

# Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p><b>Date:</b> June 6, 2021  <b>Title:</b> Creation Care or Preservation of Biodiversity (What's the Difference?)  <b>Theme:</b> Earth Day  <b>Purpose:</b> To address how we as Christians can become more intentional about our care for God's creation.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Psalm 8:4-8  <b>New Testament (Epistles):</b> Romans 8:18-25  <b>New Testament (Prophecy):</b> Revelation 11:16-18</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> June 13, 2021  <b>Title:</b> When the Spirit Move (Sermon Series)  <b>Theme:</b> Growing in the New Creation  <b>Purpose:</b> Growing into the new creation that we are called to be in Christ.  <b>Old Testament:</b> 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  <b>New Testament (Epistle):</b> 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17  <b>New Testament (Gospel):</b> Mark 4:26-34</p>
<p><b>Date:</b> June 20, 2021  <b>Title:</b> When The Spirit Moves (Sermon Series)  <b>Theme:</b> Enduring the Storms.  <b>Purpose:</b> This is our story, who and what we are called to be. This is the story of disciple making day to day; this is our reason for being.  <b>Old Testament:</b> 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49  <b>New Testament (Epistle):</b> 2 Corinthians 6:1-13  <b>New Testament (Gospel):</b> Mark 4:35-41</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> June 27, 2021  <b>Title:</b> When the Spirit Moves (Sermon Series)  <b>Theme:</b> Giving What You Have  <b>Purpose:</b> Stewarding what we have been given in a way that gives glory to God.  <b>Old Testament:</b> 2 Samuel 1:1,17-27  <b>New Testament (Epistle):</b> 2 Corinthians 8:7-15  <b>New Testament (Gospel):</b> Mark 5:21-43</p>

## Sunday's Service Information

**Traditional Service** – For those that love that “Old Time Religion”, we have a traditional worship service that meets every Sunday at 8:30 am.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Church Contacts

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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!*

## June Birthdays:

## June Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Tama Hamburg	16	Ruth Forgan	21	Paul & Renee Sebastian	6
Delaney Barry	17	Patricia Cummings	27	George & Victoria Pinson	7
Julie Ratliff	19	George Leber	28	Anne Dunn	16
				Barbara & Gregory Koch	27



# The Beacon

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## June 2021 Sermon Series



When the Spirit moves, amazing things happen. But they happen through the people who allow that Spirit to motivate them, to guide and direct them, to empower them for the work of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This isn't a small thing, not just a personal, in-house thing.

This is a transforming the world thing. And all would agree that this needs transformation. This series is about what can happen when a people submit to the Spirit. It is a journey through the lectionary texts that will help us see and understand how to be a Spirit-filled people of God. We are equipped to be communities of faith who are ready to go when the Spirit moves.



### **June 13, 2021**

Worship this week is about growing into the new creation that we are called to be in Christ. So, think about talking about growing. Those who are raising kids find themselves telling stories about the latest thing, the latest mischief, the latest accomplishment that their child has gotten into. We need stories to help us see what living as a disciple is like. We tell our stories, and we tell stories of others as examples of a faithful life.

### **June 20, 2021**

Green is the dominant color of this long after Pentecost season. It is the color of life and of growth. Here is where the focus switches from the story of Jesus to the story of the church. Not that we leave Jesus behind, of course, but Jesus is now working through the body of Christ, the church, to continue his ministry and invitation in the world. This is our story, who and what we are called to be. This is the story of disciple making day to day; this is our reason for being.



### **June 27, 2021**

Stewardship is not simply a once-a-year item. This week's texts provide a perfect opportunity to talk about stewardship without following it up with a pledge card or a capital campaign. Though the impetus for the Corinthian text is a monetary collection, it could easily be shifted to sharing of gifts and offering of grace, stewarding what we have been given in a way that gives glory to God.

## **Smoking Adult Bible Study**

We will be taking a month off from the "Smoking Adult Bible Study." Don't worry, it will be coming back in July with a new series and a new place. We will still be eating smoked meats and studying the word. Stay tuned for location, dates, and times.



## Ringling News

We are taking a break! ***But starting June 16th, 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! 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 2021!*** 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 2021 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.



## College Ministry

The following students were currently enrolled for the spring college term: James Kirkman, Kyrié Foote, Makenzie Wright, Kayla Lynn de Vroedt, Daniel Walker, Brooke Peacock, and Reid Bennett. Congratulations to those students who have graduated. ***Please contact the church office at 305-852-2581 with any changes so we can update the list.***

## 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	+ / -
19	9-May	\$1,833	\$2,013	<b>-180</b>	\$63,165	\$57,702	<b>5,463</b>
20	16-May	\$3,413	\$2,013	<b>1,400</b>	\$66,578	\$59,715	<b>6,863</b>
21	23-May	\$2,136	\$2,013	<b>123</b>	\$68,714	\$61,728	<b>6,986</b>
22	30-May	\$4,004	\$2,013	<b>1,991</b>	\$72,718	\$63,741	<b>8,977</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.



## Scout Car Wash Fundraiser

***The scouts are holding a car wash in Burton's parking lot on Saturday, June 19, starting at 10:00 am, to raise funds for a trip to Georgia.*** Please come out, get your car washed, and help them on their way.



## Eutrophication of Dove Sound

Jack Grove, Burton Green Team

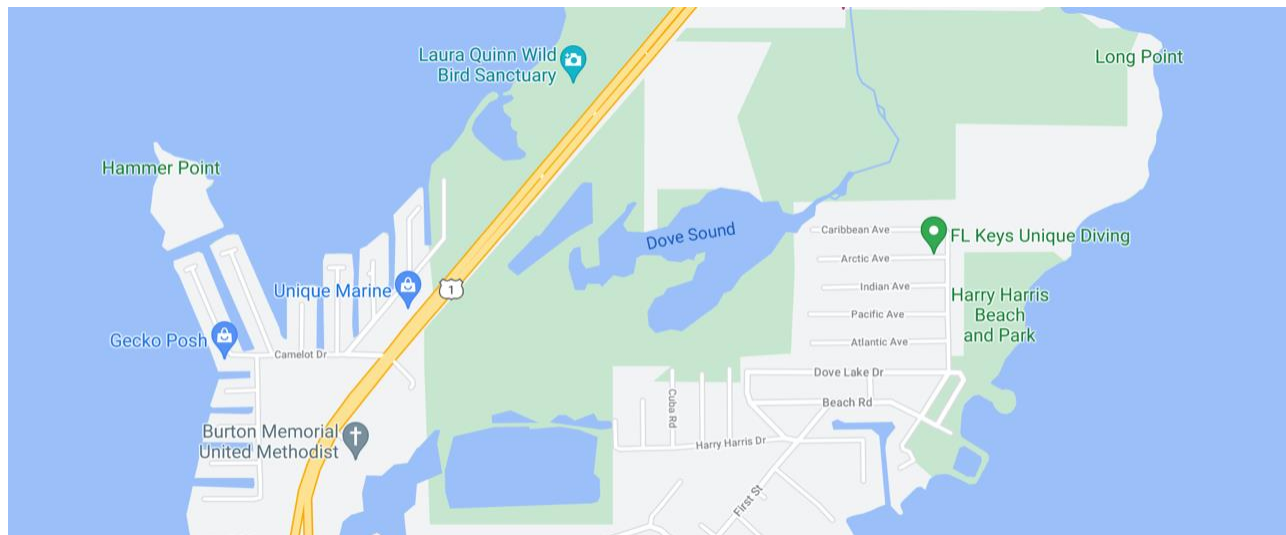
Eutrophication is defined as excessive richness of nutrients in a lake or other body of water, frequently due to runoff from the land which causes a dense growth of plant life and death of animal life from lack of oxygen.

So, you may ask, why the Green Team at Burton wants you to know about eutrophication. That is a legitimate question. The answer is that our church is situated on an estuary which is undergoing this process. We wanted you to be aware of what is happening to this body of water adjacent to our sanctuary. As I write this, I am reminded of a conversation with Shirley Fay Albury some years ago. I asked her what her recollections were of the mangrove estuary behind the church were from her childhood. She told me that she remembered her father throwing a cast net and catching many mullets. She was excited about the tarpon that swam in that body of water when she was a kid. Shirley went on to say that she remembered flamingos along the shores of that body of water, to the east of Burton Church, known as Dove Sound.

As a marine biologist based here in Tavernier for more than 40 years, I have been exploring the impact of a railroad that evolved into US1 and its impact on the marine environment. We could not live without that highway. But we should also recognize that the impact of humankind and our need for transportation has impacted the environment. And in this case, Henry Fowler created a block between the Atlantic Ocean and Florida Bay and our church happens to be on an estuary that has been impacted by that reality. I have no suggestions about what we can do to mitigate the accelerated eutrophication, other than promoting an aqueduct under US1 which is improbable, but not impossible.

On behalf of the Green Team, I write this brief statement in the hopes that it will help members of the congregation understand the value of the body of water behind the church and help all of us recognize that such an estuary is part of God's creation. I proclaim that we have a responsibility to care for it and understand it. We cannot love or protect what we do not understand. As I write this... I am reminded of the hymn entitled "This is my Father's World" ... and my feeling is that if we don't understand it, we cannot love it, and if we don't love it, we cannot protect it.

One other thing to consider. In my lifetime, I have never seen one mullet or any flamingos in the estuary behind the church. May the light of God shine upon us and enlighten us as to how we can be better stewards of the Gods creation. What is clear is that we must understand if we wish to protect and preserve God's creation.



***"This illustration from Google Maps shows the location of Burton Church and it also shows Dove Sound. Look closely, and you'll see the body of water to the east of our church. The illustration does not indicate that there is any tidal connection between dove sound and the body of water behind the church. However, it is connected, and the tide does change."***

**Self-care** article summary - Part 2 of 3-part series - <https://draxe.com/health/self-care-checklist/>

**SOCIAL HEALTH:** Research [shows](#) that social relationships affect our mental, behavioral and physical health, and mortality risk. Social relationships can have both short- and long-term effects on our health, for better or worse. Social self-care involves fostering positive relationships, providing and seeking emotional support. It also involves social networks that allow you to socialize from a distance, hopefully strengthening relationships. Here are some actions to include in your social self-care checklist:

1. Engage in face-to-face interactions: Engaging in face-to-face interactions allows us to build positive, meaningful connections. When you can't physically be with someone, use video apps instead. Practice frequency: Daily.
2. Nurture your relationships: Positive relationships are precious and important for our health, so be sure to nurture the connections you have: Practicing [kindness](#) can promote healthy aging and boost your mood. It'll also improve the mood of others, making it a win-win. Practice frequency: Daily or several times a week.
3. Send notes and messages to loved ones: When you can't be someone physically, small things like positive, uplifting notes and messages can benefit your social health. Practice frequency: Now and then, whenever it's been a while since seeing a loved one.
4. Get involved in the community: Community service benefits your social health and the well-being of your neighbors. It allows you to meet new people, contribute to causes that matter to you, and improve the lives of those in need. Practice frequency: Once a month or more.



**Mental and Emotional Health:** What are you doing to benefit the health of your mind? Mental self-care is just as important as physical or social self-care because it influences your psychological well-being. Research [exposes](#), over and over again, that stress can cause mental and physical distress, leading to major health conditions. Stress can alter the way we sleep, eat, think, and treat ourselves. Part of your mental and emotional self-care checklist should be practices that benefit your mind and reduce stress. This isn't the same for everyone, but here are some ideas:

1. Read an inspiring book: Reading an inspiring or entertaining book allows you to home in on something enjoyable. Practice frequency: Daily or several times a week.
2. Limit time on social media: [Social media](#) can help you to connect with others, but too much of it negatively impacts your mental and emotional health. Practice frequency: Limit time on social media to 20–60 minutes per day and keep it positive.
3. Use technology wisely: Technology can be beneficial for a number of reasons, from [working at home](#) to communicating with people far away and gathering information on important topics. But it's certainly possible to rely too much on technology, allowing it to take away from physical interactions and hobbies. Practice frequency: Balance your time with technology, allowing for technology-free time several hours a day.
4. Spend time outdoors: Take advantage of the many [health benefits of being outdoors](#). It boosts mood, eases anxiety, and reduces stress. Practice frequency: Spend at least two hours per week outdoors.
5. Find an emotional outlet: What boosts your mood and mental health? Whether it's painting, gardening, sewing or [cooking](#), spend time doing what brings you joy. Practice frequency: Daily or several times per week.



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For those that missed a chance to sit back and enjoy the great outdoors (listening to the birds and wind blowing) you missed a really great breakfast and fellowship. We even had our thinking caps on and came up with some terrific ideas to get some youth back into churches. Not sure we can do any of them this year, but we can certainly try an idea or two. We are not only thinking about teas and fund raising but what we can do to make Burton and other churches more committed to the youth and the community we live in.

Kim Youngblood talked about her possible new job (they would be missing a great talent if they don't hire her) and what some of her challenges will be with the youth here. Most are just lacking discipline and a lot of guidance, and they all could use some faith in their lives. So even though we do have a program book and prayer book, we do work on important topics that concern us all.

So, if you would like to be a part or just come and see what we are up to, ***our next meeting is Monday, June 28 here at Burton at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.*** Barbara Koch will be discussing the “ School to Prison Pipeline” a UMW study.

***We will be moving our monthly meetings to Fridays in July,*** so those who want to attend Kerry's Bible study can when he resumes them. We will probably have a luncheon in there as well this summer so keep reading this announcement to see what we are up too. Hope to see you at one of our gatherings.

Faith, hope and love,  
Mary Lou Wilkinson

### **Prayer Bead Ministry**

We are pleased to announce that the Prayer Bead Ministry's selected inventory is now available to be viewed on the Burton Memorial website! Thanks to Betsy's handiwork, we are now “LIVE”. Photographs of our latest prayer beads can be viewed by visiting: <https://www.bmumc.net/>. Under the **Programs** tab, select “**Salty Service**”, then go to “**Prayer Shawl & Bead Ministries.**”

We are delighted to enter “into” cyberspace where we can be “interconnected” once more. For more information, call or text Linda Norman at 305-393-2589. Please feel free to email [lindalillonorman@gmail.com](mailto:lindalillonorman@gmail.com).



### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

***Come and join the fun Thursday evening in the Joy Classroom at 7:00 pm,*** knitting and crocheting for our ministry. We have supplies and will teach. We continue to wear masks and sit social distancing. For more information, call Virginia Spear 305-522-2978.

"New Prayer Shawl by Deborah Shelley"



## God's Kitchen/Food Pantry

*Our food pantry will be moving back inside starting June 10. We will also be serving Thursday night God's Kitchen free dinners inside as well. Togo meals will still be available. If you are able to help with our dinners, cooking, cleaning, or serving up meals on Thursdays, or if you can help with our pantry, creating grocery bags or handing out food, 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](mailto:pastor.foote@outlook.com).



## Sunday Movie and Luncheon

Burton Memorial's **Sunday Movie and Luncheon** will continue into June as new episodes for "The Chosen" Season 2 are released. The event will start at 12:00 pm with a luncheon in the fellowship center, followed by a viewing of the various episodes of "The Chosen" in the sanctuary.

We will need volunteers to prepare the luncheons on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church at (305) 852-2581 and sign up for a Sunday.

## Post Covid-19 Party

Every day we get more and more good news about people getting vaccinations and how the number of deaths and hospitalizations are on the decline due to Covid-19. Now, I know we are not out of the woods yet, but I am starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel, and I see Reed Bennet's constant prayer for the removal of Covid-19 starting to come true.

With that said, **when** we are finally clear of this virus, we need to celebrate in a big way. So, right now I would like to take all your ideas and suggestions as to how we can celebrate. Call me or text me at (305) 407-7040.

## Prayer for COVID-19

Jesus, during your ministry on Earth, you showed your power and caring by healing people of all ages from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to those who need your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel your power of healing through the care of doctors, nurses, and others who help them in any way. We pray you take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation felt throughout the world.

Compassionate God, who in your Son Jesus Christ healed the sick, touched the hearts of the troubled, and sent disciples to announce good news to the poor, we offer this prayer for peace and for the intentions of all those who are praying with us.

Amen.

**— MAKE —**  
**A SUGGESTION**

*Your Idea Counts!*



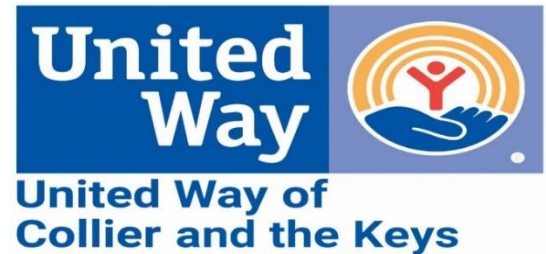
### Ocean Reef Community Foundation Grant

Many thanks to the *Ocean Reef Community Foundation* for their continued support in *funding the refrigerated truck used to deliver food from Publix and Winn Dixie to our Food Pantry*. They also support our food pantry program by *donating money to Feeding South Florida on our behalf*, which allows us to purchase canned and dry food at greatly reduced prices.

*The Ocean Reef Community Foundation also granted \$7,000 for the CDC Summer Program for 2021*. This grant will allow the enrichment of the Summer Program by offering weekly field trips to venues that emphasize STEM and environmental learning activities, such as a Deering Estates Virtual Field Trip – Build your own terrariums, Beach Cleanup, Miami Seaquarium, Frost Museum of Science, Zoo Miami, Jacob’s Aquatic Center, Miami Children’s Museum, the Real Food Academy, and the Alligator Farm.

### United Way of the Collier and the Florida Keys Grants

The United Way of Collier and the Florida Keys just awarded Burton’s Food Pantry \$8,625, to supply groceries and meals to our community for 9 months beginning July 1, 2021. They also awarded our Child Development Center \$3,375 to provide summer program activities for Upper Keys children.



### Chapters Health Hospice Support Groups



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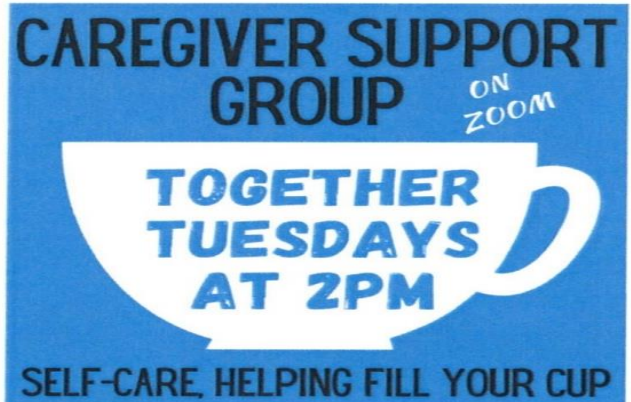
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