

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

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| Date: May 1, 2016 Title: Are You Ready For My Replacement? Theme: Holy Spirit Purpose: The Holy Spirit will guide disciples of Jesus and us to understand, remember, and live out his teaching in all Truth Old Testament: Psalm 67 Gospel: John 14:23-29 | Date: May 8, 2016 Title: Just Wait Theme: Ascension Sunday Purpose: To stop focusing on earthly kingdoms and glory to focus instead on the Spirit-empowered mission that lay before us — to be witnesses in all the world. Old Testament: Psalm 47 Gospel: Acts 1:1-11 |
| Date: May 15, 2016 Title: Happy Birthday Church Theme: Pentecost Sunday Purpose: On this day, the church began to move out in and by the power of the Holy Spirit and we are to continue that today. Old Testament: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Gospel: Acts 2:1-21 | Date: May 22, 2016 Title: A Three for One Deal Theme: Trinity Sunday Purpose: Jesus speaks of the work of the Holy Spirit, declaring to the disciples and us all the truth that is his from the Father. Old Testament: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Gospel: John 16:12-15 |
| Date: May 29, 2016 Title: The Greatest Act of Love Theme: Memorial Day Purpose: To honor all those who gave their life defending our country and encourage the congregation to not waste the precious gift of their sacrifice. Old Testament: Psalm 71:17-18 Gospel: Hebrew 11:32-12:1 | 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. |

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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.

DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!

May Birthdays:

May Anniversaries:

| | DAY | | DAY | | DAY |
|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Connie Jacobsen | 1 | Michelle Gilliland | 21 | Mark & Susan Hulsbeck | 1 |
| Chandler Locklear | 1 | Rene Held | 21 | Allison & Richard Barry | 7 |
| Shawn Shaw | 3 | Nick Koffmen | 22 | Rick Swentek | 9 |
| Gail Preston | 4 | Alexander Sebben | 23 | David & Crystal Sebben | 12 |
| Bill Tabbert | 4 | Hannah Grace Thomas | 24 | Gary & Marcia Boswell | 23 |
| Angie Sotolongo | 6 | Leslie Bennett | 25 | | |
| Roy Khanna | 7 | Patricia Fincannon | 25 | | |
| Paul Albury | 8 | Larry Jacobsen | 28 | | |
| Normand Gonsalves | 9 | Kim Youngblood | 28 | | |
| Deborah Locklear | 11 | Sheila Novak | 29 | | |
| Bob Snead | 13 | Sue Peacock | 29 | | |
| Kristen Ewing | 15 | Crystal Sebben | 29 | | |
| Brad Kunkel | 15 | Joan Barrow | 30 | | |
| Delores Leber | 16 | Gregory Klifman | 30 | | |
| Martin Johnson | 20 | Kathy Lasseter | 30 | | |

The Beacon

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Kerry's Korner

A man spread vicious rumors and harmful gossip about another man. In this small village the judge not only presided over cases where the law was broken but also over cases involving unethical or improper conduct. So the man who had spread the malicious gossip was brought before the judge. The judge stepped from behind the bench and handed the man a large bag full of chicken feathers. Here is what I want you to do. I want you this very day, to place a feather upon the doorstep of each and every home that has heard and listened to your gossip, and upon the doorsteps of those who have repeated what you have said. After you have completed this assignment I want to see you back in my courtroom tomorrow morning.

Well, the man quickly began placing the feathers on the door step of each home that had either heard about the rumor or had helped spread the gossip by repeating it to others. After 4 hours the man returned home, Having nearly emptied his bag of feathers. That night there was a terrible storm. The rains fell and the winds blew. But the man slept soundly. Happy that his punishment had been concluded.

The next day he entered the courtroom and the judge again stepped out from behind the bench. This time with an empty sack. Now, he said, I want you to go back to each home and collect the feathers. The man said, "There is no way I can collect each of the feathers. The wind blew last night and those feathers are surely scattered all over the countryside." And the judge said, "And neither can you withdraw the harm you have done by saying what you said."



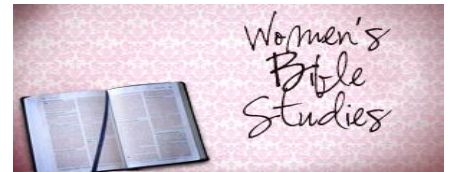
There is no need for a costly survey to find out if gossip is damaging. All people whose reputation or relationships have been damaged through gossip would have no trouble identifying it for the evil that it is. God's Word speaks plainly about gossip. It hurts others: "The words of a talebearer [a gossip] are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly" (Proverbs 18:8, King James Version).

James, the half-brother of Christ, explains why gossip occurs: "But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (James 3:8). Sadly, it seems that everyone eventually finds himself or herself the recipient of gossip and tempted to gossip about others. The tendency to gossip is part of human nature, and taming the tongue requires God's help.

The New International Version renders Leviticus 19:16: "Do not go about spreading *slander* among your people." In the New Testament, we read: "If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and *his religion is worthless*" (James 1:26, NIV). These are strong words! But according to this verse, the religion of those who slander is worthless!

The Women's Bible Study Group

The Women's Bible Study Group is on vacation for the summer. Please watch for an announcement in the fall for the next meeting.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join us for knitting or crocheting (learning how to) or just talking in fellowship every **Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the Joy classroom**. For more information, call Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757.

United Methodist Women

Burton's United Methodist Women's meetings are the fourth Monday of the month. **We will meet on May 23 at 7:00 pm at the home of Virginia Spear.** All women are welcome. For directions or transportation call Virginia at 305-852-7757.

United Methodist Women's General Conference will be held from May 10 to May 20 in Portland, Oregon. We will be going in spirit and we've been asked to pray for unity.

June 3 – 5 is the Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting of UMW in Charleston, South Carolina. We'll be going by train.

June 15 – 18 is the Florida Annual Conference of the UMC in Orlando. We'll be traveling by car.

July 7 – 10 is Mission u in Daytona. We'll be going in a passenger van.

All are invited to come along. For more information on United Methodist Women, call Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757, or Kim Youngblood at 305-852-7497.



Membership and Information Class

On May 15 we will have a membership and information class in the Pastor's Office at 1:30 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.

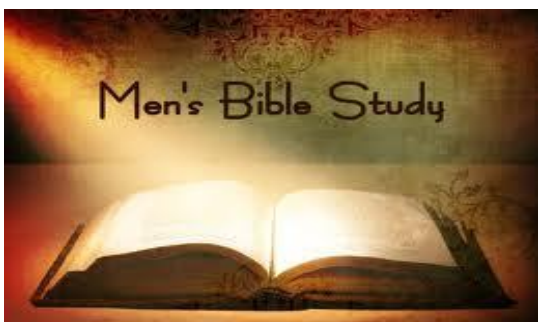
Flower Calendar

Would you like to sponsor the altar flowers? And enjoy them after the second service? **Please sign up to honor, remember, or simply Praise the Glory of God. The Sign-Up Book is located on the podium in the narthex (lobby).** Each orchid is \$20.00 to be paid in advance. It is important for the altar to be adorned each and every week so please help us by selecting a Sunday that has not been filled with two spaces. **A maximum of two flowers** (no exceptions please) will be purchased each Sunday without exception, so sign up early.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Breakfast is open to all men and meets in the Burton Fellowship Hall. Pastor Kerry is the facilitator and selects pertinent topics, videos, and scriptures for discussion. Opportunities are provided for prayer requests and events of interest. Breakfast favorites are provided by the men and/or their wives. **Please note that the last meeting before Summer Break will be May 25.**



Choir News

Choir director, Carlene Jarboe

The choir will be taking a three month break in June, July and August. We will start rehearsals again in September. I do have new music, so if you are interested in joining in the fall, please see me so I can give you music to listen to this summer.

Singing is good for the lungs and good for the soul. ***Thanks to all the choir members who have committed time and effort in making a joyful noise.*** I have enjoyed directing such genuine, faith-filled believers. See you in church. If you have any questions about the choir, please feel free to call me at 301-655-0522.



College Ministry

By Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

The college year is coming to a close and we have ***the following 3 students graduating: Annabelle Bricker from the New College of Florida; Jenna Gonsalves from Santa Fe College, and Emily Forgan from Florida Atlantic University.*** Annabelle and Jenna are pursuing employment opportunities while Emily has received an assistantship in the graduate psychology department at FSU. Congratulations to these students on achieving their goals and best wishes and prayers for their continued success.



The following students are presumed to be continuing in our college ministry in the fall unless we are notified otherwise: Connor Bell, Mark Bricker, Kirsten Burns, Rebecca Fernandez, Jenna Johnson, Natasha Murphy, Kaitlyn Sebben, Joshua Waits and Robyn Wright.

If any member of the Burton congregation has a friend, neighbor or family member beginning college in the fall who would like to receive monthly letters and prayers, please email me at (blelk1@aol.com) or leave their contact information with the church office. They do not need to be a member of our congregation. As soon as it is available, ***we need students' mailing addresses, educational institutions and birth dates.*** The first mailing is not sent until the beginning of September, but students with summer birthdays receive birthday cards and a small gift.

This year has been a busy one with 13 students in the program. I am very appreciative of all the work Harry and Ruth Forgan did to establish this ministry and I hope that I have done a creditable job following in their footsteps.

Status of Offerings

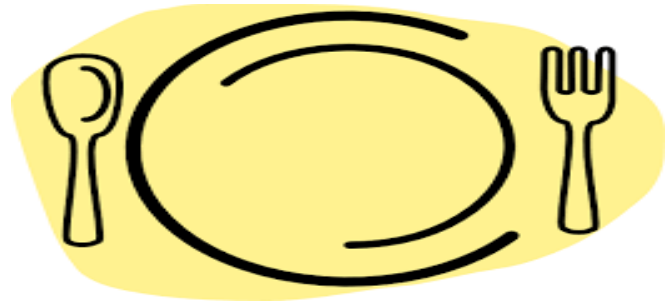
It is important to understand that the weekly offerings through the collection plate and website are what pay the expenses of our worship services, as well as contributing to the various church ministries. Below are the offering and website collections for the past four services.



| Last Four Weeks | | | | | Year to Date | | |
|-----------------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--------------|----------|-------|
| Week | Date | Offering | Plan | + / - | Offering | Plan | + / - |
| 15 | 10-Apr | \$2,899 | \$3,305 | -406 | \$59,235 | \$55,771 | 3,464 |
| 16 | 17-Apr | \$2,340 | \$3,305 | -965 | \$61,575 | \$59,076 | 2,499 |
| 17 | 24-Apr | \$2,252 | \$3,305 | -1,053 | \$63,827 | \$62,381 | 1,446 |
| 18 | 1-May | \$3,435 | \$2,381 | 1,054 | \$67,262 | \$64,761 | 2,501 |

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 Men's Breakfast and the Youth Groups for volunteering in March, and the UMW for April. ***Starting with May, we need coverage for the second Thursday of each month.*** No fancy cooking required. Please call the office at 305-852-2581 to volunteer.



Publix Food for All Campaign

Publix has once again generously donated ten thousand dollars to Burton's Food Pantry. Pastor Kerry is shown below accepting the check. The check will be mounted next to the Food Pantry door in a new display along with those of our other benefactors.

Ocean Reef Community Foundation Grant

Many thanks to ***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 program by ***donating money to Feeding South Florida on our behalf***, which allows us to purchase canned and dry food at greatly reduced prices.



Homeless Easter Baskets

by Robin Anderson

We went out on Easter Sunday to pass out the baskets with toiletries, with no clue what to expect. Pat Fincannon, Carl Matteson, Kay Hoag, Jack Bridges, and my wife and I (Robin and Kaci Anderson) went. Before long, we found four recipients in a park who seemed very happy to be getting baskets. We all held hands and Pat said a nice prayer. After that it got more difficult to find them. After searching a few parks and wooded areas we found an area where it looked like a few people had been staying but no one was there. We left them baskets anyway. While Kaci and I went to the woods by Kmart, the others found a man at the shopping center. Jack has the story on that one. No luck after that.



So out of 26 baskets that were so selflessly given by members of the congregation, we passed out 8. I took 5 to Bobbi Haugen's house. She went out and found 2 more men at different locations who were sleeping. She put the baskets by them and left. I bet they were surprised when they awoke! She took a couple more to the hospital where she knew there were some homeless getting medical treatment. I took 10 baskets to the First Baptist church of Islamorada. They have a meal for the homeless every Monday and they said they could definitely use them. The last 3 I took back to Burton in case any one that comes in for our Thursday meal is in need. I was hoping we could have found more but maybe we found the one that really needed a basket and a prayer. That's what counts.

Stamp Out Hunger

On Saturday, May 14, the United States Postal Service is having its annual “Stamp Out Hunger” canned food drive. For our food pantry, this is the largest food drive of the year and will provide our food pantry much needed canned and dry goods. We will need people to help load up the food from the Key Largo and Tavernier post offices and unload it at the church. *On Saturday afternoon, we need people to pick up food from the Key Largo post office from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. On Monday morning, May 16, we need people to pick up food from the Tavernier post office from 7:00 am to 9:00 am.* If you are interested, please contact the church at 305-852-2581.

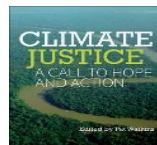
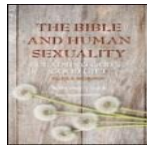


United Methodist Women of the Florida Conference invite you to: Mission U

Date: July 7 – 10, 2016

Registration Deadline: June 22

Place: Bethune-Cookman University
Daytona Beach, FL



Registration forms are online at: flconfumw.org. **Studies:** The Bible and Human Sexuality, Climate Justice, Latin America: People and Faith. *Study books can be ordered at <http://www.umwmissionresources.org>. They can also be purchased on site during registration at Mission U.*

Food Pantry Assistant Position Opening

BMUMC is seeking help from an individual in overseeing our Daily Bread Food Pantry operations. This is a paid part-time position (\$10.00/hour; approximately 50 hours/month) and the person who fills it will work closely with the church's Administrative Assistant and the Food Pantry Volunteers to ensure that the operation runs smoothly and operates in an accountable manner.

Key responsibilities of this position include:

- Coordinate volunteer workers to ensure that the Food Pantry is staffed during all hours it is open and also during regular major food delivery times. The Food Pantry/Delivery schedule is as follows;
 - Monday and Wednesday; 9:00 am – noon.
 - Tuesday and Thursday; 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
 - Thursday; Food Delivery only 10:00 am – noon.
- Work with volunteers to ensure that:
 - Measurable activities are logged onto the proper forms [volunteer daily work hours, client sign-in sheets, new client cards (with appropriate identification checked), daily shopping lists, receipts of food with weights and type of food noted].
 - Food received from Feeding South Florida, Publix, Winn Dixie, Star of the Sea (SOS) Farmshare, and other sources is sorted and stored properly.
 - Food Pantry shelves are continuously restocked.
 - Boxes are broken down and trash taken to the dumpster each day.
- Coordinate activities and reporting as required with God's Kitchen staff.

The person that fills this position should have good interpersonal skills, enabling them to work with a variety of groups and individuals, and be able to use a computer well enough to enter data tracking Food Pantry operations.

All applicants should apply by submitting a resume to the church office in person Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, or by emailing bae_bmumc@att.net, or by sending a fax to 305-852-4917. The Staff Parish Relations Committee will conduct interviews and make the final selection. For additional information contact the church office at 305-852-2581.

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 youth group is open to all adolescents in grades 6 through 12. You do not have to be a member of Burton to attend and friends are always welcome. As a matter of fact, we encourage our youth to BARF at every event. (Bring a Real Friend). ***Our normal dV8 events are Sundays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm*** (with exceptions for special events which will be advertised in advance) at “The Place” a.k.a. the youth room of the education building. Come and enjoy our new and repaired games: **Foosball, Ping Pong, and 5 ft. Jenga Game.** Our new schedule on Sunday is as follows:

5:00 pm to 5:30 pm – Free time- fellowship, music, and games.

5:30 pm to 6:00 pm – Team games and mixers

6:00 pm to 6:15 pm – Large Group meeting

6:15 pm to 6:45 pm – Cell Group meetings

6:45 pm. to 7:00 pm – Dinner



May 1, 2016 (Moving On Up): The youth will be de-cluttering “The Place.” The nasty furniture is going bye-bye and the games will be taking their place.

May 8, 2016 (Mother’s Day): The youth will not be meeting on this day, spend time with your mother.

May 15, 2016 (Happy Birthday): We will be celebrating the birth of the church with cake and ice cream and playing “interesting games”



May 22, 2016 (No Youth): Vacation for Pastor.

May 29, 2016 (ARK): We will be performing an Act of Random Kindness in honor of Memorial Day.

Airsoft Games

Our dV8 youth group has resumed playing airsoft on specific Sundays of the month. Those wanting to play are encouraged to show up at **3:30 pm** on specified Sundays wearing long sleeved clothing and pants. We will be dividing up into two teams: **Red Dawn and Team America.** Youth can bring their own guns and we have some extras that we can supply for those that do not have their own. Also, ***youth are not allowed to play without eye protection gear.*** ***This month the youth will be playing Airsoft on May 22.***



Burton Memorial Child Development Center Food Program

by Nilda C. Bernaldez, MM.ED, Director of BMCDC

Beginning of the Child Care Food Program at Burton Memorial CDC:

March 30, 2016, Ms. Sandra Ruballo, CEO of Highland Food Resources, Inc., along with Ms. Yudy Miranda, program coordinator of the same organization, came down and did the 4 hour training. An agreement was signed by Burton Memorial CDC and Highland Food Resources, Inc. on that same day.

April 1, 2016 was the official start date of our ***free breakfast, free lunch, free afternoon snack*** delivered everyday by ***Healthy Children Catering***, based in Hialeah, Florida. They installed a 4 level warmer/heater for hot food delivered every day. We are using our “Staff Lounge” as the preparation area. ***You are welcome to visit the 2nd floor staff lounge where the new refrigerator, new double compartment sink, and the 4 level warmer/heater are all installed.***

What is the Child Care Food Program?

The CCFP and two related programs, the Afterschool Meals Program and the Homeless Children Nutrition Program, are administered by the Bureau of Child Care Food Programs. These programs provide nutritious meals and snacks to children through public and private partnerships with organizations committed to caring for children. All three programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service.

Findings indicate that children served by the Child Care Food Program (CCFP) eat healthier food than children who bring food from home. The CCFP helps child care facilities implement “best practices” to ensure children have access to a variety of nutritious foods for healthy growth and to reduce obesity risk. Research shows that well-nourished children are healthier, more attentive, and have better mental performance than children who are undernourished.



Feedback from our Parents:

Although the first week was tough, a system was created and we see the ease in the distribution of the food. ***Most of our parents are over the top because they don't have to prepare food for their children.*** Here are some comments:



“Wow! I just saved \$60 per week for my child” commented one mother.

“How did you get my one year old to eat her banana left and right. This mother had never seen her daughter eat bananas at home. She videotaped her child when she saw her holding half a banana in her right hand, and another half in her left hand, then eating from left and right. The scene was funny but joyful to see both mother and daughter happy.

“My child who is 6 years old never drinks milk at home, but here at Burton he gulps his milk in 30 seconds, how did that happen?”

Thank you everyone...pray I can survive the tons of paper work yet to be completed.

All for Christ,
Nilda C. Bernaldez, MM.ED
Director, BMCDC