

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: January 2, 2022 Title: Come Home for Christmas (series) Theme: The Light of Home (2nd Sunday after Christmas) Purpose: This week can be a continuation of last week; the Christmastide desire to hold on to the hope of Christmas. Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:7-14 New Testament (Epistle): Ephesians 1:3-14 New Testament (Gospel): John 1:(1-9), 10-18</p>	<p>Date: January 9, 2022 Title: Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ Theme: Well Pleased Purpose: We who gather for worship have caught a glimpse of something, and we come to celebrate and to lean into that hope. Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7 New Testament (Epistle): Acts 8:14-17 New Testament (Gospel): Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</p>
<p>Date: January 16, 2022 Title: Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ Theme: Varieties of Gifts Purpose: We see God's love in the way service builds relationships and then those relationships create community. Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5 New Testament (Epistle): 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 New Testament (Gospel): John 2:1-11</p>	<p>Date: January 23, 2022 Title: Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ Theme: You Are the Body Purpose: But, while last week was to emphasize the unity of the whole community of faith, this week shifts to the individuals who are gifted among the body. Old Testament: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 New Testament (Epistle): 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a New Testament (Gospel): Luke 4:14-21</p>
<p>Date: January 30, 2022 Title: Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ Theme: The Greatest of These Purpose: As we worship, let us sing about loving; let us pray to be more loving; let us hear stories of powerful and transforming love. Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10 New Testament (Epistle): 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 New Testament (Gospel): Luke 4:21-30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday's Service Information</u></p> <p>We will still have one 10:00 a.m. worship service on January 2nd and 9th. However, at the time of writing this newsletter, we are currently looking at our numbers to determine if we want to keep just one service at 10:00 a.m. or go back to our two services at 8:30 and 10:30. STAY TUNED</p>

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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	
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	



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LOVE NEVER ENDS WORSHIP SERIES



Ordinary time is the season that follows Epiphany, although most of the time we call it the “season after Epiphany.” In Year C of the lectionary cycle, the Epistle readings for this Ordinary Time are the Letters to the Corinthians.

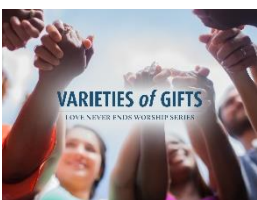
Perhaps the best-known passage, or best-loved passage from I Corinthians is chapter 13, the famous “love chapter.” Our new sermon series will be on the Epistle readings as a way of seeing the light of Christ through the lens of love. “Love Never Ends” is both a description and a promise.

You are invited to journey with us, guided by the Corinthian epistles to let the light shine around you, and in you, and then from you as we seek to continue to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We who have seen the light of Christ now desire to reflect it in our community and in our world by letting others see Christ through our loving presence.



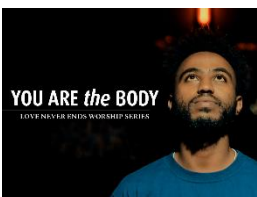
January 9th:

Epiphany is about the revealing of the light to the world. Not all see it, of course; this is why Jesus frequently said, “let those who have ears to hear, hear.” Even we have moments where we aren’t so sure that we have seen that light. Yet, we who gather for worship have caught a glimpse of something, and we come to celebrate and to lean into that hope.



January 16th:

“Love never ends” is the guiding theme for the whole series, but it is manifest in a variety of ways through these texts from I Corinthians. We begin this week with an emphasis on giftedness. God’s love for us is shown in the work that we do and in the gifts that we use. But not just in the doing itself, we see God’s love in the way service builds relationships and then those relationships create community.



January 23rd:

We are continuing the focus on gifts of the Spirit this week. But while last week was to emphasize the unity of the whole community of faith, this week shifts to the individuals who are gifted among the body.



January 30th:

As we worship, let us sing about loving; let us pray to be more loving; let us hear stories of powerful and transforming love, all with the intention of shaping our everyday lives along the pattern Paul describes in I Corinthians 13.



The Traveling/Smoking Tuesday Adult Bible Study

Our Smoking Tuesday Night Bible Study is on Tuesday nights and will continue in January. We will be sticking to the same schedule as before.

6:00 to 6:30: Food and Fellowship

6:30 to 7:30: Bible Study (In person or on Zoom)

The study will coincide with our current sermon series. Stay tuned for the place. We will make the announcement of where the Bible Study will be held every Sunday prior to the study. As always, the meat will be provided by the host, and those attending are asked to bring a side dish to share.

The meeting place will vary, with different church members volunteering their homes. Don't forget, the study will be posted via Zoom and an e-mail and text will go out on Mondays, with an invite.

Potluck Luncheon

Due to the rise of the new Omicron variant of covid cases in Monroe County, Burton will not be hosting a potluck on January 2, 2022. Just until things settle down...we will get back to our monthly Potlucks.



Membership and Information Class

Pastor Kerry Foote will host a membership and information class in his office 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. *This month's class we be on January 2, 2022.* 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.

Ringling News

Join us on Wednesday, January 5, at 3:00 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 3:00 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 5, at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary. We are always seeking new ringers. If you have handbell and/or music experience, we would love to have you. See any bell choir member or director RaeLeigh Gonsalves for more information.

The Burton Ringers and Burton Belles would like to thank the generosity of our congregation, Pat Witchel and Sue Peacock for the gifts to purchase the 5th octave of choir chimes and the 5th octave of handbells. Our ministry is growing, and we are so excited to see what 2022 "rings" in. We are grateful for the support of our church and the commitment of our ringers. Look for our next concert in the spring!



Altar Flowers

The Flower Calendar for 2022 is ready for you! 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 year is 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 some help with our Food Pantry Ministry. Many of our volunteers are still off visiting with family and friends, so we could use a few extra hands in the pantry to help 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.*

Operation Christmas Child

Through your love and support we were able to send 76 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.



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.

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	+ / -
49	5-Dec	\$3,322	\$2,154	1,168	\$142,526	\$119,784	22,742
50	12-Dec	\$3,646	\$3,004	642	\$146,172	\$122,788	23,384
51	19-Dec	\$1,718	\$3,004	-1,286	\$147,890	\$125,792	22,098
52	26-Dec	\$1,284	\$3,004	-1,720	\$149,174	\$128,796	20,378

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

Writing this article was difficult, I want to stay in the present. It is only December 20, and I am forced to think about New Year's 2022. 2021 has been good for some and for some not so good. You may be anxious to look to a new year, new beginnings, new adventures, new goals. Looking for something different through a different lens or maybe a new path. Some ways to do this is through New Year's resolutions, planning, and goal setting. Here a few ideas:



1. Make a budget goal, a plan or path, and stick to it (adjusting if needed along the way).
2. Eat foods that make you well (Eat for more energy, happier, healing).
3. A consistent sleep schedule.
4. Read more, learn something new, brain activities.
5. Plan how you can be more present and intentional.
6. Embrace the journey, stop to enjoy journey.
7. Lists to keep productive.
8. Gratitude lists, meditation, and mindfulness.
9. Let go of the past and stop worrying about the future (pray, pray, pray)
10. Autogenic training, affirmations, and journaling.
11. Workout routine (a body in motion, stays in motion)
12. Embrace the journey, be consistent, and make a plan.
13. Declutter your space, time and your mind.
14. Take risks, learn from mistakes, and have more fun.
15. Explore healthy cooking, start a new hobby, volunteer.

Article from Danna: <https://leanhealthyageless.com/gods-bucket-list-for-your-life-2/>

It is my desire to allow God to write my list each day and for me to simply follow. Sometimes he gives me an assignment to improve how Robyn and I coach women toward greater health. Sometimes he lays a friend on my heart or it's simply a time to rest, renew, and to celebrate.

Of course, I can still have personal goals and desires, but I think Proverbs 37:4 gives us great insight into how to fulfill the deepest longings of our heart. It says, "Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart." Notice the delight in Him comes first. Then, our desires are in sync with his and we are completely fulfilled.

Jumping from airplanes, dream vacations, and a great accomplishment fulfilled gives us pleasure for a little while. But delight in the Lord permeates our entire being and gives us eternal, fully satisfying contentment...forever! Live Intentionally!

Happy healthy New Year to my Church Family!

Adopt a Family - Thank You From Parent of Six

Our family is so overwhelming grateful for the gift that felt like manna in the desert. As a parent of 6 children this year, I was starting to accept the fact we just could not afford any gifts. I made plans to play board games and share bible stories of God's many blessings, what Jesus has done, and other things that would focus away from an empty tree. In my flesh I felt weak as a parent, but as I prayed over still tithing and asking God to accept my small spec with a grateful heart. I also felt saddened by the fact the church I was attending joined with another church due to lack of funds. Feelings of abandonment and being forgotten were my daily struggle.

Your more than generous gift brought a sign to our family that God never forgets His children and distance doesn't matter. He is never far away. Our family was not too small nor forgotten. Burton Memorial, you were the vessel God used to touch our family in a way like never before, and bring the Hope of Faith that only God can through such humble loving hearts. On behalf of our family, thank you! Our hearts are forever grateful and will remember every Christmas a light shines through you.



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Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year with family and friends. As I am having to get the UMW announcement out earlier and earlier each month so I can't wait until after our wonderful Christmas party to write about what happened. You will have to wait until next month. But if you didn't make last month's meeting, we had so much fun gluing shells on different items, and everyone went home with a wonderful gift 📺 or ? Thanks to Edith for bringing in the arts and crafts. 😊

Monday's January 24, 2022, meeting will be at Old Settlers Park, at 11:30 am. Please bring your own bag lunch. I'll bring a pan of brownies to help with the picnic theme. We will eat together and then have the meeting. We will enjoy God's great outdoors and hopefully 🍷 a little cooler weather. And we'll discuss maybe having our annual tea again or something else. Seems like things are not quite back to what they were, so we are having to come up with a different plan that will make everyone feel comfortable. If not next year, then maybe the following year.

There are some things that haven't changed; we still have a wonderful reading program. Even if you do not come to the meetings but are looking for a book for inspiration or something uplifting, books are available in the church narthex. Just write down the title of the book and your name. Bring it back and cross out your name. There are lots of books to choose from, and hopefully some new ones soon. So please help yourself. Hope to see you at one of our meetings in the coming New Year. 😊

Love, hope and faith,
Mary Lou Wilkinson, President



Prayer Shawl Ministry
Happy New Year and a big thank you to all who contributed to our ministry. If you're a regular attendee or a winter visitor, come join our group on Thursday evenings in the Joy Classroom. We have plenty of knitting needles, crochet hooks, and yarn and we can teach. We have a great social time also. For more information, please call Virginia at 305-522-2978.

Prayer Bead Ministry

Here we are back again with our suggestion to add to your list of resolutions the idea of learning a new craft. How about a craft "that brings love and prayerful joy to your loved ones or comfort to a stranger in pain or sorrow?" Consider learning how to make Protestant Prayer Beads!

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

Secondly, how to 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 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 purchasing a kit of prayer beads, please contact Linda Norman at 305-393-2589 and she will assist in your New Year's resolution! Please feel free to call or text or email to lindalillonorman@gmail.com.

Happy New Year





Burton United Methodist Women invites you to...

Tech Savvy Seniors

Fridays, January 7, 14 and 28

8:30 – 10:00 AM

at Burton Memorial United Methodist Church

Mile Marker 93, Oceanside

Classes are FREE

Betsy Baste, Instructor

Sponsored by:

The Community Foundation of the Florida Keys

Keys to Peace & JOY, Inc.





Thank You

On behalf of myself and the staff of Burton Memorial UMC, I would like to say thank you for the generosity of the congregation in regards to the Christmas Bonus donations this year. 2021 was a very tough year it if feels so good to be recognized for the effort and hard work that was put forward to make the ministry of the church happen.

Coming Events to Mark Your Calendar

Pancake Dinner (Mardi Gras / Shrove Tuesday)

Date: March 1, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Center

Shrove Tuesday serves multiple purposes of encouraging Christians to repent of their sins before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday and also giving them the opportunity to partake in a last round of jubilation before the beginning of the austere Lenten season.



Pancakes are connected with Shrove Tuesday as a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting period of the 40 days of Lent. Liturgical fasting calls for eating simpler food while abstaining from meat, dairy products, or eggs.

On Shrove Tuesday, the final day of the Shrovetide season, many Christians, such as Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, and Roman Catholics, have an emphasized focus of self-examination, reflecting on what sins they need to repent for, and what improvements in life or aspects of spiritual growth they need to ask God's help in edifying.



Ash Wednesday Service

Date: March 2, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Sanctuary

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

During Mass (for Catholics) or worship service (for Protestants), the priest or pastor will usually share a sermon that is penitential and reflective in nature. After this, the congregation will be invited to receive the ashes on their foreheads. Usually, as the priest or pastor will dip his finger into the ashes, spread them in a cross pattern on the forehead, and say, "From dust you came and from dust you will return."

Confirmation Class

Date: March 6 – May 29 (*Every Sunday*)

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Center

This class will be for youth that are 5th grade and up. Lunch will be provided and please stay tuned for more information.

