We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.

August 16, 2026 10:00 AM Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude *Abide with Me* Monk

Words of Welcome Rev. Amy B. Gregory

***Call to Worship** Mary Alice Nyhan

God, we gather for worship on this Sunday in August.
Today, and everyday, by Your grace we get closer to the brink of everything, so many new beginnings.

We are Your people of faith, a community of believers "on the way, led by Your Spirit."
Today we sing praises to you, we come to celebrate a baptism, we even consider the coming of the Lord's Acre Fair.

Empower us this morning to "Listen to Learn."
Tell us what we need to hear. God, may we "Learn to Listen."

Let it be so today, and everyday.
Amen! Alleluia!

***Hymn** *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* UMH# 152

Opening Prayer Traditional Native American Prayer

**O great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze:
we need your strength and wisdom.**

**Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset.
Make us so wise that we may understand what you have taught us.**

**Help us to learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.
Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and steady eyes,
so when life fades, like the fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame. Amen.**

Sacrament of Baptism *please follow the screen for responses*

Wesley John Gallo, child of Madison and Nicholas Gallo

Hymn of Response *Water, River, Spirit, Grace* TFWS# 2253

Scripture Reading Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Message "On the Brink of Everything" Rev. Art Hudak

Response Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill vs. 1, 4* TFWS# 2213

Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts, Tithes, and Our Thanks

Please give prayer cards to ushers.

Offertory *Fill with the Spirit's Power* Peacey

***Singing Our Praises** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH# 94

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Pastor Amy

Prayer Song *Send Us Your Spirit* Schuttle

Morning Prayer Pastor Amy

The Lord's Prayer (in your heart language) UMH# 895

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Sending Hymn** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH# 431

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *The Gift of Love* Traditional English Melody

Welcome to worship!

If you are visiting with us, we're glad that you're here and spending time with us.

Please fill out a welcome card found in the pews, if you wish to receive information about BHUMC. Give the card to an usher.

We hope you experience God's love, grace, and a warm sense of community here today.

Weekly Calendar

Live calendar updates: https://www.nybhumc.com/calendar.html

Sunday, Aug 16	
10:00 AM	**Worship**
11:30 AM	GROW Team Meeting/Fireside Room
Monday, Aug 17	**Church Office Closed**
11:15 AM	Care Team Newsletter articles past due
Tuesday, Aug 18	**Summer Office Hours 10 AM – noon**
10:00 AM	Meditation/Sparkle Room upstairs
7:00 PM	Trustees
Wednesday, Aug 19	**Summer Office Hours 10 AM – noon**
8:30 AM	Fixits
7:00 PM	AA Meeting/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works
Thursday, Aug 20	**Summer Office Hours 10 AM – noon**
9:15 AM	Seekers
Friday, Aug 21	**Church Office Closed**
Saturday, Aug 22	
8:30—11 AM	LAF Tent/Booth Set Up
Sunday, Aug 23	
10:00 AM	**Worship**
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	LAF Set Up; Pizza lunch

Worship Leaders today:

Liturgist
Mary Alice Nyhan

Ushers, Aug 16
Sue Hennessey
Karen Lathrop

Next week, Aug 23
April Hicks
Kathy Pirigyi

Greeters, Aug 16
Libby Horn

Next week, Aug 23
Linda Faulkner

Balcony Tech, Aug 16
Kim Locker

Next Week, Aug 23
Steve Skibinski

Coffee Hour, Aug 16
Nancy and Greg Adams

Coffee Hour, Aug 23
Beth McLaughlin

Coffee Hour: Turn right when leaving the sanctuary and follow the sounds of laughter and conversation to Knight Hall. All are welcome!

Heavy by *Mary Oliver*

That time
I thought I could not
go any closer to grief
without dying

I went closer,
and I did not die.
Surely God
had his hand in this,

as well as friends.
Still, I was bent,
and my laughter,
as the poet said,

was nowhere to be found.
Then said my friend Daniel,
(brave even among lions),
“It’s not the weight you carry

but how you
carry it–books, bricks, grief–
it’s all in the way
you embrace it, balance it, carry it

when you cannot, and would not,
put it down.”
So I went practicing.
Have you noticed?

Have you heard
the laughter
that comes, now and again,
out of my startled mouth?

How I linger
to admire, admire, admire
the things of this world
that are kind, and maybe

also troubled –
roses in the wind,
the sea geese on the steep waves,
a love
to which there is no reply?

First published in *Thirst by Mary Oliver (2006)*

LAF Season is here! Sign up on the board outside of Knight Hall to sort, sell, bake, set up, and clean up.

Save the Dates

Aug 22: Set up LAF tents/ booths
8:30 - 11 AM

Aug 23: More set up plus pizza; empty garage
11 AM - 1:30 PM

Sept 9: Set up chair, talent tent, popups 8:30 AM

Sept 10: Final haul out and set-up 8:30 AM

Sept 11 & 12: Lord’s Acre Fair!

Sept 12: Clean up begins at 3 PM

Sept 13: Celebration and clean up

Contact: Greg Adams adamsgreg01@gmail.com (518) 391-9487

Food Pantry Update

Immediate needs: jelly, canned green beans, cereal, shelf stable milk, paper bags (grocery store style with handles, if possible)

Future needs: Lords Acre Fair season brings an opportunity *for additional food security outreach*. Please help us restock. SNAP benefits cover food items but not items such as dish detergent, laundry detergent, toilet paper, and other personal care items.

Sund ay School begins September 20, 2026!

What are the ways to **support our children and youth** in **Sunday School** this fall? Interested in filling in occasionally or being an extra set of hands? We welcome you. A teacher for MS and HS students is also a current need. jafstgelais@gmail.com

Save the Date: November 14, 2026

From Anna Blinn Cole, Albany/ Adirondack District Superintendent

All Albany Charge Conferences, including BHUMC’s Charge Conference, will happen on Saturday, November 14. “We will be combining the District Day model of learning, worshipping, and communing together with a joint gathering for annual Charge Conference business. This day will have the atmosphere of past District Days including helpful workshops relevant to your ministry as a local church, lunch together, and a joint worship service. The day will also include an allocation of time for charge conferences throughout the day with churches grouped together by similarities in ministry and mission.

Location: To be announced. Snow date: November 21, 2026

Burnt Hills United Methodist Church

Love God. Love Neighbor. Serve the World.

August 16, 2026

BHUMC Peace Pole and Rose Memorial Garden during rose blooming season

BHUMC Welcome Statement

At Burnt Hills UMC, we aspire to be a community of grace and unconditional love, where all people will find hospitality, compassion and mercy.

We seek to welcome all on the journey, to grow together in faith, and to go out to serve the world.

We welcome people of any age, culture, race, nationality, ability, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and gender identity, as full participants in the life of our congregation.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be part of Jesus’ movement of love and justice for all of God’s children. All are welcome to worship, grow, and serve with us.

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