

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

Date: January 7, 2018
Title: Rise Up: GOD IS SPEAKING
Theme: Epiphany Sunday
Purpose: To remind the congregation that God's light appears after disaster, along with the invitation to wake up, rise, and face the light with acceptance and renewal.
Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6
New Testament: Matthew 2:1-12

Date: January 14, 2018
Title: "UMW Sunday"

Date: January 21, 2018
Title: Rise Up: MOVE
Theme: Radical Hospitality
Purpose: Churches are called to travel to their own cities, communities of Nineveh, overlook their hang ups, reach out and call people into the community of God.
Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
New Testament: Mark 1:14-20

Date: January 28, 2018
Title: Rise Up: ANSWER
Theme: Answering God's Call
Purpose: God calls us forward. God calls us to connect. God does not make room for us because we have good reasons to not reach out. In God's eyes, there is only one reason to reach out: Love.
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
New Testament: Mark 1:21-28

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	Makenzie Wright	15 th	Robert & Netta Hills	11 th
David Coffman	3 rd	Eddie Holly	16 th	Jack & Melba Benson	24 th
Christian Bastidas	5 th	Edith Bricker	18 th	Sue & Roy Peacock	24 th
Terri Cummings	6 th	Cynthia Miller	24 th		
Debbie Premaza	7 th	Alberta Albury	26 th		
Cathy Foote	11 th	Kerri Foote	26 th		
Christian Foote	12 th	Matthew Hardee	29 th		
Margaret Giroux	15 th	Nancy Lancaster	31 st		

The Beacon

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Kerry's Corner

2017 was a pretty tough year for just about all of us and if you are like me, you are glad it is over and you are looking forward to 2018. Hurricane Irma was the first major hurricane that I have lived through since moving to the Florida Keys in July of 2006. It was a new experience and I must say that it was an experience that I really would not like to go through again. But, as bad as it was, I could still see God moving through this and see some positive things come from a very negative event. On Wednesday, January 3rd, our Men's Breakfast group had a wonderful devotion that talked about God, "Making Things New." I would like to share with you what I and the rest of the group found to be rather inspirational.



Sometimes...God is wanting to do something "new" and yet we're still stuck in the "old." It's hard at times. To let go. Of what's familiar, and what we know. It seems easier to stay "comfortable," to just keep going with the flow, not to mess anything up. But then "new" happens, and often sends us spiraling, on one big, long loop.

For those who like change - "new" is mostly exciting. For those who don't like change - "new" is mostly stressful. Your family, if you're like most, is probably a mix of those two traits.

But here's what I love about God. He thinks and works outside our own box of thinking. He doesn't always work in the ways that we would have chosen for our "new." If we had to have a "new." He sees the big picture. He knows what He's doing. He works behind the scenes of life that unfold our every day, in the places where we can't always see or understand all the "why's." So we can trust...that He has our best in mind. That He's got our back. He's with us right now. And He's secured our future too.

Sometimes our "new" comes out of great blessing, new opportunities. And sometimes it comes through great pain, huge loss. People move, life happens, decisions are made, many change jobs, kids grow up, and there are times we might go through some really tough struggles. We may even start to feel cheated. Like life is unfair.

But it still breathes this truth: God is not finished with our lives yet. You're still here. And He has great purpose in all that you walk through, even in every life change and season. Whether we recognize it or not, we're rubbing shoulders everyday with people that we needed to meet in our "new," however hard that new thing may be.

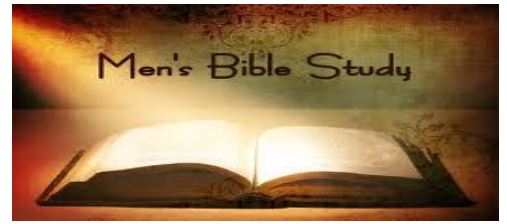
We can rest in His care for us. He knows. He sees. He works in ways we don't always "get," but there's peace in knowing we don't have to try to control it all. We can let go - of the need to figure it all out, and the striving to make things happen. We can trust Him. Our future awaits, and there's still good around the bend. God has more in store.



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 Women's Bible Study Group meets on Wednesday morning 10:00 am in the Joy Classroom. We are studying the Upper Room. For more information or a ride, please call Jo Ann Waits at 305-853-9879 or Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757. All ladies are invited to attend.

Membership and Information Class

On Sunday, January 7, we will have a membership and information class in the Pastor's Office at 1:30 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 2018 is ready for you! Please consider placing flowers 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 2018 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. Sign up on the calendar in the Narthex or contact the church office. Please, only two orchids per Sunday.

Flower Calendar

Passionate Worship Committee Meeting

Our church is in need of help in the following areas: Greeters & Ushers, Acolytes, Liturgists, Music, Altar Guild, Children's Church, and Drama. If you can commit to any of these areas in need, please contact Carlene so she can guide you to those in charge of that area. It is important to contribute to our church family, so pick your area and get involved. *Our next meeting of the Passionate Worship Committee will be Monday, January 8, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.* Those who are involved in this committee, please mark your calendars. Feel free to join us and share your ideas. We welcome any new ideas you have that would improve the worship experience. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Carlene at 301-655-0522 or email her at dcjarboe@gmail.com.



Choir News

Looking for a way to be of service to the church in the New Year? The choir is a fun, healthy way to sing praises to God. There are no auditions, just a commitment to Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We usually sing on the fourth Sunday, but we are flexible and sometimes sing on other Sundays. We sing at both services, 8:30 and 10:30. We are always looking for new singers. Singing is good for the body and soul. If you have any questions about the choir, please feel free to call the choir director, Carlene Jarboe, at 301-655-0522.

Ringin' News

Looking for a few good ringers! The Burton Ringers are looking for new members – short term or weekly. New ringer practice is 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm every Wednesday in the Sanctuary. No experience necessary. God offers the BEST benefit package around! Come and join the bell choir. See any bell choir member or director Raeleigh Gonsalves for more information.



KIDSRING Choir

There's a new choir in town – and it's just for kids! The KIDSRING Choir is a beginning bell choir that meets each Sunday during the first 15 minutes of Children's Church during the 10:30 am service. The choir is open to children age 5 through 3rd grade. All children who meet the age requirement are invited to join! 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.



Last Four Weeks					Year to Date		
Week	Date	Offering	Plan	+ / -	Offering	Plan	+ / -
50	10-Dec	\$3,732	\$3,678	54	\$132,828	\$132,467	361
51	17-Dec	\$1,843	\$3,678	-1,835	\$134,671	\$136,144	-1,473
52	24-Dec	\$2,109	\$3,678	-1,569	\$136,780	\$139,822	-3,042
53	31-Dec	\$4,413	\$3,536	877	\$141,193	\$143,500	-2,307

Rummage Ramble



The BMUMC annual Rummage Ramble will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018. You may drop off your donations February 19 through the 23 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The actual rummage ramble will be *Saturday, February 24 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.* Please make sure all donations are in working order and clothing is clean.

We also need help pricing and organizing the items for the Rummage Ramble and will be working every day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, February 19 through the 23. *We also need help the day of the sale, February 24.* If you have any questions or would like to help please contact the church office at 305-852-2581.

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. *If you would like to help out, please call the office at 305-852-2581.*



Taking Down the Greens

On Saturday, January 13, the Altar Guild could use your help in the "Taking Down of the Greens". We will start at 8:00 am. If we have enough volunteers, it should only take about 1 to 1 1/2 hours to get the decorations down and stored away. Contact Raeleigh Gonsalves to volunteer at rgonsa2910@yahoo.com/305-522-9361.

College Ministry

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

Hopefully, our students are enjoying a much deserved holiday and respite from their studies and will be returning to school later this month with renewed energy for another semester. Our prayers go with the following students: Lee, Sarah and Ryan Bowman, Joshua and Sara Waits, Jenna Johnson, Kayla Lynn de Vroedt, Reid Bennett, James Kirkman, Daniel Walker, Shannon Premaza, Rebecca Fernandez, and Natasha Murphy.



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.*

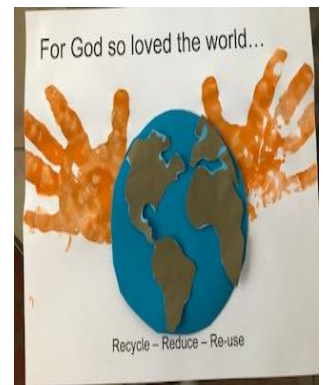
Message from the Green Team

Edith Bricker

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live." -Deuteronomy 30:19 (NRSV)

Let's live within our fair share of the earth's resources so that all her peoples can thrive...is a message from United Methodist Women. The question is how? The answer is, choose wisely. Our choices, from voting, to car-pooling, to throwing out our trash, will impact our children and our children's children. In the end of the movie "Schindler's List," Oskar Schindler, after saving eleven hundred Jews from the gas chambers, says, in so many words, I only wish I had used my resources to save just one more. When we get to heaven and look back at our lives, I suspect we will regret not using our resources wisely, to save just one more from the impact of global warming.

Your conscious and intentional choices are all that God asks of you. Won't you think green and ask God for guidance. If you choose wisely, you will make God smile, I promise.



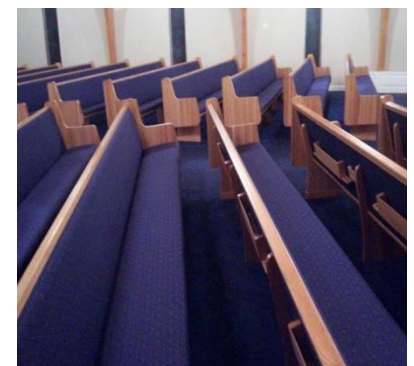
Operation Christmas Child



Through your love and support we were able to send 175 shoebox gifts to hurting children around the world. They will be a part of the 12 million shoe box gifts that are being distributed. They are also a part of the 3,096 shoe boxes that were received from the Keys/South Dade churches. 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. Julie Ratliff

SANCTUARY RENOVATION: New Pews

The sanctuary is getting a long overdue renovation and we could use your help. We are getting new pews and the Trustees of Burton Memorial United Methodist Church are sponsoring a "Pew Fund Drive" to make it happen. Starting January 14, 2018, you can contribute to the "Pew Fund Drive" and have a pew named in honor or memory of an individual or family. There will be a sign-up board located in the narthex starting Sunday, January 14 in which you can pick the pew that you would like to sponsor in memory or in honor. The sponsorship contributions will range from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00. We are planning to have these pews installed prior to Easter Sunday with your help.





**United
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Local News:

Sunday, January 14, is UMW Sunday. The United Methodist Women will be doing both services on this Sunday.

Please join the United Methodist Women for their next meeting, *Monday, January 22, at the home of Edna Waldorf at 7:00 pm.* For more information or a ride call Edna Waldorf 305-451-3753 or Virginia Spear 305-852-7757.

And remember our largest annual fundraiser, *the UMW Tea, is Sunday, March 11 at 2:30 pm.*

District and Conference News:

On January 27 at Epworth Village United Methodist Retirement Village from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, the UMW District is holding a Leadership Training event for local unit officers. Several of our Burton leadership team will attend. However, all are invited. If you would like to attend to learn more about United Methodist Women, call Kim at 443-207-4000 or Edith at 305-852-9259.

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Sixty adorable hats have been mailed to the Children's Medical Center in Dallas for the patients. Over 450 prayers shawls have comforted and delivered the healing and blessings to many in need. The UMW want to thank those that have donated materials and monetary donations so that the crafting and blessings can continue. Join the ladies who create Prayer Shawls and other blessed handcrafted items, even if you just want an evening out, on *Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Joy Classroom.* No experience is necessary. For more information call Virginia Spear 305-852-7757.



Prayer Bead Ministry:

Handcrafted Prayer Beads are for sale for \$15.00 each. We have a lovely selection in our current inventory. We are happy to teach those who are interested in learning how to make Prayer Beads. You may borrow the book that inspired us all, *A Bead and a Prayer*, by Kristen E. Vincent. It is located in the Narthex on UMW Book Shelf. **Please contact Mrs. Linda Norman at 305-393-2589 or email her at lindalillonorman@gmail.com if you would like to purchase or learn to string your own prayer beads.**