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Burnt Hills UMC News October, 2025

Pollinator garden stepping stones!

***Supplies Needed:
Please donate any supplies to help us such as colored glass or glass stones, bucket, cement or other items! Place in box in Knight Hall near Social Justice bulletin board.

Join Social Justice Action Group
Monday, October 13 at 2:00 pm
Location: outside patio, (weather permitting)

Sign Up in advance by contacting Cathy Bryson 518-428-9691 (cell) or writing your name on the list outside Knight Hall.

All ages event led by Jenny Bassett!

At the end of the activity, we will have a prayer in the garden.

Adult Studies at BHUMC

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 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Participants read assigned material before each session and gather for thoughtful discussion. Contact: Pastor Amy*
- **Explorers** – *Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. No pre-reading required. This fall, the group will be guided by Reconciling Ministries Network's Love Alike: A Small Group Practice Engaging Faith and Politics, a curriculum designed for open conversation and reflection. Contact: Pastor Ian*
- **Queer Holy Club** – *Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (except the last Wednesday of each month) at Burnt Hills Pizza Works, 720 Saratoga Rd, Burnt Hills. A safe space to enjoy good food, connect with one another, and talk theology (and whatever else is on our minds). LGBTQIA+ affirming. All respectful attendees are welcome. Contact: Pastor Ian*
- **Seekers** – *Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. in Knight Hall. A women's group that reads together, shares discussion, prays, and enjoys fellowship. Current book: Wesleyan Vile-tality: Reclaiming the Heart of Methodist Identity by Ashley Boggan, Ph.D. Contact: Pastor Amy*

United Women in Faith

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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 399-8929.

faith action sisterhood

TUESDAY CONNECTION Circle will meet on **Tuesday, October 14 at 9:30 AM in Fireside**. We will be preparing mail for our college students with care packages for the freshmen.

SPECIAL K Circle will meet on **Monday, October 27 at 2:00 PM in Fireside.** We will be making ornaments for our entry in the BH-BL Women's Club Christmas Tree Festival.

Caregiver Support Group

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

The next Caregiver Support Group meeting will be **Saturday, October 4, at 10:30 am** in the Fireside Room. The caregivers who attend this support group are in all stages of caregiving from just taking care of a loved one in their own apartment or house to those dealing with hospice in nursing homes. *Diane Skibinski is the facilitator and can be reached at* ***dskibins@gmail.com or 518-423-2887*** *for any questions.*

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES - Jodi Facteau-St.Gelais

Our Youth Ministry activities have had quite a busy schedule!

BH area ecumenical Vacation Bible School @BHUMC - We welcomed approximately **35 students** to participate in Road Trip fun this August for four days of Bible stories, crafts, science, snacks, recreation, and music! Our **25 volunteers** had a fabulous time navigating through the week. We shared in Bible stories such as Abraham trusting God to direct him to his new home, Mary sharing her joyful news with Elizabeth, Zacchaeus asking for forgiveness and God loves everyone, and Paul traveling to share the good news about Jesus! We all continue to remember our special Green Light verse for the week, *The Lord your God is with you wherever you go* Joshua 1:9. Thank you as always to BHUMC for supporting us!

BHUMC Sunday School - Sunday School has begun for this school year. We have approximately **26 students from ages 3-5 Pre-K to High School**! We are looking forward to the year full of faith lessons, snacks, fun, and friendship! **We are still looking for a few volunteers to help with the teaching load, especially for our grades 3-5 group.** We already have the lessons and crafts planned for the year, so all we would need are a few adults to teach the lesson and supervise the craft during class time! Questions? Contact Jodi Facteau-St.Gelais!

Teen activities - We hope to gather a group with MS/HS age youth from other area UMCs for fun activities. More information to come!

Winter Sports Equipment Sale

The Burnt Hills United Methodist Church is sponsoring our 65th Annual Winter Sports Sale which will be held from **9:00 am till noon on October 25.** Please help spread the word about this great community event that gives the community an opportunity to recycle winter sporting equipment. Ice skates, sleds, sports clothing, downhill and cross-country ski equipment, ski racks, and goggles will be sold. **Older straight skis will not be accepted this year.** Community members who wish to sell equipment may deliver it to the church between **6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23 and 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24.** Sellers determine the cost of the articles for sale, and **receive 75% of the sale price**. Donations of equipment are gladly accepted. We need lots of help! Please check your schedule and let us know if you can help anytime from **Thursday 10/23 through Saturday 10/25.** Contact Greg and Nancy Adams for more information or to help: 518-399-5875 or burnthillsumc@gmail.com or the church office, 518-399-5144.

Reconciling Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, October 19 at both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services** as we celebrate the anniversary of Burnt Hills UMC becoming a Reconciling Congregation through the Reconciling Ministries Network. On this special Sunday, we recommit ourselves to the work of RMN's mission of a Church that's fully inclusive, affirming the dignity, gifts, and leadership of LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the Church and beyond.

Charge Conference

Our annual Charge Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m.** at **Shenendehowa United Methodist Church (971 Route 146, Clifton Park, NY 12065).** This important gathering is when we celebrate our ministries, conduct essential business for the year ahead, and join with our district family in worship and holy conferencing. All are welcome to attend and participate in the spirit of community. Please note: only members of Burnt Hills UMC may cast votes. For more information, contact Pastor Amy.

Trustees Update October 2025

The Trustees have had a busy summer! We have accomplished two major tasks and have a third project underway.

We have replaced the dishwasher in the kitchen! Al Pirigyi has been valiantly helping the old one limp along for several years, but it was time to upgrade and give Al a break from hot water spraying all over. If you take a peek in the kitchen, you'll see that the new dishwasher has an apparatus with small tubes linking the top section with the main body. The tubes deliver sanitizing chemicals so that we don't have to use a lot of hot water during the dish washing process, which will reduce our energy costs.

We have also replaced all of the concrete-bound heating pipes. When the building was constructed, common practice was to lay the heating pipes with the foundation. Unfortunately, when the pipes eventually fail, it is nearly impossible to access them to repair them. We replaced about half of our pipes last winter when they failed. In an effort to be proactive, we replaced the rest this summer. Some of our new shiny copper pipes can be seen at the back of the sanctuary against the choir loft. Others have been hidden behind radiator covers. These new pipes should last a long time, and when they need to be serviced, we'll have easy access.

Our current project is re-roofing the walkway in front of the sanctuary and up to Knight Hall. The repair crew will be completing this project during the week. It involves lifting the air conditioning unit that serves Knight Hall and adding layers to build a better slope.

Keep an eye on the bulletin for our Fall Trustees Cleanup Day! We would love to have many hands to help put the grounds to bed for winter.

We need you! If you are interested in serving on Trustees, please discuss your interest with one of the current members and Pastor Amy.

Blessing of the Animals & Pizza Party

In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi—the saint who loved all God's creatures—join us on **Friday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m.** for a joyful Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets (or a photo if they'd rather stay home), then stay for pizza and community fun. All are welcome—two-legged, four-legged, finned, or feathered! Please RSVP so we know how much pizza to order. For more information, contact Pastor Ian.

Safe Sanctuaries Training

At Burnt Hills UMC, our mission is to **Love God, Love Neighbor, and Serve the World.** Part of living that mission is making sure every child and youth experiences church as a safe and loving place. In keeping with the Annual Conference's new Safe Sanctuaries policy, **all volunteers who work with children and youth must complete updated training.** Join us on **Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** A light lunch will be provided. Registration is required—please complete this form to reserve your spot. For more information, contact Pastor Ian.

Youth Group Fall Movie Night

It's movie night, and YOU get to call the shots! Middle and High Schoolers are invited on **Friday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.** for a night of pizza, popcorn, and hanging out with friends. Want your favorite movie on the big screen? Fill out the form and vote—it could be the one we watch! Don't miss the fun!

Office News

The front and back doors will be locked while preschool is in session. Please ring the bell for assistance.

Council Meadows

Council Meadows Senior Housing will be under new management beginning October, 2025. We are looking for a part time maintenance person. If interested please contact bdecker@deckermanagementservices.com, office: 716-844-2158 or cell: 716-255-4155.

Adirondack/Albany District Day

Please join us for the 2025 District Day on **Saturday, October 25**! It will once again be held at the Saratoga Springs UMC, 175 Fifth Ave., Saratoga Springs. Approximately 18 workshops will be offered during 3 timeslots.

The day will begin with worship at 8:45 AM and will conclude at 3 PM. There is no charge. Morning snacks and lunch are provided. There will be facilitators from our Conference Missional Excellence Team, as well as our District Superintendent, some district pastors, our Adirondack District Lay Leader and the Albany District Lay Servant Director.

Scan the QR code on the left for descriptions of the workshops we have lined up so far. We may be adding another two or three. Scan QR code on the right for the registration form.

If you've never participated, please come! It's a wonderful time of loving, learning and leading!

All are invited! This is not limited to the Adirondack and Albany Districts, and you don't have to be a member of the United Methodist Church to participate!

If you have questions, please contact Carrie Boyer, District Day coordinator @ her home number (518) 383-4873 or her personal email: jboyerart@aol.com

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday celebrates the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. As we gather around the Lord's table, we recognize our unity in Christ, joining with others worldwide in Holy Communion. Embracing this commitment, United Methodists are dedicated to nurturing diverse leadership within the church by allocating funds for scholarships and leadership training for under-represented students.

Contributions fund scholarships for U.S. and international students, as well as grants for global inclusion, diversity, equity, and access training. Last year, over $360,000 was raised. We will observe World Communion Sunday on **October 5, 2025.**

STUDENTS - Join Our Choirs!

We're excited to welcome singers of all ages to a new season of music, faith, and friendship. Both choirs are free to join and open to all

Youth Choir (Grades 1–6)
A joyful space for beginner singers to learn through songs, rhythm games, and fun activities! The choir sings in church 4–5 times during the school year.

- **Rehearsals:** Most Sundays, 9:45–10:25 AM
- **First Rehearsal:** September 21
- **Final Rehearsal:** Early May

Voices of Hope Choir (Grades 6–12)
A vibrant, welcoming group for middle and high schoolers who love to sing! We explore a wide range of Christian music—from contemporary artists like Lauren Daigle to timeless hymns like *Amazing Grace.*

Rehearsals: Most Sundays after church, 11:30 AM–12:15 PM

- **First Rehearsal:** September 21

Note: 6th graders may choose to join either choir.

Cost: Free! no fees to participate!

To sign up or ask questions, email **Jill Zygo at jillnyhan@yahoo.com**. If you have a younger child (Pre-K–K) interested in singing, let Jill know—she may form a Cherub Choir if there's enough interest!

Save the Date: Caroling at Glendale Nursing Home, **Wednesday, December 10**. All are welcome!

Trunk or Treat

We hope you can decorate your trunk for our next Trunk or Treat on October 26 at noon! Last year we had a wonderful turnout! Even if you can't stay for the event, we welcome candy donations starting beginning of October in the narthex.

Men's Breakfast starts in October

Another year, another round of breakfasts! Our chefs, Terry and Mike, have had all summer to come up with new recipes! So join us on **Saturday, October 4 at 8am in Knight Hall**. Come hungry and bring a friend. Questions call Mike Thomas at (518) 859-1988.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will resume on **Friday, October 24th** . We will be meeting at **Pizza Works (720 Saratoga Rd, Burnt Hills) at 12:00 pm.** Contact Carol Borthwick (399-5405) or Lynn Christie (399-8838) if you would like to attend.

Be Ready to Save a Life: CPR Training

Join us for a CPR training led by **Skye Farm site director Robyn Vernon** and hosted in partnership between Burnt Hills UMC and Shenendehowa UMC on **Saturday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m. at Shenendehowa United Methodist Church.** This is not only a chance to learn lifesaving skills, but also to connect with neighbors from another church community. Space is limited to 12 participants, and registration is required. A second training will be offered at Burnt Hills UMC in early 2026 for those unable to attend this session. For more information, contact Pastor Ian.

Coming Soon: "Counterculture" – A Stewardship Series on Faithful Living and Generous Giving

Our world is full of messages about success, security, and status. We're told to hold tightly, accumulate more, and measure our value by comparison. **But what if the way of Christ leads us in a completely different direction?**

This November, we will be running a four-week series called Counterculture — **a call to live generously, love deeply, and root our identity not in the world's expectations, but in God's transforming grace.**

Rooted in the Wesleyan and United Methodist tradition, this series will challenge us to resist the pressures of consumerism and scarcity-thinking. Instead, we'll explore what it means to be people of compassion, humility, action, and generosity. Each week, we'll look at scripture that highlights how followers of Jesus are invited to live by a different standard — one shaped by God's love, not by cultural norms.

At the conclusion of the series, you'll be invited to respond by turning in an **Estimate of Giving Card for 2026**, as an act of prayerful commitment to live more generously in the year ahead. Because giving is about forming our faith and not just funding.

As we prepare our hearts for this important season, take a moment to reflect: **Where is God calling you to live differently? Where might generosity be your own countercultural act of faith?** We look forward to walking this journey together — in worship, in community, and in bold, Spirit-led generosity.

Spaghetti Dinner to Support the Angel Fund

No one should face life's challenges alone. On **Friday, October 17 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.,** you're invited to gather for a spaghetti and meatball dinner to support one of our young adults, Makenzie Rodriguez, as they prepare for heart surgery this month. Together, you can surround Mackenzie with love and help ease the burden of medical costs through the Angel Fund. Suggested donation is $20. Please RSVP so we can set a place at the table for you. Takeout available.

Preschool

Preschool is back! We are so excited to start off a new year with such a great group of kids. We reviewed our class schedule and rules and the kids are adjusting well. We have a lot of returning friends who are eager to help their new friends learn the ropes. Our 4 year old M,W,F class will be going on 2 field trips this month. The first will be to J.L. Knight and Son Family Farm for our Apple and Orchards unit. We will then move into fire safety and visit the Burnt Hills Fire Department Station #2.

Our 3 year old T,Th class will be learning about animals. Our amazing pastors have offered to continue the Animal Blessings by blessing our preschool friends' stuffed animals. Dr Pete Farrell and his dog Buddy will be popping in for our Veterinary unit.

Both classes will transition into Halloween fun for the end of the month. We will be decorating our classroom with their artwork and inviting their families and friends to stop in and visit the classroom, meet their students' classmates and families and play together. We provide snacks and drinks to encourage our visitors to hang out and build relationships with one another.

HELP NEEDED: We couldn't have the amazing preschool program we have without the help of our church community. We have 2 requests for the month of October and we hope you can assist us.

Our 1st need is NUT FREE baked goods for our **Open House on Saturday Oct 25th.** If you are able to make something for us to distribute to our guests, please **drop it off in the kitchen by Friday evening (October 24th).** Be sure to label it for preschool. Any remaining goodies will be given back to the church for coffee hour.

Our 2nd request is for Trick or Treat helpers. Every year we have amazing church members who volunteer to hand out candy or treats to our students as they Trick or Treat throughout the building. Trick or Treating takes place **Thursday, Oct 30th and Friday, Oct 31st at 10:40 am**.

We are compiling a list of possible substitutes to fill in when either Mrs. Barclay or Mrs. Tope are unavailable. The preschool teachers will reach out by 8:00 am to see if you are available to sub that day. Substitutes would need to be at the church by 8:50 am in order to welcome the students by 9:00 am. As a sub, you would be responsible for assisting the main teacher by running the Arts and Crafts center for the morning, cleaning tables and prepping for snack and being a second set of eyes for the students. All crafts will be prepped and set out for easy assembly.

If you are interested in helping out with any of these requests, please contact Stephanie Tope at 518-466-6566 or bhumpreschool@gmail.com.

Thank you for your help!

All Saints Sunday

On **Sunday, November 2nd**, we will light a candle and read the names of our beloved who have joined the great cloud of witnesses since last All Saints Sunday. Please submit any names you would like to have read to the office by **October 19.**

Stewardship Planning for 2026

Your generous gifts to the Burnt Hill UMC ministry plan – the shared vision for what God will accomplish here in Burnt Hills – is what enables this church to remain a strong and thriving faith community for all. Next month, we will be focusing on Stewardship, leading up to Commitment Sunday on November 23rd when we dedicate our 2026 Estimate of giving/Pledge to God during our worship service. At this time, start thinking about what your financial commitment to BHUMC will be in 2026.

Whenever you give one dollar to BHUMC's ministry plan, it is put to use to ensure that programming, resourcing, and staffing are utilized to accomplish the church's mission:

34 cents goes toward/shared discipleship/offerings, including Christian education, bible studies, community outreach, service opportunities, and a deeply rooted social justice witness; 21 cents supports/meaningful and impactful worship/on Sunday mornings and throughout the liturgical year; 16 cents ensures/this community's physical space is clean, safe, and welcoming through maintenance and upkeep; 16 cents tends to the /administrative needs of ministry/, including communications and financial stewardship; And 13 cents/ joins forces/with the gifts of other United Methodist congregations, multiplying this church's collective efforts in ministry around the world.

Estimate of Giving/Pledge Cards for 2026 will be sent out at the end of the month, and they will also be available in the narthex, the gathering space leading to our sanctuary. We invite you to bring your completed Estimate of Giving/Pledge Card with you to Commitment Sunday on November 23rd, or mail it to the church office.

Meanwhile, we continue to offer thanks to those who are supporting the ministry plan this year! Those who pledged commitments for 2025 will soon receive 3rd quarter mailed statements from Sue Zoller, our Financial Secretary, showing what the church has received from you through September 2025. If you see any discrepancies, or have a question, you can reach Sue in an email at financialsecretary@burnthillsumc.org.

Thank you for all the ways you participate in the life of the BHUMC, and thank you for your continued faithful stewardship.

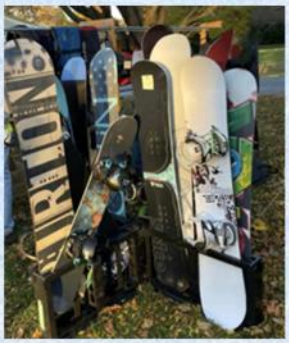
April Hicks
Stewardship Team

Music

We may not all be singers, but **each of us has a song to sing!** And if you feel like sharing your vocal gifts in the Chancel Choir, **weekly rehearsals** are at **7:00 pm on Thursday in the choir loft**. It's a fun and meaningful way to worship God, and you'd be helping others in worship. **Join us in the loft**; it's the best seat in the house!

Pete Van Keuren

WINTER SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE



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816 ROUTE 50, BURNT HILLS

For more information, contact Greg Adams at 518-399-5875 or burnthillsumc@gmail.com.

LAF Match Challenge – Success!!!

The LAF Match Challenge was a huge success! The Stewardship team approached the LAF leadership team to brainstorm on an idea to help us raise funds for the 2025 Burnt Hills UMC ministry plan. The result was a matching challenge to run in June and July. During this time, LAF would match donations at 50%, up to $10,000.

We spread the word to our church community during worship services and through a postal mailing, and we communicated the opportunity to our pre-school families and other groups who utilize our church facilities.

And thanks to our collective generosity of over $20,000 of donations, we were able to realize all $10,000 of the LAF match by mid-July! Our Senior Pastor Rev Amy Gregory and her husband Bill Phillips shared an additional challenge of a personal match of up to $5,000 to gifts that came in for the remainder of the month of July, and we raised even more funds due to their leadership as faithful stewards.

The combined challenges raised a grand total of $47,500 for the Burnt Hills UMC ministry plan which we celebrated during in our August 3rd worship service and coffee hour.

Thank you to all who were able to contribute. Thank you to the LAF leadership team and to Amy and Bill for providing the means to multiply our collective giving toward a ministry plan that supports the mission of our church.

Burnt Hills UMC is a great place to love God, love neighbor, and serve the world!

April Hicks

Stewardship Team

BHUMC Directory

We're updating our Church Directory this fall and want to include YOUR smiling faces. This directory will help us learn names of folks who worship and serve together, stay connected, and strengthen our church community. Any person who connects with BHUMC either on our livestream or in person is welcome to participate in the directory. Church membership is not required to participate in the directory.

Do now: Think about the photo that you want to submit. Family photos or individual photos are welcome. Please include your fur babies, if you wish. You are welcome to wear casual attire or dress up. We encourage photos that focus on faces so plan waist up photos. Clear, well lit photos will work best.

Do in October: Watch the bulletin and the BHUMC website for ways to submit your photos and confirm directory info. Options will include: Bringing a photo to the church office for scanning. Submitting the photo electronically. Coming to the church for a photo opportunity on specific dates. We'll be creative together!

Let's work together to make this directory a heartfelt reflection of our church community. Thank you for being a part of it!

Jan Tunison
BHUMC Lay Leader

October, 2025

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 the office at 518-399-5144.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 **8:30am** Fix-its **9:30am** Explorers/ Fireside **6:00pm** Troop #3910/ upstairs **7:00pm** AA/Fireside **7:00pm** Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works	**2** **9:15am** Seekers/KH **6:30 pm** Troop #3020/Knight Hall **7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal/Loft	**3** **5:30pm** Blessing of the Animals & Pizza/ Knight Hall	**4** **8:00am** Men's Breakfast/Knight Hall **10:30am** Caregiver's Support Group/ Fireside
5 **9:00am** Worship **9:45am** Youth Choir **10:30am** Worship **11:30am** Voices of Hope Choir	**6** **9:30am** Earlybirds/ Fireside **6:00pm** Troop #3892/Knight Hall **6:30pm** Troop #2169/ Sparkle Room	**7** **8:45am** Blessing of the stuffed animals **10:00am** Meditation/ Sparkle Room **6:30pm** SPRC/ Fireside **7:00pm** Troop #3056/Knight Hall	**8** **8:30am** Fix-its **9:30am** Explorers/ Fireside **6:00pm** Troop #3857/ upstairs **7:00pm** AA/Fireside **7:00pm** Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works	**9** Set up for Craft, Fabric and Yarn Sale/ Knight Hall **9:15am** Seekers/ Fireside **10:30am** BH-BL Women's Club **7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal/Loft	**10** Set up for Craft, Fabric and Yarn Sale/Knight Hall	**11** **9:00 am** Craft, Fabric and Yarn Sale/Knight Hall
12 **9:00am** Worship **9:45am** Youth Choir **10:30am** Worship **11:30am** Voices of Hope Choir	**13** **9:30am** Earlybirds/ Fireside **12:00pm** BH-BL Women's Club luncheon/Knight Hall **2:00pm** Garden Stepping Stones/ Patio **6:30pm** Troop #2169/Sparkle Room	**14** **9:30am** Tuesday Connection **10:00am** Meditation/ Sparkle Room **5:30pm** Troop #3877/ Upstairs **7:00pm** Troop #3056/Knight Hall	**15** **8:30am** Fix-its **9:30am** Explorers/ Fireside **6:00pm** Troop #3910/ Upstairs **7:00pm** AA/Fireside **7:00pm** Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works	**16** **9:15am** Seekers/KH **6:30pm** Finance Meeting/Fireside **6:30 pm** Troop #3020/Knight Hall **7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal/Loft	**17** **9:00am**Set up for Spaghetti Dinner **5:30pm** Angel Fund Spaghetti Dinner	**18** **9:30am** CPR Training at Shenendehowa UMC **5:30pm** Charge Conference at Shenendehowa UMC
19 **9:00am** Worship **9:45am** Youth Choir **10:30am** Worship with baptism **11:30am** Voices of Hope Choir	**20** **9:30am** Earlybirds/ Fireside **6:30pm** Troop #2169/ Upstairs **7:00pm** Church Council/Knight Hall	**21** **10:00am** Meditation/ Sparkle Room **1:00 pm** BH-BL Book Club/Fireside **6:00pm** Troop #3917/ Upstairs **7:00pm** Troop #3056/Knight Hall **7:00pm** Trustee mtg./Fireside	**22** **8:30am** Fix-its **9:30am** Explorers/ Fireside **6:00pm** Troop #3857/ upstairs **7:00pm** AA/Fireside **7:00pm** Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works	**23** **9:15am** Seekers/KH **6:00pm** Winter Sports Sale drop off **7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal/Loft	**24** **12:00pm** Lunch Bunch at Lakeside Farms **5:00pm** Winter Sports Sale drop off	**25** **8:45am** Albany/ Adirondack District Day at Saratoga Springs UMC **9:00am** Winter Sports Sale/Knight Hall **10:00am** Preschool Open House
26 **9:00am** Worship **9:45am** Youth Choir **10:30am** Worship **11:30am** Voices of Hope Choir	**27** **9:30am** Earlybirds/ Fireside **2:00pm** Special K/ Fireside Room **6:30pm** Troop #2169/ Upstairs	**28** **10:00am** Meditation/ Sparkle Room **5:30pm** Troop #3877/ Upstairs **7:00pm** Troop #3056/Knight Hall	**29** **8:30am** Fix-its **9:30am** Explorers/ Fireside **6:00pm** Troop #3910/ upstairs **6:30pm** Troop #2424/ Sparkle Room **7:00pm** AA/Fireside **7:00pm** Social Justice Action Group/Knight Hall	**30** **9:15am** Seekers/KH **11:15am** Preschool Halloween Party **1:00pm** Women's Club Pie Distribution/Kitchen/ Knight Hall **7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal/Loft	**31** **11:15am** Preschool Halloween Party **12:00pm** Lunch Bunch at Pizza Works	

Lord's Acre Fair 2025

We did it again! The Lord's Acre Fair was a smashing success on every level. Despite the wind and rain that caused some problems on Saturday, thousands of people experienced all the smells, sounds and loving spirit that our fair brings to the community. Friday was a fabulous weather day and we had a steady stream of visitors, even selling out the chicken barbecue. We had the bag sale early on Saturday because of predicted rainfall. More than $1000 of $3.00 bags were sold!

All the usual booths were back and in addition we continued to provide great kid entertainment with pony rides, the Reptile Experience, the bounce house, the Raptor Exhibit and lots of good music, all for free.

The Burnt Hills Tennis Team came again this year and was so helpful in bagging up all the left over clothes for donations to the City Mission Warehouse.

Although the fair was financially successful, raising more than $46,000, the true success of the fair is found in the fellowship, outreach and the loving and giving spirit that is found in every encounter among our church community and the people coming to the fair.

As always, the fair reached out to many others in our community.

- Books were given to public libraries, Reading is Fun, Little Libraries, schools, and the Maine Penitentiary.
- CDs were given to Art Teachers to be used in projects.
- Thank you all for your many donations to the food pantry during the last two months. Many people at the Fair received food.
- A new Outreach Project for our church is a comfort closet. We will provide clothing, towels and personal items. The goods will be placed in Knight Hall in a hutch provided by the Home Store at the LAF. When people come in to access the food pantry, they will be able to have other needs met.
- Samaritans Purse is receiving clothing.
- A local animal shelter got cat and dog supplies including bowls, blankets, leashes, etc.
- Back Stretch workers at the track received blankets.
- Saint Clements Food Pantry received clothing for their once a month giveaway.
- Birthright was given baby clothing, blankets, toys and supplies.
- Young Parents United received strollers, pack and plays, car seats, highchairs, toys, clothing, blankets, towels, furniture, lamps, dishes and pots and pans.
- A needy family took over 35 bags of clothing from the bag sale and additional discounted goods.
- Guardian House, the shelter for homeless women veterans received 7 dinners. New this year, we brought Four dinners to For Everly House, a shelter for veteran moms and their children that is on Route 50.
- There were lots of free things for the kids to do including Pony Rides and a petting zoo including goats, rabbits, chicks , The Reptile Adventure with snakes, lizards and tortoises, a Raptor exhibit and the bounce house.
- On Monday, bags of clothing and linens will be taken to City Mission Warehouse in Rotterdam.

We continued outreach beyond the fair using the town garage sale. We let people take away any thing that we had and they could give a donation to UMCOR in support of Flood Relief.

The Lord's Acre Fair Committee.

2025 LORD'S ACRE FAIR - September 5 & 6, 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT - Comparison with Past Years

As Of: 9/17/2025

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2019	2018	2017
	NET INCOME	NET INCOME	NET INCOME	NET INCOME	NET INCOME	NET INCOME	NET INCOME	NET INCOME
Baked Goods								
Books & Software	$2,385.05	$1,948.28	$1,908.70	$1,421.46	$1,722.69	$2,032.37	$1,732.23	$1,835.24
Bounce Around	$37.35	$46.00	$27.00	$109.69		$67.25	$79.35	
Chicken Dinner	$3,282.00	$2,611.92	$2,604.46	$3,666.35	$3,108.07	$3,140.50	$3,139.49	$3,399.21
Chicken Take Out								
Country Store	$1,843.07	$1,367.47	$1,433.92	$1,221.31	$1,382.69	$1,282.41	$1,359.13	$1,773.34
Crafters (Independent)	$465.00	$700.00	$540.00	$540.00	$535.00	$435.00	$475.00	$400.00
Designer Boutique	$1,710.26	$1,607.50	$2,188.80	$1,638.50	$1,717.52	$2,484.84	$2,592.61	$3,303.65
Food Booth	$3,302.91	$4,185.49	$3,666.48	$3,121.98	$3,081.99	$2,255.91	$1,975.59	$2,164.32
Fried Dough	$1,131.01	$983.13	$965.00	$537.05	$161.70	$301.00	$510.30	$623.09
Games						$217.50	$171.20	$201.97
Garage Sale				$2,447.00				
Gift Shop	$1,823.65	$2,056.25	$1,400.75	$862.00	$1,568.81	$1,010.75	$969.61	$1,280.76
Greg Income				$2,133.34				
HomeStore	$3,675.25	$3,024.25	$4,602.15	$3,602.95	$3,440.00	$4,719.39	$4,978.75	$4,424.75
Linens	$1,865.26	$1,839.31	$1,297.75	$1,763.31	$1,156.51	$1,883.77	$1,800.21	
Misc. Income	$437.50	$1,294.15	$1,372.85	$1,122.45	$5,357.00	$1,912.46	$1,395.00	$677.00
Model Boats & Planes								
Next-To-New	$4,299.35	$3,958.02	$3,268.51	$3,015.99	$2,976.46	$4,253.55	$4,479.09	$5,497.69
Pizza	$718.00	$549.00	$281.00	$129.10		$48.85	$6.11	$117.03
Saturday Luncheon						$191.75	$447.25	$539.25
Silent Auction	$6,109.50	$5,040.00	$5,556.00	$5,057.00	$5,225.00	$3,879.50	$3,611.00	$3,651.00
Sports Equipment	$1,639.00	$1,807.50	$1,467.00	$1,262.00	$1,342.70	$1,099.12	$1,184.90	$1,090.55
Tent Rental					$150.00	$363.00	$200.00	$300.00
Tools and Tech	$3,329.05	$2,688.25	$2,020.75	$1,726.71	$1,454.99	$2,505.98	$3,101.77	$1,634.15
Toys	$3,144.98	$3,114.80	$2,929.95	$2,392.70	$1,811.20	$2,342.21	$1,510.55	$1,897.48
T-Shirts	$560.00	$95.00	$940.00				$5.00	
White Elephant	$9,836.37	$10,121.79	$9,305.51	$6,113.51	$5,676.16	$9,825.31	$9,705.58	$10,650.66
Booths Net Income	$51,594.56	$49,038.11	$47,776.58	$43,884.40	$41,868.49	$46,252.42	$45,429.72	$45,461.14
Less Non-Booths Expense	$4,511.31	$4,834.35	$6,741.18	$4,798.61	$3,342.60	$4,239.79	$2,348.09	$3,230.63
TOTAL LAF NET INCOME	$47,083.25	44203.76	$41,035.40	$39,085.79	$38,525.89	$42,012.63	$43,081.63	$42,230.51

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