

# Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<b>Date:</b> November 1, 2020 <b>Title:</b> Prayer That Works <b>Theme:</b> How to Pray Like A Righteous Person. <b>Purpose:</b> It's the fervency of our prayers / the constant faithfulness in prayer that wins the day and unleashes the power of God. <b>Old Testament:</b> 1 Kings 18:22-40 <b>New Testament:</b> James 5:17-18	<b>Date:</b> November 8, 2020 <b>Title:</b> Prayer That Works <b>Theme:</b> The Power of Persistent Prayer <b>Purpose:</b> To encourage members to <b>PUSH: Pray...Until...Something...Happens.</b> <b>Old Testament:</b> Daniel 10:10-13 <b>New Testament:</b> Luke 18:1-7
<b>Date:</b> November 15, 2020 <b>Title:</b> Prayer That Works <b>Theme:</b> The Power of Persuasive Prayer <b>Purpose:</b> We must remember that when we pray, we are entering the presence of God with our requests. <b>Old Testament:</b> Exodus 32:1-20 <b>New Testament:</b> Hebrews 10:19-22	<b>Date:</b> November 22, 2020 <b>Title:</b> Prayer That Works <b>Theme:</b> The Prayer of Antioch <b>Purpose:</b> Let's pray and fast – requesting that God leads us to where He wants us to go. <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 58:6-7 <b>New Testament:</b> Acts 13:1-3
<b>Date:</b> November 29, 2020 <b>Title:</b> Company's Coming <b>Theme:</b> This Place is a Mess! (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent) <b>Purpose:</b> Get rid of the mess before you make the space ready to receive your guests. <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 64:1-9 <b>New Testament (Epistle):</b> 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 <b>New Testament (Gospel):</b> Mark 13:24-37	<b><u>Sunday's Service Information</u></b> <b>Traditional Service</b> – For those that love that “Old Time Religion”, we have a traditional worship service that meets every Sunday at 8:30 am. <i>During the Covid-19 pandemic, the 8:30 am service will be held outside and those attending are encouraged to dress appropriately...t-shirt and shorts are acceptable.</i> <b>Blended Service</b> – 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 K through 5 <sup>th</sup> grade and a nursery for infants and toddlers. <i>During the Covid-19 pandemic, the 10:30 am service will be held in the sanctuary while practicing social distancing in the pews.</i>

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Friday – Office Closed.

## 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](mailto:bae_bmumc@att.net)

*DON'T MISS  
THE DEADLINE!*

## November Birthdays:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Kimmy Beerkircher	3	Allison Barry	12
Alan Ackenhausen	7	Carl Catalano	26
Lane Franz	8	Sylvia Murphy	27
Edward Holly	11	Michael Beni	29

## November Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>
Mary Lou & Jerry Wilkinson	12
George & Delores Leber	20



# The Beacon

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## Kerry's Corner

For the month of November, we will be kicking off a new sermon series titled: “**Prayer That Works**”. This series will run us into the advent season which begins this year on November 29, 2020. We will also be hosting a “Smokin’ Monday Adult Bible Study” that will coincide with the sermon series.



**November 1, 2020:** How to Pray Like A Righteous Person. Our main character of this sermon will be the Old Testament prophet Elijah.  
**November 8, 2020:** The Power of Persistent Prayer. Our main character of this sermon will be the Old Testament prophet Daniel.  
**November 15, 2020:** The Power of Persuasive Prayer. Our main character of this sermon will be Moses, the Old Testament man of God that leads the Hebrews out of slavery and into the Promised Land.  
**November 22, 2020:** The Prayer of Antioch. Our main characters of this sermon will be the leadership of the early church in Antioch as recorded in the book of Acts.

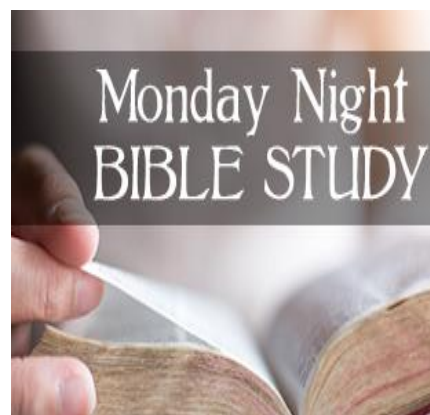
We will also be providing those attending the service a prayer journal to record personal prayers and see how they are “working” for us. Those that are attending services online will be provided with a printable download that will be included with the digital delivery of this newsletter.

## Smokin Monday Adult Bible Study

As stated in the previous article, we will be hosting a Monday Night Bible study that will coincide with our sermon series. The reason for the smoke, is because the pastor will be preparing meals using his Pit Boss wood pellet smoker. The evening starts at 6:00 pm with a fellowship meal. The meat will be provided by Pastor Kerry, and those attending are asked to bring a side dish to share. Then the Bible Study will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 7:30 pm. Those that are uncomfortable meeting at the parsonage in person can attend the Bible Study via Zoom. Invites for the Zoom meeting will go out every Sunday afternoon via e-mail.

The Pastors address is: 123 High Street, Tavernier FL 33070.

If you have any questions you can call Pastor Kerry at 305-407-7040.



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**November 1, 2020** will be All Saints Sunday at Burton Memorial UMC. While many of our loved ones are not famous Saints like Augustine or Aquinas, they are just as precious to us and to God. All Saints Sunday is the day when many Christians officially remember all who have gone before us. We will thank God for the blessings of the time we had with our loved ones, and those attending the service will have the opportunity to place the names of loved ones on tags to be put on our outdoor cross to remember and lift them up.



### Bible Study Groups

The Men's and Women's Bible Study Groups are not currently meeting. Watch the announcements for when meetings will resume.



***There is a new Adult Bible Study Group meeting on Mondays at 6:00 pm at the pastor's house and on zoom. Pastor Kerry is supplying the "meats." Please bring a side dish to share.***

### Choir News

Carlene Jarboe

I am sorry to say that the choir is canceled until further notice. Since there is no singing in church yet, we will wait until the pandemic is somewhat under control and singing in church is permitted. Until then, keep singing safely, in the car, in the shower, wherever you can. "This too shall pass." Until then, I have decided to learn ASL sign language. I have always loved to see music signed and this could be a solution to actual "singing" in church. This is a free class offered by Pam Feeser whom most of you already know. She is doing this in conjunction with the JOY center enrichment program. This is offered on Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 11:45 am, online with Zoom. Search for Upper Keys Life Enrichment on Facebook and like their page. You can also email Betsy Baste at [justolderyouthinc@gmail.com](mailto:justolderyouthinc@gmail.com) as she is in charge of the group. She will send you a schedule. You must RSVP with a link for acceptance into the class. Learning a language, of any kind, is good for the brain. There are many good classes offered with the Joy Center. I highly recommend supporting this group which is working for the betterment of seniors. If you have any questions about this, feel free to contact me either by email, [dcjarboe@gmail.com](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com), or call at 301-655-0522. Hopefully we can continue learning throughout this challenging time.



### Ringin' News

***We have begun in-person handbells for both our advanced choir and Baby Belles.*** We will be practicing strict protocols for temperature checks, wellness questions, social distancing, masks and sanitizing our instruments. We are moving forward with prayer and lots of caution and following the directives of our Handbell Musicians of America guidelines. Because not all of us are ready or able to join our in-person practicing we will continue keeping in touch via email. We are committed to encourage, strengthen, share, and grow through devotions, videos and shared prayers and practices. ***Practices are Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm for Baby Belles and 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm for our advanced choir in the Sanctuary.***

### College Ministry

Sue Peacock, College Ministry Coordinator

The following students are currently enrolled for this college term: James Kirkman, Kyrié Foote, Makenzie Wright, Kayla Lynn de Vroedt, Daniel Walker, Brooke Peacock, and Reid Bennett. Please keep them in your prayers as they make arrangements to get through the COVID-19 school re-openings. Please contact Sue Peacock with any changes at 305-731-6825.



### God's Kitchen



Our food pantry is still seeing more clients each month. We are continuing to serve To Go boxes for Thursday night God's Kitchen Free Dinner. We are still looking for groups or individuals to help with our dinner, helping to cook, box and clean up on Thursdays. We can also use people to help create the grocery bags we hand out to our clients, and we can use extra help in our drive-thru pantry. If you would like to help out, please call the church office at 305-852-2581.

### Children's Church

Burton Memorial has started up children's church for the 10:30 am service. It is being held outside in the breezeway and parents are encouraged to dress their children for warm weather. We will not be having a nursery due to concerns of being indoors and infection from CDC use during the week. Children will be dismissed from the 10:30 am service after the children's sermon.





## Membership and Information Class

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 contact Pastor Kerry to set up an appointment.*** Call or text him at 305-407-7040 or email him at [kmf\\_bmumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:kmf_bmumc@bellsouth.net).

## Status of Offerings

Please remember that the weekly offerings 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	+ / -
40	4-Oct	\$2,965	\$2,154	<b>811</b>	\$108,206	\$100,402	<b>7,804</b>
41	11-Oct	\$1,928	\$2,154	<b>-226</b>	\$110,134	\$102,556	<b>7,578</b>
42	18-Oct	\$1,983	\$2,154	<b>-171</b>	\$112,117	\$104,710	<b>7,407</b>
43	25-Oct	\$1,565	\$2,154	<b>-589</b>	\$113,682	\$106,864	<b>6,818</b>



While our services have reopened, we are continuing with our Facebook Live service at 10:30 am, with videos posted on Facebook. If you do not feel safe at this time to come to the church, please help us by either mailing your normal donation by check to Burton Memorial UMC, 93001 Overseas Highway, Tavernier, FL 33070, or go to our website and click on Give Online to set up a payment online.

## Message from the Green Team:

The Green Team

- Wildfires in the Western United States and Siberia, more frequent and stronger hurricanes/cyclones, and a global pandemic are not the focus of this article. I trust you all already see the link between these catastrophes, a growing population and climate change. The focus herein is our response to the plight of those affected by these “natural” disasters.
- The United Methodist Church’s program *Just Energy for All* is our focus this month. Carol Barton, staff with the United Methodist Women’s national office, says “You can’t say you’re good with God if you are exploiting your neighbor. So, what we do to set right those relationships is essential to saving our souls as individuals in community.”
- Have you asked yourself, “What can I do to reduce green-house emissions, to preserve our air and water quality, to minimize the waste in our lives?” Are we able to step out in faith and go beyond our own needs and consumer mentality, to set right our relationship with those families and animals 1) right here in the United States living in flood zones or near fire-prone woodlands or in hurricane alleys, and 2) globally like those in the Pacific Islands displaced by rising waters, and finally 3) generationally, for our children, our grandchildren and those yet to be born?
- Caring for God’s creation is going to require a multi-faceted response. Not only do we need to change personal habits, we need to do the work of advocacy. Tara Barnes, editor of *response* magazine says, “To love our neighbor—and ourselves—means more than just providing care and comfort in times of suffering; to love our neighbor as ourselves we must change the systems that do harm in the first place.”
- “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*” This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*”—Matthew 22:37-39
- For how you can be in relationship with Earth go to: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ways-united-methodists-can-combat-climate-change> or <http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate>.
- As the proverbial admonition goes, we can’t just pull the drowning folks out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they are falling in.



## Health and Wellness

Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN

Welcome to FALL, time to talk health care. Don't FALL for those scary scammers! I have worked and learned much about health care in the US over the past 45 years, working and serving as a nurse. Health care is a complex industry and will be greatly impacted by the year 2020. I do not know what the solutions are to balance our health care and the health insurance industry in the US, but I do know knowledge is health and power. I hope the information below will help you make educated choices that are best for you. <https://www.policygenius.com/health-insurance/learn/health-insurance-basics-and-guide/>

Generally, there are two types of health insurance: public health insurance (like Medicaid, Medicare, and CHIP) and private health insurance. Most people have some form of private health insurance, whether they purchase it through a marketplace or get it from an employer. State exchanges and the federal exchange can offer consumers both public health insurance and private health insurance.



Health insurance doesn't always cover 100% of your costs. In fact, it's designed to share costs with you up until a certain point, called the out-of-pocket limit. After you hit the out-of-pocket limit, health insurance will pay 100% of your health care costs. There are a few ways that health insurance companies might share costs with you, and they make up major features of your health insurance plan that you need to be aware of: your deductible, your copayment, your coinsurance, and your out-of-pocket limit.

Literally everyone should buy health insurance because medical expenses are simply too high to cover out of pocket. Medical bills are a leading cause of consumer debt and related financial problems (e.g., bankruptcy and home foreclosure). If you travel or live in Monroe County, you may want to purchase a plan that allows you to see out-of-network providers, like a PPO or POS plan.

If you're on a low income or tight budget, you should look into whether or not you qualify for Medicaid. Medicaid is a public health insurance plan available for low income individuals and families. We discuss Medicaid in more detail below. If your income is between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty line, you likely qualify for a subsidy from the health insurance marketplace (healthcare.gov). This subsidy can help make health insurance more affordable. The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is a federal and state program that is similar to Medicaid, but specifically designed to cover children below the age of 18. The program is primarily aimed at children in families who have incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid but too low to afford private health insurance. Like Medicaid, you can typically see if you qualify and apply on Healthcare.gov or your state's exchange. **OPEN ENROLLEMENT IS 11/01/20 THRU 12/15/2020 FOR 2021.**

If you're above the age of 65, you qualify for Medicare. We go into more detail into Medicare below, but the gist of it is that it's a federal program designed to help you cover health care costs into old age. You can also purchase supplemental insurance, called Medigap, that can help pay for your deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance. Medigap plans may or may not make sense for you – make sure you know what you're buying before you start to pay for it.

If you're an active duty service member, your health care (and your family's health care) is covered by TRICARE. You do not need to purchase additional health insurance to comply with the ACA.

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for Americans above the age of 65. It provides free or heavily cost-reduced health care to eligible enrollees.

There are four parts to Medicare that cover different health care services:

- **Part A** for inpatient (hospital) care, for which most people pay no premiums. Medicare Part A pays some of the charges for: Hospital stays. The amount covered depends on how long you're in the hospital. In 2017, for the first 60 days, you pay a deductible of \$1,316 for each benefit period and Medicare pays the rest. After that, the longer you stay, the more you pay.
- **Part B**, for outpatient care, like doctor's office visits at 80%. As of 2020, Part B has a monthly premium of \$144.60. Most people also buy a secondary to pick up the remaining 20%.
- **Part C**, which is also called Medicare Advantage, and allows you to buy into private health insurance. (NOTE THAT IF YOU CHOOSE A MEDICARE REPLACEMENT PLAN, BE SURE YOUR MEDICAL PROVIDERS ARE IN THEIR NETWORK).
- **Part D**, for prescription drug coverage.

If you're above the age of 65, you can apply for Medicare through healthcare.gov or your state exchange. While Medicare covers a wide range of care, not everything is covered. **Most dental care, eye exams, hearing aids, acupuncture, and any cosmetic surgeries** are not covered by Medicare Parts A and B. Long-term care is also not covered by Medicare. **OPEN ENROLLMENT runs from 10/15/2020 thru 12/7/2020 for 2021.**

*If I can be of any help navigating health insurance, please contact me at 305-546-6682.*

## Bereavement Support Group

We are providing a bereavement support group weekly at Burton on Fridays in the Fellowship Center starting at 11:00 am. For more information, please contact Cindi Miller, 786-236-6336 or [cynthia651@msn.com](mailto:cynthia651@msn.com).



UMW Ladies and Ladies of Burton Memorial Church:

Want to get out of the house for a few hours for some fellowship and socializing? Then this group might be for you. We meet the fourth Monday of every month (unless there is a hurricane) in the Fellowship Center of Burton at 7:00 pm. We try to do a program and a little fellowship and keep the meeting to under two hours if we can. ☺ There is a reading program and the books are in the narthex to be checked out. Remember to write your name on our clipboard when you take a book out. ***Please feel free to come and check out this wonderful group of ladies at our next meeting on Monday, November 23, at 7:00 pm in Burton's Fellowship Center.***

Faith, Love and Hope, Mary Lou Wilkinson



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has begun meeting again Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Center. We are using social distancing and wearing masks. We are a small group. In addition to Prayer Shawls, we are also making hats for cancer children to be mailed in November. Come and learn to knit or crochet and for great fellowship. For information call Virginia Spear 305-522-2978.

### Prayer Bead Ministry

Prayer Bead Ministry - History of their Origin

We all have been familiar with the Roman Catholic Rosary which have 108 beads but when did prayer tools like our prayer beads begin using 33 beads that represent Our Lord's life on earth? Actually it began around 400 A.D. with St. Gregory of Nyssa creating the first Eastern Orthodox "Prayer Rope" which used 33 knots to keep track of The Jesus Prayer that they prayed daily: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner". In 700 A.D. St. Columba was the first Christian to use beads in prayer. He created a string of 150, each bead to relate to each of the 150 Psalms prayed daily by the monks. Protestant Prayer Beads were developed within the Episcopal/Anglican Church in the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Their use has spread among many other Christian denominations. As we learned from "**A Bead and a Prayer, A Beginner's Guide to Protestant Prayer Beads**" by Kristen E. Vincent, our prayer beads are a tool for prayer as well. They help us construct a life of connection with God. The beads are not the end; they are the means to an end, which is communion with God. If you would like more information, contact Linda Norman at 305-393-2589. Please feel free to call, text or email to [lindalillonorman@gmail.com](mailto:lindalillonorman@gmail.com).



### Thanksgiving Luncheon

***Burton Memorial will be hosting a Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, November 26, 2020 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.*** This luncheon will be a bit different than in the past, in that it will be To Go boxes only.

***We will need volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean.*** There will be a preparation night on Wednesday, November 25 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the kitchen. Then there will be cooking, boxing, serving, and cleaning on November 26 starting at 10:00 am, with cleanup going to 3:00 pm. If you would like to help Burton in providing this uplifting outreach to the community, please contact the church at 305-852-2581 or sign up in the Narthex following the 8:30 am or 10:30 am worship service starting Sunday, November 8, 2020.





## **Food Pantry Donations**

The food pantry at Burton Memorial is asking church family and friends to take part of a unique way to celebrate Advent. It is called a "Reverse Advent Calendar". Starting December 1, 2020, we would like individuals and families to get a box and fill it with an item each day. On Sunday December 27 we would like the boxes to be brought to the church to be stored into our food pantry to be given out that Monday. If you can not make the Sunday service of December 27, you can drop the box off anytime that week in the breezeway of the church.

# **R E V E R S E ADVENT CALENDAR**

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

# Island Community Church

[www.islandcommunitychurch.org](http://www.islandcommunitychurch.org)



Our Thanksgiving Outreach will be Tuesday, **November 24, 2020** and provides individually boxed Thanksgiving dinners delivered to those in need from Key Largo to Marathon.

If your family is in need of a Thanksgiving dinner, please fill out information below and return to your child's teacher by Tuesday, **November 17, 2020.**

Nuestro Alcance de Acción de Gracias será el martes 24 de noviembre de 2020 y ofrecerá cenas de Acción de Gracias en cajas individuales entregadas a los necesitados desde Key Largo hasta Marathon.

Si su familia necesita una cena de Acción de Gracias, complete la información a continuación y devuélvala a la maestra de su hijo antes del martes, 17 de noviembre de 2020.

Family name/nombre de la familia: \_\_\_\_\_

How many dinners needed?(1 dinner feeds 1 person)/ ¿Cuántas cenas se necesitan? (1 cena alimenta a 1 persona)\_\_\_\_\_

Address (MM)/Dirección:\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #/Número de teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_