

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: May 5, 2019 Title: Living Worship Series: Follow Me Theme: Recognizing Jesus Purpose: We follow Jesus teachings and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry on his work Old Testament: Psalm 30 New Testament: John 21:1-19</p>	<p>Date: May 12, 2019 Title: Living Worship Series: Listen to Me Theme: Listening to directions of Jesus Purpose: To hear Jesus, we need to let go of what we want to hear and listen to what He is saying. Old Testament: Psalm 23 New Testament: John 10:22-30</p>
<p>Date: May 19, 2019 Title: Loving Worship Series: Marked Theme: Marked by a loving God Purpose: Our mark as Christians should be the love we show one another. Old Testament: Psalm 148 New Testament: John 13:31-35</p>	<p>Date: May 26, 2019 Title: Loving Worship Series: Sent Theme: Sent by a Loving God Purpose: As disciples, we are all <i>sent</i> into the world to live out the love we have experienced. Old Testament: Psalm 67 New Testament: John 14:23-29</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!

May Birthdays:

May Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Shawn Shaw	3	Liam Shannon	22	Mark & Susan Hulsbeck	1
Gail Preston	4	Fara Cummings	23	Patrick & Fara Cummings	2
Angie Sotolongo	6	Finley Cummings	25	Allison & Richard Barry	7
Everett Albury	8	Leslie Bennett	25		
Normand Gonsalves	9	Patricia Fincannon	25		
Elizabeth Frampton-Hickman	10	Kim Youngblood	28		
Vicki O'Meara Gassaway	13	Sheila Novak	29		
Brad Kunkel	15	Sue Peacock	29		
Delores Leber	16	Gregory Klifman	30		
Rene Held	21	Kathy Lasseter	30		
Nick Koffmen	22				

The Beacon

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Kerry's Corner

The celebration of Mother's Day can be traced back to ancient Greece, but the mother of Mother's Day in the United States was Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis, a Methodist from West Virginia. Her daughter, Anna, led a successful campaign in the early 1900s to have Mother's Day recognized as a national holiday.

Anna was not quite 2 years old when her family moved to Grafton, four miles south of Webster, W. Va. According to historical records, Anna heard her mother express hope that a memorial would be established for all mothers, living and dead.

After the death of her father in 1902, Anna — along with her mother and sister, Lillie — moved to Philadelphia to reside with her brother, Claude. After Ann's death on May 9, 1905, Anna began an intense campaign to fulfill the wish of her mother.



On May 10, 1908, the third anniversary of Ann's death, a program was held at **Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church** in Grafton and in Philadelphia, launching the observance of a general memorial day for all mothers.

Subsequently, the church observed Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May each year, making Andrews the mother church of Mother's Day. The church, no longer an active Methodist congregation, was incorporated as an international shrine in 1962 and is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each weekday between April 15 and Oct. 15.

For the first official Mother's Day service in 1908, Anna sent 500 white carnations to the church to be given to the participating mothers. During the next several years, she sent more than 10,000 carnations there. Carnations -- red for the living and white for the deceased -- became symbols of the purity, strength and endurance of motherhood.

In her campaign to have Mother's Day recognized as a national holiday, Anna called on clergymen, business leaders and politicians for help. Those included John Wanamaker, who presided over a Mother's Day service in the 5,000-seat auditorium of his Philadelphia store on May 10, 1908. More than 15,000 reportedly tried to attend the event, where Anna spoke for more than an hour.

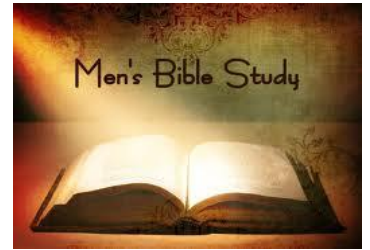
The first Mother's Day proclamation was issued by West Virginia's governor in 1910. The day was celebrated in most states in 1911. In 1914, the U.S. House and Senate approved a resolution proclaiming the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. President Woodrow Wilson endorsed it, and Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan proclaimed it.

Today, countries around the world celebrate Mother's Day. Some -- including Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia and Belgium -- have joined the United States in observing it on the second Sunday in May.



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. ***Please note that the last meeting before Summer Break will be May 31.***



Membership and Information Class

On Sunday, May 19, 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.

Choir News

Carlene Jarboe

The choir will not be singing in May due to schedule conflicts. ***Our last performance before summer break will be June 9.*** We will continue to practice on Wednesdays, except there will not be practice on May 15. It is not too late to join up to try it out. New voices are always welcome and needed. 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 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.



Ringling News



The Burton Baby Belles, our beginner handbell/chime ministry, is always looking for a few more ringers. Practice for handbells and chimes is from 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm every Tuesday in the Sanctuary. Ringing techniques and basic music education are provided. No experience necessary! Beginner bells practice runs from September to June each year.

The Burton Ringers are rehearsing on Wednesdays starting at 5:45 pm in the Sanctuary. We are always seeking new ringers. If you have handbell/music experience we would love for you to join us. See any bell choir member or director RaeLeigh Gonsalves for more information!

KIDSRING Choir

The KIDSRING CHOIR is chiming out this month. We all need a break from the excitement of Easter. Great job ringers and families – the Easter procession was perfect. Thanks to all the great ringers for their hard work and dedication. We are so excited about all our Children's Arts Ministries!

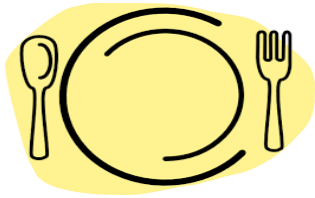


Flower Calendar

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.



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 looking for someone to cook on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. If you would like to help out, please call the office at 305-852-2581.***

Lenten Plant Sale

Thank you for your overwhelming participation in the 2019 Lenten native plant sale. As you know, we opted to purchase, in lieu of congregational Easter lilies, native plants, shrubs, palms and trees to beautify our church campus. ***Now we need help.*** We need a plan. ***If you would like to be part of the process, please contact RaeLeigh at rgonsa2910@yahoo.com or call the church office.***

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.***

College Ministry

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

Most of our college students are preparing for a summer respite from their academic studies, and we will not be in touch with them again until September. If any of our current students plan to enroll for summer classes, please let Betsy in the church office or myself know (716-913-1061), so that we may keep in touch with them during the summer months.

Also, as high school graduation rolls around and students are finalizing their college plans, please let us know if college is on the horizon, so that we can contact you for mailing addresses at the end of August. Also, if college address changes are anticipated, we would appreciate a heads up so that we do not do any mailings until we have the current address. Thanks for your help with this rather tedious aspect of the college ministry. Barbara Koch (b1e1k1@aol.com)

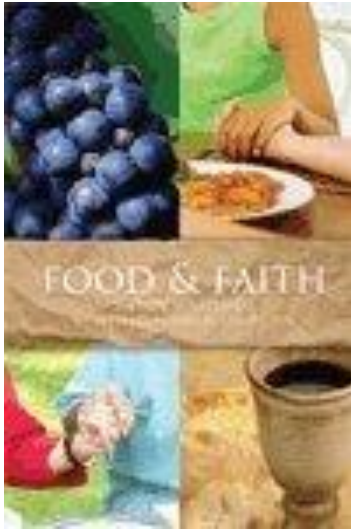


A Green Team reminder

Elizabeth Chun Hye Lee, the United Methodist Women executive for Economic and Environmental Justice, states that "Given that the United States emits 15 percent of global greenhouse gases annually but represents just 4 percent of the world's population, each of us has a role to play in addressing climate change. In the same way that scripture teaches us that to whom much is given, much is required, companies and entities that have a larger carbon footprint have a greater opportunity and responsibility to protect and preserve our environment."

The Link Between Food and Faith

Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN



Seeking to understand how our food and faith are related, I picked up the book “Food and Faith” by Wendy Whiteside from the United Methodist Women’s library in our Burton Narthex. I was inspired by this book and I would like to share some highlights.

Being more mindful of the relationship between food and faith hopefully will bring us to a place of awareness, thanksgiving, and intentionality in our relationship with God, the environment, animals, humans, and ourselves.

God crafted our amazing body and souls. God gave us food which is such an ordinary thing that consumes much of our lives. Food represents God’s love for us. It is nourishment. It is shared in celebrations and in community. It is a companion, a comforter, and for some food is an enemy. Our relationship with food is complex and individual. The book reminds me of the biblical imperative for hospitality which is more than a simple offering of refreshment.

The book explores how saying grace before our meals invites Christ to our table as Jesus invites us to the Lord’s Supper, a communion rite expressed in everyday life, and stops us in our tracks in public places. United Methodists often recite or sing a traditional prayer; The Wesleyan grace; (page 25)

“Be present at our table, Lord:
Be here and everywhere adored:
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with thee.”

If we devote much attention to our actions and relationship with food, we can make this a more meaningful experience for ourselves and others. The book points out how food is a tangible symbol of God’s presence. When we eat with Christ our souls are satisfied; it fills a space deeper than physical hunger (page 8). Eating seals bonds of friendship and generates intimacy with others, and it surrounds celebratory occasions. When we are sharing meals or food in community we are transformed, and the kingdom of God can be revealed.

The book challenges us to slow down and look at the unconscious way we feed ourselves. It suggests we consciously refocus on our primary focus on our relationship with God. Some questions to ponder: 1) Did you taste the food? 2) What do you know about the food? 3) Did you thank God for the food? 4) Did it remind you of our reliance on God? 5) Was it beneficial?

God dwells within us, our companion and comforter. Our bodies are sacred and require care as attentively and lovingly as we would care for Jesus himself. Our bodies are strengthened by food which God provides for us and our spirits by God’s love. The nourishment that God gives us physically and spiritually can be found in abundance and scarcity.

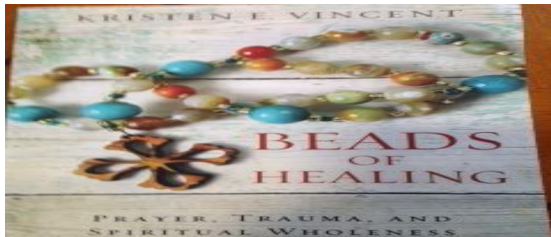
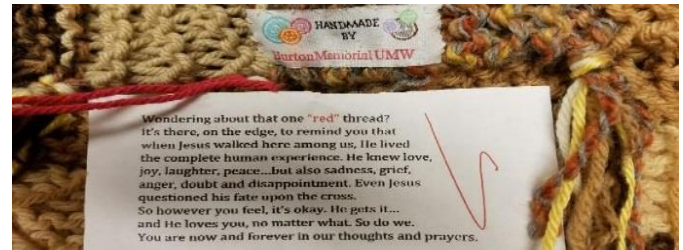
I encourage you all to join us in fellowship, fulfillment of our spirits, and fitness together in community on Monday evenings from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Center at Burton. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call me at 305-546-6682.

Fit for Christ, Debbie Premaza



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our ministry is now giving prayer shawls to Hospice, so our need has increased. We can use helping hands. We have yarn and needles. We can teach you to knit or crochet. Join us Thursdays in the Joy Classroom at 7:00 pm, or make the shawls at home. For information, call Virginia at 305-522-2978.



Prayer Bead Ministry

The sales by UM Women of Handcrafted Prayer Beads have afforded us the opportunity to make a donation to the Wesley House Family Services. Thank you for supporting us throughout the year by purchasing them. Please call or text or email Mrs. Kim Youngblood at 443-207-4000, kyoungblood528@yahoo.com.

Stamp Out Hunger

For more than 20 years, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) has conducted an annual nationwide food drive on the second Saturday in May.

This food drive is the largest one-day food drive in the United States. Just place a bag (or bags) of non-perishable food items by your mailbox before your regular mail pickup on Saturday, May 11, and your letter carrier will do the rest. All food remains in the community from which it was collected.

We will need volunteers to help make this event happen.

We will need 4 people to oversee our collection spots that will be located at Publix and Winn Dixie. The collection time will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. on May 11, 2019

We will also need volunteers to help unload the food picked up from the Key Largo Post Office in the Fellowship Center at 3:30 p.m. on May 11, 2019.

Finally, we will need volunteers to help unload food picked up from the Tavernier Post Office in the Fellowship Center at 9:30 a.m. on May 13, 2019.



Burton Memorial VPK (Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten) Graduation Ceremony

*On May 19, 2019 Nilda Bernaldez and the Teaching Staff at Burton Memorial Child Development Center will be hosting a graduation ceremony in the Sanctuary at 12:00 pm. We will be graduating 12 students this year and recognizing them for all of their accomplishments. We hope you will attend and show your support for our director, teachers and students. **There will be a potluck luncheon at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Center for the parents, teachers, families, friends, and the graduates, sponsored by the church members.***





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.”

Thank you Burton family & friends for your wonderful contributions to missions through our World Thank Offering coin collection. Our first quarter offering was \$519.29 and we are still rolling change. We are truly changing our world with change.

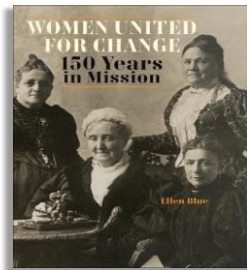
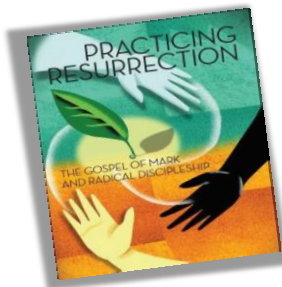
We invite the women of our church and community to our up-coming events.

May 27 – General Meeting at 7:00 pm at Edna Waldorf’s house

July 11-14 – Mission u at Florida Southern College in Lakeland

You can attend classes while your children attend their own activities including a talent show Saturday night! Then we all get together for meals, a social, a mission fair, and morning plenary sessions. Housing is in the new dorms on this beautiful United Methodist school campus...with the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright buildings.

Come to Mission u 2019



THIS YEAR, OUR STUDIES ARE:

- **Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship by Janet Wolf**
- **Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue** □ **What About Our Money? A Faith Response by Susan K. Taylor**
- **Additional studies on Gospel of Mark for children and youth**

LOCATION: Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL

DATE: July 11-14, 2019

To register, go to <https://flconfumw.org> (new FL Conference United Methodist Women website) for registration forms for adults, children and youth.

A limited number of scholarships are available (deadline May 24), as is transportation.

For more information, call 305-363-8392

UPPER KEYS GATHERING
THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019
BLUEWATER IN THE KEYS 7:00

★ **PRAY FOR AMERICA** ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG  #LOVE1ANOTHER

The theme for the 2019 National Day of Prayer on May 2, 2019 is **Love One Another**. The theme comes from the words of Jesus in John 13:34, “Love one another. Just as I have loved you.

”The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation.

The hope is that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, will humble themselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America. We can come together in clear agreement that this is our greatest need. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer. We can pray more than ever before, and practice extraordinary prayer for the next great move of God in America that will catapult the message of the gospel nationally and internationally.