during the month of October. As the year winds down and we approach the Advent and Christmas Season, many of us find ourselves facing additional financial commitments. Recognizing this, the Staff Parish Relations Committee voted to recognize our Pastor during the month of August, hopefully when it is less of a financial strain on our congregation.



Since August also coincides with the birth month of our pastor, this makes for a good time to show our appreciation. ***We would like to present Pastor Kerry with a monetary gift as an appreciation for all he does for Burton Memorial.***

If you would like to contribute, you will find a self-addressed envelope in this Beacon. You may either mail in your gift or you may put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. *(Please make checks out to Burton Memorial United Methodist Church and put “Pastor Appreciation” in the memo line.)*

We would also welcome any letters or words of encouragement that you would like to direct to our pastor. As a matter of fact, we are aware that economic times may be a struggle; please pray about it, and if your budget will not allow a monetary gift, a letter would be great.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. You may reach me at (717) 650-5716 or bradlkunkel@aol.com.

Thank You, Brad Kunkel, Staff Parish Relations, chairperson

Ladies, if you want to escape your house for a few hours, come join us on Monday, August 24, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary for some fellowship and spiritual uplifting. Refreshments will be served. Kim Youngblood will present this month's program from our program book. There is a reading program as well and the books are located in the narthex for check out. Even if you are unable to attend our meetings, you might be interested in the many different topics that these books cover. Please sign them out and return them when you are finished. Kim will also be telling us about an on-line zoom class being presented by the Mission U called "Finding Peace in an Anxious World." To find out more about what this group does, please come and join us on August 24. Faith, Love and Hope, Mary Lou Wilkinson, President



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue to knit and crochet from home. Thanks so much to those sending shawls to church for altar prayer. We are also beginning to make our annual children's hats for cancer children. They will be mailed in November. For more information, please call Virginia Spear at 305-522-2978.

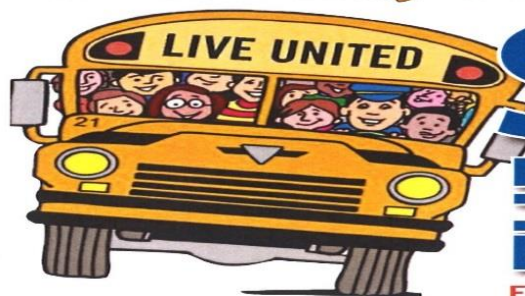
Prayer Bead Ministry

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 or cell 443-207-4000, or Linda Norman at lindalillnorman@gmail.com or cell 305-393-2589 if you wish to share your love of beads.



United Way of Collier and the Keys



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Monetary donations are being collected to provide local students with the supplies they really need to succeed. Leveraging your contribution with others, schools are able to purchase the supplies most needed by their students. Your donation allows us to expand beyond backpacks and crayons to also provide important educational devices like graphing calculators and other equipment which some students cannot afford.

In light of COVID-19, funds are needed now more than ever to help children from struggling families and equip schools to safely educate our children.

WHO: You — Our community members, businesses, organizations, and civic groups.
For sponsorship opportunities, please call or visit our website.

WHAT: Raise funds to purchase school supplies for Monroe County children.
100% of funds collected go directly to local Monroe County Schools.

WHEN: Donate until August 31!
Early in the school year, funds will be disbursed so schools may purchase supplies needed by their students

HOW: Donations can be made at KeysUnitedWay.org/Donate
or mail a check to UWCK at P.O. Box 2143, Key West, FL 33045
(please write "Stuff the Bus" on the memo line)

You can also support our local schools by donating to "Tools for Back to School" at a Monroe County Publix



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