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Burnt Hills United Methodist Church September 2026

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Gifts from the Heart Starts September 2026

Dear BHUMC Community:

Summer immerses us in hours of daylight and opportunities for gratitude. Hopefully, we experienced places that refresh us and people who fuel us because the fast paced Lord's Acre Fair is approaching. The busy-ness of LAF gives us opportunities to reconnect with friends, work alongside those who sit near us in church, sort through donated treasures, and peel potatoes as the aroma of sausages and barbecued chicken waft through the air. **Community. Belonging. Generosity.**

As we soothe our muscles from the hard work of LAF, our Stewardship Team will steer us into the season of BHUMC stewardship and ministry planning for 2027. The team will ask us to pause and reflect on gifts from the heart:

What has been a gift that you received or gave from the heart?

What has been a gift to you at BHUMC?

And what gift might you offer from your heart?

Think about the ways BHUMC helps you grow, heal, belong, serve, laugh, pray, sing, or simply know that you are loved. Our individual prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness and those that we offer together provide a firm foundation for our church community and for the larger community around us. **Community. Belonging. Generosity.**

In September we look forward to the gifts from the heart conversations followed by the opportunity to offer our 2027 estimates of giving in October. Look for a letter from the Finance Community in early September with ministry plan details. Yes, the timeline is a bit earlier this year as we prayerfully craft our ministry plan for 2027!

Hope to see you at the fair. We all need those LAF moments that refresh our hearts and remind us that God is near. If you are not able to come to the fair, your positive prayers for fair weather are greatly appreciated!

Your Stewardship Team,

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Nick Adami

Sunday School begins September 20 for preschool children (ages 3) - grade 12!

Shout out to Our Sunday School leaders:

Pre-K: MaryJo Farrell
Grade K-2: Stephanie Tope
Grades 3-5: Angie Barclay
MS/HS: To be announced

We welcome all children and teens to our inclusive Sunday School Program. Our amazing Sunday School team facilitates group activities to include everyone. Sunday School teachers are Safe Sanctuary certified.

Interested in filling in occasionally or being an extra set of hands a few times per month? Connect with Jodi.

jafstgelais@gmail.com

Sunday School Sign Up

Youth Group starts September 20 @ 4 PM

Fellowship, faith, activities, and friendship are at the heart of our youth program. Youth Group is designed for youth in grades 5– 12. Save the date for the first get together this fall on Sunday, September 20 at BHUMC from 4- 6 PM.

Sign-ups will start soon so keep an eye out for more information

If you have questions, or an idea for activities, service/mission projects, or ways for us to express our faith in action, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out to Angie Barclay in person or contact her at (484)597-2635.

Music with Jill, Mike, & Angie begins on September 27!

Youth Choir

Ages: grades 1 - 6
Rehearses: Sundays 9:15—9:55 AM
This joyful choir is designed to cultivate friendship, connection, and a love of singing for beginner singers! We also play musical chairs, rhythm games, and more. Students in 6th grade can choose to be a part of the Youth Choir or the Voices of Hope Choir (grades 6-12).

Youth Choir Sign Up

Voices of Hope Choir

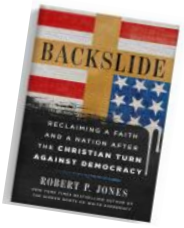
Ages: grades 6—12
Rehearses: Sundays 11:00 - 11:30 AM
Voices of Hope is an enthusiastic and fun-loving choral group. From contemporary songs by Lauren Daigle to traditional hymns like Amazing Grace, this group sings a variety of Christian music.

Voices of Hope Sign Up

Contact: Jill Zygo jillzygo@gmail.com

Tapping into UMethodist Connections

Zoom Book Study



Plattsburgh United Methodist invites us to join an online book study featuring ***Backslide*, a recently released book** by Robert P. Jones.

Start date: October 5, 2026
Times: Mondays 12:30 - 1:45 PM OR
Mondays from 6:30 - 7:45 PM
Facilitators: Pastor Phil Richards, Becky Richards, Sally White, Anne Herzog
Contact for Zoom link:
Diane luv2garden5@gmail.com

* Plattsburgh UMC is a reconciling congregation.

Zoom Bible Study (34 Weeks)

First United Methodist Church of East Greenbush extends an invitation for folks to join ***Disciple: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study*.** *Disciple* is designed to dive into the basics of the Bible's Old and New Testament and also apply Christian Faith into daily life.

Start date: September 21, 2026
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Facilitator: Debbie Earthrowl
Contact for Zoom link and questions about *Disciple:*
Debbie pastordebbie@fumceg.org

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United Methodist Connections

Welcome to Anna Blinn Cole who is our newly appointed District Superintendent in the Albany and Adirondack Districts of the Upper New York Conference. Previously she served as lead Pastor at Cobleskill United Methodist Church. Anna looks forward to partnering with the churches in the Albany and Adirondack Districts to find our common purpose and direction as United Methodists.

Save the date for Anna's installation at Saratoga Springs UMC on September 27, 2026 at 3 PM [SSUMC, 175 Fifth Avenue, Saratoga Springs]. **If you wish to join a districts-wide pick-up choir for the installation service, please come to the Saratoga Springs UMC at 2:15 PM to rehearse the piece.**

November 14: Save the Date for BHUMC Charge Conference and Albany District Day

Pop quiz! What happens at a United Methodist Charge Conference?

a. Charge it! Methodists shop 'til they drop.
b. Zap! Methodists play with sabers.
c. Score! Methodists run full speed down the football field.
d. Full speed ahead! Methodists make business decisions about their specific church.

Check the correct answer at the bottom.

Our BHUMC **annual charge conference will take place on November 14, 2026**. The charge conference coincides with District Day, an opportunity for church communities from the Albany area to gather and connect while drinking a few cups of Joe and eating good food! Location of the conference is Calvary UMC in Latham from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM [CUMC, 15 Ridge Place, Latham, NY 12110].

During our Charge Conference, Anna Blinn Cole, the district superintendent, will schedule time with each church community throughout the day to make important business decisions, including:

Looking back: Review the overall mission and ministries of the church
Looking ahead: Approve lay leader appointments and positions for the upcoming year (Elect Trustees)
Supporting Pastors: Set salaries and compensation for pastors
Keeping records: Review annual membership records
Telling Our story: Elect a church historian

For church business requiring votes, only pastors and voting members of Church Council will receive the ballot for specific items, such as leadership appointments and salaries.

Why come? Learn. Support BHUMC. Gather in community with other UMethodists in the area. **#BeUMC**

- Jan Tunison, BHUMC Lay Leader

Pop Quiz Answer d. Full speed ahead! Methodists make business decisions about their specific church.

BHUMC September 2026

Check calendar updates @ https://www.nybhumc.com/calendar.html

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 AM - noon LAF Donations 10:00 AM Meditation cancelled 6:00 - 8:00 PM LAF Donations 6:30 PM SPPRC/Fireside	2 9:00 AM - noon LAF Donations 5:30 - 7:30 PM Pre-School Picnic (front tent) 6:30 - 9:30 PM Saratoga Voices Auditions/Choir Loft 7:00 PM AA/Knight Hall 7:00 PM Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works	3 LAF sorting continues	4 LAF sorting continues	5
6 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Communion Worship & Coffee Hour LAF Set Up, if Needed	7 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	8 LAF sorting Continues 7:00 Scout preparation for LAF/outside	9 LAF Outside SetUp 8:30 AM 8:30 - 10:30 AM Fixits 7:00 PM AA/Knight Hall 7:00 PM Queer Holy Club/ PizzaWorks	10 LAF Linen and Boutique Move Out 8:30 AM	11 LAF 9 AM - 7 PM	12 LAF 9 AM - 3 PM 3 PM LAF Clean Up Starts
13 LAF SUNDAY 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship & Coffee Hours LAF Clean Up 11:00 AM - ?	14 12:00 PM BHBL Women's Club /Knight Hall 6:00 - 10:00 PM Saratoga Soundtrack/ Sanctuary & PSR 6:30 PM Finance/ Fireside October Newsletter Deadline tomorrow!	15 9:30 AM Tuesday Connect/Fireside 10:00 -11:30 AM Meditation/ Sparkle Room 12:00 PM BHBL Women's Club Book /Fireside 7:00 PM Trustees/Fireside	16 8:30 - 10:30 AM Fixits 9:30 AM Explorers? 7:00 PM AA/Fireside 7:00 PM Queer Holy Club/ PizzaWorks	17 9:15 AM Seekers Book Study/Knight Hall	18	19 Community Garage Sale
20 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM * Worship *Sunday School * Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Safety Team/Fireside 4 PM Youth Group	21 7 PM Church Council	22 10:00 -11:30 AM Meditation/ Sparkle	23 8:30 - 10:30 AM Fixits 9:30 AM Explorers 7:00 PM AA/ Fireside 7:00 PM Queer Holy Club/ PizzaWorks	24 9:15 AM Seekers Book Study/ Knight Hall 4 PM Private Use of Kitchen 7:00 PM Choir begins/Choir Loft	25	26
27 9:15 - 9:55 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal /Assembly Room 10:00 -12:00 AM Worship, Sunday School & Coffee Hour 11:00 - 11:30 AM Voices of Hope Choir 3 PM Anna Blinn Cole's Installation District Supt [Saratoga Springs UMC] 4 PM Youth Group	28 2:00 Special K /Fireside PM Scout Meetings begin	29 10:00 -11:30 AM Meditation/Sparkle	30 8:30 - 10:30 AM Fixits 7:00 PM AA/ Fireside 7:00 PM Social Justice Action Group /Knight Hall			

BURNT HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2026

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

SEPT 11 - 12

Lord's Acre FAIR!

SEPT 20

Sunday School

SEPT 20

Youth Group

SEPT 27

Kids Choirs with Jill

OCT 17

Winter Sports Sale

OCT 25

Trunk or Treat!

OCT 31

Craft Supply Sale

NOV 21

HAPPY FRIENDS GIVING

DEC 24

Christmas Eve Services

Event info coming soon!

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Small Steps, Big News @ BHUM Pre-School **Sept 2026**

We are so excited to get back to school and welcome all of our new and returning students! New this year we have opened the Tuesday/Thursday class up to include 2 year old students.

September 17th is the first day for 2s & 3s and September 18th is the first day of pre-K. We will also stay in school until the 3rd week of June rather than ending in May.

We will begin our school year by getting to know our classmates and teachers, reviewing the classroom rules and schedule, Green vs Red choices, and what it means to be a good friend.

We have some limited availability in both classes, so it's not too late. If you or someone you know is looking for a preschool program, please reach out to Stephanie Tope at (518)466-6566 or bhumpreschool@gmail.com for more information.

- Stephanie Tope, Pre-School Teacher

September Highlights Post - Lords Acre Fair

Check the online calendar for updates @ nybhumc.com

15: Tuesday Connection 9:30 AM
15: Meditation with Marilyn 10:00 AM (weekly on Tues.)
16: Fix-Its (weekly on Wednesdays) 8:30 AM
16: Explorers Study Group 9:30 AM
17: Seekers Book Group 9:15 AM (weekly on Thursday)
20: Sunday School begins 10:00 AM
20: Youth Group begins 4:00-6:00 PM
21: Church Council at 7:00 PM
24: Adult Choir meets at 7:00 PM
27: Youth Choir begins 9:15 AM
Voices of Hope Choir starts 11:00 AM
27: Anna Blinn Cole's Installation 3:00 PM
28: Special K 2:00 PM

October 3: Men's Breakfast 8 AM
3: Caregiver's Support Group 10:30 AM
4: Bring or mail 2027 Estimates of Giving; World Communion Sunday