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HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT BHUMC

Palm Sunday March 29

9:00 & 10:30am **Worship with Palms to take home**
Special music & Youth Choirs (10:30am)
Noon **Easter Egg Hunt** for all!
New: *At-Your-Own-Pace Egg Hunt* also available
Please invite your friends for the fun!

Maundy Thursday April 2nd

6:00pm **Maundy Thursday**
Holy Communion remembering The Last Supper

Good Friday April 3rd

noon-3pm **Contemplative Time**
Open time to remember Jesus' last hours Taizé music

Easter Sunday April 5th

9:00am **Easter Worship**
Celebration of the Resurrection and New Life Special music & **brass trio**

10:30am **Easter Worship**
Celebration of the Resurrection and New Life Brass trio **Children's time** with puppet friend

- **Please feel at home in our accessible building, parking and bathrooms, with an elevator for upstairs Sunday School rooms. A lower sensory worship experience available in Knight Hall.**
- **You are invited Sundays after both services for coffee, conversation and snacks (with gluten-free options) in Knight Hall.**

Our 2026 Easter Offering magnifies our individual gifts by working together to serve our community. *This year's offering supports domestic natural disasters, unhoused families and food insecurity through gifts to several local food pantries. Please use the special offering envelopes in the pews or give online (see our website) and choose "Easter Offering."* ***Together, let us bring resources and hope to our neighbors. Thank you for your generosity!***

Listening, Learning, and Focusing on the Future Together

Following the announcement of our transition to one pastor leadership due to finances, church leadership began the listening process. Our goal: To hear the voices, questions, and concerns of our church community.

Listening: Our church community received multiple ways to share what was on their minds and hearts, including talking with church leaders and each other, sending questions via an electronic form, writing questions on cards placed in the pews and submitting them into red boxes in the Narthex and Knight Hall, and emailing questions to April Hicks, our Church Council Chair.

Learning: A team of church leaders carefully reviewed, organized, and shared the questions with the appropriate church committees. The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) received the staff related questions and process questions, including those related to the United Methodist structure. Budget and finance questions were sent to the Finance Committee. Additional questions not directly related to the transition—but still important—were noted for future attention.

Next we conducted a "lightning round" review to identify questions with immediate answers, especially relating to United Methodist processes. These questions and responses were posted on the bulletin board in Knight Hall to reflect the breadth of input received and also shared with the church community via email. Unfortunately, a question-and-response session scheduled for early March was canceled due to illness and a March SPPRC meeting was postponed due to weather.

Focusing on the Future Together Several themes emerged as especially important to our church community:

* **Celebrating Ian:** Plans are underway to celebrate Ian on **May 17 (Music Sunday)—**a date chosen thoughtfully, as many folks begin summer travel after Memorial Day. SPPRC will provide leadership for the celebration, and yes… a celebration always includes cake.
* **Supporting Pastor Amy in a One-Pastor Model:** SPPRC is deeply aware of pastoral care during this transition. In the coming months, they will continue to evaluate needs, knowing that flexibility, creativity, and shared leadership will be essential.
* **Questions About Worship and Ministry on Sunday Mornings:** SPPRC Co-Chair, Beth McLaughlin, shared the following recommendation with the Church Council on March 16, 2026.

Recommendation: Join the 9:00 and 10:30 am services into one unified service beginning at 10:00 am. In making this recommendation, SPPRC gathered information regarding potential impact from church staff and ministry leaders, in addition to considering benefits and challenges.

Church Council agreed with SPPRC's recommendation. This change begins **Sunday, May 3, 2026.**

This is a season of change but also a season of deep listening, care, and commitment to each other, BHUMC, and the One who sustains us.

Special K News

Thank you for your generous donations of baby and adult care products to help support Young Parents United. We collected 109 adult items including soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotions and dental care. Babies received 608 diapers, 868 wipes, 7 lotions and ointments, 8 containers of formula, and 5 bottles of shampoo and body wash.

The products were taken to Young Parent United's offices in Schenectady on March 13. The staff there was very grateful for our help and kindness. Thank you !

Weekly Studies & Activities for Adults at BHUMC: Open to Everyone!

No matter your schedule or interests, there's a place for you to grow in faith and community this fall. Join one of our adult study groups to learn, share, and connect with others.

Early Birds – ***Mondays at 9:30 am*** *in the Fireside Room.* We are reading "Hagitude—Reimagining The Second Half of Life" by Sharon Blackie. Books are available in the church office.

Meditation – ***Tuesdays from 10am-11:30am*** *in the Sparkle Room upstairs,* facilitated by Marilyn Stoner. Each session is stand alone; come when you can! Call/text Marilyn 502-456-1502 for more information.

Explorers – ***Wednesdays at 9:30 am*** *in the Fireside Room.* No pre-reading required – just come ready to learn and ask questions. Contact Ian if you are interested!

Queer Holy Club offers a gentle, ongoing, openly affirming, and fully inclusive space for LGBTQIA+ people and their supporters seeking a safe place to reconnect with faith and community. We meet **Wednesdays at 7 pm** (except the last Wednesday of the Month) at Burnt Hills Pizza Works. Contact: Pastor Ian

Seekers: Sisters in Christ – ***Thursdays at 9:15 am*** *in Knight Hall.* Studying "Lent in Plain Sight—A Devotion Through Ten Objects" by Jill J. Duffield.

Monthly Activities: Please Join Us!

Men's Breakfast: April 4

The next Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, April 4 at 8 am in Knight Hall**. Spread the word, and bring a friend. We hope to see you there!

Caregiver Support Group: April 4

Are you the caregiver for a family member or friend? Do you know someone who is having difficulties with caregiving? It helps to talk to others going through the same experiences. This group is open to both church members and non-church members.

The Caregiver Support Group will meet **Saturday, April 4 at 10:30 am** in the Fireside Room. We welcome caregivers in all stages of caregiving from taking care of a loved one in their own housing to dealing with hospice in nursing homes. *Contact Diane Skibinski at* ***dskibins@gmail.com*** ***or 518-423-2887.***

United Women in Faith: April Gatherings

United Women in Faith

faith action sisterhood

TUESDAY CONNECTION CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, April 14 at 9:30 am in Fireside**. We will be filling and wrapping Birthday Boxes for the Scotia Food Pantry. Pick a theme and bring your own supplies.

SPECIAL K Circle will meet on **Monday, April 27 at 2 PM in Fireside.** Nancy Adams will be sharing her trip to Colombia, South America.

UMW Circles are small groups that gather monthly for fellowship and a variety of programs and projects. All meetings are open and welcoming. For more information, contact Holly Rogers at 399-8629.

Lunch Bunch: April 24

Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Jade Bistro (120 Mohawk Ave., Scotia) on **Friday, April 24th at 12:00 pm.** Contact Carol Borthwick (518-399-5405) or Lynn Christie (518-399-8838) if you would like to attend.

Encore! Musical Theater Camp - Volunteers Needed

We are excited for our three-week **Encore! Musical Theater Camp** this summer! We are overjoyed to share that the camp is already full, with 40 students enrolled in this year's program.
Are you interested in volunteering to help bring Encore! to life at Burnt Hills United Methodist Church? We would love your support in creating a fun, welcoming, and creative experience for our campers!

Location: Burnt Hills United Methodist Church (816 Route 50, Burnt Hills, NY)
Camp Dates: Monday–Friday, July 6–24, 2026
Camp Times: 2:30 PM arrival | 2:45 PM snack | 5:15 PM dismissal
Volunteer Hours: 2:30–5:30 PM, Monday–Friday
We are seeking assistant volunteers who are able to commit to the full three weeks if possible. If you have a scheduling conflict or two, please feel free to note that when you sign up.
Camp Details: 40 students total, divided into two groups of 20

Save the Date: Counselor & Staff Training – Monday, June 29, 2026 (5:30–7:30 PM)
ENCORE MS & HS Student Volunteer Sign Up – Deadline April 15
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKwsbF5xwZA2hzzJ1j355XUqAC3Cl3R2z3nT1p7ynYpiM5LQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor

ENCORE! Adult Volunteer Sign Up – Deadline April 15
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMq85Pv5SKvp-abnVUY96OeUle8Xwfu9by1m8Muw0RFX_vtA/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Email Jillzygo@gmail.com with any questions.

Youth Group Update

Starting Sunday April 19th we will begin weekly youth group meetings after service from 12-2pm. When we switch to one service on May 3rd, we'll meet from 11:30am-1:30pm through June 14th. All youth 5th grade and above are invited to join us for lunch, conversation, and some exciting activities.

Adult volunteers are invited to join in the fun. If you are interested in assisting please reach out to Angie Barclay at (484) 597-2635 or Stephanie Tope at 518-466-6566.

SAVE THE DATE! Fun Relay for Life Team Event

There will be a "Paint and Snack" event in Knight Hall on Thursday, 5/28, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM put on by SG Relay for Life Team, and 100% of the funds raised will go to the **American Cancer Society.**

Adrienne Hall, owner/operator of Adrienne's Artistic Experiences, will lead the class to create a painting in the style of Monet's Water Lilies. All materials included, as well as hearty snacks/treats.

Looking for an experience for a Mother's Day Gift? This could be perfect! Just $45/per person. **To register and save your spot, contact Diane Skibinski: dskibins@gmail.com**

Soup Kitchen: No soup kitchen in April. Watch for signups for May 18th & June 15th

Memorial Committee Scholarships

College or Trade School around the corner? **We urge high school seniors to apply for Memorial Committee scholarships now.** Applications are available in the church office. You may also call the church office at (518) 399-5144 and ask for an application to be mailed to you or go to the Church website: nybhumc.com and click on more to download the cover letter and application. **The deadline for submission is May 11.** Lynn Christie, Memorials Chair

Registration Open for Skye Farm Camp Summer Camp!

In the summer months we host a resident Christian summer camp where all youth from ages 6 to 18 are invited to spend a week or more at one of our exciting summer camp programs. **Scan the QR code to view the program offerings and to register. Our church offers camperships to pay for summer camp. Contact Pastor Amy or Jodi Facteau-St.Gelais.**

2026 Earth Day Mini Fair / Plant & Seed Swap

Join the Social Justice Action Group for a special Earth Day Mini Fair and Plant & Seed Swap on April 19th, immediately following the service! Celebrate creation care with us as we share plants, seeds, and ideas for sustainable living. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just getting started, **all are welcome to bring seeds or plants to swap—or simply come to learn and connect.** It's a great opportunity to build community, support local growing, and **honor Earth Day here together on 4/19**.

2026 Easter Offering

This year's Easter Offering will **support UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in its efforts to give aid during **domestic disasters**. This year's flooding and hurricane season have caused widespread damage. With the changing weather patterns there is sure to be more calls for help.

Our other Easter Offering emphasizes food insecurity. The **Regional Food Bank and food pantries in Galway**, **Lifeworks Community Action** in Ballston Spa and the **Sycamore connective, formerly SICM,** will receive monetary donations. A new organization we are supporting is **Raindrops Closet for Homeless Families.** We have helped them in the past with goods and financial aid from LAF. In 2026, we would like to directly support their food program. We are thankful for your continued support of our own food pantry. Thank you also for giving to the Easter Offering. Please use special offering envelopes in the pews or give online through Vanco on our website. Your generosity helps **so many people.**

Crop Walk

Once again, let's take small steps that will make a BIG difference in our community and globally! BHUMC will join a community event on **Sunday, May 3rd**, for Schenectady's **CROP Hunger Walk**. We will collect monetary donations ahead of the event to support people **locally** and globally in finding sustaining answers for hunger, shelter and employment issues. Our church has participated in this event for over 40 years! **Registration for walkers will begin at noon. Opening Ceremony will start at 1 pm**, with the Walk to follow! This year, we will be walking at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish School, 1801 Union St. Schenectady, NY 12309. We can carpool. To register, speak with Paula Miller (518-399-7422). Watch for details in bulletins.

More SAVE THE DATES

March 27: Book Signing - Liberty's Prison
March 29: Palm Sunday / Easter Egg Hunt
April 4: Men's Breakfast & Caregivers Group
April 5: Easter Sunday
April 25: BHUMC Open house
May 3: Change to One Service Only
May 3: CROP Walk
May 10: Mother's Day
May 3, 10, & 17: New Members Classes
May 17: Music Sunday/Pastor Ian Celebration
May 31: New Members Sunday
May 31: Last day of Sunday School

Check out our real-time online church calendar for updates & changes: www.nybhumc.com/calendar.html

To Those Who Like to Peel Carrots

Come grab a bunch of carrots, if you like to peel.
We could use your help today, we're making a wonderful meal.

Lots of carrots will be needed, so here's your chance to shine.
We're making corned beef and cabbage, no carrot will be left behind.

So bring your friend and grab your carrots
and go and peel at home.
Have a "peeling party"! There's no need to peel alone.

Don't peel over the garbage, carrots can slip out of your hands,
and then that slippery carrot will end up right in the can.

We appreciate your peeling, we simply don't have the time,
The kitchen will be very busy, coming together is simply divine.

Our congregation will gather, bring along family and friends.
Great food, conversation and laughter,
a wonderful time will be had.

Please join us here on March 7th and thank you all for peeling,
we couldn't do this without you,
coming together is a beautiful feeling.

by R Pol
March 1, 2026

2026 Corned Beef and Cabbage Community Dinner Update

Our Corned Beef and Cabbage Community Dinner on March 7th was very successful. **We served 74 eat in dinners, 75 take outs, and gave away 14 gratis dinners**. It makes us happy to share dinners with residents at **The Guardian House and the Foreverly House**. These are homes for our women veterans, and recently added was a single Mom and her children. **We realized $1,393.43.**

Thanks to everyone who had a part in preparation and serving. The fellowship experienced by all who worked so hard, and all who enjoyed such a great meal is beyond words. We thank God for our shared abundance and love. Blessings, Linda Noonan

March Preschool Notes

March was a very busy month in preschool. Our 4/5 year olds spent the month learning about weather, dental health, and science. We also had an amazing field trip to Pizza Works, where we had the chance to make our own pizzas, explore the kitchen, and learn about nutrition. Our 3 year old class acted out many nursery rhymes and fairy tales. Both classes had the opportunity to plant seeds (grass for the 4/5s and pumpkins for the 3s). We celebrated St Patrick's Day and prepare our classroom for Easter.

Our Easter celebrations and egg hunts will take place April 1st and 2nd, then we will be off for a week on Spring Break. Upon returning to school our 4/5 year olds will begin their unit on Space. The 3 year olds will be focusing on reptiles and insects. Ms. Laura with LTG Photography will be in to photograph both classes.

Our open house for the 2026/27 school year will held at the church on April 25th from 10am-noon. <u>Please help us spread the word.</u>

April 2026

For the most up-to-date calendar, check our webpage at **www.nybhumc.com**. Want to add something to the master calendar? Email burnthillsumc@gmail.com or call 518-399-5144.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 **8:30-10:30am** Fix-its **9:30-10:30am** Explorers/Fireside **6-7pm** Troop #3910/ Upstairs **6-7pm** Troop #3934/ Upstairs Classroom **6:30-8pm** Troop #2424/Sparkle Room **7-8pm** AA/Fireside **7-8pm** Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works	**2** **9:15-10:45am** Seekers/Knight Hall **6-7pm** Maundy Thursday worship/ Sanctuary **7-8pm** Choir Rehearsal/Loft	**3 No preschool** **12-3pm** Taize Meditation/ Sanctuary	**4** **8-9am** Men's Breakfast/Knight Hall **10:30-11:30am** Caregiver's Support Group/Fireside
5 ***Easter Sunday*** **9-10am** Worship **10:30-11:30am** Worship	**6 No preschool** **4:30-5pm** Private Piano Lesson/KH **6-7pm** Troop #3892/ Knight Hall **6:30-8:30pm** Troop #2169/Sparkle Room	**7 No preschool** **10-11:30am** Meditation/ Sparkle Room **6:30-8:30pm** SPRC/ Fireside Room **7-8:30pm** Troop #3056/Knight Hall	**8 No preschool** **8:30-10:30am** Fix-its **6-9:30pm** Saratoga Voices/Knight Hall **6-7pm** Troop #3857/ Upstairs **7-8pm** AA/Fireside **7-8pm** Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works	**9 No preschool** **9:15-10:45am** Seekers/Knight Hall **10:30-11:30am** BH-BL Women's Club Board Meeting/ Fireside Room **7-8pm** Choir Rehearsal/Loft	**10 No preschool**	**11**
12 **9-10am** Worship **10:30-11:30am** Worship	**13** **9:30-10:30am** Earlybirds/Fireside **12-3pm** BH-BL Women's Club Luncheon/Knight Hall **4:30-5pm** Private Piano Lesson/KH **5:30-7:30pm** Troop #3916/Upstairs Classroom **6-7pm** Troop #3847/ Knight Hall **6-7pm** Troop #3801/ Upstairs Classroom **6:30-8:30pm** - Troop #2169/Sparkle Room	**14** **9-10am** Qigong Classes/Assembly Room **9:30-11am** Tuesday Connection Circle/ Fireside **10-11:30am** Meditation/Sparkle **6-7pm** Troop #3877/ Knight Hall **7-8:30pm** Troop #3056/Knight Hall	**15** ***Newsletter deadline*** **8:30-10:30am** Fix-its **9:30-10:30am** Explorers/Fireside **6-9:30pm** Saratoga Voices/Knight Hall **6-7pm** Troop #3910/ Upstairs **6-7pm** Troop #3934/ Upstairs Classroom **7-8pm** AA/Fireside **7-8pm** Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works	**16** **9-10am** Qigong Classes/Assembly Room **9:15-10:45am** Seekers/Knight Hall **10:45-11:45am** Memorial Committee Meeting/Fireside **7-8pm** Choir Rehearsal/Loft	**17**	**18**
19 **9-10am** Worship **9:45-10:25am** Youth Choir **10:30-11:30am** Worship **11:30am-12:15pm** Voices of Hope Choir **12-2pm** Youth Group **12-1pm** Earth Day Mini-Fair	**20** **9:30-10:30am** Earlybirds/Fireside **4:30-5pm** Private Piano Lesson/KH **6-7pm** Troop #3801/ Upstairs Classroom **6:30-8:30pm** Troop #2169/Sparkle Room **7-8:30pm** Ad Council Meeting	**21** **9-10am** Qigong Classes/Assembly Room **10-11:30am** Meditation/Sparkle **1-3pm** BH-BL Women's Club Book Club/Fireside Room **7-8:30pm** Troop #3056/Knight Hall **7-8pm** Trustee Meeting/Fireside	**22** **8:30-10:30am** Fix-its **9:30-10:30 am** Explorers/Fireside **6-7pm** Troop #3847/ Knight Hall **6:30-8pm** Troop #3857/Upstairs **7-8pm** AA/Fireside **7-8pm** Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works	**23** **9-10am** Qigong Classes/Assembly Room **9:15-10:45am** Seekers/Knight Hall **6:30-7:30pm** Troop #3020/Knight Hall **7-8pm** Choir Rehearsal/Loft	**24** **12-2pm** Lunch Bunch/Jade Bistro	**25** **10am-12pm** Preschool Open House
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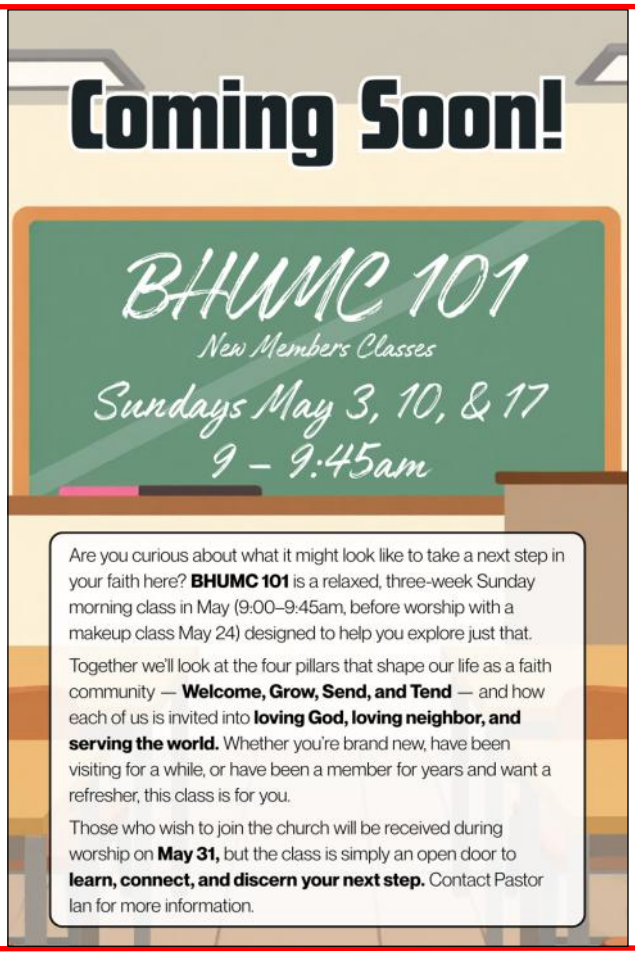
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