

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: November 3, 2019 Title: Abiding in the Reign: Worship Series Theme: Choosing to Abide Purpose: The congregation will honor All Saints Sunday and in that process, abide in the reign of God along with the saints and souls that have gone before. Old Testament: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 New Testament (Epistle): 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 New Testament (Gospel): Luke 19:1-10</p>	<p>Date: November 11, 2019 Title: Abiding in the Reign: Worship Series Theme: The Spirit Abides Purpose: To encourage the congregation to find something new in the life of the church that will take place in the next month or so? Old Testament: Haggai 1:15b-2:9 New Testament (Epistle): 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 New Testament (Gospel): Luke 20:27-38</p>
<p>Date: November 17, 2019 Title: Abiding in the Reign: Worship Series Theme: Shaped by the Reign Purpose: We can too often become complacent (idle?) with the way things are, and we need to be shaken into an awareness of a need for change. Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25 New Testament (Epistle): 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 New Testament (Gospel): Luke 21:5-19</p>	<p>Date: November 24, 2019 Title: Abiding in the Reign: Worship Series Theme: Allegiance to the Reign: Reign of Christ Sunday Purpose: The final Sunday of the Christian year—namely that the crucified God who reconciles the world to himself is the same God who will come again in glory at Advent. Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:1-6 New Testament (Epistle): Colossians 1:11-20 New Testament (Gospel): Luke 1:68-79</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.

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!

November Birthdays:

November Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Kimmy Beerkircher	3	Allison Barry	12	Mary Lou & Jerry Wilkinson	12
Alan Ackenhausen	7	Carl Catalano	26	George & Delores Leber	20
Lane Franz	8	Sylvia Murphy	27		
Edward Holly	11	Michael Beni	29		

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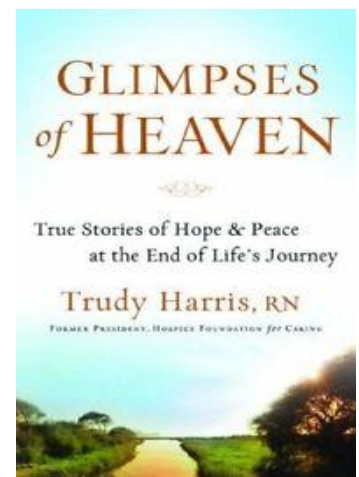
Honoring All Souls by Sarah Phillips

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world." John 11: 17 - 27

Recently within the last couple of years here at Burton, we have had a few prominent members of our congregation that have passed. Many of these members I knew personally and would consider them dear friends. Some of the hardest ones have been those that died unexpectedly.

Some of the most encouraging reflections on death and eternity I've read can be found in a book published by a former hospice nurse, Trudy Harris, titled "Glimpses of Heaven (Revell, 2008)." Harris collected stories of her dying patients to offer comfort to those who have experienced loss, and also to share the profound spiritual insights she has gleaned from those getting ready to pass into heaven.

While death is always a tragedy, Harris confirms what Christianity teaches – that even death has merit when doused with God's grace. Harris writes that many of her patients could sense – even see -- God's presence in ways most of us can't right now. She notes her patients, who endured painful illnesses, were anxious to give hope, comfort, and wisdom to the living before they passed on. Some even died with so much grace, they wore a gentle smile.



Of course, we can look to our Savior, who did not avoid death even when He could have, to see two truths: God works through the dying process to draw each of us closer to Him, and death – no matter how horrible - does not have the final word.

While it can be difficult for those of us here to bear the weight of losing a loved one, like Martha we can find peace in knowing God does not abandon us or our loved ones even in the darkest moments of death. And while we don't yet have the privilege of seeing God in all His glory, we can faithfully entrust our futures and the futures of our loved ones to the merciful love of Christ.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 3, 2019 will be All Saints Sunday at Burton Memorial UMC. While many of our loved ones are not famous Saints like Augustine or Aquinas, they are just as precious to us and to God. All Saints Sunday is the day when many Christians officially remember all who have gone before us. We will thank God for the blessings of the time we had with our loved ones, and those attending the service will have the opportunity to place the names of loved ones on tags to be put on our outdoor cross to remember and lift them up.

Monday Morning Prayer Time

Be still, and know that I am God. The only way you can be silent around God is if you're comfortable in His presence. OR if you want to LEARN to be comfortable in His presence. You see, the way to learn to be truly comfortable around God is to start practicing being quiet in His presence.

We want to invite you to start the practice of being still before God. Every Monday from 8:00 am to 10:00 am we are opening up the sanctuary for a time of prayer and silent meditation. Consider it a way to kick off the work week putting God first and seeking God's direction.



Men's Devotion Breakfast



*The Men's Devotion Breakfast meets at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Center of Burton Memorial UMC. This is a time of fellowship, study, and **breakfast**. We cover current topics in light of Biblical understanding and truth.*

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.

Choir News

The Chancel Choir would like to welcome Bob Koenes to our choir family. We had to say goodbye to Sheila Novak, as she moves on to her next adventure. So we didn't really gain any numbers, but we gained a bass/tenor. Our next performance will be November 3. We still *need more singers*, and now we could use soprano/alto singers. If you are willing to help us out, we would really appreciate it. We like to sing with heart and soul. If you would like to join our choir family, we practice on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. No experience is necessary; no tryouts, just good fun and good service to the church. *If you can help us out, please come at 7:15 pm on Wednesdays after the hand bell choir practices.*

Carlene Jarboe

Physical Benefits of Singing:

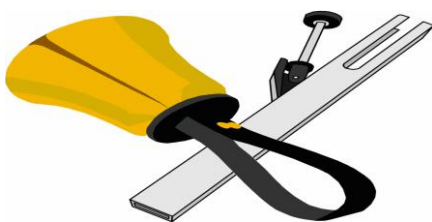
- Singing strengthens the immune system.
- Singing is a workout.
- Singing improves your posture.
- Singing helps with sleep.
- Singing is a natural anti-depressant.
- Singing lowers stress levels.
- Singing improves mental alertness.
- Singing can widen your circle of friends.



And this is just a few of the benefits.

If you need more information, please call me at 301-655-0522 or email me at dcjarboe@gmail.com.

Ringling News



The Baby Belles are looking for a few more new ringers. We currently have six ringers practicing but we would love to have a few more! *New ringer practice is from 4:45 pm to 5:30 pm every Wednesday 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 Raelleigh Gonsalves for more information.

KIDSRING Choir

We are so excited about our CHILDREN'S ARTS MINISTRIES! In November, the KIDSRING handbell choir will be sharing our Children's Church time for some exciting ringing. *We will ring in church on November 24, so mark your calendars.*



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

Altar Guild News

As we prepare for the holy season of Advent, we have some opportunities to help get the church ready. On Saturday, November 23, at 9:00 am, we will get all the decorations out and prepared to hang. On Sunday, November 24, at 3:00 pm we will hang them. We will provide breakfast on Saturday and light snacks on Sunday to all who come and help. Plan to come Saturday, Sunday or both. We have a special focus this year for our Advent season. Come and be a part!



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.*

Health and Wellness

Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN

Great American Smokeout November 21, 2019

The Great American Smokeout is an annual intervention event on the third Thursday of November by the American Cancer Society. Approximately 40 million American adults still smoke, and tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the country. The event challenges people to quit on that day, or use the day to make a plan to quit. My husband and I quit 24 years ago. It took us several attempts and methods of support but we did it. I recently received a calculator from Ashley, the upper Keys AHEC nurse coach, which calculated that my husband and I have saved over \$100,000. As a nurse I have seen the health consequences of tobacco and tobacco products. I have chosen this topic to inspire others who may want to take on the challenge in November.

The AHEC program has two course types: single session (meeting once) and multi session (meeting once a week for several weeks). They will provide you with the valuable tools you need to help you quit tobacco. These include: preparing to quit tobacco with a quit plan, learning strategies and skills to deal with nicotine cravings to remain tobacco-free, dealing with slips, and having the opportunity to share your experience with others in a friendly, respectful and supportive group setting.

Help is Free! There is no cost to participate. Free Nicotine replacement patches, Lozenges and gum are available, if medically appropriate. They cover all forms of tobacco. Guidance is provided from a tobacco treatment specialist. Worksite programs for employers are available.

If you're ready to quit, AHEC is ready to help. Why wait? You can quit now!

For more information, please call (305) 743-7111. For an up-to-date schedule, please visit their website at www.ahectobacco.com or follow them on Facebook at Facebook.com/keys.ahec.

I have also participated in web support for Christians: "Setting captives free." If you would like to talk to me about support or questions, you may contact me at 305-546-6682, or stop by our ***Fit for Christ group on Mondays at 5:30 pm in Burton's Fellowship Center.***

God's Kitchen

The Church is still in need of some help with our God's Kitchen Free Dinner and our Food Pantry Ministry. To keep our tradition going, we are asking for the following help: Church groups, families, service organizations, youth groups, restaurants, and clubs, please make a commitment to serve your neighbors in need by either volunteering at our food pantry or our dinners. Donate items needed to keep our costs down: grocery bags and eco-friendly dinner serving products such as plates and cups. The top items for filling food pantry distribution bags...these are items we never have enough of...canned chicken or ham, jelly, cereal, vegetables, beans, white rice and pasta. What we need varies month to month so please don't hesitate to bring other unopened items. And finally, money. If you cannot spare the time, we would gladly accept your financial donation to cover the cost of dinner items such as fresh vegetables, salad makings, and bread.



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

Thanksgiving Luncheon



Burton Memorial will be hosting a Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, November 28, 2019 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. This luncheon will be open to the community and provide a good meal and great fellowship for those who might not have family or friends in the area this Thanksgiving season.

We will need volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean. There will be a preparation night on Wednesday, November 27 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. in the kitchen. Then there will be cooking, setting up, serving, and cleaning on November 27 starting at 10:00 am, with cleanup going to 3:00 pm. If you would like to help Burton in providing this uplifting outreach to the community, please contact the church at 305-852-2581 or sign up in the Narthex following the 8:30 am or 10:30 am worship service starting Sunday, November 10, 2019.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN MINISTRY NEWS

A yearly tradition of our youth and children's group is to bake and deliver homemade cookies and brownies to police and fire departments on Thanksgiving as a way of saying thank you to these public servants that have to work on Thanksgiving. This year, the tradition will continue.

November 27: Making and Baking Goodies for Thanksgiving Workers (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm)-

We will be meeting in the kitchen of the church to bake and pack various goodies that will be delivered to police, fire, and emergency organizations that have to work on Thanksgiving.

November 28: Delivering Some Thanksgiving Goodies (10:00 am to 12:00 pm)-

We will be meeting at the church and going out to deliver some Thanksgiving cheer and saying thank you to people that must work on Thanksgiving.

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	Needed	+ / -	Offering	Needed	+ / -
40	6-Oct	\$2,487	\$2,154	333	\$107,564	\$100,407	7,157
41	13-Oct	\$2,032	\$2,154	-122	\$109,596	\$102,561	7,035
42	20-Oct	\$1,864	\$2,154	-290	\$111,460	\$104,715	6,745
43	27-Oct	\$1,752	\$2,154	-402	\$113,212	\$106,869	6,343



Green Team Article

A Message from The Green Team member Brad Kunkel

Hello, Burton family and Green Team Participants,

This month's discussion isn't so much an informative session, as it is an observation by yours truly. Bear with me--you will get the gist. Trust me.

I have enjoyed angling practically my whole life; for as long as I was able to spin a reel, I have tried my luck at landing the Big One. Not being much of a boater places me squarely on the bank, however. This is where my first observations on this inexcusable eco-atrocity took place.

At every popular fishing hole, creek side spot, or under-bridge solace I have been to, I have **always** found garbage--fishing tackle and packaging, empty bait containers, food trash, beer/beverage cans and bottles, expended fishing line; you name it, I found it. This makes for a generally unenjoyable session, seeing someone else's carelessness spoiling an otherwise pristine scene. The straw that broke the camel's back was finding this rubbish at my favorite trout hole, way back in the hills of Southern York County. This prompted **action**.

Previously I always brought along a small plastic bag, for my own garbage use. After the episode above, and to the present day, I have always brought along a full-size garbage bag along with me to the fishing spot. It always gets filled, trust me. Now I know this seems fanatical, but it sets a precedent. What type of example do we want to set for our children and friends? How do we appreciate our gem of an ecosystem, here in the Keys, if we can't see it for all the slop on the banks and floating in the water?

Please join me in this effort. It only takes a little sacrifice from everyone to show we care about our environment. Leave the place cleaner than when you came. Place old fishing line into the recycling containers provided at fishing locations. Eat brought-along food stored in reusable containers and store your bait the same way. Use your landing net to scoop up floating litter in the water. Be a Green Team Clean Enthusiast!

Extreme, you may say? Yes. **Extremely concerned**. Let's show God we care about this beautiful Earth we've been entrusted with.

Thanks, Brad Kunkel

College Ministry

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

Please keep the following students in your prayers this month:

Kayla Lynn de Vroedt – Miami Dade Community College

Kyrie Foote – Valencia Community College

James Kirkman – Florida Keys Community College

Brooke Peacock – Florida State University

Makenzie Wright – University of Southern Florida

Daniel Walker – Florida State University.



Celebration of Life



On Saturday, November 16, 2019 Burton Memorial will be having a Celebration of Life remembering Sharon Plezia at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This will be a time in which the church and community will be encouraged to share stories of Sharon with one another. Following the Celebration of Life there will be a Pot Luck luncheon shared in the fellowship center. If you would like to make an offering in memory of Sharon, the family has requested that all donations be directed to the Florida Keys Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center in Key Largo. There address is: 93600 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier, FL 33070.

Potluck Sunday's

Starting in November 2019 Burton Memorial will be hosting a Potluck luncheon every first Sunday of the month to coincide with communion. *The first one will be on Sunday, November 3, at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.*

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 faith from our church and community to our upcoming events.

November 9, 2019

Florida Conference United Methodist Women’s Annual Meeting
First UMC of Lakeland, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

November 16, 2019

United Methodist Women Book Discussions
November Topic: 50 Women Every Christian Should Know
- the first 12 women/chapters
Burton Memorial UMC, Tavernier, 9:30 am – 11:00 am

November 25, 2019

General Meeting of Burton UMWomen
Edna Waldorf’s home in Key Largo, 7:00 pm

December 14, 2019

SE District UMWomen’s *Celebrating the Beloved Community*
Grace Haitian United Methodist Mission, Miami

December 21, 2019

UMWomen’s Book Discussion
Burton UMC Joy Classroom, 9:30 – 11:00 am

December 23, 2019

Burton UMWomen Christmas Party, 7:00 pm
Edna Waldorf’s Home, Key Largo

January 19, 2020

United Methodist Women Sunday
8:30 am and 10:30 am Services

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you to the many people making prayer shawls at home for our ministry. There are prayer shawls on the altar almost every Sunday. This month we are sending over 100 hats to a children's cancer hospital, a yearly project for the past few years in November. They are placed on the altar for prayer before sending. Join us to learn how to crochet or knit, and for fellowship, on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Joy Classroom. We have supplies. Beginners are welcome. Call Virginia Spear for more information at 305-522-2978.



