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# The Methodist

## August, 2024

### **Introducing Pastor Ian!**

Hello Burnt Hills UMC Family!

I am delighted to introduce myself as your new Associate Pastor! I hope that you feel comfortable calling me Ian or Pastor Ian. My partner, Jo, and I are so grateful for the warm welcome you all have extended to us this past month as we've started to settle into this Burnt Hills community (the staff at Cupola maaaaay know us by name at this point). This past month has been an incredible journey of meeting many of you, sharing in worship, and experiencing the vibrant life of our church community. I consider myself extremely fortunate to be in ministry with such a vibrant community of disciples of Jesus Christ who are committed to loving God, loving neighbor, and serving all!

In a day and age when so many wonder if the Church still has a role to play in our social order—one that's positive and generative, that is—I give thanks for United Methodist congregations like Burnt Hills. Just today, Pastor Amy shared with me that she heard that a group of middle schoolers were recently talking about acceptance and belonging at school and one of them piped up, saying "hey, there's that really welcoming and inclusive church here in town!", to which another one of the kids, one of ours, proudly said "I know! That's *my church!*"

If we're going to be known by middle schoolers around town for anything, I'm so happy that it's for our inclusive and welcoming spirit. I am still a United Methodist, myself, because I firmly believe that our way of doing things has the potential to be a real gift to the world. I believe that the thing that distinguishes United Methodists from other flavors of Christianity is the way we live out our mission in a connectional way. Baked into our way of living life, as United Methodists, is a fundamental belief that no one—no one person, no one pastor, no one congregation, no one—can do it alone. We know that well—Lord knows that something like Camp Firelight or the Lord's Acre Fair can't be done by just one person. It would be impossible. But, when we come together, as our perfectly imperfect selves, we can do amazing things through the power of the Holy Spirit. Not alone. Together.

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**Deadline for articles for the September Methodist is August 15. Please submit your articles to Robyn @ burnthillsumc@gmail.com .**

And so, that's what I'm excited the most about. I'm excited to come alongside you all as you live out your calling to love God, love neighbor, and serve all. In just the brief amount of time that I've been here, it's plain to see that you have been formed by faithful servant leaders, lay and clergy alike, throughout your lives, and I consider myself fortunate to enjoy the harvest of the seeds that have been planted here, and I'm excited to see what new seeds we can plant, together.

Thank you all for your continued faithfulness, kindness, and love. It's an honor to serve as your pastor, and I am looking forward to the many blessings and adventures that lie ahead. Together, we will continue to love God, love neighbor, and serve all.

With gratitude and blessings,

Pastor Ian

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### Name Tags

We are welcoming our new Associate Pastor Ian Urriola and his partner, Jo and it would be great to make it easier on them by wearing our name tags. If you don't have a name tag, feel free to complete a Name Tag Form that can be found in the Narthex. There is no cost to you for the name tags and they really do help to create a feeling of warmth and welcome. If you have lost or misplaced your name tag, a new one can be made for you. If you have any questions, please contact Bert Longbotham.

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### Help with Painting

We are in need of one or two individuals that like to paint and would be willing to help with maintaining the church trim outside. There is some scraping and sanding involved but mostly it is an effort to keep the place looking nice. If you are interested or would like more information – please call Bert Longbotham at 518-852-9375.

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#### Rose Garden Blooming

Thanks again to Paula Miller for her work in the Rose Garden. Her pruning and TLC is appreciated.

#### Flowers by Knight Hall

We would like to thank MaryAnn Snell for once again planting and caring for the flowers in front of Knight Hall. She has done this for many years now and we really do appreciate it.

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#### Save the Date:

Thursday, Sept 12: First day of preschool  
Sunday, Sept 15: Worship returns to 9:00am and 10:30 am  
Monday, Sept 16: Ad Council  
Saturday, Oct 19 at 9am: Winter Sports Sale  
Monday, Oct 21: Ad Council

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#### Soup Kitchen

Just a reminder that we will not be serving lunch at Salvation Army in August.  
The next time we serve is September 16.  
Look for signups.