

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

Date: August 5, 2018 Title: "When I Grow Up, I Wanna Be..." Theme: The direction and ways of the Apostolic church (Saul Commissioned) Purpose: To become a church that takes on the role of helping people answer and practice their call to ministry. Old Testament: Exodus 19:3-6 New Testament: Acts 13:1-3	Date: August 12, 2018 Title: "What Now?" Theme: The direction and ways of the Apostolic church (Serving King Jesus) Purpose: Like Paul, we should seek to maximize our proclamation of Jesus as King and practice Radical Hospitality on a daily basis. Old Testament: Psalm 105:1-5 New Testament: Acts 17:1-9
Date: August 19, 2018 Title: Do You Have Your School Supplies? Theme: Honoring the Sabbath Purpose: This message encourages those who hear it to take time to "rest" and seek God. If we don't take time to know God, we can never love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Old Testament: Psalm 127: 1-4 New Testament: John 6: 66- 68	Date: August 26, 2018 Title: Psalm 23: The Rest of the Story Theme: Trusting God Purpose: To reexamine the 23 Psalm for the purpose of having a better understanding and trust of our Lord and Savior. Old Testament: Psalm 23 New Testament: 1 John 10:11-15

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:

August Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Betty Bullock	5	Tim Bricker	21	Ken & Kathy Lasseter	6
Gene Spear	10	Jazmyn Beerkircher	22	Bob & Betty Mayhew	6
Patrick Frampton-Hickman	11	Kerry Foote	22	Marty & JoAnn Waits	12
Carol Ackenhausen	12	Brooke Peacock	24	John & Carol Baxter	15
Ken Lasseter	12	John Benson	27	Tim & Edith Bricker	23
Vincent Hansen	13	PJ Cummings	27	Gary & Ann Hickman	24
Jenna Gonsalves	16	Betty Lou Banks	30	Dennis & Blair Ellis	31
Mary Lou Wilkinson	20				

The Beacon

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Bring up church membership and watch people squirm. It isn't that people in culture are against membership as an idea—Costco seems to be doing well. Perhaps it is because church membership is not often defined well. It's one of those things that when misunderstood seems a bit like eating your spinach—"at least try it before you decide you don't like it." Makes you want to sign right up, doesn't it?

But in the New Testament, people in churches are recognized as being in some sort of community. It's just that the reality is how community is expressed in Scripture has fallen on hard times over the last couple of thousand years. Membership is often misunderstood, misapplied or not applied at all.

Membership Reality

The reality is we have often thought of membership like belonging to a select club, or like the old American Express commercial where "membership has its privileges." That is not the way the Bible refers to membership. In fact, in 1 Corinthians Paul doesn't say the church is *like* a body. He says the church *is* a body. The phrase he uses to describe the individual connectedness is we are "members of the body." Membership is often misunderstood, misapplied or not applied at all. The word "member" in the Bible is more closely related to the medical word "member" than it is to the common cultural term.

As an example, some of you who are reading may have lost a finger or toe in an accident. On that unfortunate day, you were dismembered. That's the actual technical terminology. A member of your body was separated from the body. That is a tragic thing. Yet today in Western culture, being separated from the body of believers is not tragic. It's almost normal. It is almost understood that Christians and churches should be separated. Lone Ranger Christians are common.

Biblical Membership

Why then do we have membership? Because regardless of how the culture sees it or Christians misunderstand it, membership is not simply an opportunity to say, I'm a part of a club, but rather a scriptural expression of covenant connectedness to a church.

There are three things that help us understand why church membership is biblical and important.

1. **Membership Reflects What the Church Is.**
2. **The Bible Teaches Covenant Community.**
3. **People Need Church Membership.**

Membership Matters

God makes us a part of his larger family when we are born again. But then we should covenant in a local body and live in community with them, agreeing to live by certain established godly principles and standards. Membership doesn't save us. But it enables us to grow and become spiritually mature in Christ.

Not only should we be members of the body, each of us should also be able to express the value of membership. Hopefully, then people will stop squirming when we bring up the topic, but instead passionately embrace the biblical nature of church membership.

Membership and Information Class

On Sunday, August 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.





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. The choir will resume practicing on August 22 at 6:00 pm. The handbells go back to practicing at 7:00 pm following choir practice. The WOW Band practices on Tuesdays, so if you can play an instrument or want to help lead singing, come join the WOW Band. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 20, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. For more information call Carlene at 301-655-0522 or email her at dcjarboe@gmail.com. Thanks for your interest and support. Be of service to the church.

Choir News

The choir will begin again at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 22. Please join us for fun, fellowship, and singing. Singing is always good for the soul and helps with lung capacity. This is a great time to begin your new service to the church. If you need more information, please call me at 301-655-0522 or email me at dcjarboe@gmail.com. Thanks again. Carlene Jarboe.



Ringin' News



Looking for a few good ringers! The Burton Ringers are looking for new members – short term or weekly. New ringer practice is from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm every Wednesday followed by our regular rehearsal from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary until August 22. Choir begins practice on August 22 so the bells will move back to their 7:00 pm practice time. 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

We are off on SUMMER BREAK! KIDSRING will resume in September. Be on the lookout for new musical children's ministries! For more information please contact the Church Office, or contact 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 contribute 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	+ / -
26	1-Jul	\$3,005	\$2,177	828	\$77,300	\$81,643	-4,343
27	8-Jul	\$1,595	\$2,177	-582	\$78,895	\$83,819	-4,924
28	15-Jul	\$1,694	\$2,177	-483	\$80,589	\$85,996	-5,407
29	22-Jul	\$1,370	\$2,177	-807	\$81,959	\$88,173	-6,214

Flower Calendar



The Flower Calendar for 2018 is ready for you! Please consider placing an 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 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. The calendar is in the Narthex or you can contact the church office. Please, only two orchids per Sunday.

Food Pantry Needs Bags

Burton's food pantry is always in need of plastic bags like you get from Publix or Winn Dixie. Please drop off any you can spare on the pantry desk in the Fellowship Center.

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 UM Women for volunteering for the fourth Thursdays for June, July and August, and for the Kiwanis for the second Thursdays for the months of July and August. ***If you would like to help out, please call the office at 305-852-2581.***

College Ministry

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

This is the month when most of our college students are preparing to resume their studies or to begin them for the first time. Kayla de Vroedt and Shannon Premaza are finishing their summer sessions. We do our first mailing to all students at the beginning of September so we need their current addresses as soon as they are available. Please let us know even if their address remains the same as last year so we are not wondering. You may email me (ble1k1@aol.com) or call the church office with the information. For new college students we need a complete mailing address, birthday, name of college and course of study if known. This year promises to be our biggest group of college students ever. Thank you for your help in sustaining this ministry.



Keys United Way Stuff the Bus



United Way of the Florida Keys is once again conducting their Stuff the Bus school supply drive for students in Monroe County. ***New for 2018: To ensure our local students receive the supplies they really need to succeed, this year UWFK is asking for monetary donations only.*** Working closely with each Monroe County school, UWFK will use the funds raised to purchase the tools most needed by each schools' students. Your donation will allow the UWFK to expand beyond backpacks and crayons to also include important educational devices like graphing calculators and other equipment some students cannot afford, but need for a successful school year. ***Donate anytime at KeysUnitedWay.org; send an AmazonSmile electronic gift card to admin@KeysUnitedWay.org; or send a check or Amazon gift card to United Way of the Florida Keys, P.O. Box 2143, Key West, FL 33045. Please write "Stuff the Bus 2018" on the memo line.*** Donate until August 24. Supplies will be purchased and delivered to the schools at the beginning of September.

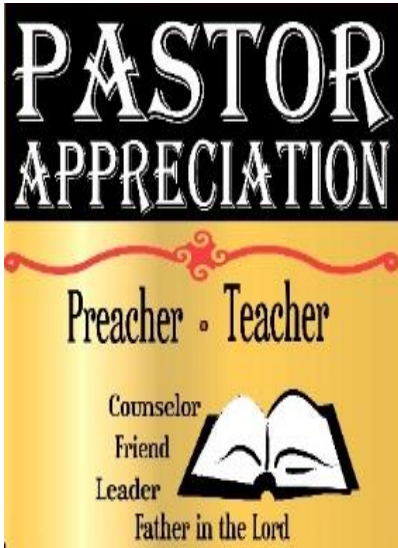
Free Blood Pressure Checks

Monroe County Fire Rescue Department will be providing ***free blood pressure checks in the Fellowship Center after the 10:30 am service.***

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 305-522-6543 or jatkin66@gmail.com.

Thank You,
Janet Atkin
Staff Parish Relations, chairperson

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 13 and Tuesday, August 14, each day from 6:45 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 time slot.



Back to School Blessing of the Backpacks/Party

All students and teachers are invited to join us for a blessing of student backpacks and teacher planners Sunday, August 19 at 10:30 am. After the 10:30 service, we will also be having a BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Please come for some fun, pizza, cake, games, and awesome prizes! For any questions, please feel free to email jaydsjourney999@att.net



Blessing
of the Backpacks

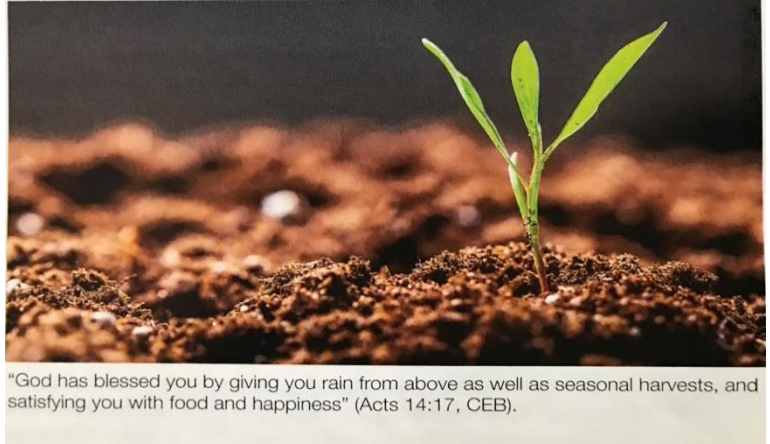
Be Just. Be Green.

a message from the Green Team

We can't live without plants, but plants can live without us.

The soil, the atmosphere, and the plants are parts of our ecosystem. A callous treatment of our ecosystem reflects a broken relationship with our Mother Earth, a disconnection from the place that sustains us. Genesis 2 tells us, "On the day the Lord made earth and sky... the Lord God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into his nostrils; The human came to life; The Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put him there, the human he had formed."

In Jessica Stonecypher's UMWomen study guide, "Embracing Wholeness," she points out the Hebrew word for soil is "adamah." The very first human was named after the very substance from which he was made. Adam is sustained by the soil, and at the end of life returns to the soil. This theology of the soil, Stonecypher says, "serves as a great equalizer as we remember our origins and our place in the universe."



"God has blessed you by giving you rain from above as well as seasonal harvests, and satisfying you with food and happiness" (Acts 14:17, CEB).

World Thank Offering Change Collection

Blessings All,

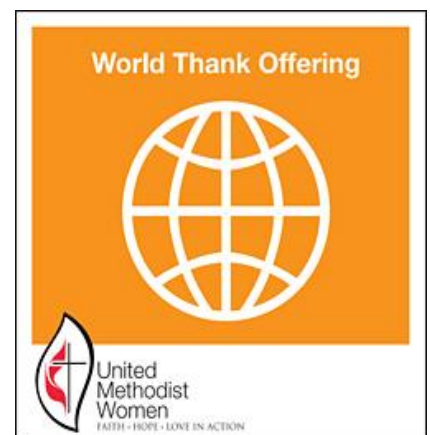
Thank you for your past and continued support of our World Thank Offering Change Collection. The Burton Memorial Unit of the UMWomen has historically collected considerable amounts of change that are directly sent to Missions. We had our best year ever in 2017 with a grand total of \$962.77! Unfortunately, 2018 has not compared as well and I think we all know who is responsible (sorry Irma). We only have a few months left to match or exceed 2017! So please reach down in the couch, look in the bottom of the washing machine, clean out the ash tray or cup holder in your car, or ask co-workers to help fill a recycled coffee can in the break room. Please help us collect the amount we have pledged to collect on behalf of the countless recipients around the world that depend on this Love offering! There are collection containers in the Narthex.

The World Thank Offering is one of five channels of Mission Giving. This giving opportunity is for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world. All such donations are deductible for tax purposes. The FL Conference of the United Methodist Women of Burton Memorial Unit is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization incorporated in the State of Florida, which addresses the needs of the Women & Children.

Thank you very much for participating with us in our work.

Sincerely,
Kim

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Love Feast

Burton is having a Love Feast on Sunday, August 12, at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. This is an old tradition in the Methodist Church and is quite possibly how the Methodist Pot Luck came into being. Those attending are asked to bring a dish they would like to share with others.



The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.

Although its origins in the early church are closely interconnected with the origins of the Lord's Supper, the two services became quite distinct and should not be confused with each other. While the Lord's Supper has been practiced universally among Christians throughout church history, the Love Feast has appeared only at certain times and among certain denominations.

The modern history of the Love Feast began when Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians in Germany introduced a service of sharing food, prayer, religious conversation, and hymns in 1727. John Wesley first experienced it among the Moravians in Savannah, Georgia, ten years later. His diary notes: "After evening prayers, we joined with the Germans in one of their love-feasts. It was begun and ended with thanksgiving and prayer, and celebrated in so decent and solemn a manner as a Christian of the apostolic age would have allowed to be worthy of Christ."

It quickly became a feature of the Evangelical Revival and a regular part of Methodist society meetings in Great Britain and throughout the English-speaking world. As Methodists immigrated to North America they made Love Feasts an important part of early American Methodism.

DOLPHIN - Living Springs Counseling (Fund-Raiser)

For Tickets: Shear Paradise, <http://DOLPHINSLivingSprings.com>, 305-942-4226, or at door.



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August 11

1-3 PM

MM 93 Oceanside

Burton Memorial UMC



Tickets

\$10

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**United
Methodist
Women**
Faith • Hope • Love in Action



Local News:

United Methodist Women will host God's Kitchen on August 23 with Betty Ann Gear supervising. Volunteers are needed to prepare the food at 3:00 pm, serve at 5:00 pm, and clean up at 6:30 pm. Hope you can join us.

Burton UM Women will resume our monthly meetings starting in September. We will meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Faith, Hope and Love in Action,
Edith Zewadski-Bricker
President, Burton UM Women
305-852-9259/305-363-8392

District and Conference News:

August 18 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Mission Studies Sampler
Miramar UMC, Miramar, FL

Enjoy a condensed version of the 2018 Mission studies: "Embracing Wholeness," "Missionary Conferences," and "What About Our Money?"

September 7 – 9

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat
Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park, Leesburg, FL

Enjoy spiritual growth and respite at the beautiful United Methodist Life Enrichment Center.

September 22, 9:00 am - Noon

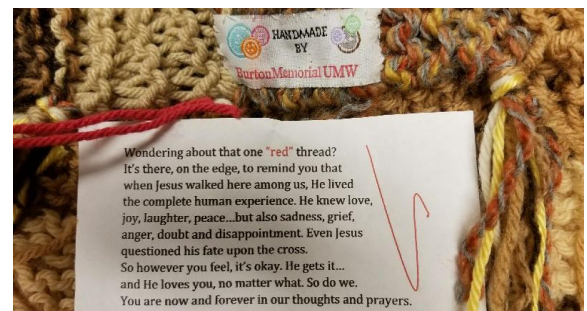
Workshop on Racism, White Privilege & Reconciliation
First Coral Gables UMC, Coral Gables, FL

UMWomen continues to promote the "Charter for Racial Justice" with a presentation by a professor from the University of Miami.

For transportation to, or more information, call Edith Zewadski-Bricker at 305-363-8392.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

To date we have handcrafted over 500 Prayer Shawls and have touched so many lives with the healing power that reaches the recipients with the Power of Prayer. 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

The UM Women continue to sell handcrafted Prayer Beads as our ongoing fundraiser for \$15.00 each. The beads make great wedding, graduation, birthday and holiday gifts. Our ministry expands by offering classes on how to make Prayer Beads. Please contact Kim Youngblood. Call or text 443-207-4000 or email kyoungblood528@yahoo.com.

