

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: June 7, 2020 Title: Open Our Eyes Series: Go, Therefore! Theme: Trinity Sunday Purpose: To accept the mantle of making disciples of all nations through the Power of the Holy Spirit. Old Testament: Genesis 1:26-31 New Testament (Epistle): 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 28:16-20</p>	<p>Date: June 14, 2020 Title: Open Our Eyes: See All The People Theme: Keeping busy while waiting for the Lord. Purpose: We are commanded to pray for the Master to send forth harvesters into His harvest fields while we wait for His return. The message is a call for us to fulfil His charge. Old Testament: Exodus 19:2-8a New Testament (Epistle): Romans 5:1-8 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 9:35-10:8</p>
<p>Date: June 21, 2020 Title: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly Theme: Father's Day Purpose: To address the ups and downs of fatherhood and the striving of perfection within fatherhood. Old Testament: Genesis 37:1-4 New Testament (Epistle): 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 5:44-48</p>	<p>Date: June 28, 2020 Title: Love All The People: Open Our Heart Theme: Radical Hospitality Purpose: This text tells us that hospitality is not an add-on, not an extra in the busyness of our mission and ministry. It is core. It is what defines us. Old Testament: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 New Testament (Epistles): Romans 6:17-23 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 10:40-42</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. *During the Covid-19 pandemic, the 8:30 a.m. service will be held outside and those attending are encouraged to dress appropriately...t-shirt and shorts are acceptable.*

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. *During the Covid-19 pandemic, the 10:30 a.m. service will be held in the sanctuary while practicing social distancing in the pews.*

Church Contacts

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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!

June Birthdays:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Tama Hamburg	16	Ruth Forgan	21
Delaney Barry	17	Patricia Cummings	27
Julie Ratliff	19	George Leber	28
Robyn Wright	20		

June Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>
Paul & Renee Sebastian	6
George & Victoria Pinson	7
Anne Dunn	16
Barbara & Gregory Koch	27



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Kerry's Corner

It is with great excitement and precaution that Burton Memorial will be opening for public worship on June 21, 2020. We will have safeguards in place during this time of Covid-19. The Florida United Methodist Conference has provided all United Methodist Churches with suggested safety practices that should be instituted in all Methodist Churches until we are finished with the Covid-19 pandemic.

These practices will be used during our 8:30 (outdoor) service and 10:30 (indoor) service. Some of these practices are:

What does the annual conference most want its clergy and laity to do and know?

- Practice frequent washing of hands.
- Wear a mask whenever you encounter others in public.
- Monitor your own symptoms related to health. **IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL, PLEASE STAY HOME!**
- Keep a six-foot distance from others.
- Maintain civil and open conversation with others.



What is the recommendation regarding masks?

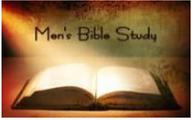
According to the CDC and state guidelines for similar venues, staff and volunteers are required to wear face masks or cloth face coverings. In an effort to protect everyone and love our neighbors, we ask everyone in attendance to wear face masks or cloth face coverings.

Churches should have a plan in place to address those who are unwilling to wear masks. (In other words, don't make me come down there...we will also have extra face mask to provide to adults and children). Clergy and others on the platform can remove masks during preaching and worship leadership if they have more than six feet distance with other persons on the platform and more than twelve feet distance from the first row of occupied chairs.

What is the recommendation regarding congregational singing and groups and individuals leading singing during worship?

Based on the science available to us, we recommend no congregational singing. Churches who choose to have limited congregational singing should make people aware of the risks involved while requiring increased social distancing (beyond six feet) and the wearing of masks.

Choirs and other large ensembles singing in close proximity are prohibited. Soloists and small vocal ensembles can lead singing and music from the platform if they have more than six feet distance with other persons on the platform and more than twelve feet distance from the first row of occupied chairs.



Bible Study Groups

The Men's and Women's Bible Study Groups are not currently meeting. Watch the announcements for when meetings will resume.



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.

Choir News

I would like to possibly hold choir practice via Zoom. I am checking into this possibility and need to know how many choir members would be available to do this. There are many logistics to work out but stay tuned to this possibility. Look for an email from me soon. Singing does put out a spray so this is the safest way to practice at this time. Feel free to contact me either by email, dcjarboe@gmail.com, or call at 301-655-0522. Stay safe, and stay healthy. Continue to attend service with Facebook Live or attend service if you feel the need starting June 21st. It is important to take care of your body, mind and spirit.

Carlene Jarboe



Our ringers are continuing the social distancing but keeping in touch via email. We are continuing to encourage, strengthen, share, and grow through devotions, videos and shared prayers. WE WILL BE BACK TO RINGING as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, be healthy.

Ringin' News

College Ministry

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

The following students are currently enrolled for this college term: James and Jacob Kirkman, Kyrié Foote, Makenzie Wright, Kayla Lynn de Vroedt, Daniel Walker and Brooke Peacock. Please keep them in your prayers as they make arrangements to get through COVID-19 school closures. Please contact Sue Peacock with any changes at 305-923-9541.



God's Kitchen



We are continuing to serve To Go boxes for Thursday night God's Kitchen Free Dinner. We are experiencing an influx of new clients, both for dinner and for the food pantry. We are still looking for groups or individuals to help with our dinner, helping to cook, box and clean up on Thursdays. If you would like to help out, please call Marylou Wilkinson at 305-394-3878 or the church office at 305-852-2581.

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. Please note that through the end of May, total offerings are about \$4,000 (6%) below what was needed to meet expected expenses. Below are the offering and website collections for the past four services.

Last Four Weeks					Year to Date		
Week	Date	Offering	Plan	+ / -	Offering	Plan	+ / -
19	10-May	\$2,275	\$2,013	261	\$55,107	\$57,705	-2,598
20	17-May	\$1,396	\$2,013	-617	\$56,503	\$59,718	-3,215
21	24-May	\$2,755	\$2,013	742	\$59,258	\$61,731	-2473
22	31-May	\$730	\$2,013	-1,283	\$59,988	\$63,745	-3,757



As you know, our services are currently being held on Facebook Live, with videos posted on Facebook and on our website, www.bmumc.net. Please help us by either mailing your normal donation by check to Burton Memorial UMC, 93001 Overseas Highway, Tavernier, FL 33070, or go to our website and click on Give Online to set up a payment online.

Message from the Green Team

by the Creation Care Ministries of the United Methodist Church

The world has come to a halt and the environment is benefitting. Here are snippets from the internet:

“As the economy activity has slowed, air quality over Europe and China has temporarily improved. For climate scientists, the way millions of people around the world have changed their behavior shows it is possible to do the same for the climate crisis.” ... the NASA Earth Observatory.

The director of the Hugo Observatory, which studies the interaction between environmental changes, human migration, and politics, says: “Strangely enough, I think the death toll of the coronavirus at the end of the day might be positive, if you consider the deaths from atmospheric pollution. More than likely the number of lives that would be spared because of these confinement measures would be higher than the number of lives that would be lost because of the pandemic.” He cited that the annual death toll from pollution is 48,000 in France, 1 million in China, and 100,000 in the US.

The unforeseen consequences of the lockdowns include a 21.5% increase in “good quality air days” in China, according to their Ministry of Ecology and Environment. On Facebook, you see that in Venice the water in the canals is now clear enough to see fish and swans are making an appearance. People are posting pictures of dolphins swimming in the canals.

An article by Michelle Lewis on March 20 observes, 1) “Rapid change in the environment is possible...and 2) Governments can do something quickly about a global threat.”

Gail Whiteman of the *Pentland Centre for Sustainability in Business* at Lancaster University said, “This is the first time I have seen government choosing humanity over economics in such a significant way---ever...This is a ‘yes we can’ moment for the climate crisis...”

Scientists have been telling us that global warming and the destruction of habitats (i.e. the deforestation of the rainforest) will cause an increase in diseases. Burton Members, let’s pray for God’s guidance and direction in our recovery efforts from the pandemic to include green energy and serious consideration for reducing the rate of climate change.



Burton Care Ministry



Mission Statement: We Christians are the eyes, the ears, the hands and the feet of Burton, reaching out to those in need in our community.

Advisory Board:

Debbie Premaza 305-546-6682

Barry Gabler 609-713-7041

Barbara Koch 716-913-1061

Burton volunteers and advisors have met several times, brainstorming, planning, and prioritizing our ministry development. There has been a brief pause in the ministry development, but we are looking to the future where our community will need volunteers more than ever.

Since this is a brand-new ministry, we would like input from as many church members as possible especially regarding what avenues we should pursue. We have been providing a bereavement support group weekly at Burton.

Possible services that we are also considering are as follows:

caregiver relief (2-3 hours); meals to shut ins or those recovering from illness or surgery; shopping; yard work or help with things like hurricane shutters; child care (2-3 hours) – scheduled or emergency; driving; daily check-in calls and other suggestions are welcomed.

In order to provide this support to our community we need volunteers, preparation, and training. If you are interested in volunteering please contact one of the advisors listed above with your area of interest, ideas, and contact information.

Health and Wellness

Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN

I am amazed that it has been approximately 2 ½ months that we have been observing social distancing to combat COVID-19 spread and save lives. For many our lives have changed. Most have had to learn infection control practices, and some have suffered in silence. I have missed spending time with my Church family in person and look forward to worshipping together in person. As we continue to learn to live safer, observing recommended guidelines, and the medical scientists work endless hours to find effective treatments/vaccines; we are learning to live our lives differently.

One major positive change I have seen and participated in are FREE live streaming programs (Burton Facebook live, concerts live, exercise live, and pre-recorded uverse yoga programs) and exercising in nature (walking, biking, swimming). Exercising on your own is not for everyone and being tech savvy is not appealing to some of us. Finding what you like and something you might stick with as a life goal to stay healthy is a process. I recommend trying different opportunities and finding a partner or two who will help you be successful in staying fit and healthy. Here are a few good **free online** opportunities:

<https://umcabundanthealth.org/resources/> and <https://baptisthealth.net>.

Fit 4 Christ exercise group does not plan to resume meeting at the time. We will continue to evaluate opportunities as we evolve our health and fitness as a Church.

Burton's established Bereavement support group has resumed meeting with each of its members on Fridays at 11:00 am in Burton's Fellowship Center. For more information, please contact Cindi Miller at 786-236-6336 or email her at cynthia651@msn.com

“Discussing health in the church dates back to John Wesley, who wrote extensively about staying physically healthy, as well as spiritually healthy. Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, in a [recent blog post](#), reminds United Methodists that holding spiritual and social holiness together is a “mark of Methodist distinction.” Additionally, [she writes](#), “Part of our Wesleyan heritage as United Methodists is caring for one another, which means caring enough to prevent the spread of a terrible illness.”

If anyone needs someone to help with online health resources or needs a health partner, or just a listening ear, please contact me at 305-546-6682.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Burton United Methodist Women wish to thank all of you who donated your tea tickets from our recently cancelled tea fundraising event. This tea which was to be held on March 22nd is the sole fundraising event that we have to support our pledge to mission work with women and children in the United States and around the world. Those of you who have donated your ticket money in spite of being unable to attend this tea are helping us fulfill our commitment to help.

Even with ticket donations, we will still be short hundreds of dollars from income that we usually receive at the tea itself. To help us recoup this money, we are hoping that everyone who pledged to make food for the tea and then did not have to do so, would be willing to donate the cost of the ingredients that they would have had to purchase. If you are able to do this, you have our gratitude.

If all else fails and we do not receive enough to cover our pledge to the mission, the unit will consider having a small fundraiser of some kind in the fall. Under no circumstances do we want to shortchange any of the vital missions that depend upon our full support.

-Barbara Koch, President of Burton's United Methodist Women





Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet in the Joy classroom Thursday evenings until it is safe to do so. Please continue to knit and crochet at home, and watch for an announcement about resuming our meetings. Sending prayers and good health to all.

Prayer Bead Ministry

The UM Women have been handcrafting Prayer Beads since 2015 when Linda Norman introduced this ministry to the congregation and our annual tea as the Key Note Speaker. Many of you have purchased these Protestant Prayer Beads and have found comfort in them.

During these isolating, difficult times we encourage you to purchase a copy of Kristen Vincent's book "*Another Bead, Another Prayer.*" This book provides devotions to use while praying with your beads. The devotions offer blessings, prayers, love and comfort to all. Call, text or email Mrs. Kim Youngblood at kyoungblood528@yahoo.com or cell 443-207-4000, or Linda Norman at lindalillonorman@gmail.com or cell 305-393-2589 if you wish to share your love of Beads.



Prayer for a Pandemic:

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their school closes remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.



Ocean Reef Community Foundation Grant

Many thanks to the *Ocean Reef Community Foundation* for their continued support in *funding the refrigerated truck used to deliver food from Publix and Winn Dixie to our Food Pantry*. They also support our food pantry program by *donating money to Feeding South Florida on our behalf*, which allows us to purchase canned and dry food at greatly reduced prices.

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation also granted \$7,000 for the CDC Summer Program for 2020. This grant will allow the enrichment of the Summer Program by offering weekly field trips to venues that emphasize STEM and environmental learning activities, such as Miami Children's Museum, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Miami Zoo, Redlands Fruits and Spices Park, and Butterfly World at the Coconut Creek Tropical Rainforest Aviary.



Community Foundation of the Florida Keys Covid 19 Grant

We are very grateful to the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys for their donation of \$7,500 to Burton's Food Pantry to help purchase food during this time where our normal source of food has to be replaced with more expensive choices.

Monroe County HSAB Grant

Burton's Food Pantry was just awarded \$15,000 by the Human Resources Advisory Board of Monroe County for the October 2020 thru September 2021 grant year.

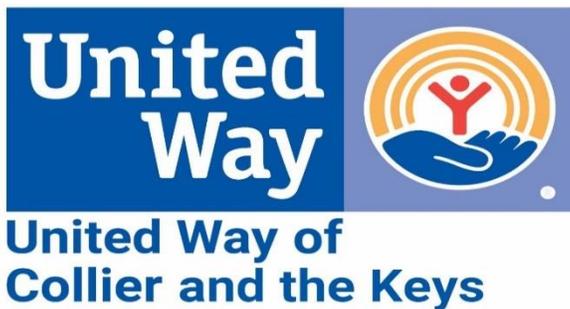


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United Way of the Florida Keys Grants

The United Way of the Florida Keys donated 2 grants in March and April to Burton's Food Pantry, totaling \$7,000, to help with food distribution during the Covid-19 crisis.

They also just awarded Burton's Food Pantry \$11,500 to supply groceries and meals to our community. They awarded our Child Development Center \$4,500 to provide childcare scholarships for Upper Keys children.



In addition to these organizations, we have had numerous contributions of money, food and time by so many in our community. Our deepest thanks go out to all who have helped.

