

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

Date: June 4, 2017 Title: "Flowing Into All The World" Theme: Pentecost Purpose: To celebrate the birth of God's church and follow the mandate to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Old Testament: Psalm 104:24-34 Epistle: Acts 2:1-21 Gospel: John 7:37-39	Date: June 11, 2017 Title: "All For One and One For All" Theme: Trinity Sunday Purpose: To acknowledge the Trinity of God and rise up to answer the Great Commission. Old Testament: Genesis 1:24-28 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
Date: June 18, 2017 Title: Daddy! Theme: Father's Day Purpose: To challenge the men in the congregation to rise up to the much needed role model of Godly fathers whether that have biological children or not. Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Epistle: Ephesians 6:1-4 Gospel: Luke 15:20-24	Date: June 25, 2017 Title: PPRPPPrayer Theme: The Lord's Prayer Purpose: To better understand the Lord's Prayer and seek to incorporate its tenets to our lifestyle. Old Testament: Psalm 25 New Testament: Matthew 6:5-17

Sunday Worship Times: 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. & 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

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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.

June Birthdays:

June Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Jeri Hansen	4	Ruth Forgan	21	George & Victoria Pinson	7
Mercy Cruz	7	Wendy Coffman	25	Donald & Gweneth Englebreth	13
Julia Lozano	10	Tyler Coffman	25	Anne Dunne	16
Tama Hamburg	16	Patricia Cummings	27	Bruce & Barbara Swango	18
Rebecca Swango	16	George Leber	28	Samuel & Erin Muir	20
Delaney Barry	17	Robin Miller	28	Barbara & Gregory Koch	27
Julie Ratliff	19	Rick Swentek	29		
Foster Coffman	20	Denise Fowler	30		
Robyn Wright	20				

The Beacon

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Kerry's Korner

Every year in June, I leave the rock (Florida Keys) to travel north and participate in the Florida United Methodist Church Annual Conference session. It is something that I am all too familiar with. However, this year it occurred to me that many in our church are not familiar with what that is. About a week ago, as I was talking about making hotel reservations to attend the Annual Conference, a member of our church overheard me and I was asked: "What is the Florida Annual Conference and what do you do there?"

Well, I thought it would be good to provide you with a little description as to what the Florida United Methodist Church Annual Conference is.

Annual Conferences

When you hear the term "annual conference," it could be referring to any one of three things. The annual conference is a regional body, an organizational unit AND a yearly meeting. Many of these yearly meetings happen in the U.S. in May and June.

Regional body

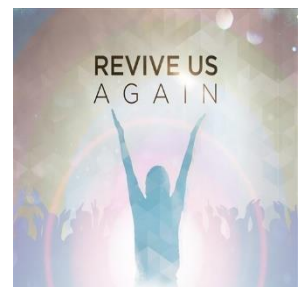
The annual (sometimes referred to as 'regional') conference is described by the church's Constitution and (other parts of the) Book of Discipline as the "basic unit" of the church. In the United States, an annual conference may cover an entire state, only part of the state, or even parts of two or more states. There are also three missionary conferences in the United States, which rely upon the denomination as a whole for funding. The United States has 56 annual conferences, supervised by bishops in 46 episcopal areas. There are 75 annual conferences in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, which are supervised by 20 bishops.

Organizational body

In the U.S., the annual conference has a central office and professional staff that coordinate and conduct ministry and the business of the conference. It likely has a director of connectional ministries, treasurer, directors of program areas (such as camping), communications director, and other staff as deemed appropriate for the annual conference and as required by the Book of Discipline. Clergy and laypersons may also serve on conference boards, commissions and committees.

Annual Conference sessions

Each year an equal number of clergy members and lay members attend their conference's annual conference session for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference, which may last 3-5 days. These sessions include reports of past and ongoing work; adoption of future goals, programs and budgets; ordination of clergy members as deacons and elders; and election of delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (every 4 years). The bishop presides over these meetings.



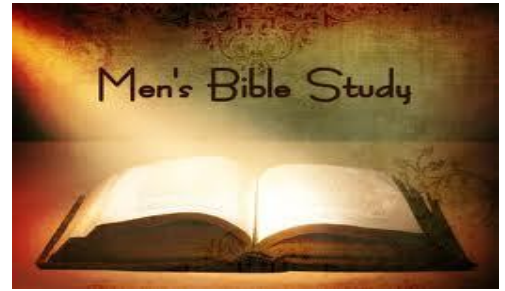
By the way: This year's Annual Conference for the Florida United Methodist Church will be June 7 – 10 in Orlando, Florida. You can find out more about our annual conference by accessing this website:

<http://www.flumc.org/annual-conference-2017>.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men are invited to meet in the Burton Fellowship Center 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. *Please note that the last meeting before Summer Break will be May 31.*



The Women's Bible Study Group is on vacation for the summer. Watch for the startup date in the fall Beacons. For more information please call Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757.

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. After you have completed a shawl, it will be prayed over by the congregation and given to those that could use a reminder that God is with them and there is a church praying for them. For more information, call Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757.



Membership and Information Class

On Sunday, June 11, 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. If after the class, you would like to become a member of Burton Memorial United Methodist Church, we can make that happen.



Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar for 2017 is ready for you! Please consider placing flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone or something (such as a ministry or event) or to the Glory of God. Cost is \$20.00 per arrangement. There are still lots of Sundays open so sign up. The calendar is in the Narthex or contact the church office. Only two orchids per Sunday will be purchased.



Looking for a few good ringers! The Burton Ringers are looking for new members. *New ringer practice is 5:30 pm to 6:00 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, rgonsa2910@yahoo.com.

KIDSRING Choir

Our amazing children's choir will be on vacation until August. Thank you Burton for supporting this great ministry and these amazing kids!



Choir News

The choir is officially on summer break. If you are interested in singing however, it is always possible to work something in this summer. You can either contact me or Kerry to schedule this. *We will be starting again in August, the exact date to be announced.* If you have any questions about the choir, please feel free to call the choir director, Carlene Jarboe, at 301-655-0522.



Passionate Worship Committee Meeting

The areas of Passionate Worship Committee are: 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 me so I 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 on Monday, August 7, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Center. Please join us and share your ideas. Those in charge of these areas will please put this on your calendar. We welcome any new ideas you have that would improve the worship experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Carlene Jarboe at 301-655-0522 or email her at dcjarboe@gmail.com.



College Ministry

The following college students are continuing their studies during the summer: Joshua Waits, Reid Bennett, Shannon Premaza, and Kayla de Vroedt. We commend them for their dedication to their studies and pray that they will be able to persevere during the long, hot days of summer.

We will have monthly reminders in the summer Beacon about notifying the church office about any new students for our ministry. Our fall mailing goes out at the end of August or beginning of September. The following information is needed for each student: Full name; Mailing address; School name; Year in school; Field of study if known; and Birth date.

If possible, we would love to have a picture of the student for our display board as it helps to have a face to attach to our prayer requests. A few students have provided us with their email addresses which is a quick and cost-effective way to communicate and is greatly appreciated.

Barbara Koch



Prayer Bead Ministry



The United Methodist Women have a wonderful inventory on hand. Our handcrafted Prayer Beads sell for \$15.00 each. They are very comforting to those in need. Call now to view and select from our beautiful inventory. We are happy to spread our ministry by offering to teach those who are interested in learning how to make Prayer Beads. All materials will be provided and the maker may purchase the completed set or donate them to the UMW inventory for sale. We also encourage the congregation to purchase the book that inspired us all, *A Bead and a Prayer* by Kristen E. Vincent. If you are interested in purchasing or learning to string your own prayer beads please contact Kim Youngblood at 443-207-4000. Please feel free to call, text or email kyoungblood528@yahoo.com to make arrangements.

United Methodist Women

The last meeting before summer recess was held May 22 at President Edna Waldorf's house. The women need a long-deserved break after a very busy winter season. During the summer months, several members will be attending Mission U, the annual retreat dedicated to learning about the 2018 study topics. This year's study topics are (1) the three Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church: Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, the Oklahoma Indian Conference, and the Alaska Missionary Conference; (2) Climate Justice and (3) a spiritual growth study.

The unit has received donated shelves which have been installed in the narthex of the church to house our reading program books as well as other display materials.

In addition to the three annual study topics, every year the UMW national office selects books in five different areas that it encourages members to read to increase their understanding of social issues and mission opportunities. The reading areas are leadership development, spiritual growth, social action, nurturing community and education for mission. These books are usually thought provoking and informative. It is a goal for many units to have as many members as possible read a book in every area. For members who do not enjoy reading, a reasonable goal might be to read one book for the year. ***In addition, there are copies of the United Methodist Magazine,***

Response, on the shelves for members and interested members of the congregation to peruse. These magazines provide a snapshot of activities of local units, the national organization, as well as work overseas.

There is a sign out sheet for books on the shelves. If you borrow a book, please sign the date, your name and the title of the book and check off when you return it. We have a limited supply of books so please be prompt in returning the book when you are done with it. Summer is a good time for reading these books because there is less demand for the books with fewer members in residence. ***Any of you who have books from the last two or three years, please return them because they are still eligible for credit in the reading program for five years.*** Many of the books are marked inside the front cover as property of the UMW and often have the reading category indicated as well. Please give these books to any UMW officer or leave on the shelves in the narthex. Thank you for your assistance with this. In the past, without adequate church bookshelves, we have had a very haphazard book reading check out and return. We hope to remedy this with our new shelves in the narthex. In addition, our books are now easily available to any women in the church who wish to read them, whether they attend our meetings or not. Simply sign them out on the sheet like any member would do. Please print your name and leave a phone number or email address if you are not known to the UMW officers (Edna Waldorf, Kim Youngblood, Virginia Spear, Melba Benson, or Mary Lou Wilkinson). Our goal is to try to track down all signed out books if they have not been returned in three months!

The next UMW meeting will be the fourth Monday in September at 7:00 pm. All meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month. All are welcome. Get directions to Edna Waldorf's house from the church office.



Mission U

Mission U is an event of the Florida Conference of United Methodist Women and will be held ***July 13-16 at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach.*** If you won't be here in the Florida Conference, you can find a Mission U in any almost any of the United Methodist Conferences in the country. The extended weekend event offers three studies. ***The geographic study this year is "The Missionary Conferences in the United States."*** It is about the people of our church's Missionary Conferences, their lands, their past and current economic struggles, including environmental injustices, as well as their unique relationship with The United Methodist Church. You will want to know what's going on right here in the US to help God's people in need. To let us know if you want more information, need to order a text book, or are interested in shared transportation, just call 305-363-8392 and leave a message.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year is July 24 to July 28 from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. This year's theme is "Maker Fun Factory."



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 meets almost every Sunday at the house of our pastor:

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

If the dV8 meeting will not be there, it will be announced in advance along with the place and time it has been moved. Usually there are games, lessons, and sometimes movies. There is always food and great fellowship. Friends are always welcome. Things that we will be doing in April are:

June 4 (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm): Act of Random Kindness – It has been a few months since the dV8 youth group went out into the community spread a little joy and kindness. We will start this meeting at the pastor's house and then divide up and conquer the keys with kindness. You do not need any money for this event, just show up.



June 11 (5:00 pm to 6:00 pm): AtlantaFest 2017 Orientation – This meeting is for those youth that have signed up to attend the Atlanta Fest 2017 (June 13 – 18, 2017). You will be given information about where we will be staying, what we will be doing, and what to bring and not to bring. Also, the final payment (100.00) for the AtlantaFest 2017 will be due. At least one parent or guardian must attend this orientation so that medical release forms can be filled out and notarized. We will be providing a notary free of charge.

June 18 (No youth): Father's Day – There are certain Sundays that we do not have youth group. One of those days is Father's Day. I hope you will spend this Sunday with your fathers or men that have been father figures.



June 25 (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm): BARF (Bring A Real Friend) night – Sometimes it is fun just to relax with some good friends, listen to nice music, eat good food and enjoy the good times. On this night, we are encouraging you to bring your friends to dV8. We will have all types of games, food and fun.

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 3:00 pm on specified Sundays wearing long sleeved clothing and pants. We will be playing until 4:00 pm. 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 June 4 and 25.



Burton's Creation Care Green Team Report

Barbara Koch

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent survey. We really appreciate all the feedback, both positive and negative, because it means that the members of our congregation are thinking about what it means to follow God's mandate to care for his creation. Just as God created Adam and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it (Gen. 2:15), so too we each have been placed somewhere that God expects us to care for to the best of our abilities. For each of us that will mean something different. Years ago I had a friend who when she did her morning walks, always carried a bag to pick up litter. I have a hard time wanting to sully my morning reflective walking time picking up dirty litter instead of simply enjoying God's creation. She did not ask me to do this with her. It was her thing and she knew I had to find my own way to care for the environment. The main thing is that if every one of us thought about two or three things that we could do to make the environment more like the Eden that God created, then the world would slowly but surely move toward that vision. Not by grand steps but by everyone taking a few small steps.

On Sunday, April 23, members of Burton's Green Team handed out free cloth bags to church attendees in the hopes that this would encourage more people to reduce their use of plastic bags. Thanks to everyone who contributed toward the cost of these bags as well as those who gave a free will contribution that day toward the purchase of more bags. By your use of these bags at the store, you provide a witness to others about creation care. As a resident of a very windy place, all I can think about is how often plastic bags end up whisked away into the ocean to harm unsuspecting marine animals. One of my neighbors carries a long handled net on her boat just to scoop up plastic in the ocean. Again, I think what a good idea but I need a nudge to carry it out. It is this nudge that the Green Team hopes to provide. Most of us probably have at various times thought of things we could do to be better stewards of God's creation, but too often, as in my case, they just remain good intentions. In my defense I can say that it has never been a habit and it takes time to overcome old habits and replace them with new ones. So this is a learning process for everyone.

Thanks to James Kirkman, Burton member and Eagle Scout recipient, for demonstrating his Eagle Scout project to us –a beautiful handmade wooden composter which is behind the church filled with excess rotting vegetables from our food pantry. Now these do not go to waste but are composted for the vegetable boxes and beds around the church. There is a sign on the composter listing the items which can be composted. Also, any time you have free time on your hands at church, go out and give the composter a spin. It needs to be rotated every so often.

We appreciate any information members of the congregation would like to share about things they have been doing to care for the environment. We know we have a creative congregation so we are looking forward to hearing about the ways you are finding to make a difference.

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	+ / -
18	30-Apr	\$1,907	\$2,554	-648	\$61,812	\$58,744	3,067
19	7-May	\$2,973	\$2,554	419	\$64,785	\$61,298	3,486
20	14-May	\$1,979	\$2,554	-575	\$66,764	\$63,853	2,911
21	21-May	\$2,319	\$2,554	-235	\$69,083	\$66,407	2,676



Free Blood Pressure Checks

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

Publix Food for All Campaign

Publix has once again generously donated ten thousand dollars to Burton's Food Pantry. Pastor Kerry went up to Miami to accept the check in April. A copy of the new check has been mounted over the kitchen serving window.



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.



ORCF Grants Committee Chair Janie Sims along with Pastor Kerry Foote, Sheila Novak and Betsy Edwards from Burton.

Annual Conference 2017



2017 FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 8-10, 2017

Buena Vista Palace Hotel
1900 Buena Vista Drive
Orlando, Florida 32830