

# Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p><b>Date:</b> December 1, 2019  <b>Title:</b> "Are We There Yet?"  <b>Theme:</b> Peace  <b>Purpose:</b> We can choose to journey toward the world Advent promises by walking in the paths of peace, even now.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 2:1-5  <b>New Testament (Epistle):</b> Romans 13:11-14  <b>New Testament (Gospel):</b> Matthew 24:36-44</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> December 8, 2019  <b>Title:</b> "Are We There Yet?"  <b>Theme:</b> Hope  <b>Purpose:</b> We who gather together for worship in order to find hope for living, become hope for those who still travel the desert of this life. We are the hope we seek.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 11:1-10  <b>New Testament (Epistle):</b> Romans 15:4-13  <b>New Testament (Gospel):</b> Matthew 3:1-12</p>
<p><b>Date:</b> December 15, 2019  <b>Title:</b> "Are We There Yet?"  <b>Theme:</b> Joy  <b>Purpose:</b> Advent is a time of joy, a time of being thankful for all that has been given—the promise of the Savior who has come, who is present, and who promises a return.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 35:1-10  <b>New Testament (Epistle):</b> James 5:7-10  <b>New Testament (Gospel):</b> Luke 1:46b-55</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> December 22, 2019  <b>Title:</b> "Are We There Yet?"  <b>Theme:</b> Trust  <b>Purpose:</b> Like Joseph, we must learn to trust in our journey of faith.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 7:10-16  <b>New Testament (Epistle):</b> Romans 1:1-7  <b>New Testament (Gospel):</b> Matthew 1:18-25</p>
<p><b>Date:</b> December 29, 2019  <b>Title:</b> "Are We There Yet?"  <b>Theme:</b> So Now What?  <b>Purpose:</b> Christmas did not end on December 25<sup>th</sup>, it was just the beginning.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 63:7-9  <b>New Testament (Epistle):</b> Hebrews 2:10-18  <b>New Testament (Gospel):</b> Matthew 2:13-23</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday's Service Information</u></b>  <b>Traditional Service</b> – For those that love that "Old Time Religion", we have a traditional worship service that meets every Sunday at 8:30 am.  <b>Blended Service</b> – 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.</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](mailto:bae_bmumc@att.net).

*DON'T MISS  
THE DEADLINE!*

## December Birthdays:

## December Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Annabelle Bricker	4	Sharon Braunberns	23	Bud & Gail Preston	17
Kay Comer	4	Betty Anne Gear	24	Gene & Virginia Spear	19
Holly Holly	10	John Holly	31	Carol & Alan Ackenhausen	23
Bryella Beerkircher	21				

# The Beacon

*a monthly newsletter publication of Burton Memorial UMC*  
**December 2019**



## **Kerry's Corner**

For the month of December, Burton will be participating in a 6 week sermon Advent / Christmas series titled: ARE WE THERE YET. This series will run every Sunday and on Tuesday (Christmas Eve).

The Christian church's liturgical calendar begins with the season of Advent (December 1<sup>st</sup> of this year). Faith communities intentionally adorn their worship spaces with a Hanging of the Greens ceremony, a precursor to Christmastide. The ceremony is held directly before the first Sunday of Advent, and it emphasizes symbols of everlasting life (circular evergreen wreath), the light of Christ (Advent candles), Chrismon symbols hung on the evergreen tree that "direct our attention to the nature and ultimate work of Christ and primary Advent themes." These symbols can include the crow, descending dove, fish, Celtic cross, Jerusalem cross, shepherd's crook, orb, crown, fish, star, anchor, chalice, shell—all made in the colors of white and gold (purity/perfection, majesty/glory), and clear lights.



The season of Advent is a highlight of any congregation's life. It is a time of joy, color, light, and anticipation. And it is a time of worship. This is a season that calls us to fall to our knees in worship of the awesome God. Advent is the season where we remember that God chose to put on flesh and dwell among us. God reached down from incomprehensible heights to touch the life we live. And God chose to be born in the humblest of ways, in a manger, in a barn, or a cave, or on the side of the road. The Creator God Almighty crying in the prickly hay, fodder for animals. There is no proper response, other than worship.

At the same time, Advent is a reminder that there is more to come, that we are on a journey toward a new reality, a new way of being. Advent, from the Latin "venio" – coming and "ad" – to, is more about what is next than what was before.

Journeying together this Advent and Christmas season will be the whole family of God, the ones who occupy the seats beside you as you gather together for this shared experience. Present and not present, these are the ones who occupy your minds and hearts as you seek this new place, this new way of being together.

Invariably, when you travel together, some are more anxious than others. Some may prefer to stay where they are. Others are so hopeful of what is to come that they may begin to overwhelm the rest. Some just want the journey to be over. Others are content to enjoy the ride. Journeys impact us in different ways. But even with the best of intentions and the joy of community, it won't be long before someone says, "Are we there yet?"

This season, let that question not be a whine from an uncomfortable back seat or an impatient traveler; let it be a plea for God to break into our reality and bring us the glorious fulfillment of the promise; let it be a hope that God remains in charge, despite the trouble we see in the landscape through which we travel; let it be a call to work and worship in this season of light.

**Are We There Yet?**

## 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.



## Men's Devotion Breakfast



*The Men's Devotion Breakfast meets at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Center of Burton Memorial UMC. This is a time of fellowship, study, and **breakfast**. We cover current topics in light of Biblical understanding and truth.*

## Membership and Information Class

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 contact Pastor Kerry to set up an appointment.*** Call or text him at 305-407-7040 or email him at [kmf\\_bmumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:kmf_bmumc@bellsouth.net).

## Choir News

Good news for us: Sheila Novak is back so the choir is growing. We are expecting 2 more to join us, so we are having a growth spurt. That doesn't mean that we don't have room for more singers. We always have more room, so please consider joining us in the fun and service to the church. Our next performance will be December 1. ***If you would like to join our choir family, we practice on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm in the sanctuary.*** No experience is necessary; no tryouts, just come and enjoy! Consider the benefits of singing.

Carlene Jarboe



### **Physical Benefits of Singing**

- Singing strengthens the immune system. ...
- Singing is a workout. ...
- Singing improves your posture. ...
- Singing helps with sleep. ...
- Singing is a natural anti-depressant. ...
- Singing lowers stress levels. ...
- Singing improves mental alertness. ...
- Singing can widen your circle of friends.

### **And this is just a few of the benefits.**

If you need more information, please call me at 301-655-0522 or email me at [dcjarboe@gmail.com](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com).



## Ringling News

Our Baby Belles will share their ringing gifts on Sunday, December 8, at both our services. Invite a friend to hear them as they share three songs for Advent. After that, the Baby Belles are on Christmas break until January 2020. We currently have six ringers practicing but we would love to have a few more. ***New ringer practice is from 4:45 pm to 5:30 pm every Wednesday in the sanctuary.*** Ringing techniques and basic music education are provided. ***No experience necessary.*** God offers the best benefit package around! See any bell choir member or director RaeLeigh Gonsalves for more information.

## **KIDSRING Choir**

We are so excited about our CHILDREN'S ARTS MINISTRIES! In December, the KIDSRING handbell choir will be off, and our Children's Choir will be sharing our Children's Church time for some exciting singing. See you in February, 2020!



## **Flower Calendar**

Just a reminder that our altar flower calendar still has a few openings. We are taking a break this year from our poinsettia fundraiser to concentrate on the Advent Mission Offering project with our sister church in Hopetown, Bahamas.

## **Altar Guild News**

On behalf of your Altar Guild, a big thank you to all the volunteers who came out in November to prepare the decorations and install them. What a joy and blessing to be part of this great church. ***Mark your calendar for January 5, 2020 to be a part of our "undecorating" meal and work day immediately following the 10:30 am service.***



## **Homeless Recognition Day**

Each year we gather at the gazebo in Settler's Park, Tavernier, to remember our neighbors who died while Homeless in 2019. This is a brief interfaith community memorial service filled with prayers, candles, blessings, and music. Please mark your calendar to be there this year. Since Irma, the possibility of homelessness has become more real to many of us. Let us join together reaching out to God in faith, embracing our neighbors with agape and celebrating life and community. ***This year's Homeless Recognition Day will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2019 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm.***



## **God's Kitchen**

***Burton is still in need of some help with our Food Pantry Ministry.*** This month, since many of our volunteers are off visiting with family and friends, we could use a few extra hands in the pantry to help serve our clients. ***We are also still looking for groups or individuals to help with our God's Kitchen Free Dinner,*** helping to cook, serve and clean up on Thursdays. If you need more information or would like to help out, please call Marylou Wilkinson at 305-394-3878 or the church office at 305-852-2581.

## **College Ministry**

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

Congratulations to Ryan Bowman, grandson of Claude and Betty Bullock, who is graduating in December after an extensive effort to complete his studies at Florida Gulf Coast University. He is joining Rebecca Fernandez, granddaughter of Ken and Nancy Mills, who will graduate this month as well from the University of Arizona. Burton Church wishes both these students success in their future endeavors and prays that they will continue to seek God's direction.

Please continue to keep the following students in your prayers as they wrap up their academic responsibilities for this term. Pray that they will be able to manage their time so as to accomplish every one of God's purposes for them this semester: Kyrie Foote, James Kirkman, Brooke Peacock, Kayla Lynn de Vroedt, Daniel Walker and Makenzie Wright.





## **Meaning of Advent**

RaeLeigh Gonsalves

A blessed Advent and Merry Christmas! The Christmas holiday season is a very exciting time with our church dressed in her Christmas finery. We encourage you to join in the spirit of Advent with your whole heart. A little confused about Advent? Here are some basics about the traditions of Advent.

**When.** Advent marks the beginning of the church year. It begins with the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends Christmas Eve. If Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, Advent will last four full weeks. If Christmas Day falls on any other day of the week, Advent will last less than four weeks. If Christmas falls on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, all of Advent will be in December. If Christmas falls on any other day of the week, Advent will begin in November.

**What.** Advent comes from the Latin word, *adventus*, meaning "coming." It is a season to prepare for the coming of Christ in various meanings: the promised coming of the Messiah to the Jews, the coming of Jesus being born in Bethlehem, the promised return of the risen Christ in final victory, and the continual coming of Christ into the lives and hearts of believers.

**History.** Advent began in France in the fourth century. In various times and locations of the church, Advent has been observed for three, four, and six weeks leading to Christmas

**Color.** While the traditional color for Advent is purple, there is a growing interest in and acceptance of the color blue as an alternative. *The United Methodist Book of Worship* identifies purple or blue as appropriate colors for Advent. The genesis of the introduction of blue into the liturgical colors comes from continued reflection on the calendar of the Christian year, particularly on the season of Advent. Here is how the reasoning goes: Advent is a season of preparation that anticipates both Bethlehem and the consummation of history in the second coming of Jesus Christ. Since this anticipation is characterized by hope -- in contrast to the repentance characteristic of Lent -- the color for the season should not be purple, with its mood of solemnity and somberness, but blue with its hopefulness.

Here at Burton, we celebrate in many ways. We light the candles in our Advent wreath each Sunday, with the four candles representing "Hope", "Peace", "Love" and "Joy". The center white Christ candle will be lit this year on Christmas Eve to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We decorate our Chrismon tree with the symbols of the church. We encourage you and your family to take a close look at these symbols, many of which were handmade by members of our congregation. A picture explaining the meaning of these symbols is located on each of the front wall columns. See if you can find them all on the tree!

We sing the hymns of Advent like "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" and "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" and the carols of Christmas such as "Away in the Manger" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem".

We display our crèche with the scene of Nativity, complete with Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, animals, and eventually -- the baby Jesus!

On Christmas Eve, we join in the singing of "Silent Night" with only candlelight to illuminate the church. Then we lift them together -- the Light of the World has come!

This year, make Advent and Christmas a time of renewal as we await together the greatest Gift of all!

## **Special Advent Collection**



We are so blessed to be living in the keys and we recently dodged a hurricane bullet when with Hurricane Dorian. That hurricane battered the Bahamas earlier this year, killing at least 61 people. As the clean-up operation continues, the death toll is still rising. As I promised earlier, Burton is not going to stand by idly while our brothers and sisters in the Bahamas are suffering. So, this year, Burton Memorial will be taking up a special Advent collection for the month of December. The money collected will go to St. James Methodist Church in Hopetown Bahamas to help them with relief efforts. More information will be given on Sunday worship as to the amount collected as Advent continues.

## **Health and Wellness**

Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN

### **How healthy are you going into this holiday season?**

Cindi McMenamin [www.strengthforthesoul.com](http://www.strengthforthesoul.com) Published Nov. 18, 2014

While you can try to steer clear of germs, pump up the antioxidants, and even get your flu shots, one of the healthiest habits you can cultivate is to express a grateful heart. That's right. Numerous studies exist showing a direct relationship between a positive attitude and improved health (and even a longer life!). To be positive, in short, means to be grateful. To find the good in the bad. To be thankful in all things.

I'm sure God had our physical, as well as spiritual, health in mind when he inspired the Apostle Paul to write: "In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Did you catch that? In *everything* give thanks. In the good times, as well as the bad. In the pleasantries of life, as well as in the pain. During difficult times, trying times, and frustrating times, too. When we're thanking God, we're focused on our blessings, rather than the bitterness of whatever else might be going on.

With the holidays coming, it's easy to get stressed, so all the more reason to be a person of gratitude rather than bad attitude. I've found in my own life, that when I'm praising God in the pain - or just thanking him during the mundane - it helps me become a person of gratitude in *any* circumstance. And that keeps me healthier and happier, overall.

Here are some simple prayers you can begin saying now to practice gratitude when the bad attitude starts seeping in to steal your joy, harm your relationships, and attack your health:

Thank you, **God** for the times You have said "no." They have helped me depend on You so much more.

Thank You, **God**, that I have an inheritance in the heavenly places...something that this world can never steal from me and I could never selfishly squander.

Thank You, **God**, for the greatest gift You could ever give me: forgiveness through Your perfect Son's death on the cross on my behalf.

Thank You, **God**, for the righteousness You credited toward me, through the death and resurrection of Jesus. It's a righteousness I could never earn or attain on my own.

Thank You, **Father**, that You know me, You hear me, and You see my tears. Remind me through difficult times that You are God, You are on the throne, and You are eternally good.

**Thank you, God**, for unanswered prayer. It reminds me that You know what's best for me, even when my opinion differs from Yours.

Thank You, **Lord**, for the things you have withheld from me. You have protected me from what I may never realize.

Thank You, **God**, for the doors You have closed. They have prevented me from going where You would rather not have me go.

Thank you, **Lord**, for the physical pain You've allowed in my life. It has helped me more closely relate to Your sufferings on my behalf.

Thank you, **Lord**, for the alone times in my life. Those times have forced me to lean in closer to You.

Thank you, **God**, for the uncertainties I've experienced. They have deepened my trust in You.

Thank You, **Lord**, for the times You came through for me when I didn't even know I needed a rescue.

Thank You, **Lord**, for the losses I have experienced. They have been a reminder that You are my greatest gain.

Thank You, **God**, for the tears I have shed. They have kept my heart soft and mold-able.

Thank You, **God**, for the times I haven't been able to control my circumstances. They have reminded me that You are sovereign and on the throne.

Thank You, **God**, for those people in my life whom You have called home to be with You. Their absence from this earth keeps my heart longing for *heaven*.

And thank You, **Lord**, not only for my eternal salvation, but for the salvation You afford every day of my life as You save me from myself, my foolishness, my own limited insights, and my frailties in light of Your power and strength.

Can you begin saying "**thank You**" a few more time throughout your day? You may find it lightens your load and makes you feel better, physically, as well.

***The Fit for Christ group will continue to meet on Mondays at 5:30 pm in Burton's Fellowship Center for fellowship and exercise.***

### **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.*

## **Christmas Luncheon**

***Burton Memorial will be hosting a Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 25, 2019, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.*** Christmas is a time to spend with family and friends. However, in some cases families may not be able to get together this Christmas Day and some people may not have any family members to spend time with. So, we at Burton will be hosting a Christmas Day luncheon that will be open to all in the community. It will be a time in which individuals and families can come to the church and celebrate the true meaning of the season. There will be free food (turkeys / ham with all the trimmings) and wonderful fellowship.



***We will need volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean.*** There will be a preparation day on Tuesday, December 24 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. in the kitchen and the Fellowship Center. Then there will be cooking, setting up, serving, and cleaning on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, starting at 10:00 am and going to 3:00 pm. If you would like to help Burton in providing this uplifting outreach to the community, please contact the church at 305-852-2581 or you can sign-up in the Narthex following the 8:30 am or 10:30 am worship service starting December 1, 2019.

## **Christmas Eve Services**



The Committee on Passionate Worship would like to invite you to attend our Christmas Eve services this year. As we traditionally do, ***we will have two services on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2019.*** At 7:00 pm we will have a candlelight service geared towards families. We will have free child care services for children up to 2 years old. We will celebrate with a candlelight program and sing traditional Christmas carols. If you can, please also join us for our 11:00 pm service. This is an intimate service with the addition of Holy Communion to the candle lighting. ***Please come and invite a friend or neighbor.***

## **Christmas Caroling at Key Largo Conch House**

On Sunday, December 15, 2019 our worship band (WOW) "Walking on Water" will be playing at the Key Largo Conch House from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will be singing Christmas Carols and playing Christmas songs and you are invited. Come and order a wonderful meal and enjoy some wonderful music.

## **Christmas Gift Wrapping at Kmart**

***Burton Memorial will be providing free gift wrapping at K-Mart on Saturday, December 21, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.*** This is an Act of Random Kindness provided by Burton Memorial to the Upper Keys Community. Not only will the gift wrapping services be free...but the gift wrapping paper will be too. This will be a wonderful way to show the unconditional love of Christ and practice a little evangelism with the paper we are using. If you would like to help, please contact the church at 305-852-2581 or you can sign-up in the Narthex following the 8:30 am or 10:30 am worship service starting December 1, 2019.



## **Children's Choir Christmas Caroling**

On Sunday, December 22, 2019, our Children's Choir will be singing Christmas carols at Plantation Ocean Park from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We will meet at Pastor Kerry's house: 123 High Street @ 5:00 p.m. Then we will also end the Christmas Caroling back at his house with some food and refreshments. They will be singing Christmas carols and playing Christmas songs and all are invited. Come and enjoy some wonderful music.



## 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	Needed	+ / -	Offering	Needed	+ / -
44	3-Nov	\$2,958	\$2,154	804	\$116,170	\$109,023	7,147
45	10-Nov	\$2,171	\$2,154	17	\$118,341	\$111,177	7,164
46	17-Nov	\$2,540	\$2,154	386	\$120,881	\$113,331	7,550
47	24-Nov	\$1,718	\$2,154	-436	\$122,599	\$115,485	7,114

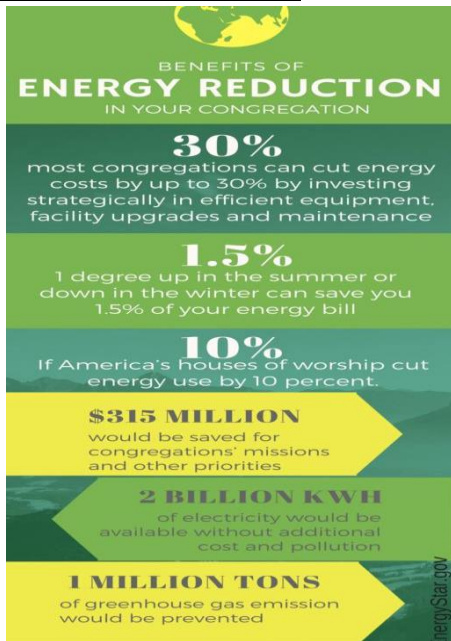
## Green Team Article

a message from The Green Team

According to Interfaith Power and Light, houses of worship are walking the talk and following the guidance of their traditions to protect the planet we all need to survive. These congregations have all installed solar panels or have connected to community solar to reduce their carbon emissions.

***Burton's Green Team wants to know if you would support the installation of solar panels to power to a portion of our electrical needs. Text your response to 305-766-0437: "Yes, I support solar at Burton" or "No, I am not in favor of solar."***

The Burton Green Team will meet again on Sunday, January 5, in the Joy Classroom, between the 8:30 am and the 10:30 am services. Brad Kunkel will be presenting. Join us, won't you?



## United Methodist Women Book Discussion

***On Saturday, December 21, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Joy Classroom, the United Methodist Women will host the second in a series of book discussions on the book, "50 Women Every Christian Should Know."***

This discussion begins at 9:00 am with a period of refreshments and fellowship, followed by a discussion of chapters 13-25 (pgs. 98-185) of the book. Facilitator Barbara Koch provides an overview of each woman before opening the meeting up for group discussion. All ladies in the Keys are welcome to attend even if you have no access to the book or did not have time to read the assigned chapters. Our first discussion in November focused on women who lived from 1100 - 1742. Amazingly, these women who lived in very different times than our own had some inspirational lessons for us. The 13 women in our second discussion lived from 1745-1906. Copies of the book can be checked out at the UMWomen library shelves in the Narthex.

Edith Zewadski-Bricker  
President, Burton UMW  
305-363-8392

## Prayer Bead Ministry

***Christmas Gifts*** - UM Women handcrafted Prayer Beads make the perfect spiritual blessing gift. ***They are only \$10.00 each for a limited time.*** Place your order now and save. Please call, text, or email Kim Youngblood at 443-207-4000 or [kyoungblood528@yahoo.com](mailto:kyoungblood528@yahoo.com).







**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.

December 14 - Celebrating the Beloved Community  
Grace Haitian United Methodist Mission, Miami, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

December 16 - Burton UMWomen Christmas Party  
Edna Waldorf’s Home, Key Largo, 7:00 pm

December 21 - Book Discussion  
Burton UMC, 9:00 am-11:00 am

January 18 – Book Discussion  
Burton UMC, 9:00 am-11:00 am

January 19 - United Methodist Women Sunday  
8:30 am and 10:30 am services at Burton UMC

March 22 – Burton United Methodist Women’s Annual Tea  
“Mission Possible” at Burton UMC, 2:30 pm-5:00 pm

March 30 – South East District “Day Apart”  
Cason UMC, Delray Beach, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

*For more information or transportation,  
call 305-852-9259, or text to 305-363-8392.*

Announcing the 2020 Burton United Methodist Women Leadership Team:

President: Barbara Koch  
Vice Presidents: Betty Ann Gear & Mary Lou Wilkinson  
Treasurer: Pat Fincannon  
Secretary: Edith Zewadski-Bricker  
South East District Treasurer: Kim Youngblood  
*with*  
Prayer Shawl Chairperson: Virginia Spear  
Prayer Beads Chairperson: Kim Youngblood  
2020 Burton UMWomen Tea Chairperson: Betty Ann Gear  
Coordinator of Social Action - Linda Norman  
Committee on Nominations - Kim Youngblood

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Thank you to all who have knitted and crocheted for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Many have been sent around the world as well given here in the Keys and also to Hospice. Hats have been sent for cancer children and blankets for "Project Patriot" children of active military, as well as scarfs and hats to college students. We can always use donations for yarn, labels to sew on the shawls and plastic bags. ***To donate, please make sure to write “Prayer Shawls” on the envelope or on your check’s memo line.***

***Come join us on Thursdays 7:00 pm in the Joy Classroom.*** We teach, and we have supplies. For more information, please call Virginia Spear at 305-522-2978.



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# **SOUTH EAST FLORIDA VISION DAY**

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**JANUARY 25, 2020**

**9:00AM - 3:30PM**

**HOLLYWOOD HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
400 N. 35TH AVENUE  
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33021**



A Vision Day is a one-day training event that provides an opportunity to discover what it means to be the Church in new and creative ways, hear from Fresh Expressions practitioners, learn how to renew existing congregations through fresh expressions of church, and discern what this could mean for your region, community, or neighborhood. There is active discussion as well as opportunity to build networks and relationships among those in your area.

## **REGISTER TODAY:**

**[FreshExpressionsUS.org/event/VisionDaySouthEastFlorida](https://FreshExpressionsUS.org/event/VisionDaySouthEastFlorida)**

**\$20/person for General Admission  
- lunch is included**



### **Christmas Gifts for Staff**

Dear Burton Congregation:

With the Advent Season upon us, we would like to present Pastor Kerry and the staff of Burton Memorial (Mary Lou Wilkinson, Sexton and Betsy Edwards, Administrative Assistant) with a monetary Christmas gift as an appreciation for all they do for us at Burton. If you would like to contribute, you may use the self-addressed envelope enclosed in the newsletter. You can either mail in your gift or put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. *(Please make checks out to Burton Memorial United Methodist Church and put "Christmas Gift" in the memo line.)*

Brad Kunkel, Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee