

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: January 3, 2021 Title: Fit for a King Theme: Epiphany Sunday Purpose: To celebrate the Light that shines in the darkness. Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6 New Testament (Epistle): Ephesians 3:1-12 New Testament (Gospel): Matthew 2:1-12</p>	<p>Date: January 10, 2021 Title: Follow Me! (Sermon Series) Theme: Baptism of the Lord - Tearing Apart the Heavens Purpose: Let the waters of baptism renew us and cleanse us for our mission and ministry as followers of Jesus. Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-5 New Testament (Epistle): Acts 19:1-7 New Testament (Gospel): Mark 1:4-11</p>
<p>Date: January 17, 2021 Title: Follow Me! (sermon series) Theme: Second Sunday after the Epiphany – Anything Good Purpose: Something good is coming to us. Or rather, something good is already among us. Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 New Testament (Epistle): 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 New Testament (Gospel): John 1:43-51</p>	<p>Date: January 24, 2021 Title: Follow Me! (sermon series) Theme: Third Sunday after the Epiphany – Follow Me Purpose: How do we convince people that following Jesus is not simply about a state of being, but a call to doing? Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 New Testament (Epistle): 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 New Testament (Gospel): Mark 1:14-20</p>
<p>Date: January 31, 2021 Title: Follow Me! (sermon series) Theme: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – What Have You to Do with Us? Purpose: We can proclaim wholeness to the broken world around us. Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 New Testament (Epistle): 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 New Testament (Gospel): Mark 1:21-28</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. <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></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 K through 5th 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></p>

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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

DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!

January Birthdays:

January Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Jeff Bishoff	2 nd	Edith Bricker	18 th	Jack & Melba Benson	24 th
Terri Cummings	6 th	Cynthia Miller	24 th		
Debbie Premaza	7 th	Alberta Albury	26 th		
Christian Foote	12 th	Kerri Foote	26 th		
Makenzie Wright	15 th	Nancy Lancaster	31 st		
Eddie Holly	16 th	Daniel Walker	31 st		



The Beacon

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January 2021

We will be stating a 6-part worship series on January 10th (Baptism of the Lord Sunday). The series is titled: Follow Me! There are many ways to respond to the presence of Christ. In this series, we focus on the invitation to follow. It is the mission of the church to make disciples, even as we are being made disciples. It is an ongoing process to follow Jesus; a transformation that continues through every stage of our lives.



Follow Me

WORSHIP SERIES

Worship should be a celebration; this is the beginning of a new year. We survived 2020, and while there might still be lingering effects of the pandemic and the unrest, it is time to embrace a new possibility, a new hope. The heavens have been torn open. But this isn't a threat; it's a promise of something new, something better. Let us commit ourselves to a closer walk with Christ. Let the waters of baptism renew us and cleanse us for our mission and ministry as followers of Jesus.

There's nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time anymore. But then it was never really "ordinary." The season of Epiphany has always been about seeing the light that is Jesus the Christ breaking forth into the world in which we live. Seeing is only the first step, however. We don't see the light of Christ the same way we see the beauty of the Grand Canyon, for example, or a particularly beautiful sunset. While there is beauty in the presence of Christ, it is a beauty that calls forth a response.

It would, therefore, be an appropriate time to pair this worship series with a re-emphasis on the discipleship path. That is why we fall back on the invitation that Jesus gave: "Follow me!"

Smokin Monday Adult Bible Study

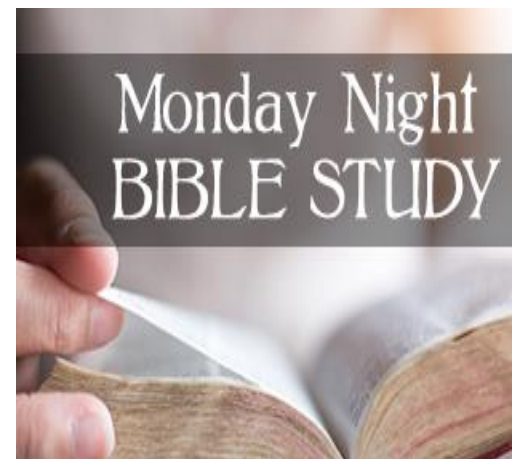
We will be hosting a Monday Night Bible study that will coincide with our sermon series "**Follow Me!**". The reason for the smoke, is because the pastor will be preparing meals using his Pit Boss wood pellet smoker. The evening starts at 6:00 pm with a fellowship meal. The meat will be provided by Pastor 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.



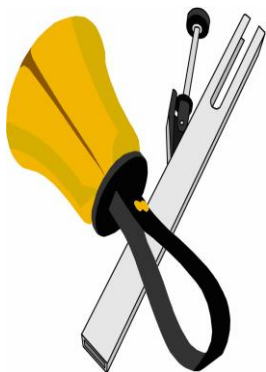
Choir News

Happy New Year to all at Burton Memorial! It is time to take control of anything that gives you stress. I have to admit, very little gives me stress, but commitments come close. With regret, I am getting rid of commitments and that would be my choir newsletter and with it the choir. There are so many more capable music leaders in this church. Should there be interest and need for a choir, I am sure someone else will step forward to accept this responsibility. I have enjoyed my time with all those who sang in the choir. We did make some great music, and I will forever remember the good times. I will still attend church, and really appreciate the ability to attend with Facebook Live. I will continue to support this wonderful church on the curve. Hopefully, 2021 will have solutions to the world's problems. I will continue to pray for this valuable community resource, Burton Memorial United Methodist Church. Thanks for all you do for the Keys and continue your good work!

Carlene Jarboe



Ringin' News



Join us on Wednesday, January 6, at 3:30 pm for Beginner bells. The Baby Belles of Burton are looking for a few more new ringers! We currently have eight ringers practicing but we would love to have a few more. Practice is from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm every Wednesday in the sanctuary. Ringing techniques and basic music education are provided. No experience necessary. God offers the BEST benefit package around! Come and join the bell choir.

The Burton Ringers will restart rehearsals on Wednesday, January 8, 2021 at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary. We are always seeking new ringers. If you have handbell/music experience, we would love to have you. See any bell choir member or director RaeLeigh Gonsalves for more information.

Our First Ever Facebook Live Handbell Concert

The Burton Ringers would like to thank everyone who attended in person or watched via Facebook Live our Christmas concert, "Twas the Evening of Christmas". For those wishing to purchase the book, it is available on Amazon! We are grateful for the support of our church and the commitment of our ringers. Look for our next concert in the spring!



College Ministry

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 restart their studies. Please contact the office with any changes, 305-852-2581.

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, please call the church office at 305-852-2581.



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 pastor.foote@outlook.com.

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	+ / -
48	29-Nov	\$2,242	\$2,154	88	\$127,980	\$117,634	10,346
49	6-Dec	\$4,473	\$2,154	2319	\$130,299	\$119,788	10,511
50	13-Dec	\$1,834	\$2,154	-320	\$129,979	\$121,942	8,037
51	20-Dec	\$1,441	\$3,004	-1,563	\$128,416	\$124,946	3,470



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.

Health and Wellness

Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN

January 2021 is a time for new beginnings. Raleigh Gonsalves has graciously offered her story of inspiration below. She mentions the importance of an accountability partner and a personal trainer. Beyond Traditional Wellness contact number is 305.395.2316 and health coach Dr. Robyn McIntyre's contact is 305.853.6555. You may also contact me at 305.546.6682. "All things are possible to him who believes." Mark 9:23.

All I ever wanted to be was thin. After many diets, food plans, gym memberships expired, and a huge loss of hope, a friend invited me to walk. Just walk? What will that do? But walk I did, and I lost my first 25 pounds. That was three years ago. It wasn't just the walking but the HABIT that helped me keep the pounds off. I kept walking and added strength training with a trainer named Chris Merrill from Beyond Traditional Wellness. His instruction on good form and his encouragement to keep up the good work helped me develop a LOVE for fitness and health. My good friend Carol Albury Johnson works out with me, so I have an accountability buddy. We don't want to let each other down by not coming to class. A serious health scare made me take a hard look at my diet. Now, another 25 pounds lighter, I've completed some 5K's! I'm 52 and in the best shape of my life, not just physically, but the exercise and good diet help with the mental part too. My motto is "On good days workout – on bad days workout harder!". Just get started – you never know what it might lead to!

RaeLeigh Gonsalves

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.



Operation Christmas Child

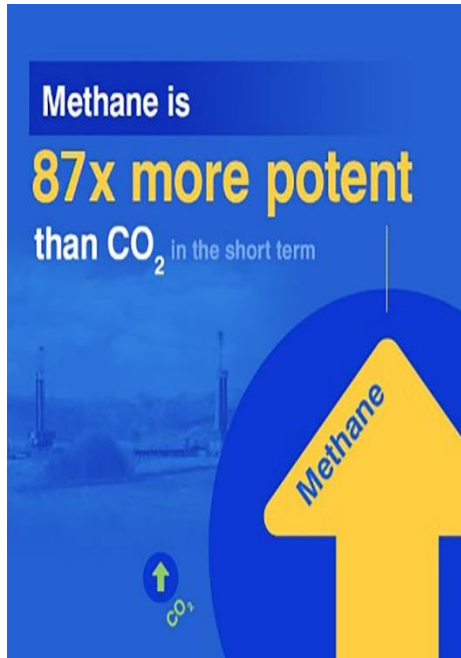
Through your love and support we were able to send 63 shoebox gifts to hurting children around the world. They will be a part of the 12 million shoe box gifts that are being distributed. Thank you for your generosity and love for all God's Children! Please continue to pray for the millions of boys and girls who will be receiving gift-filled shoe boxes and gospel literature telling the story of God's love, and for the ministry partners as they distribute the shoe box gifts and share God's love with the children and their families. Your prayers are appreciated.

Message from the Green Team:

“Faith without works is dead,” according to St. Paul. In the name of Jesus the Christ, won’t you help us to save God’s green earth.

As part of a *Climate Justice* social issue campaign, United Methodist Women is asking you to add your name to the call for Chevron to lead the industry in minimizing emissions. United Methodist Women, to-date, has led two letter writing campaigns to Chevron with impressive success, but Chevron has fallen short of supporting common-sense industry regulation.

So, you ask why methane matters...



1) Methane, the primary component of natural gas, traps 87 times more heat than carbon dioxide, making its production a major contributor to global warming. According to the United Methodist Social Principles, “the adverse impacts of climate change disproportionately affects individuals and nations *least* responsible for the emissions.” This makes methane production a matter of justice.

2) Methane Matters because toxins leak alongside methane, jeopardizing more than 15 million, typically-poor-and-marginalized-people, living in fence-line communities near production sites. These toxins cause respiratory disease, asthma attacks, adverse birth outcomes, heart attacks, increased hospitalizations, reproductive problems, blood disorders, neurological problems, cancer... and contribute to climate change, which further impacts health.

3) Methane Matters because leaks during production waste an estimated 30-billion dollars-worth of methane per year, venting into the atmosphere much more than initially calculated. Chevron still relies on calculations that aren’t reality-based and are up to 60 percent higher than previously calculated.

So, you may ask what do we want Chevron to do...

1) use direct measurement, not estimates, to determine actual emissions.

2) voice public support for direct regulation of methane emissions, like their industry peers. BP, Exxon and Shell have made strong public statements in favor of regulation.

3) be an industry leader in production of Methane.

The thing is, reducing current natural gas emissions is doable and cheap. Solutions exist, but only a handful of companies have implemented them.

Ultimately, the industry needs to transition from oil-and-gas-based energy to renewable energy with little-to-no greenhouse emissions. This, too, is doable. Already over 100 cities worldwide are powered primarily by renewable energy.

We earnestly hope that Chevron will lead the industry in transitioning to renewable energy. Won’t you ask Chevron to join the campaign to reduce Methane emissions?

Go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice Then scroll down to where it says **Action:** and click on "**sign your name to a letter.**" You will get a screen that says, "**Tell Chevron to #CutMethane.**" Fill out the *required* blanks indicated by an asterisk. Now scroll down to the bottom of your screen and hit "**Submit.**" And Voila you have joined United Methodist Women’s third letter-writing campaign to Chevron!



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Well, this will certainly be a year to remember. I think it had some wonderful things that came out of it. I am getting the opportunity to preside over the UMW. They are such a great group of ladies. We have started to use zoom for our meetings if you can't come. It has been so nice to see some of the ladies that aren't here yet, so that has been good. The church has stepped up to help the community and that certainly has been a blessing to those in need. Even though things are different, there are a lot of things that stayed the same. We are still meeting on the fourth Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm and we would love to have you come join us. ***Our next meeting is Monday, January 25.*** We try to have a program each month given by one of the ladies and there is always fantastic fellowship. If you need more information, please call me, Mary Lou, 305-394-3878. Thank you and have a blessed New Year. (It will be better than 2020!) 🤗

Love ❤️, Faith and Hope, Mary Lou - President

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Happy New Year and a big thank you to all who contributed to our ministry. We have touched so many here in the keys and all over our world. Our prayer shawls are available for happy times as well as for times of stress. We also have baby blankets. You are invited to join us Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Joy classroom. We are using social distancing and wearing masks. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, we will teach you, and we have supplies. For more information, please call Virginia Spear at 305-522-2978.

Prayer Bead Ministry

“What a difference a day makes”... Well, how about a year!

Last January our message suggested that you add to your list of resolutions the idea of learning a new craft, a craft “that brings love and prayerful joy to your loved ones or comfort to a stranger in pain or sorrow.” Learning how to make Protestant Prayer Beads!

Here we are a year later and it actually sounds like an even better idea as so many of us need comfort and love. But how can you learn this craft when we are social distancing? How can we make this happen?

First, you would need the correct type and length of wire, the proper amount of large and small beads, a cross... well, we currently have in stock several kits that we had purchased from *Prayerworks Studio* owned by Kristen E. Vincent. Yes, she is the author of “*A Bead and a Prayer!*” We would be happy to provide a kit to anyone interested at a reduced rate of \$10.

Second, how do you learn the craft? Rather than being taught by one of us, how about being taught by Kristen Vincent? That's right, Kristen has a YouTube video that could be viewed at your leisure. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUJP-WVCSwc&lc=UgiPfoU6GifOangCoAEC>

If you are interested in learning to string your own prayer beads, please contact Linda Norman at 305-393-2589 and she will assist in your new resolution. Please feel free to call or text or email to

lindalillonorman@gmail.com.

Happy New Year



Burton Family,

Please join with me in a movement to bring God's Kin-dom on Earth. Your attendance at the virtual, two-hour symposium (below) can literally make a difference in the future of my daughter and thousands of other Keys individuals living with a serious mental illness.

“Reimagining Crisis Response in the Keys”

January 28th from 2 to 4 PM

Hear panelists discuss the possibility of a Mobile Mental Health Crisis Response Team here in the Florida

Keys for individuals of all ages experiencing a psychotic episode. This action would not only save millions

of dollars by engaging mental health agencies rather than law enforcement and the criminal justice system,

it could also save lives and change the future of many of our young people ...for the better.

PANELISTS INCLUDE:

- **CAHOOTS** Program Consultant, White Bird Clinic, Eugene, Oregon
- **Carol Caraballo**, LCSW, QS, MSW, MPA - Vice President Thriving Mind South Florida
- **Rev. Cn. Allison DeFoor**, Canon to the Ordinary of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida
- **Maureen Dunleavy**, LMHC - West Care Regional Vice President, Guidance/Care Center, Inc.
- **John Newcomer**, MD - President & CEO Thriving Mind South Florida
- **Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay**

Let's de-criminalize mental illness!

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMscOGqgTlqH9xYY1e9pkpzJ8AFcAOfUUaa>

This Symposium is sponsored by: **Keys to Peace**

and endorsed by: **Florida Department of Juvenile Justice**

Upper Keys Community Resource Council

Hibiscus Park Civic Pride Association

Florida Keys Children's Shelter

Judge Regan Ptomey

Commissioner Sylvia Murphy

DOLPHINS/Living Waters Counseling

Sherry Read-Family Advocate

Star of the Sea Foundation-Natalie Nite Director

Sue Woltanski MD, Monroe County School Board District 5

Jenny Bell-Thomson, Retired MCSO

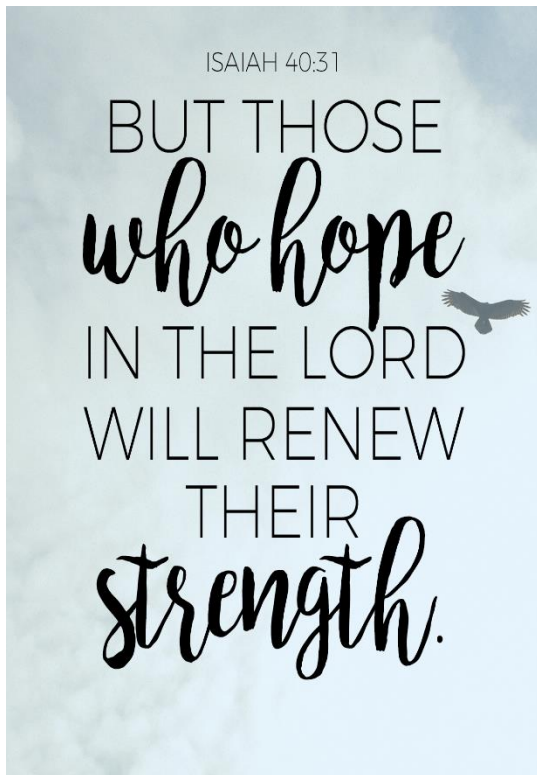
*If your agency, business, or organization would like to endorse this symposium, please contact
edithzewadskibricker@gmail.com*

Bible Verses of Renewal and Hope for the Coming New Year

"And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Rev. 21:5

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lam. 3:22-23

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Is. 43:18-19



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor. 5:17

"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead." Phil. 3:13

"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jer. 29:11

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Is. 40:31

"I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them..." Ez. 11:19

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Prov. 3:5-6

"May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." Ps. 20:4

"You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths drip with abundance." Ps. 65:11

Reverse Advent Gifts

A special thank you needs to go out to our Burton family that participated in the reverse advent giving for our food pantry. We collected a lot of food. Not only am I thankful, but it looks like GiGi was too.

