

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

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| <p>Date: February 4, 2018 Title: Rise Up: FOCUS Theme: Focusing and Waiting on the Lord Purpose: We are invited to consider something that's not easy. We are invited to trust God no matter how bad it looks. Trust that God has not dozed off on us. Old Testament: Isaiah 40:21-31 New Testament: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23</p> | <p>Date: February 11, 2018 Title: Rise Up: GOD IS SPEAKING Theme: The Communion of Saints Purpose: This communion comes alive in us as we do the work that has been left to our hands by the saints that have gone before us. Old Testament: 2 Kings 2:1-12 New Testament: Mark 9:2-9</p> |
| <p>Date: February 14, 2018 (Wednesday) Title: Rehab Worship Series: MORTALITY Theme: Ash Wednesday Purpose: Let us hear the invitation to observe a holy Lent as our marching orders, in which we get up and do what we need to do to be prepared for whatever may come, this day and every day. Old Testament: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 New Testament (Epistle): 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</p> | <p>Date: February 18, 2018 Title: Rehab Worship Series: WILDERNESS Theme: Lent Purpose: Heading into the wilderness, whether it's imposed upon us or we voluntarily go, is only the first step in the rehab journey toward reconciliation, healing, and wholeness. But it is a step we must take to start the process of recovery. Old Testament: Genesis 9:8-17 New Testament: Mark 1:9-15</p> |
| <p>Date: February 25, 2018 Title: Rehab Worship Series: INTERVENTION Theme: Lent Purpose: There's no shame in admitting we need help. We do. And thanks be to God, God is ready to offer help to one and all, through prayer, through sacrament, and through our interactions with others in our daily lives. Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 New Testament: Mark 8:31-38</p> | <p><u>Sunday's Service Information</u> 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.</p> |

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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.

February Birthdays:

| | <u>DAY</u> | |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Debbie Khanna | 1 st | Sheldon Gross |
| Lucy Given | 2 nd | Helen Robertson |
| Phillip Atkin | 3 rd | Mark Hulsbeck |
| James Kirkman | 3 rd | Joyce Harris |
| Janet Atkin | 4 th | Annette Hills |
| Susan Gabler | 4 th | Melba Benson |
| Sarah Hoover | 8 th | Debbie Grove |
| Marty Waits | 14 th | Joann Waits |
| Susan Troy | 15 th | |

February Anniversaries:

| | <u>DAY</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Rene & Shirley Held | 27 th |
| Ken & Nancy Mills | 27 th |

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Kerry's Corner

Confirmation

In Christianity, Confirmation is seen as the sealing of Christianity created in Baptism. Those being confirmed are known as confirmands. In some denominations, such as the Anglican and Methodist Churches, confirmation bestows full membership in a local congregation upon the recipient. In others, such as the Roman Catholic Church, Confirmation "renders the bond with the Church more perfect", because, while a baptized person is already a member, "reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace".

Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and Latter-Day Saint Churches view Confirmation as a sacrament. In the East it is conferred immediately after baptism. In the West, this practice is usually followed when adults are baptized, but in the case of infants not in danger of death it is administered, ordinarily by a bishop, only when the child reaches the age of reason or early adolescence. Among those Catholics who practice teen-aged Confirmation, the practice may be perceived, secondarily, as a "coming of age" rite.

In traditional Protestant denominations, such as the Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed Churches, Confirmation is a rite that often includes a profession of faith by an already baptized person. This is usually reserved for kids 5th grade and up which is why it is also recognized secondarily as a coming of age ceremony.

However, within the United Methodist Church, Confirmation is not required for adults who are transferring memberships to the United Methodist Church, regardless of which denomination they transfer from. However, some Methodist churches hold an "Adult Confirmation Class" for individuals that are new to the faith and do not feel that they have an adequate grasp on the basics of Christianity and United Methodism.

Confirmation is not practiced in Baptist, Anabaptist and other groups that teach believer's baptism. This would be because in order for a person to be baptized in these denominations, they must have a basic cognitive knowledge of Jesus Christ and that he died for their sins. This is why the Baptist, Anabaptist, and other like groups do not baptize infants.

I hope the above information has provided you with a better understanding of what Confirmation is and why we have it in the United Methodist Church. In the month of February, we will be launching two Confirmation Classes. One will be for children and youth grades 5th through 12th and one will be for adults ages 18 yrs. through 99 yrs. old.



Children & Youth Confirmation Class

Date: February 18, 2018 (start day – 13 weeks long)

Time: 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. (*Meal Provided- FREE*)

Frequency: Every Sunday through May 13, 2018.

Place: Fellowship Center @ Burton Memorial

Age: Grades 5th through 12th.

Youth and children completing this course will be given the opportunity to become members of Burton Memorial Church in a Sunday morning service on Pentecost Sunday (May 20, 2018).

Those interested, please call the church at 305-852-2581 so that we will have enough books and Bibles. Anyone can attend.

Adult Confirmation Class

Date: February 12, 2018 (start day – 12 weeks long)

Time: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (*Bring a dish to share...this is not a requirement if you do not have time. There is always enough food*)

Frequency: Every Monday through April 30, 2018.

Place: Parsonage (Rev Kerry's House)

123 High Street

Tavernier, FL 33070

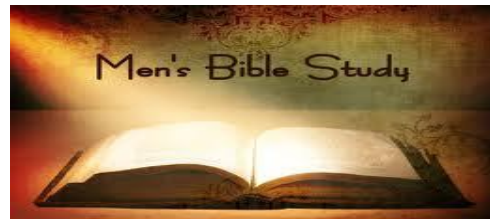
Age: 18 yrs. to 99 yrs.

Adults completing this course will get a nice yellow ribbon and walk away with a greater knowledge and appreciation of your faith.

Those interested, please call the church at 305-852-2581 so that we will have enough books. Please bring your Bible to the class.

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 9:30 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, February 18, 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.



The Flower Calendar is ready for 2018! You are encouraged to choose a Sunday and purchase flowers for the altar in honor, in memory, or simply to the Glory of God. Each bouquet is \$20.00 to be paid in advance. Each Sunday has only two spaces for flowers. **A maximum of two bouquets** (no exceptions please!) will be purchased each Sunday, so sign up early!

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, February 26, 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 | + / - |
| 1 | 7-Jan | \$3,974 | \$3,536 | 438 | \$3,974 | \$3,536 | 438 |
| 2 | 14-Jan | \$3,156 | \$3,536 | -380 | \$7,130 | \$7,073 | 57 |
| 3 | 21-Jan | \$3,227 | \$3,536 | -309 | \$10,357 | \$10,609 | -252 |
| 4 | 28-Jan | \$3,021 | \$3,536 | -515 | \$13,378 | \$14,145 | -767 |



Rummage Ramble



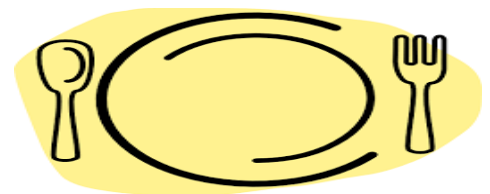
The BMUMC annual Rummage Ramble will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018. You may drop off your donations February 19 through the 23 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The actual rummage ramble will be **Saturday, February 24 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.** Please make sure all donations are in working order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

WE ARE IN DESPEATE NEED OF A RUMMAGE RAMBLE COORDINATOR SINCE NANCY MILLS HAS MOVED...IF YOU ARE INTERESTED...CALL IMMDETIATELY.

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.***



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.

College Ministry

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

Now that our college students are back at school, please remember to pray for success in their studies, wisdom in their decision making, and peace of mind whatever their situation.



Jenna Johnson – Chemistry major at Christopher Newport University, granddaughter of Marty and Joann Waits; Joshua Waits – Engineering major at UNC – grandson of Marty and Joann; Sara Waits – English major at Regent University – granddaughter of Marty and Joann; Lee and Sarah Bowman – Premed majors at Birmingham Southern College – grandchildren of Claude and Betty Bullock; Ryan Bowman – Florida Gulf Coast University – grandson of Claude and Betty; Rebecca Fernandez – Nutrition major at University of Arizona – granddaughter of Nancy Mills; Natasha Murphy – Elementary education major at Santa Fe College – granddaughter of Sylvia Murphy; Daniel Walker – Studying politics and economics at FSU – son of Marshall and Debra Walker; Kayla Lynn de Vroedt – Miami Dade Community College – granddaughter of Virginia and Gene Spears; James Kirkman – Florida Keys Community College – son of Cindi Miller; Shannon Premaza – Physical therapy asst. major at Florida Southwest Edison College – daughter of Debbie Premaza; Reid Bennett – Studying animation, transferring soon to Ringling College – son of Leslie Bennett; Kyrie Foote-Unclassified Major at Valencia Community College, daughter of Rev. Kerry Foote.

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 on Home Gardening

Like many, I don't believe I have a "green thumb". Nor do I think watching plants grow, akin to watching sidewalks crack, is a good use of time. But, thanks to the interest and encouragement of my daughter, Annabelle, I am giving it a whirl.

In considering the idea of gardening at my house, the first obstacle is the lack of sufficient sunlight. We're "in the trees" so to speak, the largest patch of open ground being the driveway. But there is one area that gets a fair amount of sun, from around eleven to four. I am told some plants really don't need that much sunlight, and some get scorched when there is too much. So, I decided to undertake an experiment.

For about \$200, I built a 4 foot wide by 12 foot long box garden that is about 30 inches deep, filling it, in two layers, with equal parts top soil and potting soil. Then, I planted a modest number of cherry tomato, lettuce and carrot seeds. This was before Thanksgiving 2017.

As of this writing, only the cherry tomato plants are thriving, though they have yet to yield any tomatoes. The lettuce broke ground, but has failed to grow any bigger. The carrots poked their leaves through the soil, and that's it. Like the lettuce, they have shown little progress.

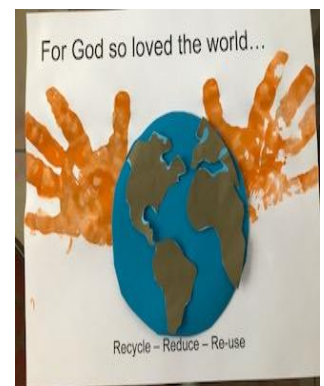
My brother-in-law, a Master Gardener, has told me to not give up, to be patient. But he is in a completely different temperate zone, so offers little advice about what grows well in the Keys.

Does anyone have any advice they can offer? If so, contact me at TBric52@aol.com, call 305-852-4844, or approach me at church (I'm an early service person).

Or I can contact the Upper Keys UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA EXTENSION SERVICES.

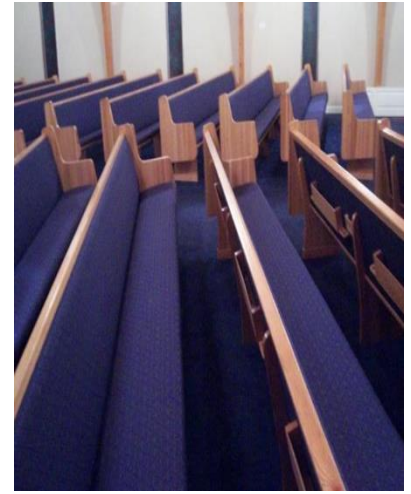
The UF Extension Services provides all the information I could possibly need from the UF School of Agriculture. Alicia Betancourt has her office at the Murray Nelson Center (102050 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo) and can help. You can contact her at: Alicia Betancourt, M.A. CFCS, Monroe County Extension Director, 305-53-8747 or 305-797-1086(cell), or email her at betancourt-alicia@monroecounty-fl.gov.

Tim Bricker



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. For those that would like to contribute to the Pew Project, but are unable to donate \$1,000.00, we will be taking donations and preparing a plaque to be posted in the Narthex with the all names of those that contributed to the project. We are planning to have these pews installed prior to Easter Sunday with your help.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



A Service with the Imposition of Ashes will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. A time of song, prayer and reflection will be shared. Come and bring a friend. At the end of this service, we will be lighting Chinese lanterns to symbolize what we will be giving up to God during the Lent season.

Burton’s Child Development Center Receives Gold Seal Certificate

Our program, Burton Memorial Child Development Center, has been awarded for the fourth time the Gold Seal Certificate from the United Methodist Association of Preschools (UMAP).

We were Gold Seal Certified on 2008, 2011, 2014, and now in 2018. That establishes our program as one with a high standard of quality care and education. Compared to star ratings of hotels, we have a 5 star rating. Our being Gold Seal certified also allows us to get more funding from the Office of Early Learning, and gives more priority to participate in the Quality Counts, Performance Funding Pilot Program, and other grants.

Thank you for all your support to Burton Memorial CDC, from the physical plant to moral to financial. We at the CDC are very grateful. We thank God for each one of you!

Looking forward positively to 2018...God Leads, we follow!

-Nilda Bernaldez (CDC Director)

Bell Choir Fund-Raiser

A group of our Burton ringers will be travelling to a handbell festival in North Palm Beach on the first weekend of March. They would like to have a soup and salad luncheon/fundraiser to help defray the hotel and travel costs. (The cost of the hotel there is \$400 per room for the two nights). So, we are asking members of the congregation and friends of the church to come out on Sunday, **February 25, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Center to participate in a soup and salad fundraiser sponsored by the Bell Choir to help send them on their way.





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



Local News:

Thank God for the leadership of Edna Waldorf. She has been an extraordinary President of Burton United Methodist Women. As incoming President I pray for wisdom, like Edna's, to serve women, youth and children at home and around the world.

Our 2018 Burton UMWomen slate of officers is:

President - Edith Zewadski-Bricker

Vice President - Betty Ann Gear

Treasurer - Kim Youngblood

Secretary - Melba Benson

Coordinator, Social Action - Linda Lillo Norman Chair, Committee on Nominations - Edna Waldorf Chair,

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Virginia Spear Co-Chair, Prayer Bead Ministry - Linda Norman & Kim Youngblood

Co-Chair, Reading Program - Barbara Koch & Betty Ann Gear Chair, UMWomen Sunday - Norma Warrington.

Please join the United Methodist Women for their next meeting, ***Monday, February 26, at the home of Edna Waldorf at 7:00 pm.***

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

District and Conference News:

February 24 - Haitian Convocation - First UMC, Tamarac

March 24 - South East District Day Apart - Ebenezer UMC, Miami

If you would like to attend to learn more about United Methodist Women, call Edith at 305-852-9259 or email her at edithzewadskibricker@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

The UMWomen would like to thank all who have donated supplies and/or money to purchase supplies so that we can continue this amazing 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 Beads and Love

How better to express your love on Valentine's 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 call Linda Norman at 305-393-2589 or text or email lindalillonorman@gmail.com to make arrangements.***



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Sunday, February 11, 2018

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Burton Memorial

United Methodist Church

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dV8 Youth Group

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed (dV8) by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Our dV8 youth group (grades 6th – 12th) meets (almost) every Sunday at the house of our pastor:

Kerry Foote
123 High Street
Tavernier, Florida
305-407-7040



We meet from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Usually there are games, great discussions, and sometimes movies. There is always food and great fellowship. Friends are always welcome.

During the month of February, we will be meeting on: 2/18th and 2/25th.