

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: February 7, 2016 Title: Walking Through the Valleys Theme: Transfiguration Sunday/Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany Purpose: To embrace and remember the mountaintop experiences of life in order to prepare us for the valleys of darkness. Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35 Gospel: Luke 9:28-36</p>	<p>Date: February 10, 2016 Title: "Here Comes Lent" Theme: Ash Wednesday Purpose: To stress the importance and adopt various acts of piety this Lenten Season Old Testament: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</p>
<p>Date: February 14, 2016 Title: "The Devil Made Me Do It" Theme: First Sunday in Lent Purpose: To emulate Christ dealing with temptations OT: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 NT: Luke 4:1-13</p>	<p>Date: February 21, 2016 Title: It will happen to us too. Theme: Second Sunday in Lent Purpose: To remind ourselves that Jesus did not escape persecution for His faith and neither will we. Old Testament: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Gospel: Luke 13:31-35</p>
<p>Date: February 28, 2016 Title: Youth Sunday Theme: Third Sunday in Lent Purpose: The youth will be leading the service and will be giving testimonies of their 30 hour famine. Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday's Service Information</u></p> <p>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.</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 20th 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!

February Birthdays:

February Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Debbie Khanna	1 st	Priscilla Zarub	18 th	Rene & Shirley Held	27 th
Lucy Given	2 nd	Helen Robertson	19 th	Ken & Nancy Mills	27 th
Phillip Atkin	3 rd	Mark Hulsbeck	20 th		
James Kirkman	3 rd	Annette Hills	21 st		
Janet Atkin	4 th	Melba Benson	22 nd		
Crystal Boarruso	6 th	Debbie Grove	22 nd		
Sarah Hoover	8 th	Joann Waits	22 nd		
Marty Waits	14 th	Neil Gallichan	23 rd		
Susan Troy	15 th				

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Kerry's Korner

We don't usually think of Valentine's Day as an explicitly Christian holiday. Other major holidays have obvious Christian origins: Christmas (Christ's incarnation) and Easter (Christ's resurrection), sure, but Valentine's Day? It's true that Valentine's Day is not connected with an event in the life of our Lord like Christmas and Easter are, but Valentine's Day does have some intriguing Christian roots. Along with most holidays, Valentine's Day has suffered from its share of commercialization and confusion, yet the poignant story of the original Valentine's Day is worth remembering.

"For God so lo**V**ed the world
That He g**A**ve
His on**L**y
Begott**E**n
So**N**
That whosoever
Believes **I**n Him
Shall **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life."

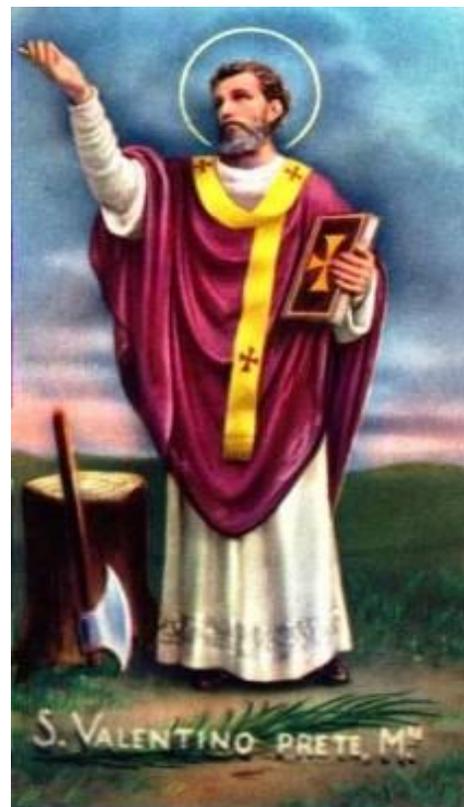
The year was 270. The Roman Empire was under the leadership of Claudius. His empire was not friendly to Christians. His primary interests were military, and he would stoop to nothing to ensure that his mighty army remained loyal to him. Even to the point of forbidding any of his soldiers from marrying.

Living in this anti-Christian and anti-marriage climate, was Valentine. Valentine was a Christian priest in Rome who took it upon himself to perform Christian marriages—contrary to the law. As a priest, he performed secret marriages for couples who desired to be married bravely defying the anti-marriage edict.

Valentine was enmeshed in what the Roman Empire considered high treason and traitorous activity. Although he was being loyal to his faith, he was flying in the face of Roman law. The Roman government hunted him down and locked him up in prison. Now, Valentine—protector of Christians and performer of marriages—was himself suffering for his love and devotion to God. Eventually, Valentine was martyred for his faith.

According to legend, Valentine himself fell in love during his time of imprisonment. The daughter of the prison guard met Valentine and fell head over heels in love. As the story goes, their romance was the prototypical saga of steadfast love, broken only by the tragic death of Valentine. He wrote a note to her, allegedly penned on February 14, the day before he was beheaded. He signed the note, "Love from your Valentine." Henceforth, we have the first Valentine's Day card.

The significance of Valentine's life was not that he defended love and romance and performed secret marriages. Valentine—a day now besmirched by cupids, chocolate, and candlelit dinners—is a day founded upon the life of a martyr. The truth is, Valentine was in love with his Savior, Jesus Christ. Love for Jesus trumped his love of self. Valentine nobly gave his life for the God he loved.



The Women's Bible Study Group

The Women's Bible Study Group will be meeting weekly on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Joy Class Room. Please join our group for study and fellowship. Contact JoAnn Waits (305)853-9879 or Alberta Albury (305)852-5638) for more information.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join us for knitting or crocheting (learning how to) or just talking in fellowship every *Thursday evening at 7 pm in the Joy classroom.* In December, our prayer shawl ministry mailed a box of knitted and crocheted hats to Children's Medical Center for children with cancer in Dallas, Texas. For more information, call Virginia at (305)852-7757.

United Methodist Women

Burton's United Methodist Women's meetings are the fourth Monday of the month. In February we will have a special celebration. *We will meet on February 22 at 7 pm at the home of our new President Edna Waldorf.* For directions or transportation call the church office at (305)852-2581.

You are cordially invited to the *United Methodist Women's Annual Tea Party on Sunday, February 21 from 3 pm to 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall* at Burton Memorial United Methodist Church. The 2016 theme is "Symbols of the Bible." Participate in the Hat Parade and Contest, vote for your favorite table decorations, receive a surprise, hand-made gift, and hear a charming presentation by Linda Lillo Norman, all while you enjoy your tea and crumpets galore.

RSVP to any member of the United Methodist Women. Seats are limited. Donations are requested - \$15 per person.



Membership and Information Class

On February 21, 2016 we will be having 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.

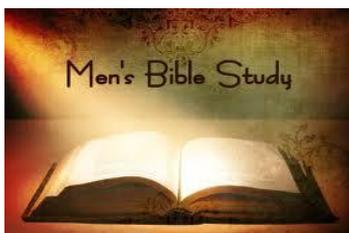
Flower Calendar

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 bouquet is \$25.00 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 bouquets* (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 (football, etc.). Breakfast favorites are provided by the men and/or their wives.



Easter Lilies

It is beginning to look a lot like Easter. *If you would like to remember or honor someone special to you, please fill out the Flower Offering envelope located in the Beacon or the weekly bulletins.* The Easter Lilies will be presented on the altar area of the church on Easter Sunday. Please indicate the person you wish to remember and/or honor. *Please print clearly.* The cost is \$20.00 for each pot. The lilies will have 8 – 10 blooms and come with decorative pot covers. *The deadline to order the Easter flowers is Monday March 7, 2016.*



Status of Offerings

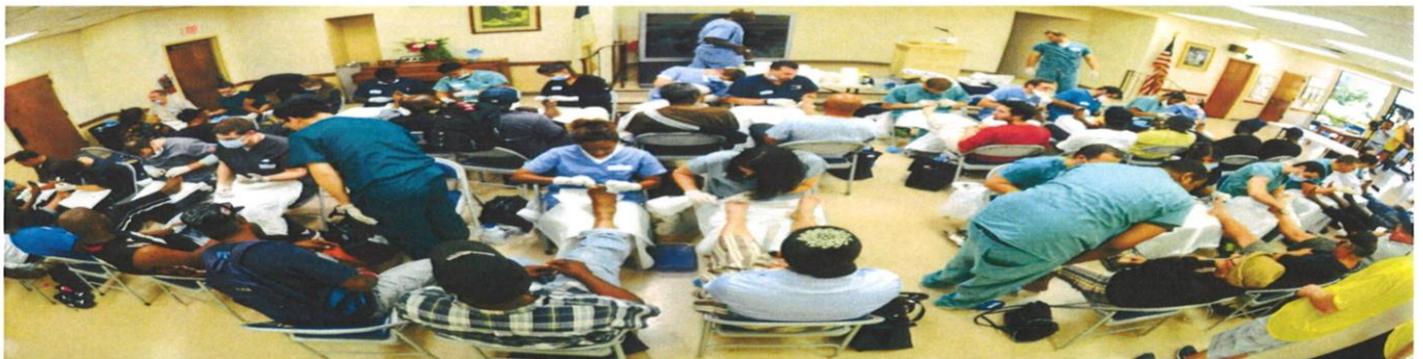


It is important to understand that the weekly offerings through the collection plate and website are what pay the expenses of our worship services, as well as contributing to the various church ministries. Below are the offering and website collections for the past four services.

Last Four Weeks					Year to Date		
Week	Date	Offering	Plan	+ / -	Offering	Plan	+ / -
1	3-Jan	\$5,106	\$3,782	1,324	\$5,106	\$3,782	1,324
2	10-Jan	\$3,363	\$3,782	-419	\$8,469	\$7,563	906
3	17-Jan	\$3,017	\$3,782	-765	\$11,486	\$11,345	141
4	24-Jan	\$3,543	\$3,782	-239	\$15,029	\$15,127	-98

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. In January, Mariners Hospital advised they will no longer be serving. We want to thank them for their long standing efforts to serve our community. Mary Lou's Quilters have moved to the third Thursday. So *starting with February, we need coverage for the second Thursday of each month.* No fancy cooking required. Please call the office to sign up for a second Thursday in the coming months.



25th Annual
Foot Washing for the Homeless
 First United Methodist Church of Miami
 400 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33132

Saturday, March 5, 2016
11am – 3pm

Come and join community members and students at Barry University Podiatry School to wash the feet of the homeless, fit them for new shoes, and share a meal with them.

Register to volunteer at: <https://fumcmiamifootwashing2016.doattend.com>
 For more information: 305-371-4706

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, Air Hockey, 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



February 7th: (No Youth) – Super bowl Sunday

February 14th: (God's Take on Love)- We will be playing a game called *Freeze your toes off* and having a discussion on God's view of Valentine's day and if we are celebrating it the way He would want us too.

February 21st: (UMW Tea) – DV8 WILL NOT BE MEETING AT ITS USUAL TIME. We will be serving tea and refreshments at this year's annual United Methodist Women's tea. We will meet at the church @ 2:00 to prepare and the serving will be from **3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.**

February 28th: (30 Hour Famine) - Students around the world are loving God and fighting hunger. It is that simple. Every year, thousands of students unite to do the 30 Hour Famine.

Date & Time: February 27 (6:00 am) – February 28 (12:00 pm)

Place: Burton Memorial



We learn about hunger – and then do something about it.

We raise funds – The 30 Hour Famine is more than just a nice idea. It's about joining the fight against hunger - and doing something to help feed and care for hungry kids. All of which makes fundraising essential. **Without money for food and other life-saving help, kids do not eat.** Changing history is not cheap, and it is not easy. The youth will be collecting money following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am service on February 28, 2016.

We experience hunger for ourselves (Fasting) - To abstain from food. To eat very little or abstain from certain foods, especially as a religious discipline. After 30 hours of no food, each youth will know what it is like to be hungry.

We will experience homelessness- Youth are invited to spend the night at the church. But, not in the church. Each youth will be given supplies to "build" a cardboard covering that they will sleep in to experience what it is like to have no home. Please bring a change of clothes if you plan on staying for Sunday services and being a part of the youth Sunday.

We will take over the worship service- Youth will be giving testimonies of their 30 hour experience and will be responsible for the running of the worship service.

We end the famine with a church pot luck luncheon- Following the Youth Sunday, we will break the fast with a church wide pot luck luncheon in the fellowship hall. A great time of food and fellowship!



Congregational Health

New Year's Day has come and gone along with the resolutions you might have made, but Lent is right around the corner. Lent is the perfect time to trade unhealthy habits for healthier ones and we can support each other in those efforts. We will be getting our health ministries active again and we need your help. Below is a "Congregational Health Needs Assessment Survey". We need it completed by the end of February and returned to the Church office or Debbie Premaza. If you have questions or are interested in joining the health ministries team, please contact her at (305)546-6682 or at dpremaza@vnahosicekeys.org.

Congregational Health Needs Assessment Survey

We would like to provide our Church attendees with programs and activities that will address health and wellness issues that reflect our needs and interests. To do this, we need your help. Please complete the following survey. This survey is voluntary, but we need everyone's input to best prepare for programs that are meaningful and valuable to you.

1. Please check the programs which reflect your needs and interests.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking Cessation | <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/Substance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Resolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging Well/Life Transitions | <input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer Disease or Memory Disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Care giving for Family Members | <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Resolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coping with Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> CPR instruction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living Wills | <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral Options & Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home health care or Hospice Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Last Will & Testament |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stress | <input type="checkbox"/> Children with special needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Families & Parenting | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss & Grief |

2. Please answer the following questions that will help to identify the best times for health and wellness programs: What days and times of the week would you be interested in attending a class or program?

- Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
- Morning Afternoon Evening

Please specify

3. Would you need any of the following?

- Child care Adult care Transportation

4. Are you interested in being a part of our Health Ministries team at Burton Memorial UMC?

If so what area would you be interested in?

5. Optional: Name, e-mail and phone number