

# Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p><b>Date:</b> February 3, 2019  <b>Title:</b> “Greater Gifts Worship Series: Love”  <b>Theme:</b> Love (Agape)  <b>Purpose:</b> Now that we are discovering and activating our gifts, understanding how we are dependent on one another, will we let love – love of God and love of neighbor guide us?  <b>Old Testament:</b> Jeremiah 1:4-10  <b>New Testament (Epistle):</b> 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  <b>New Testament (Gospel):</b> Luke 4:21-30</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> February 10, 2019  <b>Title:</b> “See All the People Worship Series: The Pressing Crowd”  <b>Theme:</b> Changes  <b>Purpose:</b> The beginning of a life-changing journey for Jesus and his future disciples, including you and me.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)  <b>New Testament (Epistle):</b> 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  <b>New Testament (Gospel):</b> Luke 5:1-11</p>
<p><b>Date:</b> February 17, 2019  <b>Title:</b> “UM Women Sunday”</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> February 24, 2019  <b>Title:</b> See All The People Worship Series: The Questioning Crowd  <b>Theme:</b> Listening and Loving  <b>Purpose:</b> To encourage the congregation to not only listen to but to also love their enemies.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 45:3-11, 15  <b>New Testament (Epistle):</b> 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  <b>New Testament (Gospel):</b> Luke 6:27-38</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 5<sup>th</sup> grade and a nursery for infants and toddlers.

## Church Contacts

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**Administrative Assistant:** [bae\\_bmumc@att.net](mailto:bae_bmumc@att.net) **Web Site:** [www.BMUMC.net](http://www.BMUMC.net)

**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](mailto:bae_bmumc@att.net).

*DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!*

## February Birthdays:

## February Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Lucy Given	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark Hulsbeck	20 <sup>th</sup>	Rene & Shirley Held	27 <sup>th</sup>
James Kirkman	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joyce Harris	21 <sup>st</sup>	Ken & Nancy Mills	27 <sup>th</sup>
Janet Atkin	4 <sup>th</sup>	Annette Hills	21 <sup>st</sup>		
Susan Gabler	4 <sup>th</sup>	Melba Benson	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Sarah Hoover	8 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Grove	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Marty Waits	14 <sup>th</sup>	Joann Waits	22 <sup>nd</sup>		

# The Beacon

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## Kerry's Corner

In 2016, Discipleship Ministries began launching materials around the theme “**See All the People.**” This message of reaching people and expanding the church into the community then began to bear fruit as churches began launching campaigns to strengthen their own disciple-making systems.

As they began preparation for this series, they noticed that one element seemed apparent throughout all the scriptural narratives: people who were always present around Jesus because of his preaching, teaching, and healing. Jesus truly saw all the people; and as a result, the people were always with him. As the church makes connections in the community to bring people to know Christ, we would do well to make note of the way Jesus responded to the crowds.



In the first week of the series, the pressing crowd is mentioned alongside Jesus' encouragement for his first disciples to go fishing. The image of the fish breaking the nets becomes an image analogous with the people “pressing in” on Jesus.

The second week recalls “a great crowd of Jesus' disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon” (Lk. 6:17). They were expecting Jesus to heal them. This image is a powerful one as we imagine the crowd relentlessly reaching for Jesus, that they might touch him and receive his healing power.

Week three involves a departure for our planning team, as we put ourselves in the shoes of the crowd listening to Jesus' sermon. The message of loving enemies was (and is) so countercultural that it still causes us to question our very instincts as powers threaten to overtake and divide us.

Week four, Transfiguration Sunday, presents a dramatic scene as Jesus is transfigured as he stands with Moses and Elijah. Jesus, Peter, John, and James then descended the mountain, and Jesus healed a boy with a demon—to the astonishment of “a great crowd” (Lk. 9:37).

Upon reflection of the entire season after Epiphany this year, we find a comprehensive way to make connections with our communities: discover our spiritual gifts, understand our need for one another and the love of God, and know that wherever Jesus goes, a crowd is sure to follow. The question is: “Are our churches ready to go and meet the crowds as we ‘see all the people’?”

## UM Women's Annual Tea

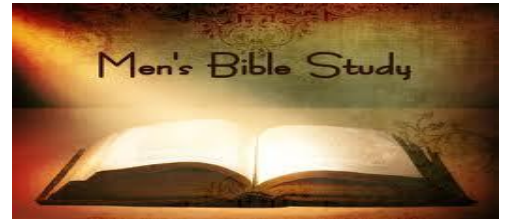
*The UM Women's Annual Tea is Sunday, March 3, from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.* Please see the hostesses in the Narthex of the church for tickets after services on Sunday. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and the theme of this year's Tea is; “Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord.” At this event, there will be a table decorating contest that people attending can vote with a monetary donation. There will be a hat parade contest and many musical presentations. So, put on your finest decorated bonnet or derby and join the fun.



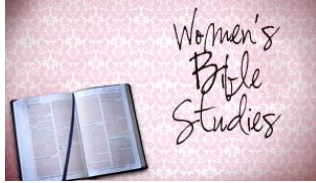
## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

*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 Wednesday Women's Bible Study Group has moved to Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Joy classroom.* We will be studying the book, *Cast of Characters: Common People in the Hands of an Uncommon God* by Max Lucado. For more information or a ride, please call Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757. All ladies are invited to attend.

## Membership and Information Class

*On Sunday, February 24, 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.



## 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 please 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.

## Choir News

Whether you have a gift or a talent to sing, come join the chancel choir for fun and for service to the church. The chancel choir sings once a month and we practice on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. We are always looking for any new singers. No experience is necessary, no tryouts, just good fun and good service to the church. Our next performance is February 10, so if you can help us out, please come at 7:15 pm on Wednesday after the hand bell choir practices.

Carlene Jarboe

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](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com). Thanks again.



## Passionate Worship Committee

We are always looking for people to help the church out in any way they feel comfortable. So if you can spare some time, we are in need of volunteers in the following areas: Acolytes, Children's Church, Greeters & Ushers, Liturgists, help with the Altar Guild, and any singers and/or ringers are welcome and needed. *Watch the announcements for our next meeting date.*

## Contribution Statements

Your giving statements will be mailed, or emailed if we have your email address, by the end of next week. If you do not receive them by mid-February, please call Betsy at the church office, 305-852-2581, or email her at [bae\\_bmumc@att.net](mailto:bae_bmumc@att.net).

## Ringin' News

Join us on Tuesdays at 6:45 pm for BEGINNER bells. The Baby Belles of Burton are looking for a few more new ringers. We currently have five ringers practicing, but we would love to have a few more. *New ringer practice is from 6:45pm to 7:30 pm every Tuesday 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! *The BURTON RINGERS are rehearsing on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.*

If you have hand bell or music experience, we would love to have you. See any bell choir member or director RaeLeigh Gonsalves for more information.



## KIDSRING Choir

The KIDSRING CHOIR is chiming again this month. Thanks to all the great chimers for their hard work and dedication. We are so excited about all our Children's Arts Ministries! For more information please contact the Church Office or RaeLeigh Gonsalves at [rgonsa2910@yahoo.com](mailto:rgonsa2910@yahoo.com)/305-522-9361.



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



## Rummage Ramble

*The BMUMC annual Rummage Ramble will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019.*

You may drop off your donations March 11 through March 15 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The actual rummage ramble will be *Saturday, March 16 from 8:00 am until 2:00 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, March 11 through March 15. *We also need help the day of the sale, March 16.* If you have any questions or would like to help please contact the church office at 305-852-2581.

## College Ministry

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

Another academic term is underway and we wish our college students a successful experience in every way. One of our students, Sarah Bowman, the granddaughter of Claude and Betty Bullock, has graduated from Birmingham Southern College and is now attending medical school in Florida. We do not maintain contact with our students during their post-college studies, but we wish her continued success in the demanding course she is pursuing.

Two of our students, Sara Waits and Jenna Johnson, granddaughters of Marty and Joanne Waits, are planning to graduate in April. So it is a time of celebration but also anxiety about plans for the future. Please keep all our graduating students in your prayers as they make important decisions about their future. If we have other students who are expecting to graduate this spring, please let me know at [ble1k1@aol.com](mailto:ble1k1@aol.com) or Betsy in the church office. Also, *please notify either Betsy or myself if a student has a change of address* because we sometimes do not get returned mailings for 4 months and so have continued to mail to these students for many months before we are aware of the move. Thank you for your prayerful support of this ministry.



## Health and Wellness & Biggest Loser Challenge

New Year's goals already trashed? You need God's plan for lasting change!

“for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose” Philippians 2:13 NIV

“<sup>22</sup> you were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV

Lasting change requires: 1) building your life on God's truths, 2) making wise choices, 3) new ways of thinking, 4) God's spirit in your life, and 5) honest community. Are you ready for lasting change? Start your journey by praying, committing to be fit, set measurable goals, get together with friends to support each other in the journey of a healthier self for “Christ's sake.” “Two people are better than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help.” Ecclesiastes 4:9 NLT



*Fit For Christ weekly support, education, and exercise for all ages meets on Mondays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Burton's Fellowship Center.*

Do you need a challenge for weight loss encouragement and healthy competition? *Join "The biggest losers" 90 day challenge starting on January 27 with weigh in on Sundays between 9:30 am and 10:30 am in the Joy Classroom.*

If you need “one on one” help getting started or have questions, please contact me at 305-546-6682.  
Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN

### Message from the Green Team – Where's the Beef?

Tim Bricker

So. Where's the beef? In my diet, it has been greatly reduced. In our household, I do the grocery shopping and cooking. My wife is a vegetarian, and does the dishes. Out of necessity (and because I love her), I only occasionally buy beef, pork, or poultry. When I do treat myself to a burger on the grill, I throw a veggie burger on there, too. In many ways, I am better off for doing so.



Beef, pork, and poultry production has an enormously negative impact on the environment. As forests are razed, to increase land for grazing and the production of grains to feed livestock, as billions of cattle emit climate-warming methane, and as billions of gallons of fecal waste are stored, polluting our air, rivers, streams, and aquifers, the need to decrease our consumption of red meat is essential to our health, and to the health of our planet.

Dieticians recommend a reduction of our intake of red meats (and sugar) by half, while doubling the vegetables, fruit, legumes, and nuts that we eat. A glass of milk a day, or some cheese or butter, is okay, and an egg or two a week. Half of each plate should be vegetables and fruit, and a third should be wholegrain cereals.

Can you handle having beef three times a week instead of six? I know you can. If we can eat in a way that works for our planet as well as our bodies, we'll all be better off for it.



### CDC Students at the Sailing Club

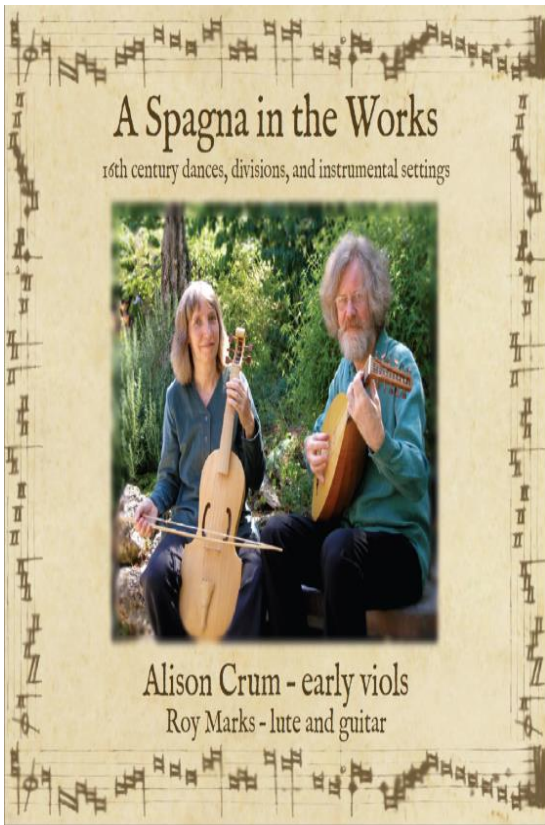
The CDC received six scholarships for students to attend the Upper Keys Sailing Club's Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program's sailing classes this spring. The six children awarded the scholarships are Alana, Alex (not shown in picture), Angel, Landon, Marisol, and Veronica, (not in any particular order), ages 8 to 12 years old.

### 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.*

## Alison Crum and Roy Marks in Concert

*Allison Crum and Roy Marks will be performing at Burton Memorial Church on Sunday, February 10, 2019, starting at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary.* There will be a reception afterwards in the Fellowship Center. A donation of \$12.00 is suggested.



**Alison Crum** is one of the best-known British exponents of the viol. As teacher, performer, and moving spirit behind several well-known early music groups, she has travelled all over the world giving recitals and lectures and teaching at summer schools and workshops. After considering a career in meteorology, she decided to read music at university as a French horn player. While there she started playing the viol, and later went on to study it with Wieland Kuijken in Brussels and Jordi Savall in Basle. Since then she has made over one hundred recordings with some of Britain's finest ensembles; and, as a soloist, on discs of Marais, Bach, and virtuoso Italian divisions.

Alison is President of the Viola da Gamba Society of Great Britain, Professor of Viol at Trinity Laban Conservatoire in London, and a visiting teacher at several colleges and universities in both Europe and the USA. She is also the author of two highly acclaimed books on playing the viol, and has been called the doyenne of British viol teachers. Over the years her continuing interest in weather has led her to experience first-hand several exotic parts of the world – from dogsledging in Greenland to driving a Toyota Land Cruiser in Eritrea; and from climbing the more modest summits of the Himalayas to descending the depths of Death Valley.

**Roy Marks** is Alison's husband. In early childhood he began musical life playing the piano and, later, as a teenager, playing lead guitar in a rhythm and blues band. Rather than to conservatoires of music, however, he went to colleges of art to study – studies that culminated at the Royal Academy in London where he was awarded the prestigious David Murray scholarship for landscape painting.

Roy went on to teach painting and drawing in adult education; but, in his late thirties, he turned his attention almost exclusively to early music – to the recorder, the viol, and the lute.

Roy also edits, arranges, and composes music for his friends to play.

**Together**, Alison and Roy are very much occupied with playing music from the 16th to the 18th century, and they have collected a large number of copies of early instruments – all of which they play. As members of The Rose Consort of Viols they have recorded many CDs of English consort music; and, as teachers, they are popular on courses and workshops both over here in the USA as well as in Europe. In more recent years they have grown increasingly fond of the earlier repertoire represented in this concert.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

In addition to making Prayer Shawls, our ministry is knitting and crocheting "Project Linus" blankets for children of serving military personnel and veterans that suffered a traumatic event. This is part of the Gary Sinese Foundation. The blankets should be 40"x60", 36"x36" or 30" x 30". Please use 100% washable acrylic yarns. Blankets will be sent to Orlando the middle of March. For information call Virginia 305-522-2978.

**Project ♥ Linus**



## Prayer Bead Ministry



How better to express your love on Valentine's Day than through giving Protestant Prayer Beads to your loved ones! Candies are here today and gone tomorrow, but the gift of Prayer Beads will last a lifetime. Our handcrafted Prayer Beads, made by United Methodist Women, sell for \$15.00 each. Your purchase will raise funds for our local community needs. If you are interested in purchasing or learning to string your own prayer beads please contact Linda Norman at 305-393-2589. Please feel free to call or text or email to [lindalillonorman@gmail.com](mailto:lindalillonorman@gmail.com) to make arrangements.



**United  
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Women**  
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**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 our church and community to our up-coming events.

For those of you unable to attend the United Methodist Women's event, Understanding Race, Privilege and Power, let me share an insight shared by the event facilitator Rev. Katie Lineberger, Executive Director of the united campus ministry serving the campuses of FIU, UM, and Miami Dade College. Katie helped us understand that privilege is rooted in culture, an innate thing that is not bad.

Those of us who are Anglo/Caucasian need not apologize for white privilege. Privilege, no matter whether it comes from being white or male or educated, is innate. It is bestowed upon you by society. White privilege doesn't mean you have never struggled; it means you have had no struggles based on race. Nor does privilege imply that all a white person has accomplished is unearned, nor does it negate the hard work needed to reach a level of success.

White privilege is being able to turn on your TV and see, for the most part, people of your own race; It's being able to live your life without being unfairly stereotyped, or racially profiled. It's living your life without others considering you suspicious or dangerous. It's a systemic bias, and one that we can, at least, recognize.

### February 17, 2019

UM Women Sunday, Luncheon and Mission Study  
Burton Memorial UMC, Tavernier

### February 25, 2019

General Meeting of Burton UM Women  
Burton's Fellowship Center

### March 3, 2019

Annual Tea  
Burton UMC, Tavernier

For more information or transportation,  
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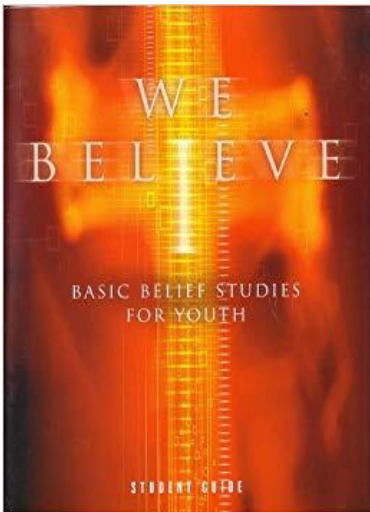
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## Confirmation Class 2019

Confirmation in the United Methodist tradition is a rite through which young Christians affirm the faith of the church, renew the vows of baptism, and commit to lives of discipleship as professing members of the United Methodist Church.

The “We Believe” student guide helps prepare young people for the rite of confirmation by teaching them about the Christian story and essential Christian beliefs, explaining distinctive United Methodist emphases, giving them a deeper understanding of the confirmation vow they may choose to take, and helping them live into those vows even before they are confirmed.



The “We Believe” confirmation program is grounded in these three core principles:

- Confirmation is the continuation of one’s faith journey and the beginning of one’s covenant relationship with the church.
- Confirmation is more than just a series of classes. Confirmands will be fully engaged in the life of the church through worship, service, small groups, and involvement in other ministries.
- Confirmands should emerge from their confirmation experience prepared for a life of Christian discipleship.

The “We Believe” Confirmation Classes will begin on **Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.** in the office of Pastor Kerry Foote. We will meet every Sunday from March 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

If you have a child that you would like to participate in this year’s confirmation class, please contact Pastor Kerry Foote at: [kmf\\_bmumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:kmf_bmumc@bellsouth.net) or 305-407-7040. *Children participating in confirmation must be 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up.*