

Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: April 4, 2021 Title: Living The Resurrection: Easter Worship Series Theme: Terror and Amazement Purpose: Even though our foundations have been shaken, we move forward, because that is where the Risen one is going. He is going ahead of you. Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 New Testament (Epistle): 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 New Testament (Gospel): John 20:1-18</p>	<p>Date: April 11, 2021 Title: Living the Resurrection Theme: Unless I See Purpose: Blessed are those who haven't seen and yet believe. Old Testament: Psalm 133 New Testament (Epistle): 1 John 1:1 – 2:2 New Testament (Gospel): John 20:19-31</p>
<p>Date: April 18, 2021 Title: Living The Resurrection Theme: Touch and See Purpose: What can we provide, what hands-on proof can we give that Jesus is alive among us? Old Testament: Psalm 4 New Testament (Epistle): 1 John 3:1-7 New Testament (Gospel): Luke 24:36b-48</p>	<p>Date: April 25, 2021 Title: Living The Resurrection Theme: Listen to My Voice Purpose: The real question for us today is not, "Will God speak to me, to us today?" Old Testament: Psalm 23 New Testament (Epistle): 1 John 3:16-24 New Testament (Gospel): John 10:11-18</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 5th grade and a nursery for infants and toddlers.

Church Contacts

Phone: 305-852-2581, Fax: 305-852-4917

Email: burtmemorial@bellsouth.net Pastor: pastor.foote@outlook.com

Administrative Assistant: bae_bmumc@att.net Web Site: www.BMUMC.net

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!*

April Birthdays:

April Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
John Baxter	1	Doratheia Tewes	20	Sharon & Larry Albury	21
Claude Bullock	17	Anne Dunn	24		
Susan Hulsbeck	19				



The Beacon

a monthly newsletter publication of Burton Memorial UMC
April 2021

Pastor Kerry's Corner

Of all the high holy days on the calendar of faith, Easter is by far the highest and the holiest. There is no exuberance that is too loud, no expression of joy that is over the top, no exercise of new life that can be shut down. Easter calls for excess. Don't let it slip in silently; it needs brass accompaniment. And not just on one day. Easter is not a day; it is a season (50 days). That is why our worship series grabs hold of Easter and runs all the way to Pentecost, breathless and panting for the Spirit to come and breathe new life into our lungs so that we can endure the journey through the long season after Pentecost.



The joy of Easter needs to sustain us until the Spirit can launch us into the next phase of experiencing the kin-dom of God. The twentieth-century humorist Evan Esar said, "Easter is the only time when it is perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket." **Who knows what that means?** It is about leaning into Easter with all your faith, with all your hope. "Living the Resurrection" is about putting all your spiritual eggs in the basket of new life, new hope. It is our hope that through this long, but important series, the congregation can try on their new Easter clothes, living into what this gift is all about.

We call ourselves Easter people, but what does that mean? How do we live in the real world as those who are fully committed to the promise of Easter? What does it look like for a community of faith to grab hold of this new way of living, this new way of being a part of the kin-dom of the Resurrected One?

We focus on the gospel text for this season (series), but the other texts might also help us illuminate these stories. But our question is always, "**How does this help me live today?**" Grasping a historical understanding of the text is always a valuable exercise, and we'll do some of that as we go through this series. But in the end, it is about application. It's about more than just understanding what happened; it is really about living the Resurrection, right here and right now.

Smokin Monday Adult Bible Study

We will be hosting a Monday Night Bible study that will coincide with our sermon series "**Living the Resurrection**". 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 Pastor's address is: 123 High Street, Tavernier FL 33070.

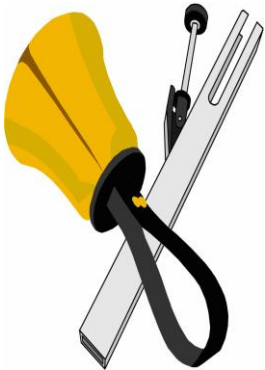
If you have any questions you can call Pastor Kerry at 305-407-7040.



The Bible Study will start on Monday, April 12, 2021

Choir News

We are still not singing in church due to the pandemic. The choir will start again as soon as it is safe to do so. Until then, keep singing safely, in the car, in the shower, wherever you can. "This too shall pass."



Ringling News

There is a ***new beginner bell opportunity!*** Join us on ***Wednesdays at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary for beginner hand chimes, along with beginner bells.*** Our beginner handbell/chime ministry is looking for a few more new ringers! 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, our advanced handbell choir, is rehearsing on Wednesdays starting 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! Please see any bell choir member or director RaeLeigh Gonsalves for more information.

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 continue with their studies. ***Please contact the church office at 305-852-2581 with any changes.***



God's Kitchen/Food Pantry

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.

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	+ / -
10	7-Mar	\$3,470	\$3,310	160	\$29,830	\$33,100	-3,270
11	14-Mar	\$5,778	\$3,310	2,468	\$35,608	\$36,410	-802
12	21-Mar	\$2,219	\$3,310	-1,091	\$37,827	\$39,720	-1,893
13	28-Mar	\$2,418	\$3,310	-892	\$40,245	\$43,030	-2,785



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

Burton's Green Team asks:

- | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
|---|------------|-----------|
| - Science shows us that climate change is the most pressing threat facing our planet today. Do you agree? | ___ | ___ |
| - Coral reefs are home to 25% of all marine species.
Does it disturb you that, unless we take immediate action, we could lose up to 70% of our coral reefs by 2050? | ___ | ___ |
| - Does it concern you that 40% of our rivers and lakes in the U.S. ... are too polluted for swimming or fishing? | ___ | ___ |
| - Do you consider it extremely important to reduce carbon emissions to a level compatible with a healthy planet? | ___ | ___ |
| <i>Are you alarmed by the following scientific predictions?</i> | | |
| - Within ten years most people on the planet will face life with water shortages? | ___ | ___ |
| - By 2050, the world's population is estimated to be nine billion, and over half will be breathing polluted air? | ___ | ___ |
| - One fourth of the Earth's species will be headed for extinction by 2050 if the warming trend continues at the current rate? | ___ | ___ |
| - Do you believe that we must move toward energy practices that lessen the harmful impact on our planet? | ___ | ___ |
| - As people move into cities at a faster rate than ever in our history, should we work with municipal leaders to make cities more sustainable, flourishing places to live? | ___ | ___ |
| - Do you believe that unless we act now, irresponsible development, unchecked deforestation, and other harmful practices will destroy the world's remaining woodlands and rivers...prairies and canyons... and seashores and rainforests? | ___ | ___ |

The Green Team answered: YES, YES, YES, YES, YES, YES, YES, YES, YES, and YES . . .

because we care for God's creation!



Faith, hope and love in action,
Burton Green Team

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.

Rummage Sale Thank You

A big thank you to all the wonderful people who donated, all the volunteers that sorted and priced, and everyone who came to buy. You made our rummage sale a success! We raised over \$1800! It truly is humbling to see our church come together like this. Thanks also to the kitchen crew for their yummy breakfast!

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.

Your health and wellness journey, what stage are you in? Travel the journey to a new healthy you!

Maintenance: Have you created a new routine?

Make your future a healthy one. Remember that eating healthy, getting regular physical activity, and other healthy habits are lifelong behaviors, not one-time events. Always keep an eye on your efforts and seek ways to deal with the planned and unplanned changes in life.

Now that healthy eating and regular physical activity are part of your routine, keep things interesting, avoid slip-ups, and find ways to cope with what life throws at you.

Power of prayer and meditation

- First things first! Making prayer and meditation a priority is my basis for successful change. God always provides, answers my prayers, and knows me best.

Add variety and stay motivated

- Mix up your routine with new physical activities and goals, physical activity buddies, foods, recipes, and rewards.

Challenge yourself

- Revisit your goals and think of ways to expand them. For example, if you are comfortable walking 5 days a week, consider adding strength training twice a week. If you have limited your [saturated fat intake](#) by eating less fried foods, try cutting back on added sugars, too. Small changes can lead to healthy habits worth keeping.

Protect yourself and your family by getting your Covid-19 Vaccine when it is your turn.

“At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food.” **Daniel 1:15 NIV**

If you have questions or if I can help in anyway, please call me, Debbie Premaza, at 305-546-6682.

2021 VITA Tax Preparation for Tax Year 2020

FREE Tax Preparation for Monroe County Residents with a Household Income Under \$57,000 in 2020

Each year, the United Way of Collier and the Florida Keys offers free VITA tax preparation for qualifying taxpayers. Our **IRS certified VITA volunteers** are prepared to complete simple federal tax returns, including identifying available credits.



Due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines, **Volunteer Income Tax Preparation (VITA)** tax preparation is very different from prior years. Availability may be limited and there may be a waiting period, but we will do our best to help as many taxpayers as quickly as we can. Our VITA volunteers are ready to help!

Learn more at: www.KeysUnitedWay.org/vita. Questions? Contact us by email at VITA@keysunitedway.org or call us at 305-563-1470.





**United
Methodist
Women**
Faith • Hope • Love in Action



We want to thank everyone who stepped up to help all the different programs the United Methodist Women support around the world these past few weeks, by either filling a World Thank Offering container, or by making a tea or “no baking” contribution. If you didn’t and want to, it is not too late. Please make your check out to Burton UMW.

Remember every little bit helps and there are so many that are depending on your contributions this year around the world and close to home, like our own Wesley House in Key West, Florida. Hopefully, as things return to some sort of normal, we will be able to have our tea next year. The church is moving in that direction with holding a yard sale this year, and hopefully with more activities to come.

We have been holding our meetings in person and zoom for the past few months. I know everyone looks forward to getting together back in someone’s house rather than the church Fellowship Center, but we are glad to meet there right now. We hope you might join us as well. We have our meetings on the fourth Monday of each month.

The date for April’s meeting is April 26 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. We wear our masks and practice social distancing. If you can’t make the meeting in person, we are doing them with zoom and Edith is running the computer for us. The meeting id number and passcode are listed in the Calendar of Events for that week in Sunday’s bulletin. We hope that whichever way you join us – in person or zoom – that you will join us! We have a wonderful program presented by the members. There is lots of fellowship afterwards, and of course, refreshments. If you need more information or a ride, please call Mary Lou (305-394-3878). With love, faith and hope, Mary Lou Wilkinson, President

Prayer Bead Ministry

The month of April has arrived, and April is spiritually known as a time of growth and moving forward in new and positive ways. It is the ideal month to start a healthier living and raising your consciousness of how important each new day is in our lives. These thoughts brought me to a poem that I recite each morning to make me aware of the new day ahead. May I share this with you?

Yesterday is now a part of forever...its tasks are done...It is in God's hands.

Tomorrow is yet unborn. It's beyond our reach.

It's only a promise.

Only today is thine.

Let me welcome then as my complete treasure of time.

Let me forget the clouds of sorrow which fell across yesterday and ignore the rain that may come tomorrow and cheerfully say,

“Isn't it nice today?”

Speaking of positive thinking, remember our prayer beads. If you are interested in purchasing our prayer beads, please contact Linda Norman at 305-393-2589. Please feel free to call, or text or email to lindalillnorman@gmail.com to make arrangements.



UMW “Cake Less” Bake Sale

The United Methodist Women of Burton Memorial UM Church are hosting our first annual “cake less” bake sale. We are a humanitarian service organization improving the quality of life for women and children in our community through service and advocacy.

Many is the time I heard one say
I would rather give “cash” than bake today.
And so, we are asking you to help more or less
To make our bake-less bake sale a big success.

Just send us the money that it would take
To bake a loaf of bread or a beautiful cake.
Or send in the amount of money it takes to buy
A dozen rolls or maybe a pie.
We know you can help us if you will but try.
You’d be surprised if you counted the cost
Of ingredients, heat, and the time you’ve lost.



***Burton United Methodist Women invite you to donate what you would have spent to attend our Annual Tea.
Please make your check payable to Burton Memorial UMW and send to:***

Burton Memorial UMW
93001 Overseas Hwy.
Tavernier, FL 33070

Thank You to the Child Development Center

I want to share this with you because I am a firm believer that your program has impact on children not just in education and development, but in finding faith in the Lord. We received an email this morning from a caregiver and I’ve copied a portion that I felt you needed to see. Please read the story below in confidence, and send my love to your entire staff and Pastor Kerry. Together, Burton Memorial CDC and Wesley House Family Services make a huge difference in the lives of at-risk children. Wesley House staff member.

From a caregiver:

I just wanted to encourage you this morning with a sweet story. I know that being a social worker is a HARD job and it's not easy. That's why I want to share this, to encourage you.

I was tucking in a young girl 2 nights ago and I handed her the little flashlight that I give her each night when she goes to bed. She looked at me and said "You know what? I don't need this flashlight to see in the darkness. Do you know who gives me light in the darkness? God gives me light!!" I was blown away by the truth that is planted in her heart.

So today I'm having my quiet time with the Lord and just praying. I open my bible to read and my eyes fix on Isaiah 60:19 "The sun shall no longer be your light, Not for brightness shall the moon give light to you; But the Lord will be to you and everlasting light; And your God your glory."

I was asking for the Lord to give me more confidence about taking care of Jane and John (names changed for children's privacy). This scripture brought tears to my eyes. I am so thankful that you are a Christian and I can share this with you, and you understand the power that is active and alive. I am asking you to keep these two in prayer with me.

I hope this encourages you today!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

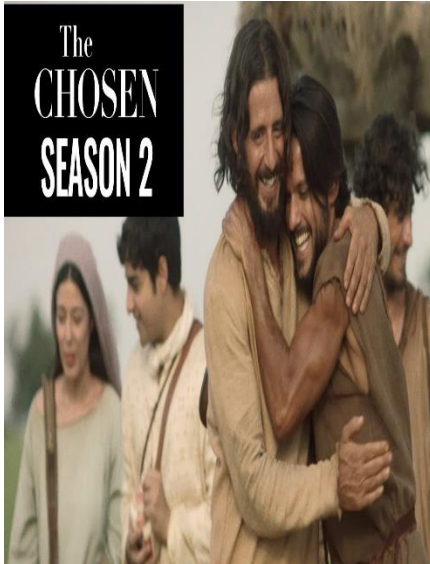
On Easter Sunday, hand crocheted crosses will be given to those attending both the 8:30 am and the 10:30 am services. A big thank you to Bootsie Wells for crocheting them for us.

Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Joy classroom to crochet and knit. We have supplies and we will teach you. For more information, please call Virginia Spear 305-522-2978.



Sunday Movie and Pancake Luncheon

Now that the “The Chosen” season 2 is out, we are going to keep the fellowship and movie time going. However, we are moving the movie night to a **movie afternoon** and add a little something more than just popcorn.



Starting Sunday, April 11, Burton Memorial will be hosting a **Sunday Movie and Pancake Luncheon** for individuals that would like to join us in viewing “The Chosen” Season 2. The event will start at 12:00 pm with a pancake luncheon in the fellowship center followed by a viewing of the various episodes of “The Chosen” in the sanctuary. *(Mask will still be required in sanctuary)*

We will need volunteers to prepare pancakes and sausage on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church at (305) 852-2581 and sign up for a Sunday. The batter and sausage will be provided, all you have to do is prepare the food and serve from the steam table.

To help those that are participating in our Health and Wellness “Biggest Loser” event, fresh fruit will also be provided as a substitute for the pancakes.

Post Covid-19 Party

Each and every day we are starting to 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!