

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

Date: August 4, 2019
Title: Loving God and Neighbor (Sermon Series)
Theme: The Love That Never Stops
Purpose: To encourage the congregation to continue to find ways to love neighbors for the transformation of the world.
Old Testament: Hosea 11:1-11
New Testament (Epistle): Colossians 3:1-11
New Testament (Gospel): Luke 12:13-21

Date: August 11, 2019
Title: The 7 Deadly Sins vs The 7 Heavenly Virtues
Theme: Lust
Purpose: To encourage the congregation to adopt the virtue of chastity to combat lust.
Old Testament: Proverbs 6:24-29
New Testament: Galatians 5:16-26

Date: August 18, 2019
Title: : The 7 Deadly Sins vs The 7 Heavenly Virtues
Theme: Gluttony
Purpose: To encourage the congregation to adopt the virtue of restraint to combat gluttony.
Old Testament: Proverbs 23:1-5
New Testament: James 4:7-10

Date: August 25, 2019
Title: The 7 Deadly Sins vs The 7 Heavenly Virtues
Theme: Greed
Purpose: To encourage the congregation to adopt the virtue of generosity to combat greed.
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 5:21
New Testament: Luke 12:13-21

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!*

August Birthdays:

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

August Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>
Ken & Kathy Lasseter	6
John & Carol Baxter	15
Tim & Edith Bricker	23
Gary & Ann Hickman	24

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Kerry's Corner

For the next two months, I will be presenting a sermon series called “**The Seven Deadly Sins vs. The Seven Heavenly Virtues.**” Although there is not a specific section within any Bible translation titled the “seven deadly sins”, the early church founders brought forth the seven deadly sins based on various scriptures throughout the Bible. This was used as a tool to help people in their spiritual walk. Each of these mortal sins were assigned a color and animal, along with a specific punishment in Hell, to help in the memorization process. **Each sin was also assigned a specific heavenly virtue that could be used to combat each specific deadly sin.** The concept of the “seven deadly sins” also made it into many of our classic literature pieces such as Dante’s Inferno.



The seven deadly sins, also known as the **capital vices** or **cardinal sins**, are a classification of the most objectionable vices. They are, ranked from lesser to worst and (*coupled with their Heavenly Virtue*): 1. Lust (*Chastity*), 2. Gluttony (*Restraint*), 3. Greed (*Generosity*), 4. Sloth (*Diligence*), 5. Anger (*Patience*), 6. Envy (*Contentment*), 7. Pride (*Humility*).

Beginning in the early 14th century, the popularity of the seven deadly sins as a theme among European artists of the time eventually helped to ingrain them in many areas of Christian culture and Christian consciousness in general throughout the world.

One means of such ingrainings was the creation of the acrostic "SALIGIA" based on the first letters in Latin of the seven deadly sins.

Superbia (Pride): Is excessive belief in one's own abilities, that interferes with the individual's recognition of the grace of God. It has been called the sin from which all others arise. Pride is also known as Vanity.

Your punishment in Hell: You'll be broken on the wheel.

Associated symbols: Pride is linked with the horse and the color violet.

Avaritia (Greed): Is the desire for material wealth or gain, ignoring the realm of the spiritual. It is also called Covetousness.

Your punishment in Hell: You'll be boiled alive in oil. Bear in mind that it's the finest, most luxurious boiling oil that money can buy, but it's still boiling.

Associated symbols: Greed is linked with the frog and the color yellow.

Luxuria (Lust): is an inordinate craving for the pleasures of the body.

Your punishment in Hell: You'll be smothered in fire and brimstone. Not kisses.

Associated symbols: Lust is linked with the cow and the color blue.

Invidia (Envy): is the desire for others' traits, status, abilities, or situation.

Your punishment in Hell: You'll be put in freezing water.

Associated symbols: Envy is linked with the dog and the color green.

Gula (Gluttony): is an inordinate desire to consume more than that which one requires.

Your punishment in Hell: You'll be force-fed rats, toads, and snakes.

Associated symbols: Gluttony is linked with the pig and the color orange.

Ira (Anger): is manifested in the individual who spurns love and opts instead for fury. It is also known as Wrath.

Your punishment in Hell: You'll be dismembered alive.

Associated symbols: Anger is linked with the bear and the color red.

Acedia (Sloth): is the avoidance of physical or spiritual work.

Your punishment in Hell: You'll be thrown into snake pits. That should get you moving.

Associated symbols: Sloth is linked with the goat and the color light blue.

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.



Membership and Information Class

On Sunday, August 11, 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.

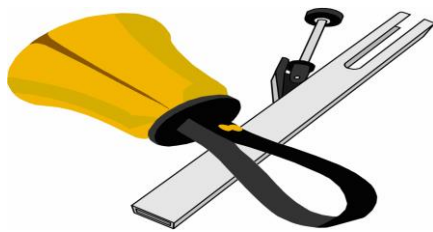
Choir News

Carlene Jarboe

It will soon be time for the Chancel Choir to get back into the "sing" of things. With the new school year upon us, it is a great time to come out and learn to sing with one voice. We have a wonderful group of singers, who blend well and love to sing praises. We like to sing with heart and soul. If you would like to join our choir family, new voices are always welcome and needed. 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 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



The Burton Baby Belles, our beginner handbell/chime ministry, is on summer break until September. See you then!

The Burton Ringers will be taking an extended break. We will meet again in September – can't wait!

The KidsRing Choir is ringing OUT this summer for a well-deserved break. Thanks to all the great ringers for their hard work and dedication. We are so excited about all our CHILDREN'S ARTS MINISTRIES!

Ringling News

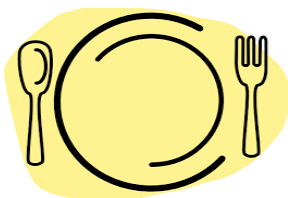
Flower Calendar

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. There are still many dates 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.



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.*



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 Thursdays of the month. If you would like to help out, please call Marylou Wilkinson at 305-394-3878 for more information.*

Health and Wellness

Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN

I recently gave blood when the blood bus was on campus at Burton. The blood bus comes on a regular basis to Burton and many other locations in our community. The staff are very professional and proficient in their procedures as well as their techniques. I am a regular giver of blood and I was inspired to encourage others to consider blood or blood product donations.

Sometimes I tell myself all kinds of excuses why I can't give on a given day when I see the bus. Some of them have been: I do not have time, I will feel tired, I need my blood, plenty other people donate so there is an abundance of blood, etc.

This year I have flipped those negative thoughts around to some of the positive reasons why I should want to give:

--There is no substitute for blood. It cannot be made or manufactured. Generous blood donors are the only source of blood for patients in need of a blood transfusion. Someone needs blood every three seconds. One 20-minute donation can save three lives (WOW, so powerful!), and there is a shortage of type O (my type). Red blood cells only have a shelf life of 42 days. Cancer patients need our blood/blood components to make it through their treatments.

--Health benefits range from reducing the risk of having a heart attack to discovering potential underlying health issues (cholesterol levels, Hepatitis, HIV, etc.) as well knowing your blood type, a free wellness exam, balancing iron levels. It can also reduce the risk of cancer, stimulate the body to produce new cells, lower cholesterol, reduce risk of heart disease and strokes, prevent liver damage, reduce aging, and *each blood donation can burn up to 650 calories (I did not know this 😊).*

--Material gifts range from food pantry donations, beautiful local art t-shirts, movie tickets, and recently I got a tape measure in the mail from One Blood.

I knew many of the facts and benefits of blood donation as a nurse and blood donor, but during my research for this article, I am truly amazed at the *many personal health benefits and benefits to others of giving blood.*

Blood and blood product donations are powerful lifesaving gifts! If you are not able to donate, you can make a difference by educating yourself and encouraging others. I hope to see my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ on the big red bus. "Share your power."

<https://www.oneblood.org/about-donating/blood-donor-basics/can-i-donate/faqs.shtml>

<https://drhealthbenefits.com/lifestyle/healthy/healthy-habits/health-benefits-of-blood-donation-regularly>

Beat the heat and exercise in the bug free air conditioned Fellowship Center at Burton on Monday evenings from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call me at 305-546-6682.



Fourth of July Parade (Congratulations)

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped decorate, and/or participated in the Fourth of July parade. *Our church's Vacation Bible School float won "Most Beautiful" for the 2019 Parade.*



College Ministry

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

As our college students begin to make plans for the fall, please do not forget to notify Betsy in the church office of any changes of address or any time off being taken from college. New students need to turn in their mailing address, their birthday and the college they are attending. This ministry, which involves monthly communication with each student as well as occasional small gifts during the year, is open to any student from our church as well as children or grandchildren of Burton church members. All students are lifted up in prayer throughout the school year.

P.S. It would be appreciated if continuing college students who have no address change would still notify Betsy or myself (ble1kl@aol.com) that they are enrolled for the fall. Thanks.



Green Team Article

I would not know how to be human, how to think as a human being, how to walk as a human being, how to talk or how to eat as a human except by learning from other human beings. I learn to be human by associating with other human beings. We are thus, according to the Bible, made for family. We're made for community, we're made for togetherness, and we are made for friendship. We're made to live in a delicate network of interdependence, for we are made for complementarity. I have gifts you don't have. And you have gifts that I don't have. Thus, we are made different so that we can know our need of one another. And this is a fundamental law of our being.

All kinds of things go horribly wrong when we flout this law, when we don't ensure that God's children everywhere have a supply of clean water, a safe environment, a decent home, a full stomach. We could do that if we remembered that we are created to be members of one family, the human family, God's family. We must act now and wake up to our moral obligations. The poor and vulnerable are members of God's family and are the most severely affected by droughts, high temperatures, the flooding of coastal cities, and more severe and unpredictable weather events resulting from climate change. We, who should have been responsible stewards preserving our vulnerable, fragile planet home, have been wantonly wasteful through our reckless consumerism, devouring irreplaceable natural resources. We need to be accountable to God's family. Once we start living in a way that is people-friendly to all of God's family, we will also be environment-friendly. After God created birds, fish, and animals, he created humans to be his viceroys and to act "compassionately and gently" toward all forms of life. The future of our fragile, beautiful planet home is in our hands. As God's family, we are stewards of God's creation. We can be wantonly irresponsible, or we can be caring and compassionate. God says, "I have set before you life and death...Choose life" (Deuteronomy 30:19).

A Message from Archbishop Desmond Tutu



Thanks to everyone who purchased the \$2.50 reusable Community Bags in July at the Tavernier Town Winn Dixie at MM92. Burton's Pantry received a \$1 donation every time a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag was sold in July at the Tavernier Town Winn Dixie at MM92. We are scheduled to participate in this program again in October.

Community Bag Program

Blessing of the Back Packs and Teacher Planners

All students and teachers are invited to join us for a blessing of student backpacks and teacher planners Sunday, August 11 during the 10:30 am service.

Back to School Party

Following our Blessing of the Back Packs, Burton Memorial will be hosting a Back to School party in the Fellowship Center from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. There will be free pizza and cake along with games and prizes for those attending. This is for grades 1st and up and there will be entertainment for all school ages.

Blessing of the
BackPacks
and the
School Year



Church Work / Clean-Up Day



Put on some work gloves and wear your grubby clothes. **On Saturday, August 17, we have scheduled a church work/clean up day from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.** We will be doing some pressure washing, closet cleaning, yard work, and window cleaning. If you have some time to spare, please show up.

Keys United Way Stuff the Bus

United Way of the Florida Keys is once again conducting our Stuff the Bus school supply drive for students in Monroe County and they are asking for your support.

To ensure our local students receive the supplies they really need to succeed, they are accepting only monetary donations. Each school will receive Stuff the Bus gift cards to buy supplies through an approved vendor, leveraging your contribution with others. This ensures they are able to purchase the supplies most needed by their students. Your donation will allow expansion beyond backpacks and crayons to also include important educational devices like graphing calculators and other equipment which some students cannot afford.

WHO: You — our local community members, businesses, organizations, and civic groups.

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

WHEN: Donate until August 31. Supplies will be purchased and delivered to the schools early in the school year.

HOW: Donations can be made

- [KeysUnitedWay.org/Donate](https://keysunitedway.org/Donate)
- By mailing a check to UWFK (please write “Stuff the Bus” on the memo line).

If you want to know more about Stuff the Bus 2019, please call UWFK CEO Leah Stockton at 305-735-1929 or email her at lstockton@keysunitedway.org.



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	7-Jul	\$2,179	\$2,013	166	\$78,842	\$75,825	3,017
28	14-Jul	\$2,756	\$2,013	743	\$81,598	\$77,839	3,759
29	21-Jul	\$1,408	\$2,013	-605	\$83,006	\$79,852	3,154
30	28-Jul	\$1,851	\$2,013	-162	\$84,857	\$81,865	2,992

Watermelon Ministry

Well, it is that time of year again. We need volunteers to help served chilled watermelons to provide some cool refreshment to our high school football players and marching band during summer practice.

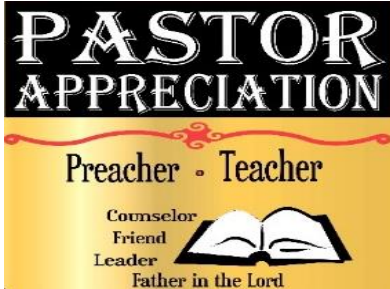
Burton Memorial will provide the watermelons if you can provide the person power. **We will be serving up these treats on Monday, August 5 and Friday, August 9, from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm, on the Coral Shores football field.** If you are interested, please contact the church at 305-852-2581 to sign up for a specific day.



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



Faith, Hope, and Love in Action!

Shannon Priddy, President of the United Methodist Women international organization, writes, "United Methodist Women is a place for all women. This sisterhood of grace means something different for every woman, but for me it means calling out injustice when I see it." Though the organization is not political, it takes a stand for women, youth and children advocating for "issues such as just renewable energy, interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline, a living wage for all, and ending maternal mortality."

Burton United Methodist Women members Kim Youngblood, Mary Lou Wilkerson, Edith Zewadski-Bricker, Annabelle Bricker, and two Burton members who have recently moved, Jane Cole and Judy McManus Reynolds, attended the recent Florida Conference UMWomen event, Mission u, held at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. We studied "The Gospel of Mark: Practicing Resurrection," "Women United for Mission," and/or "What about our Money?" Mission U is a four-day educational and inspirational event held in nearly every United Methodist Conference around the world, which offers opportunities "to grow spiritually, to become more deeply rooted in Jesus Christ, and to put faith, hope and love in action."

During Mission u, the women in attendance participated in a candlelight vigil objecting to the separation of immigrant children from their families and praying for an end to the immigrant detention centers for children. Currently, according to a *New York Times* estimate, 15,000 children are in immigration detention centers in the US, with over 3,000 of these children held in the Homestead detention center. Please, won't you join with United Methodist Women as we pray for these children?

To sample the studies presented at Mission u, come with us to the South East District's Mission Study Sampler on August 24 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Hialeah United Methodist Church.

Mark your calendar: Burton United Methodist Women's monthly general meetings will resume Monday, September 23, 7:00 pm, at Edna Waldorf's home in Key Largo.

For more information or transportation, call me at 305-363-8392.
Edith Zewadski-Bricker, President, Burton United Methodist Women



Prayer Shawl Ministry

You are invited to join us Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Joy classroom for fun and fellowship, knitting and crocheting. We teach and have yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks. Thanks to those who make prayer shawls at home. We have added Hospice to our giving list. For information call Virginia at 305-522-2978.



Prayer Bead Ministry



UMWomen handcrafted Prayer Beads are sold throughout the year for \$15.00 each. Place your order for custom beads in your favorite color. Our ministry expands by offering classes on how to string Prayer Beads. Learn more at www.prayerworksstudio.com. Please call, text, or email Kim Youngblood at 443-207-4000, kyoungblood528@yahoo.com.

More Mission u Pictures

