

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: March 5, 2017 Title: Living our Baptismal Calling: Renounce Theme: 1st Sunday in Lent Purpose: We walk the way of temptation with Jesus and learn from him what it means to continue to renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin. Old Testament: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Epistle: Romans 5:12-19 New Testament: Matthew 17:1-9</p>	<p>Date: March 12, 2017 Title: Living our Baptismal Calling: Accept Theme: 2nd Sunday in Lent Purpose: Jesus shows Nicodemus and us what it takes for us to accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-4a Epistle: Romans 17:1-7 New Testament: John 3:1-17</p>
<p>Date: March 19, 2017 Title: Living Our Baptismal Calling: Confess Theme: 3rd Sunday of Lent Purpose: In an encounter with a woman at a well in Samaria, Jesus confesses he is the Messiah, and she not only embraces this, but leads others to make the same confession. Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7 Epistle: Romans 5:1-11 New Testament: John 4:5-42</p>	<p>Date: March 26, 2017 Title: Living Our Baptismal Calling: Nurture Theme: 4th Sunday of Lent Purpose: The response of the crowds to Jesus' healing of a man born blind says much about how our congregation can actively "nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and include these persons now before you in your care," or fail to do so. Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Epistle: John 9:1-41 New Testament: Ephesians 5:8-14</p>
<p><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. There is also Children's Church available for kids 5 yrs. old through grade 3 and a nursery for infants and toddlers.</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!

March Birthdays:

March Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Bud Preston	1	Alice Murphy	19	Dave & Debbie Grove	20
Dennis Berg	3	Liz Baker	22	Vincent & Jeri Hansen	20
Donald Anderson	5	Kyle Gonsalves	23		
Sharon Plezia	5	Katie Holly	23		
Shannon Premaza	6	Esther Dieujuste	24		
Lou Ward	14	Edna Waldorf	24		
Peg Bridges	15	Shirley Albury	26		
Linda Lillo Norman	15	Dennis Ellis	27		
Dorothy Jarboe	18	Catie Frier	28		
Keith Blake	19	Edward Armbruster	30		

The Beacon

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Pastor's Thoughts

This year, the season of Lent starts with "Ash Wednesday" on March 1, 2017 and will end on Holy Thursday April 13, 2017. It lasts for 40 days until Easter, but this is without Sundays being included in the amount (if there were counted it would be 46 days). Lent is popularly known as a season for individual self-examination, penitence, and "giving something up" as a spiritual discipline.

The Lent period reflects when Jesus fasted and suffered in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights, before he started his ministry. According to the Bible, he was tempted by Satan during this time, but each time he managed to refuse his temptations. People follow Jesus' example and give up vices in a bid to grow closer to God as Easter approaches.

Most people are looking for things to give up for Lent. If you haven't made up your mind maybe these will help:

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines.

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: your time!

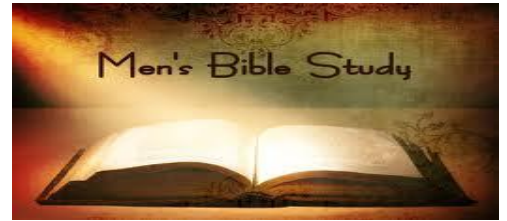
GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.



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.



Women's Bible Study Group



The Women's Bible Study Group meets on Wednesday morning 10:00 am in the Joy Classroom. We are studying "If You Want To Walk on Water You've got to Get Out of the Boat" by John Ortberg. For more information or a ride, please call Jo Ann Waits at 305-853-9879 or Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757. All ladies are invited to attend.

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.



United Methodist Women



The March meeting of the UMW will be held on the 27 at the home of Edna Waldorf beginning at 7:00 pm. All the women of the church are invited and we hope you can attend. Call Edna 305-451-3753 for directions.

Our annual Tea will be March 5 from 2:30 to 5:00 pm. Please be sure and order your tickets early as we will be limiting the number of people to 102. The cost is \$15 per ticket. March 25 is the UMW South East District Day Apart and will be held at our own Burton Memorial UMC. United Methodist women from Broward, Dade, and Monroe Counties will come to the Keys for a day of spiritual growth. The Guest Speaker will be the Reverend Dr. Audrey Warren of First UMC of Miami. Our local unit here at Burton will be hosting! Hope you will join us. For those needing information or transportation, call Edith at 305-852-9259, or email tbric52@aol.com.

Membership and Information Class

On Sunday, March 12, 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.



Choir News



We are still looking for reinforcements to help us make a joyful noise. *We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary.* We practice for an hour. We sing once a month at both services. Singing is good for the lungs and good for the soul and we have a good time doing it. Thanks to all the choir members who have committed their time to come to practice and sing at both services. We are a small but mighty group now but hope with our 50/50 people or new attendees to Burton Memorial that we can add to our group. See you in church. If you have any questions about the choir, please call Carlene Jarboe at 301-655-0522.

Passionate Worship Committee Meeting

Our next meeting of the Passionate Worship Committee will be on Monday, March 6 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. If you have an interest in making worship a meaningful experience, please join us and share your ideas. The areas of Passionate Worship Committee are: Greeters & Ushers, Acolytes, Liturgists, Music, Altar Guild, Children's Church, and Drama. Those in charge of these areas, please put this date on your calendar. The music part will be at the end of the meeting so we can have an in depth discussion with those who are involved. We will discuss Lent and Easter. 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 Jarboe at 301-655-0522 or email her at dcjarboe@gmail.com.



Ringling News



Looking for a few good ringers! The Burton Ringers are looking for new members – short term or weekly. 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 email director RaeLeigh Gonsalves for more information, rgonsa2910@yahoo.com.

Handbell Fundraiser

The Burton Ringers are holding a *shrimp dinner fundraiser on Saturday, March 18, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.* This fundraiser will help cover the expenses of handbell refurbishment. *Tickets will be \$20.00 each and will be available presale and for a limited number of meals only. No tickets will be available at the door.*

Yummy jumbo fried shrimp with sides, drink and dessert will be on the menu. A children's hot dog and macaroni and cheese meal ticket is available also. *Purchase your tickets before they sell out.* See your favorite bell choir member for your tickets today.

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 ages 5 through 3rd grade. The choir will perform on Sunday, March 5, Palm Sunday and Easter. All children who meet the age requirement are invited to join. The KIDSRING Choir would like to thank the Hulsbeck family for their generous donation for our large bell set – we are ready to ring! For more information please contact the church office or contact RaeLeigh Gonsalves at rgonsa2910@yahoo.com/305-522-9361.



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

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	+ / -
5	29-Jan	\$4,063	\$3,536	527	\$18,778	\$17,682	1,096
6	5-Feb	\$4,251	\$3,536	715	\$23,029	\$21,218	1,811
7	12-Feb	\$3,231	\$3,536	-305	\$26,260	\$24,754	1,506
8	19-Feb	\$2,857	\$3,536	-679	\$29,117	\$28,291	826

Enjoy the Convenience of Online Giving

For the past several years, we have offered an “Online Giving” option for making one time contributions or regular offerings to Burton. Recently, the provider of this service changed their software program, which caused the Online Giving feature of our website to become inoperable. The problem has been corrected and the Online Giving function can again be accessed at <http://www.bmumc.net>. In the upper right section of the home page, click on the “GIVE ONLINE” tab to go to the Online Donation page.

The Online Giving option offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. For example, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Donations can be one-time or recurrent and can be made from a credit or debit card or from a checking or savings account. After making a donation, you will receive a confirmation receipt at your email address within minutes. All transactions are processed by the Vanco system, which has been certified to the highest level of Payment Card Industry Data Security standards.



As the midpoint of the school term approaches and responsibilities mount, please remember the following students in your prayers: Shannon Premaza, Natasha Murphy, Kayla Lynn de Vroedt, Connor Bell, Rebecca Fernandez, Jenna Johnson, Joshua and Sara Waits, Reid Bennett, and Lee, Sarah and Ryan Bowman. Let the prayers of this congregation uplift them, helping them to persevere in their studies and make wise decisions.

College Ministry

Contact Information

For those of you who will be leaving for the summer, please make sure the church has your contact information. If we don't already have your cell phone number(s) or email addresses on file, please call Betsy at the church office, 305-852-2581, or email her at bae_bmumc@att.net with your updated information.

dV8 Youth Group

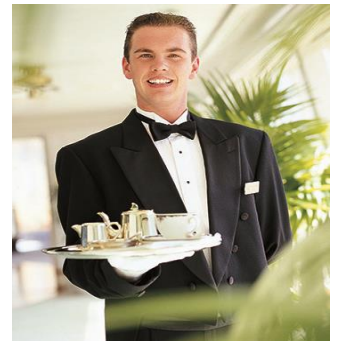
Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed (dV8) by the renewing of your mind. Then you will 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 March are:

March 5: (United Methodist Women's Tea / 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm) – Our youth will be helping serve tea and sandwiches at the annual United Methodist Women's Tea. This will be a high tea event, so please dress up for this one. We will not be meeting at the parsonage. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Center of the church.



Act of
Random
Kindness

March 12: (Act of Random Kindness / 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm) – We will start out at the parsonage. After some brief instructions, we break up into groups and pick from a list of Acts of Random Kindness to be performed. Then the youth will be released to the streets to bring some joy and happiness to others.

March 19: (Outdoor Bible Study / 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm) – Will be enjoying a little outdoor Bible Study around the fire pit in the back yard of the parsonage. The hammocks will be ready, the tiki torches will be lit, and we will be making smores to go along with the study.



Apostles
of Comedy

March 26: (Movie & Game Night / 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm) – Time to enjoy the games and watch some movies at the parsonage. We will be watching "The Apostles of Comedy" These will be Christian stand-up comics that are performing in Nashville: Jeff Allen, Brad Stine, and Anthony Griffith.

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 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 March 12, 19, & 26.**



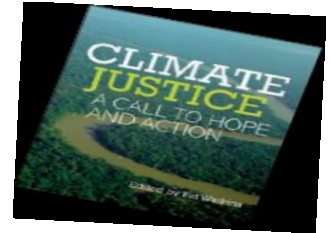
Prayer Bead Ministry



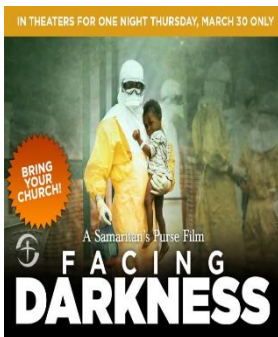
The United Methodist Women's on-going fundraiser of Prayer Beads has offered us an opportunity to raise funds for local community needs. Our handcrafted Prayer Beads sell for \$15.00 each. They make wonderful gifts for celebrating special occasions or provide comfort to those in need. In addition to selling the beads we offer to teach anyone 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 to place into 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 Linda Norman at 305-393-2589. Please feel free to call or text or email to lindalillonorman@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action

To learn more about Climate Justice and how Burton Memorial UMC can become a Green Church, come to the *six-week Adult Sunday School Class, beginning Sunday, February 26, each Sunday morning for six weeks, 9:30 am to 10:30 am*, between church services, in the Fellowship Center. To order your copy of the study guide, call or text Edith at 305-363-8392. Tim and Edith Bricker will be facilitating.



Facing Darkness Movie



Come See a Daring Story of Hope and Faith. The new Samaritan's Purse documentary **FACING DARKNESS** will be in theaters as a special one-night event on Thursday, March 30. Come see this story of how faith conquered fear during the Ebola crisis of 2014.

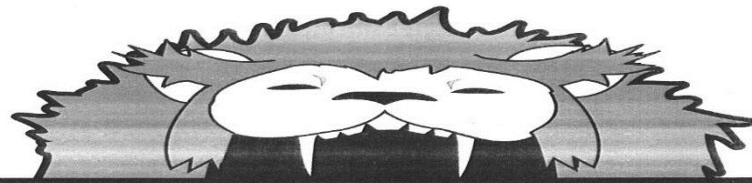
"**FACING DARKNESS** is a testimony to what God can do and will do. I hope that out of this movie, there will be an army of young people who will say yes to missions. It's an incredible story!"

—**Franklin Graham**

Davie is the closest place to Burton that will be showing the movie. 15601 Sheridan St, Davie, FL 33331. www.cinemark.com. 954-680-3495.

Lip Sync Contest

Our pastor, Kerry Foote, has been asked to perform in a Lip Sync Contest for a benefit that will support the Lion's Club on Saturday, March 11, starting at 6:30 pm at the Key Largo Lions Club. He will be lip syncing to various Elvis songs. If you would like to purchase a ticket, you can get them in the narthex following the services or contact the church office.



LIP SYNC CONTEST

**AT THE KEY LARGO LIONS CLUB
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017 DOORS OPEN AT 6:30**

Behind Capital Bank, MM 100
WWOW stands for Wild Woman on Water

Contestants:

Luke Allen	Mangrove Mike
Kerry Foote	Pastor Burton Memorial
Angee Quinones	Fire Department
Silva Gomez	Good Health Clinic
John Rubble	Sands of the Keys
Rebekah Susa, Wendy Diaz & Patrice Messina	WWOW
Betsy Baste & Averil Kimble	WWOW
Jennifer Miller	Florida Keys Homes

50/50 AT THE DOOR, TROPHY PRIZES

\$20 Per ticket, all proceeds to the Lion's Club
For tickets, contact any of the contestants
or Chris Sante at 305.522.6592 Csante@bellsouth.net

Stages of Change - Daniel Plan.com

Change is part of our everyday lives. Change is a normal process. It's vital to our personal growth and spiritual development. At times we are open to change, and other times, we may even be absolutely resistant to change. According to leading psychologists like Dr. James Prochaska, to effectively change our habits and behavior involves asking the right questions. It also demands we go through a series of 5 predictable stages.



Stage 1: Pre-contemplation: In this first stage you may not think you need to change. You are likely resistant, defiant or defensive to the idea. You may not even be aware that a problem exists.

Take some time to evaluate your satisfaction, feelings, risks and thoughts related to your present health and well-being. Ask yourself questions such as; "What would have to happen for me to consider changing this behavior?"

Stage 2: Contemplation: In this second stage, you begin to recognize the need to change, but you're just not quite ready. This is the stage where all the excuses march in.

Evaluate the positive benefits of what your life would look like if you were to successfully change. Ask yourself, "If I were to change my behavior what would my health, fitness or life look like 5, 10 or 20 years from now? How would I feel? What would I look like?" Write down all the potential benefits for you, your family and friends. Also think about potential negative consequences if you were to continue to live the same way you are living now without changing your behavior. Identify potential barriers you are dealing with and share with a friend or your group. Brainstorm potential solutions.

Stage 3: Preparation: Here's where you are ready to make plans to change. You're tired of your own excuses and willing to do what it takes to get started.

Begin to set a personal contract with yourself and set your personal goals. Research demonstrates sharing your start date with a friend increases your chances of succeeding exponentially! So consider making a list of all the personal benefits you'll experience once you begin to perform your new healthy behavior.

Stage 4: Action: You now believe that you have the ability to change your behavior. You actively take steps to modify or change your behavior. For example, you may start walking, choosing healthier foods or quit smoking. This is a stage when you may depend on your own willpower, so staying connected to God for inspiration and friends for encouragement is crucial.

If you find yourself in this stage, one of the best strategies to keep you "doing what you are doing" is to involve yourself with a group of others who are like-minded and pursuing similar goals. Also, track your progress in a journal and establish rewards and incentives congratulating yourself daily, weekly or monthly to help you continue to maintain your new behavior.

Stage 5: Maintenance: During the maintenance stage your initial goals have been achieved for at least six months. Here the goal is to preserve your new lifestyle. You continue to track your progress and stay focused on your goals. You like the new skin you're in, and strive to stay here, reflecting on everything you have accomplished. This is your new normal.

Congratulations! You are doing great. Stay connected with your support system to help you avoid inevitable temptations to revert back to your old ways of living.

Relapse/Setback: We have made changes, but slip back to pre-contemplation. Reflect on this as a set-up for a comeback. Think about why this happened, and what you would do differently next time. Embrace it as learning. Don't invite in shame and guilt. Just get back to preparation and move forward.

Join Burton's Congregational Health group which meets on Mondays in Burton's Fellowship Center from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm for fellowship, learning, support, and exercise (for all levels). Question? Contact Debbie Premaza RN at 305-546-6682.



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 services.*

Florida United Methodist Children's Home

by Julie Ratliff

We have the end of year giving information for 2016 for our Methodist Children's Home. *Our financial goal for the year was \$2,292.00 (191 members at \$12.00 per member.) For 2016, we gave \$7,262.71 to the Children's Home; so we gave 317% of our goal.* We give God the glory as we thank you, each and every one of our Burton family, for your love, your prayers, and your stewardship in this mission.

In 2017 our goal of \$12.00 per member will remain the same as it was in 2016. Since the Children's Home is an extension of the United Methodist churches in Florida, the goal of giving is set each year at the Florida Annual Conference in Lakeland. We have five Fifth Sunday offerings this year to help us meet our goal – January 29, April 30, July 30, October 29, and December 31. Also, *each Sunday that we partake in communion (the first Sunday of the month), the "Penny Jug" gladly accepts your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters.*

In December, after an extensive six month search, considering candidates from across the country, the Board of Trustees named Mr. Kitwana McTyer President and CEO of the Children's Home. *On April 1, the Children's Home will be hosting a Day on Campus, the annual open house event that provides a picture of the ministries offered there.* It is a celebratory event where all have the opportunity to learn more about the different services provided, tour the beautiful campus, have lunch on the grounds, and hear ministry successes from families and residential alumni. *If you are interested in attending, please let me know since we need to RSVP by March 17.*

Thank you all for your ongoing support. It is truly an honor and a blessing to serve as your local church representative for our Children's Home. If you would like more information about our Children's Home, please see me any Sunday morning at church or contact me at 305-747-6870.