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Holy Week & Easter
 2025
 Burnt Hills United Methodist Church
Worship Schedule
 BH UMC Love God. Love Neighbor. Serve the World.

Palm Sunday — April 13
 9am & 10:30am Sunday Worship
 Welcoming new members

Maundy Thursday — April 17
 6pm Service of Holy Communion
 and remembrance of Jesus' last days

Good Friday — April 18
 Sanctuary Open from 12pm – 3pm
 for prayer and reflection

Easter Sunday — April 20
 9am & 10:30am Sunday Worship
 Celebrating the Resurrection

Don't be late!

Don't be early!

May 25:
 Methodist Hymn Sing
 Sunday

May 18:
 Drumming
 Circle at 4pm
 All ages
 welcome!

Starting May 4
 worship
 changes to
 one service at
 9:30am

May 4:
 Coffee Hour
 Celebration
 of Shelby &
 Orion's
 Wedding

CROP Walk

Gun Safety
 Presentation
 after
 worship

May 11:
 Music Sunday &
 Mother's Day

Deadline for articles for the May Methodist is April 15. Please submit your articles to Robyn @ burnthillsumc@gmail.com

Are you ready for a



SAVE THE DATE for VBS!

Aug 11-14, 2025

Burnt Hills United Methodist - all are welcome!

follow 'BH-BL Summer VBS' on Facebook for updates

Special K

Thank you to all who donated baby supplies and personal care items for us to give to Young Parents United. Our congregation has helped this organization for many years, giving them whatever they needed from the Lord's Acre Fair. Our Special K Group has often made fleece stroller blankets for the young mothers to keep their babies warm as they walk around Schenectady pushing strollers. On Wednesday, March 5, we delivered 18 blankets and bags and boxes of baby supplies. Thank you to all who helped with this project.

Missing Members

We have no current contact information for some of our church members: Janice, Carly and Tommy Urbanski, Tim and Karen Board, Patricia Hofmann, Christopher Oakes, Bryce Kaler and Bill Marley. Please call or email the church office if you know how we can reach out to them.

Prayer Chain

Would you like to be on the prayer chain? Email coordinator Cat Jenkins, prayer.bhumc@gmail.com or contact the church office at 518-399-5144 or burnthillsumc@gmail.com

Memorial Committee Scholarships

College 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 12.



Lynn Christie

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 4th**, for Schenectady's **CROP Hunger Walk** - and this year's theme, "Chicken, Beans, and Big Dreams!" 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 over many years.

Registration for walkers will begin at noon, and the 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.

Speak with Paula Miller (518-399-7422) or go online for registration:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/schenectadyny>

Easter Offering

Our Easter Offering this year will benefit our church, our community and our friends who are far away. We have all heard information regarding an underfunded Church Budget. We are all trying to find creative ways to improve this situation. We have decided to share the Easter Offering in this way:

\$1000 will go to the church budget.

The remaining amount will be shared with:

UMCOR- UMCOR Sunday will be part of this offering.

The Regional Food Bank- They are asking for help because of the increased requests for food.

Ukraine United Methodist Relief- Money will be shared per consultation with the UM Bishop caring for Ukraine, who knows where help is most needed. Last year, funds helped children to leave the cities and go to a safe United Methodist Summer Camp.

Thank you for your generous hearts and willingness to help others. Happy Easter.

The Outreach Commission

Throughout the seasons of Lent and Easter, Pastor Ian will be facilitating a weekly class in conjunction with our Social Justice Action Group called **The Land is Not Our Own: Seeking Repair Alongside Indigenous Communities**. This class will gather at 7pm on Wednesday April 2, April 16, April 23, May 7, and May 14 at a local restaurant for fellowship and study. Utilizing material from Sarah Augustine's *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery* and Joy Harjo's *Living Nations Living Words: An Anthology of First People's Poetry*, this small group process lays a foundation of trust and relationship, so that together participants can acknowledge injustice, honor the interconnectedness of all Creation, and seek healing, repair, and hope alongside Indigenous communities. **To sign up for this class, contact Pastor Ian or sign up on the bulletin board outside of Knight Hall.**



Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on 3/15 was again a great success. It has always been a joy to serve our community by offering a delicious meal, and celebrate the Irish in all of us.

We sold 69 take out meals and served 82 in our dining room. We also shared 8 gratis tickets, five of which were taken to Guardian House. With ticket sales and leftovers, we have realized \$1337. What a blessing in so many ways.

Thank you to all our church members who all did so much to make this happen. Special thanks go to our chefs Mike Ormsby, Terry Bikowicz and Bert Longbotham, Bill Borthwick, Steve Skibinski, and Al Pyrygi who did various kitchen tasks. Thanks also goes to Kathy Pyrygi, Paula Miller, and Linda Noonan.

Fun, laughter, and joy filled the DR and kitchen. A hundred thousand welcomes dominated the evening. Ce'ad Mile Fa'ilte in Gaelic.

Blessings to all. Linda Noonan

Please come join in the fun!

Easter Egg Hunt

Rain or shine!

Inside if the weather isn't good

April 6, 2025
at noon
Burnt Hills United Methodist Church
816 Route 50 Burnt Hills, NY
www.nybhmc.com

Bring your Easter basket or bags provided



Soup Kitchen

The next Soup Kitchen is **May 19**. Watch for signups later this month.

Men's Breakfast

Please join us on **Saturday, April 5, at 8:00 am in Knight Hall**. Men of all ages are invited. Come and meet other people of the church and share good food and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will be meeting at **Jade Bistro (120 Mohawk Ave., Scotia) on Friday, April 25th at 12:00 pm**. Contact Carol Borthwick (399-5405) or Lynn Christie (399-8838) if you would like to attend.

Studies for Adults: Please join us!

- **Early Birds** with Pastor Amy, meets **Mondays at 9:30 am** in the Fireside room. We are studying Witness at the Cross by Amy-Jill Levine. Books are available in the church office. \$16.00 suggested donation. Join us any Monday.
- **Explorers** meets with Pastor Ian on **Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am** in the Fireside Room. We are currently working through a series on the Book of Revelation featuring video presentations by Dr. Craig Koester from Luther Seminary. This series has no pre-reading or homework attached to it—just come ready to learn and ask questions!
- **Seekers: Sisters in Christ**, ongoing study meets **Thursdays at 9:15 am** in Knight Hall. Join us any Thursday. Lenten Study: Witness at the Cross by Amy-Jill Levine. Books are in the church office.

BHUMC Council Meetings

Church Council meets once a month on the **third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in Knight Hall**, with an option to join live online via Zoom—a hybrid meeting. All church members are invited to attend and participate. Contact April Hicks, Council Chair, at BHUMC_Council @gmail.com for the Zoom link for any given month, or to be added to the standing invitation email distribution list. We will not meet in April. **The next meeting is Monday, May 19 at 7:00 pm.**

United Methodist Women



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

TUESDAY CONNECTION CIRCLE will be meeting in the Fireside room on **Tuesday, April 8 at 9:30 in Fireside** with a focus on Easter.

SPECIAL K CIRCLE will meet on will meet on **Monday, April 28 at 2:00 in Fireside**. Nancy Adams will share her adventures in Belize as well as give an update on our donations to Young Parents United.

LOOKING AHEAD, there will be an organizational meeting to regroup a UMW board on **Tuesday, May 6th at 10 AM in Fireside**. Please come if you are interested or just curious. Attending is not a commitment.

Ann Chatterton's Memorial Service

On **April 26**, we will be celebrating Ann's life with a memorial service in the Sanctuary at **10:00 am**. Please note the change in time from the obituary. A reception will follow in Knight Hall after the service.



GROW TEAM

Pancakes, real maple syrup, ashes & glitter ashes! Many thanks to all the volunteers, especially Pat & Pete VanKeuren, Jan & Brian Black, and Kathy & Al Pirigyi for making the kitchen hum, and griddle up some awesome pancakes for everyone – and of course, doing the dishes!

The youth will meet on **Friday, March 28th from 6:00 to 8:00pm**. We will serve pizza and play games at the church. Grades 5/6 grade and up (sign up in hallway upstairs Sunday school and/or in front of Knight Hall); Can you co-lead this? Contact Cathy Bryson 518-428-9691(or a pastor).



Easter is Coming.....

April 6 - Egg hunt after church - Community invited! We need your donations for egg “fillings” such as food item or stickers.

April 13 - Palm Sunday - special surprise at the end of 10:30 service!

Save the Date! Beth McLaughlin and Marilyn Stoner will be hosting a special drumming event on **May 18th**. Updates coming soon.

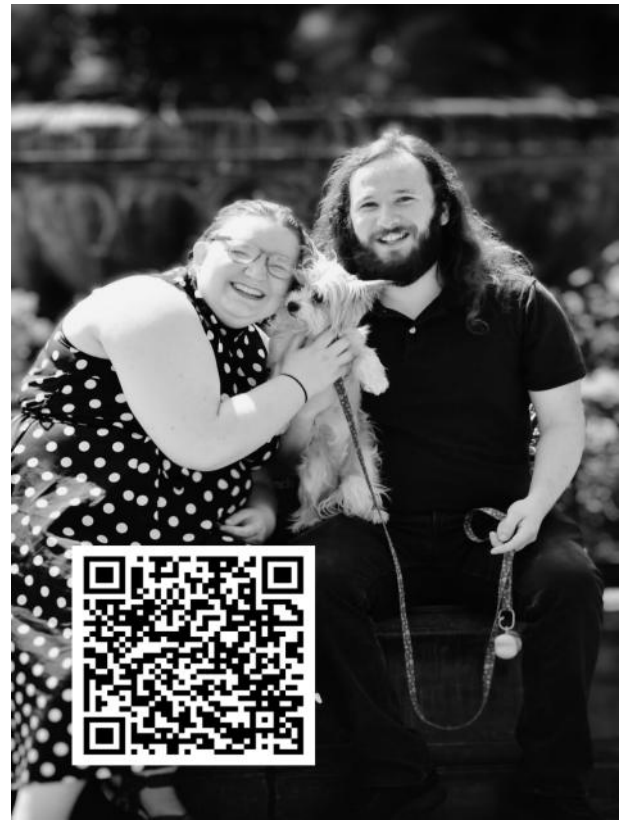
SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION GROUP

April 27 – Earth Day Mini Fair is Growing! (tables/event) in Knight Hall after service – Monarch Table – Composting Made Easy - Seed Exchange – Make A Garden Stepping Stone (for yourself, a gift, or for the pollinator garden) – How to Reduce Plastic Use – also seed/plant swap and more! Do you know an “earth friendly” business or educator to sponsor a table or share their knowledge? As always, invite neighbors and friends! Reach out to Cathy Bryson cell 518-428-9691 or catbryson@aol.com or sign up outside Knight Hall. (Community Concert & Blessing of the Animals to be rescheduled for a later date.)

Helpers Needed To make Rainbow Loom Bracelets for local PRIDE (LGBTQ+) celebrations! Supplies are in Knight Hall. Please return bracelets to BHUMC by **May 25th**! Contact Cathy Bryson cell 518-428-9691 with any questions.

Save the Date: Coffee Hour Celebrating Shelby Bryson and Orion

In May, Shelby Bryson and Orion Marchese will be getting married here at Burnt Hills United Methodist Church. In order to more fully celebrate with their church family, they are graciously hosting a special coffee hour on **Sunday, May 4**. We're grateful for Shelby and Orion's hospitality that day, and we hope that you will make a special effort to come and celebrate the start of this next chapter in their lives together. Pastors Amy and Ian would also like everyone to know that Shelby and Orion are registered at The Knot, and you can view their registry at <https://www.theknot.com/us/shelby-bryson-and-orion-marchese-may-2025/registry> or by scanning this QR Code.



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 Eacteau-St.Gelais.**



Save the Date! Camp Sunday is April 6th!

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, April 5, 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.

April, 2025

For the most up-to-date calendar, check our webpage at www.nybhmc.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 10:00am Meditation/ SH Room 7:00pm Troop #56/ KH	2 8:30am Fix-its 9:30am Explorers/FS 6:00pm Troop #3910/ upstairs 7:00pm AA/FS 7:00pm This Land is Not Our Own/	3 9:15am Seekers/KH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5 8:00am Men's Breakfast 10:30am Caregiver's Support Group/FS
6 Camp Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Youth Choir, Voices of Hope 10:30am Worship 11:30am Easter Egg Hunt	7 9:30am Earlybirds 5:30pm Troop #3872/Upstairs 6:00pm Troop #3892/KH 6:30pm Troop #3801/FS 6:45pm Troop #2169/ Upstairs	8 9:30am Tuesday Connections 10:00am Meditation/ SH Room 7:00pm Troop #56/ KH	9 8:30am Fix-its 9:30am Explorers/FS 6:00pm Troop #3857/ upstairs 7:00pm AA/FS 7:00pm This Land is Not Our Own/	10 9:15am Seekers/KH 10:30am BH-BL Women's Club 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	14 9:30am Earlybirds 12:00pm BH-BL Women's Club luncheon/KH	15 10:00am Meditation/ SH Room 1:00 pm BH-BL Book Club/FS 5:00pm Daisy Troop/ Upstairs 6:00pm Troop #3856/Upstairs 7:00pm Troop #56/ KH 7:00pm Trustee mtg./FS	16 8:30am Fix-its 9:30am Explorers/FS 6:00pm Saratoga Voices 7:00pm AA/FS 7:00pm This Land is Not Our Own/	17 9:15am Seekers/KH 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service/ Sanctuary 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	18 12:00pm Good Friday Open Sanctuary, 12:00-3:00	19
20 Easter Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	21 9:30am Earlybirds 5:30pm Troop #3872/KH 6:30pm Troop #3801/FS 6:45pm Troop #2169/Upstairs	22 10:00am Meditation/ SH Room 7:00pm Troop #56/ KH	23 8:30am Fix-its 9:30am Explorers/FS 6:00pm Troop #3857/ upstairs 7:00pm AA/FS 7:00pm This Land is Not Our Own/	24 9:15am Seekers/KH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	25 12:00pm Lunch Bunch @Jade Bistro	26 10:00am Service for Ann Chatterton with reception to follow in KH
27 9:00am Worship 9:45am Youth Choir 10:30am Worship 11:30am Voices of Hope 11:30am Earth Day Activities	28 9:30am Earlybirds 2:00pm Special K/FS 6:30pm Troop #2424/Upstairs 6:45pm Troop #2169/Upstairs	29 10:00am Meditation/ SH Room 7:00pm Troop #56/ KH	30 8:30am Fix-its 9:30am Explorers/FS 6:00pm Troop #3910/ upstairs 7:00pm AA/FS 7:00pm SJAG/KH			

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Preschool

Preschool had a wonderful month of March. Our 3 year olds learned about Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales. Our 4 year old class covered Outer Space, Dental Health, and Weather. Both classes planted seeds and learned about St Patrick's Day. We are excited for spring to come, so we can get back outside and enjoy our playground. Both classes will be celebrating Easter with a party and egg hunt, along with Spring Break. We still have spots available for classes starting in the fall. If you or someone you know is interested, or has questions, please reach out to Stephanie Tope at 518-466-6566 or bhumpreschool@gmail.com

