

Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

Date: August 7, 2022 Title: Anchored in Jesus: Finding Assurance in God's Promise Theme: Anchored by Hope Purpose: An Anchor is simple in its design, but so very powerful in its function. New Testament: Matthew 14:25-31 New Testament: Hebrews 6:13-17	Date: August 14, 2022 Title: Anchored in Jesus: Finding Assurance in God's Promise Theme: What are You Holding Onto? Purpose: The Lord's patience has nothing to do with slowness and everything to do with salvation. New Testament: 2 Peter 3:8-9 New Testament: Luke 15:11-20
Date: August 21, 2022 Title: Anchored in Jesus: Finding Assurance in God's Promise Theme: When the Storm Comes Purpose: We've got to hear and respond to the teachings of Jesus. New Testament: Matthew 7:24-27 New Testament: Acts 27:1 – 28:10	Date: August 28, 2022 Title: Anchored in Jesus: Finding Assurance in God's Promise Theme: Remain Purpose: I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. Old Testament: Psalm 23:1-3 New Testament: John 15:5-8

Sunday's Service Information

Currently, we have switched over to one worship service on Sundays, and it is at 10:00 am.

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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 twentieth 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!*

August Birthdays:

August Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Betty Bullock	5	Tim Bricker	21	Ken & Kathy Lasseter	6
Gene Spear	10	Jazmyn Beerkircher	22	John & Carol Baxter	15
Patrick Frampton-Hickman	11	Kerry Foote	22	Jeff & Sharyn Bishoff	16
Carol Ackenhansen	12	Brooke Peacock	24	Tim & Edith Bricker	23
Ken Lasseter	12	Alannah Simpson	26	Gary & Ann Hickman	24
Jenna Gonsalves	16	PJ Cummings	27		
Mary Lou Wilkinson	20				
Betty Lou Banks	30				

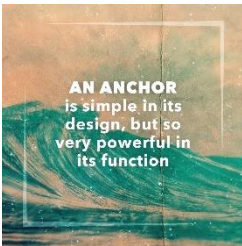
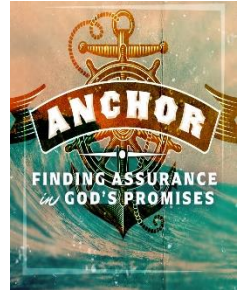


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New Sermon Series for August

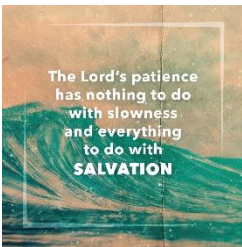
An anchor is an amazing invention, used by fishermen and sailors for hundreds, if not thousands, of years. An anchor is simple in its design, but so very powerful in its function. In Christ we find a firm and secure anchor for our souls. Through every trial and test that may come, we can rest assured that He will not bend or break. *Anchor* is a 4-week sermon series built to help connect or reconnect your church community back to the true Anchor of their souls.



August 7th: Anchored by Hope

Big Idea: As believers, we are encouraged to remain steadfast and committed in our faith through every trial and storm that life may bring. We are anchored by Jesus. He is our great hope, salvation, and savior.

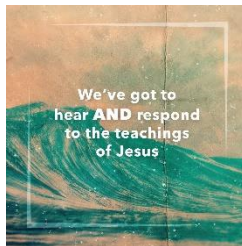
Scripture: Hebrews 6:19, Matthew 14:25-31



August 14th: What Are You Holding Onto?

Big Idea: There is only one firm and secure anchor in which we can put our hope.

Scripture: Mark 10:17-23, Luke 15:11-20, 18:18-30



August 21st: When the Storm Comes

Big Idea: The storms of life are coming, and when they do, only Jesus will prevail as the firm and secure anchor.

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27, Acts 27:1-28:10



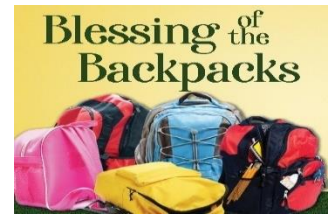
August 28th: Remain

Big Idea: We must learn to remain firm and steadfast in Jesus. Apart from Him, we have no hope. He is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the firm and secure anchor.

Scripture: John 15:5-8, Psalm 23:1-3

Back to School Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday Back to School Party

August 7, 2022, is the last Sunday of summer break from school. For Monroe County, school officially starts Wednesday, August 10. ***Our August 7 Sunday Service we will have the blessing of the backpacks and teacher's planners.*** During the service, we will invite all the students and teachers to bring their backpacks / teacher planners to the altar for a special blessing for the current 2022/2023 school year.



Following the service, we will have a back-to-school party that will replace our usual Potluck in the Fellowship Center at 11:45 am. This Back-to-School party is for all ages...even those who have not gone to school in a long time. At this party we will serve the greatest food one could eat in elementary and high school...PIZZA. An offering will be taken at this party to help offset the cost. ***During this party there will be various games for all ages in which we will play, "Guess Who?"*** For this game people will fill out specific questionnaire of our "school days." Those who are attending will get to "Guess Who" the person is by the answers given.

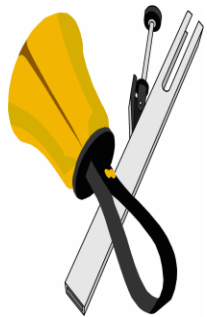
Membership and Information Class

Pastor Kerry Foote will host a membership and information class in his office this month on Sunday, August 7, 2022, at 1:00 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 attend. Also, if you would like to become a member of Burton Memorial and will not be able to attend one of the classes provided on Sunday, 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.



Adult Tuesday Night Bible Study

For the month of August, we will be taking a little break from the Adult Tuesday Night Bible Study. ***We will pick up our Bible Study for the month of September starting the 6th at the regular time.*** The September Bible Study will correspond with our Sunday worship sermon series: "Having Words With Jesus."



Ringin' News

Join us on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm for beginner hand chimes. Our beginner handbell/chime ministry is looking for a few more new ringers! We would love to have a few more. Beginner ringer practice is from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm for chimes every Wednesday in the sanctuary. Ringing techniques and basic music education are provided. No experience necessary. ***Our advanced choir rehearses from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm on Wednesdays too.*** If you have music experience, we would love to have you! God offers the ***best*** benefit package around! See any bell choir member or director RaeLeigh Gonsalves for more information. Come and join the bell choir.

Altar Flowers

Now that we are ALL worshipping in the sanctuary, we are opening up the Flower Calendar for 2022! Please consider placing an orchid 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. In 2022, we will not have altar flowers on Communion Sundays – the Sacrament will be our focus. The rest of the year is almost completely open – so sign up! Cost is \$20.00 per arrangement. The calendar is in the Narthex, or you can contact the church office. Please, only two arrangements per Sunday.



God's Kitchen/Food Pantry

Burton is still in need of help with our Food Pantry Ministry. We can use extra hands in the pantry to help with deliveries and to serve our clients.

We are also still looking for groups or individuals to help with our God's Kitchen Free Dinner, helping to cook, serve and clean up on Thursdays.

If you can help, please call or text Marylou Wilkinson at 305-394-3878, or call the office at 305-852-2581, to get more details or to volunteer.



Thank you card from the Marc House whose clients are patrons of Burton's food pantry

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	+ / -
27	3-July	\$2,214	\$2,013	201	\$83,292	\$75,103	8,189
28	10-July	\$2,048	\$2,013	35	\$85,340	\$77,116	8,224
29	17-July	\$2,519	\$2,013	506	\$87,859	\$79,129	8,730
30	24-July	\$1,255	\$2,013	-758	\$89,114	\$81,142	7,972



While our services have reopened, we are continuing with our Facebook Live service at 10:00 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.

Watermelon Ministry



Burton Memorial will be providing the Coral Shores a much-needed respite from their football practices in the first full week of August. We will be providing nice, chilled cut watermelons served next to the football field following the **August 8, 9, and 10 practices**. We need volunteers to help cut and serve from **7:30 pm to 8:30 pm**.

Finally, Coral Shores will have their first official scrimmage for the 2022/2023 year on **August 12** at 7:00 pm. We will be serving watermelon for this game too. We will need volunteers from **7:30 pm to 8:30 pm** to cut and serve cold watermelon.

College Ministry

Please contact the church office at 305-852-2581 to include a student in the College Ministry. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Pastor Kerry at 305-407-7040.

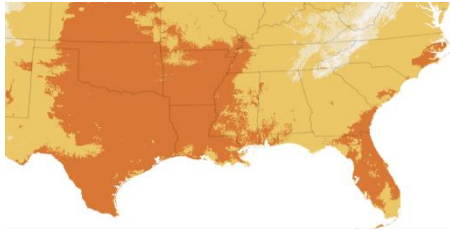


God is Green!

The Green Team

How hot is it? Great Britain this week had the hottest temperatures ever recorded in good ole England.

Today's New York Times said, "Extreme heat waves are expected in Florida and other parts of the country this week."



Caution Feels like 80°-90°

Extreme caution 90°-103°

Danger 103°-124

Heat index forecast for Tuesday, July 20th

Heat index measures how hot it feels outside, accounting for temperature and humidity. This map shows highest level forecast for the day (July 20). - NYT

Please, if you're out on the water or working in the yard, drink plenty of water, limit exercise and exertion outdoors, keep out of the direct sunlight, preferably stay in the air conditioning, and do check on your neighbors, especially older ones and those who live alone.

Comments to this NYT article were telling. The saddest one said, "I work in a state prison down here (in Fort Meyers) and it was brutal in the CM (close management) units yesterday. I came out of one with my shirt soaking wet and sweat literally pouring off my body. I was so glad to get back to my air-conditioned office."

Another one said, "Plant more trees. It will at least lower the temperature by 2-3 degrees. Unfortunately, the areas that have fewer trees happen to be the lower-income areas, and that makes people with lower-income suffer the most." The Climate Justice studies through United Women in Faith teach us that the inner cities can be up to fifteen degrees hotter than the suburbs.

Thank you, Lord, for the breeze and trees of the Upper Keys!

And teach us how to help those less fortunate. Amen.

Health and Wellness

Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN

I wondered what was happening in the rest of the world in the controlling the spread of Covid-19 viruses, which lead me to global ministries and partnerships research. I wanted to share an update on *what the United Methodist Global Ministries and UMCOR have been providing globally in controlling the Covid-19 virus spread and lifting up the health of the world.* Global partnerships and ministries play an important part our health here at home in the Florida keys.

LOVING OTHERS WITH **COMPASSION**
AND **CARE** COVID-19 RESPONSE



By Roland Fernandes

January 25, 2022 | ATLANTA

Since the early months of 2020, the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) have followed a broad, proactive course in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, reflective of the international guidelines for nonprofit participation in the effort to control and overcome the disease and in line with established denominational policy on the alleviation of suffering. Guiding us always is the key United Methodist value of "doing no harm."

Health and Wellness

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Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN

Global Ministries response through the “Sheltering in Love” Advance and other sources of funding have, to date, enabled the release of over 340 grants totaling \$4.5 million to more than 300 partners in 57 countries. These funds provided educational resources about COVID-19 prevention and dismantling vaccine myths, food relief to communities deeply affected by job losses and purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), respirators and hospital equipment, among other needs related to combatting the virus. Regionally, we have spent \$1.5 million in the United States, \$1 million in Africa and several hundreds of thousands in other regions of the world.

“Sheltering in Love,” launched in October 2021, is our participation in the interfaith movement to assure the equitable distribution of vaccines worldwide. This campaign (represented by **Advance #3022671**) was inspired by First UMC, Boise, Idaho, and is part of the effort of the international COVAX Alliance to assure that low and middle-income countries receive their fair amount of vaccines. The COVAX Alliance is comprised by the Vaccine Alliance, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and UNICEF as the key implementing agency. To date, United Methodists have contributed about \$250,000 to this effort and UNICEF has distributed close to a billion vaccines and anticipates distributing 4.1 billion in 2022. We are an integral part of the largest and most complex vaccination campaign in history. Advocacy for vaccine equity is critical and this has also been emphasized by the Council of Bishops of the UMC and the Connectional Table. Advocacy and education are the two keys areas that can positively impact the global distribution of the vaccine.

The elimination of the coronavirus is a daunting task and can only be done with governmental and other partnerships. Logistical challenges are among the greatest barriers to immunization. Vaccines must be legally purchased, safely transported and stored under certain conditions before being administered.

Global Ministries is not in a position to do this as it is usually the responsibility of governments and partners like UNICEF. Moreover, to be effective in addressing the pandemic, vaccinations need to be administered to family or community groups simultaneously. This remains Global Ministries’ primary goal for its participation in the COVAX campaign: to effectively and equitably respond to the pandemic in ways that alleviate suffering for entire communities.

All our COVID-19 related response reflects our established policy of the alleviation of suffering without regard to religion, race or national origin. This was a founding principle of UMCOR in 1940 and remains our bedrock foundation today. Our disaster response and health ministries are not and never have been by Methodists solely for Methodists. They are expressions of the love of God in Christ for all God’s children, our neighbors. This theology of inclusion has particular relevancy in regard to proposals to target particular populations with denominational affiliation or specific denominational roles for preferential vaccination.

Along with our active role in the COVAX campaign, our efforts and resources are best devoted to our ongoing program, Health Systems Strengthening, which works with multiple United Methodist health facility networks, primarily in Africa, to establish necessary triage and handwashing stations and supply PPE as well as continuing other essential health programs. Some of our facilities have been selected as vaccine sites and we will continue to support them in this role.

Chief among concerns is the preparation of communities to understand the importance of vaccines to stop the spread of COVID-19. Our annual conference health boards in Africa are actively engaged in work to dismantle myths about the disease and vaccine. One of our major roles is to prepare health workers to advocate within their own countries for the vaccine and to help health facilities meet government criteria to become vaccine sites, in partnership with health ministries.

We urge all United Methodists to join us in this life-giving mission – to support and advocate for the equitable distribution of vaccine and to equip personnel and facilities in the safe vaccination of communities. We ask for prayer, that God will guide us in the ways of compassion, generosity, equity and hope for deliverance from all suffering.

Roland Fernandes

General Secretary

General Board of Global Ministries and

The United Methodist Committee on Relief



United
Women
in Faith

Well, we had a small crowd at our June meeting as some of our ladies have gone north, but that didn't stop ☹️ us from having a good time. I did a program on Juneteenth, and I hate to say I knew nothing about the date or name. I do now and it certainly was an eye-opening program. Hope we all learned something. Then after a swim in the pool, which was wonderful, we ate lunch and discussed a number of topics for our future.

The Tea was discussed at length, and we decided to do a Tea next year. Hoping to get the dates January 21 (Saturday) and 22 (Sunday) on the calendar for next year, 2023. We will be limiting the number of tables in Fellowship Hall to eight with only six people per table. So, we should have lots of room to move around and parade our hats 🧢 when the time is right. So, we have lots to look forward to.

We also are doing a "Trunk Sale" in the parking lot Saturday, August 27, from 8 am to noon. If you donate \$20, non-refundable, you'll get a parking spot, and there, right out of the trunk of your car, you can sell your stuff, or paint faces, or tell fortunes, or sign up people to vote, or whatever. Easy, load it up, sell it and go home with some extra cash. More to come in the coming month but reserve your space now before they're gone. Just text 305-363-8392.

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 22 at Edna's house. Keep reading the President's message to find out what this group of energetic women are up to. If you want more information about our group, or if you need a ride to a meeting, please call Mary Lou at 305-394-3878.

Blessings to all,
Mary Lou Wilkinson, President



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Two of our many prayer shawls were given to teenagers. One was given to an autistic boy and one to an 18-year-old girl who aged out of foster care. She has a scholarship to FIU, and the shawl will cover her dorm bed. Thank you to Jane and Viola!



Join us for a fun evening knitting and crocheting on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Joy classroom. We have supplies and we teach. In addition to prayer shawls, we are making baby blankets for active military overseas and hats for cancer children. For more information, please call Virginia Spear 305-522-2978.



United Women in Faith Trunk Sale

The United Women in Faith are having a Trunk Sale in Burton's parking lot on Saturday, August 27, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

- **Come to sell** – reserve a parking spot for your car on the outside edge of the parking lot, with a \$20 donation.
- **Come to buy** – just show up (General parking will be in the interior parking area.)
- **Come for breakfast** - provided by the UWFaith *SE District Leadership Team* in Burton's Fellowship Hall. Menu: Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee for a \$5 donation.
- **Come for the always delicious baked goods** - provided by the Burton United Women in Faith Bake Sale, also in Fellowship Hall.

For more information or to reserve a spot, please text Edith at 305-363-8392. Rain date is September 24. UWFaith's proceeds will benefit women, youth, and children here and around the world through the Mission Giving of Burton Memorial's United Women in Faith.



Back-to-School Trunk Sale

August 27 ...weather permitting
8 AM - Noon

Burton Memorial United Methodist Church
Mile Marker 93, Oceanside
In the Church Parking Lot

Bake sale
Breakfast
Face painting
&
FUN

Come, sell
your **STUFF**
out of the
trunk of your
car.

Text
305-363-8392
to reserve a
space!
\$20 Donation

RAIN DATE: September 24

Stuff the Bus

United Way of Collier and the Keys



Our annual **Stuff the Bus** campaign provides school supplies to over 8,700 students throughout the Keys every year. Statistics prove that students who have access to the school supplies they need consistently have stronger rates of class participation and arrive at school with a desire to learn.

This year we are once again seeking monetary donations only. Working closely with the schools, the funds raised allow each school to purchase exactly the items their students need.

Your donation allows us to expand beyond backpacks, paper and crayons to also include important educational devices like graphing calculators and other digital equipment--items that some students cannot afford but need for a successful school year. Sponsorship opportunities are available for organizations, and will receive special acknowledgement on social media.

- **WHO:** Our community members, businesses, organizations, and civic groups. For sponsorship opportunities, please call our office at 305-735-1929.
- **WHAT:** Raise funds to purchase school supplies for Monroe County children. 100% of funds collected go directly to local Monroe County Schools.
- **WHEN:** Donate until August 31! Early in the school year, funds will be disbursed so schools may purchase supplies needed by their students.
- **HOW:** Donations can be made at KeysUnitedWay.org/Donate, or mail a check to UWCK at 626 Josephine Parker Road, Suite 201, Key West, FL. 33040 (please write "Stuff the Bus" on the memo line)