

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

Date: September 3, 2017 Title: Rest, Don't Stop Theme: Rest and Sabbath Purpose: In honor of Labor Day, a discussion about Sabbath and the difference between using rest as an excuse to coast versus using it to energize us for the work of ministry. Old Testament: Deuteronomy 5:12-15 New Testament: Galatians 6:7-9	Date: September 10, 2017 Title: Season of Creation Theme: Death Purpose: To see death not as an enemy but a portal to everlasting life. Old Testament: Exodus 12:1-14 New Testament (Epistle): Romans 13:8-14 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 18:15-20
Date: September 17, 2017 Title: Season of Creation Theme: Wind, Sky, and Sea Purpose: We join the witness of scripture in joy and terror at the power of wind, and sky, and sea, and with Francis we confess that God is surely praised through them. Old Testament: Exodus 14:19-31 New Testament (Epistle): Romans 14:1-12 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 18:21-35	Date: September 24, 2017 Title: Season of Creation Theme: Food Purpose: We increase God's praise when we address not just our own "hunger," but the legitimate howls of hunger... "the cries of the needy." Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-15 New Testament (Epistle): Philippians 1:21-30 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 20:1-16
<p 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.</p> <p>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 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!*

September Birthdays:

September Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Jerry Wilkinson	1	Barbara Koch	18	William & Cindi Miller	3
Tiffany Katz	2	Suki Bell	19	Juan & Kathryn Rodriguez	3
Kaitlyn Sebben	3	Susan Parker	19	Claude & Betty Bullock	5
Mark Fowler	4	Charles Pellicier	19	Claude & Betty Bullock	5
Sophia Barry	5	Nancy Mills	20	Barry & Susan Gabler	22
George Stroud	6	Harry Forgan	21	Lawrence & Kimmy Beerkircher	22
Gary Hickman	7	Shirley Held	21	Dorothy & Larry Jarboe	23
Barbara Stroud	8	Kathryn Marelia	24	Al & Connie Jacobsen	25
Barry Gabler	14	Jill McCauley	24		
Charles Bigger	15	Carol Johnson	25		
Bill Crofts	15	Victoria Pinson	25		
Lillie Kunkel	15	Ranger Gilliland	26		
Mike Donovan	16	Deborah Shelley	27		
George Pinson	17	Reid Bennett	29		
Bootsie Wells	17	Annie Mulford	30		
Jacob Kirkman	18				

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Kerry's Korner

Definition of psalm. : a sacred song or poem used in worship; especially: one of the biblical hymns collected in the Book of *Psalms*.

Earlier this year, we had set up a special time in the worship service for individuals of the congregation to share their “testimonies” with the rest of the congregation. It was a wonderful time of insight and inspiration that I would like to have in the worship service again.

Recently, a member of the congregation came to me with an idea that really got me excited and I think it would make a wonderful addition to our worship service. This individual draws a lot of wisdom and inspiration from reading the Psalms of the Old Testament. His suggestion was to offer members of the congregation an opportunity to write their own Psalms that they can share with the congregation. We could call it: **Psalms of Burton**. I would like to launch this during our October worship services. This gives members of the congregation a month to prepare if they want to participate.

To help get those creative juices flowing, I thought I would share some basic information on the book of Psalms.

The book of Psalms contains 150 poems meant to be heard out loud and maybe set to music as part of a religious service. Traditionally, they were thought to have been written by David, but modern scholars tend to think that they were composed by many different individuals over the course of many years.

Psalms of praise generally focus on the nature of God and not on specific things He has done. They tell about God's attributes and encourage the believer to praise Him for his goodness, righteousness, judgement, and wisdom. They often refer to playing music, or singing and rejoicing.

Psalms of wisdom contain teachings and wise advice that are similar to the book of Proverbs, but in the form of a psalm. In studying the Psalms, we must remember that they were originally intended to be heard aloud. These general principles are meant to instruct believers on how to live a Godly life.

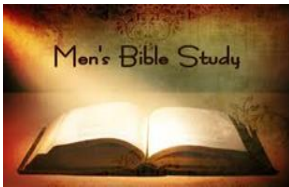
Royal Psalms express the belief that God does His will and good works through the authority of a king. Sometimes, royal Psalms celebrate the coronation or good works of an earthly king. Other Psalms compare God to an earthly king and even point to the coming of God's son, Jesus.

Psalms of thanksgiving offer the believer's praise and thanksgiving for what God has done for him or her. Sometimes this is a specific good that God has granted, but sometimes thanksgiving for God's goodness in general.

Psalms of lament respond to a crisis, grief, or despair. They are intended to move a believer from hurt to joy. This type of Psalm expresses that God is present even when human beings cannot discern His presence in the world due to their own sufferings.

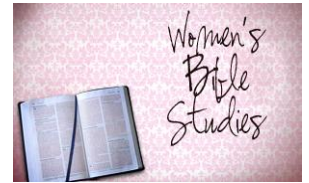
If you have a personal Psalm that you would like to share, please contact the church anytime during the week, or see Pastor Kerry Foote before or after the worship service.





Bible Study Groups

The Women's and Men's Bible Study Groups are on vacation for the summer/fall. Please watch for an announcement in the October issue for the next meetings.



Membership and Information Class



On Sunday, September 10, 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.



Choir News

The choir will begin practice again starting on Wednesday, September 20 in the Sanctuary. We practice on Wednesdays from 7:15 pm until about 8:00 pm. This would be a great time to try the choir out. We usually sing on the 4th Sunday of the month; however, this is subject to change. We are always looking for new singers. Singing is good for the body and soul. 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 Carlene so she 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 Monday, October 2, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. Those who are involved in this committee, please mark your calendars. Feel free to join us and share your ideas.

We welcome any new ideas you have that would improve the worship experience. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Carlene at 301-655-0522 or email her at dcjarboe@gmail.com.



Ringin' News

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. Some musical experience is preferred. 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.

KIDSRING Choir

There's a new choir in town – and it's just for kids! The KIDSRING Choir is a beginning bell choir that meets each Sunday during the first 15 minutes of Children's Church during the 10:30 am service. The choir is open to children age 5 through 3rd grade. All children who meet the age requirement are invited to join! ***The KIDSRING Choir will be back to ringing on September 10.*** For more information please contact the Church Office or RaeLeigh Gonsalves at rgonsa2910@yahoo.com/305-522-9361.



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	+ / -
31	30-Jul	\$1,605	\$2,177	-572	\$89,091	\$88,552	539
32	6-Aug	\$3,591	\$2,177	1,414	\$92,682	\$90,729	1,953
33	13-Aug	\$1,920	\$2,177	-257	\$94,602	\$92,906	1,696
34	20-Aug	\$2,130	\$2,177	-47	\$96,732	\$95,083	1,649

College Ministry

Well, the new school year is upon us and we are finalizing our list of college students for this semester. ***Any student that you know - a relative, neighbor, or child of a friend who would like to be included in our ministry is welcome.*** Students receive monthly letters, Upper Rooms and occasional gifts from us throughout the year. We just require complete name and mailing address, as well as birthday. School attending and major if known would be helpful as well. This information should be given to Betsy in the church office as soon as possible or to me directly at ble1k1@aol.com. Thanks for your help.

Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

Barbara Koch



P.S. Any pictures of students would be greatly appreciated for our college display board, which helps members of the congregation put a face to the students they are praying for.

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.***



CDC News – Ms. Blue Educator of the Year



Burton is very proud to announce the selection of our very own ***Dadou Joseph as Monroe County Educator of the Year for 2017 by the Early Learning Coalition Miami Dade/Monroe.*** She will receive her award in a formal ceremony at the coalition's Children First Conference at the Miami Airport Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center on September 9. Criteria for selection included evaluation of professionalism, classroom management, team participation, parental inclusion and involvement, early childhood education experience, professional development and continuing education activities, and community involvement. Ms. Blue (as her students lovingly refer to her) joined the CDC staff in 2012 as a classroom assistant. She achieved her Florida Professional Child Care Credential the following year 2013, then completed her Associate Degree in Arts in 2014. She is at present enrolled in Bachelor's Degree online at Phoenix University (Early Childhood Program Degree).



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Local News:

After our summer hiatus, the UMW monthly meetings will be resuming on **Monday, September 25, at Edna Waldorf's home, at 7:00 pm.** Please contact Edna or the church office for directions to her house. All women of any denomination are welcome to attend.

Before the full swing of activities begins in another few months, this would be a good time to check out the UMW shelves in the church narthex. There are a variety of interesting books that can be signed out for a few weeks at a time. ***The goal of UMW is to promote spiritual growth, leadership development, social action, nurturing community, and education about mission opportunities. Books on our shelves address these themes.*** This year one of our additional study themes is to learn about the three missionary conferences of the United Methodist Church: the Red Bird Missionary Conference in Appalachia, the Oklahoma Indian Conference, and the Alaska Missionary Conference. These conferences are too poor to support themselves and depend upon the support of every United Methodist Church in the country. Our meetings this year promise to enlighten us on the important work these missionary conferences do.

District and Conference News:

Ten or more from Burton plan to attend the ***Florida Conference United Methodist Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat at the lovely Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park, Florida from September 8 to 10.*** The speaker is Reverend Vidalis Lopez, a compelling and delightful spiritual guide. You don't need to be a United Methodist woman to attend, so bring your neighbor. Contact Ethel Ewing for registration at ethelewing@msn.com. Come go with us, won't you?

Mark your calendar: ***South East District Annual Meeting is October 21 at the Tamarac Haitian United Methodist Mission.*** The speaker will be Florida Conference Leadership Team member Gwen Dixon.

For more information about District and Conference UMW events, call Edith at 305-852-9259

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The UMW would like to thank all who have donated supplies and/or money to purchase supplies so that we can continue this amazing ministry. To date we have handcrafted over 450 Prayer Shawls and have touched so many lives with the healing power that reaches the recipients with the Power of Prayer. ***During the fall months we will continue to meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Joy classroom.*** For more information, please contact Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757.



Prayer Bead Ministry: Handcrafted Prayer Beads are for sale for \$15.00 each. We have a lovely selection in our current inventory. We are happy to teach those who are interested in learning how to make Prayer Beads. You may borrow the book that inspired us all, *A Bead and a Prayer*, by Kristen E. Vincent. It is located in the Narthex on UMW Book Shelf. ***Please contact us if you would like to purchase or learn to string your own prayer beads.*** Please call or text Kim Youngblood at 443-207-4000, or email her at kyoungblood528@yahoo.com to make arrangements.



FLORIDA CONFERENCE



SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RETREAT



Drawing by Ryssel, Age 17, Heaven's Café, Kobe, Japan, Prayer Calendar, 2017

September 8-10, 2017

"A Call to Community"

Retreat Leader: Rev. Vidalis Lopez
First United Methodist Church, Coral Gables

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. (NRSV)

Life Enrichment Center
4991 Picciola Rd. Fruitland Park, Florida



KimYoungblood with one of our scholarship recipients at UMW Mission u.

Pumpkin Patch is Coming

It is just around the corner. We will be hosting a **church work day Saturday, September 30, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.** We will need volunteers in preparing and decorating the church grounds for the pumpkins to arrive.

The **pumpkins will arrive on Saturday, October 7 at 2:00 pm.** We will need a lot of volunteers on this day to help unload over 1,000 pumpkins from the back of a semi-trailer and onto the church grounds. Those who help participate in this event will get a free pumpkin to take home to their family.



Adopt Our Highway

Burton will be participating in the **annual highway cleanup, which takes place every September. This year, it will be on Saturday, September 16.** Groups throughout the Keys will also be cleaning up beaches and shorelines on that day as part of the International Coastal Cleanup. We will start at 8:00 am at the highway in front of the church. Please wear your work clothes and bring gloves. Bags will be provided.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



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

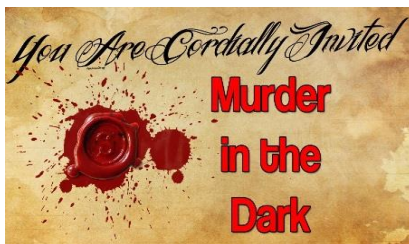
If the dV8 meeting will not be there, it will be announced in advance along with the place and time it has been moved. Usually there are games, lessons, and sometimes movies. There is always food and great fellowship. Friends are always welcome. Things that we will be doing in September are:

September 3rd: No Youth (Labor Day Weekend)

Act of
Random
Kindness

September 10th: Act of Random Kindness (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm) – The youth will be meeting at the parsonage to plan and strategize in spreading some joy and kindness for one day. On this day, youth will be divided up into groups and will be given 15 minutes and 15 dollars to go out into the Upper Keys community and find ways to perform an ARK (Act of Random Kindness). When each group is finished, we will come back to the parsonage at 6:30 pm to record our ARK's and post them on the following web site: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/become-a-raktivist>.

September 17th: God and our Constitution (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm) – September 17th is the national “Bells Across America” event that is sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Daughters of the American Revolution encourage churches, schools, courthouses, fire houses, Veterans homes, city governments and individuals to ring bells on September 17 to commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution 226 years ago. We will be meeting at the parsonage to discuss God and the Constitution. Believe it or not, much of the constitution is based on the premise that we are created by God and because of that we have certain rights that are ordained by God. Given our political climate of the time, this will be a great discussion.



September 24th: Murder in the Dark (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm) – We have not played this game in a long time. For this dV8 meeting, we will not be meeting at the parsonage. Instead, we will be meeting in the Fellowship Center at the church because you need a lot more room to play this game and I do not want things at my house to be knocked over. This is a game that is better with more people, so be sure to tell your friends in advance and invite them to this event.

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. ***The deadline for applications to be received by the church office is noon on September 7, 2017.*** For additional information contact the church office at 305-852-2581.

Message from the Green Team

Edith Bricker

The Green Team is pleased that individuals are asking to be part of this ministry. The purpose of the Green Team is simply to care for God's Creation by making our church green. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please let the church office know and we will include you on the Green Team email list.

