

We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.
August 27, 2023 9:30 AM Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *House of God* Kreitlow

Words of Welcome Rev. Amy B. Gregory
Lords Acre Fair News

Call to Worship
 Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ’s presence in your midst!
Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope.
 Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom and our strength.
We place ourselves before our God, that we may be touched and renewed by the power of God’s spirit.

***Hymn** *God of Love and God of Power (vs. 1-4)* UMH #578

Prayer
God, confront us in this time of worship. Confront us with the fears we hold so tightly, the favorite sins to which we cling. Confront us with our closedness. Knock at all the locked doors of our hearts. Do not let us rest until you gain entrance. Tell us the truth about ourselves that we might receive the truth of Christ— the very truth that will set us free. Amen.

Anthem *Take My Life and Let It Be* Havergal/Malan

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:7-12

Story “Stone Soup” Traditional Folk Tale

Song *Give Us Bread* by Bret Hesla
 Give us bread for the journey. Give us bread.
 Give us bread for the journey. Give us bread.
 When our legs are getting heavy
 And we’re hanging down our heads,
 Give us bread for the journey. Give us bread.
 Guide our way as we travel. Guide our way.
 Guide our way as we travel. Guide our way.
 With so many roads before us,
 where to go is hard to say.
 Guide our way as we travel. Guide our way.

Message “Stone Soup” Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Song *Give Us Bread* by Bret Hesla
 Make us one with each other. Make us one.
 Make us one with each other. Make us one.
 All the walls we’ve built around us
 May we learn to tear them down.
 Make us one with each other. Make us one.
 Lead us home to the garden. Lead us home.
 Lead us home to the garden. Lead us home.
 Where we’ll live with all creation,
 Find our place and never roam.
 Lead us home to the garden. Lead us home.

***Invitation to Generosity: Offering Our Gifts and Our Thanks**

Offertory *Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song* Daw/Cutts

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Pastor Brendan J. Fox
Blessing of Prayer Blankets

Prayer Song *Bind Us Together* Gillman

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer 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.

***Hymn** *All Who Hunger* TFWS #2126

***Benediction**

Postlude *Go Forth for God* from the Genevan Psalter

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, August 27	
8:45 AM	Choir practice
9:30 AM	Worship
Wednesday, August 30	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
7:00 PM	AA
7:00 PM	Social Justice Action Group
Thursday, August 31	
9:15 AM	Seekers
Saturday, September 2	
There is no caregiver’s meeting today.	
Sunday, September 3	
9:30 AM	Worship
Monday, September 4 Labor Day	
Church Office closed	
Last day for LAF donations	

Please join us for Punch on the Patio, after the service hosted by the Seekers Study Group.

Wildfires in Hawaii

Wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage. Our hearts are broken by the images and stories we hear. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to provide relief for emergency supplies. Please join UMCOR in prayer for all those affected. BHUMC will send monetary gifts to UMCOR. 100% is used for relief work--no overhead costs. LAF will match gifts given for Maui up to \$5,000. Please help spread the word!

You can give by marking your check made out to the church: UMCOR or by giving online and choosing UMCOR

Our gifts will grow quickly to bring hope and care to Hawaii. Thank you for your generosity!

* You are invited to stand as you are able or comfortable

Welcome

- **Welcome to worship!** If you are new, please fill out a welcome card found in the pews, if you'd like to receive more information. **Thank you for coming** to spend part of your Sunday with us. We hope you experience a sense of God's love and grace here today.

Announcements

- The beautiful flowers on the altar are from **Donna River's** garden.
- Please help us spread the word about BHUMC and LAF via social media. Please like our Facebook page and like and share posts. LAF is an event you can share with your friends.



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You can find us on Instagram. BHUMC is a wonderful church community—let's not keep it a secret. Spread the word!

- Looking for that special person to be part of our team! Mary's Haven, a two-bedroom residence for end-of-life care, is hiring **an overnight caregiver for the 11pm - 7am shift**. If interested, please call Agatha at (518)-584-9397.
- Last year, during the Lord's Acre Fair, many visitors went to our food pantry shelves to access our free food. We are so grateful that people took the food but this was unexpected and we were not well prepared. We are asking you to donate **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD** during August so that we are better able to help our hungry neighbors. Let's really stock the shelves so that it obvious that this church is all about helping others. Thank you for being generous. The Outreach Commission
- **The Lords' Acre Fair is September 8 and 9!** Donations accepted August 21st-September 4th.
- **Sunday School needs YOU!** We will have some wonderful groups of kids to share the Word with and we can't do it without volunteers!!!! Sunday School runs from mid-to-late September to early June, during the 10:30 Worship Service time (after Young Disciple's Time to the end of the service). **Please email jfstgelaits@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering and if you have particular preferences (teacher, '2nd adult' helper, and/or substitute).** EVEN IF YOU'VE VOLUNTEERED IN THE PAST AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE, LET ME KNOW AS I DO NEED CONFIRMATION OF THIS. Without you, Sunday School cannot occur. Thank you!!!!

- If you are interested in having your youth attend Sunday School at BHUMC during the upcoming 2023-24 year, please **scan the QR code and complete the student registration code for each of your youth**. We have not yet determined grade-level teachers, so this is to get a view of youth numbers and gather their necessary information. **If you have any questions please reach out to Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais or to the Pastors!** We understand that some youth may not be available to attend Sunday School every Sunday -- **and that's okay!** Please fill out the registration form so we have student/family information, so if/when you DO attend, we have the student info and also we can keep you in the loop for special events throughout the year!



Save the Date

- **Confirmation classes are forming now for the fall.** Students entering **8th grade and above** are welcome. We will need **2 leaders** as well as **mentors** to pair up with the youth. Please contact Cathy Bryson, catbryson@aol.com, or Robyn in the office to sign up.
- **Saturday, September 23, 10 AM – 2 PM** - Community Rummage sale and Savory Soups at Charlton Freehold Church, 768 Charlton Rd., Charlton. Need to make some space – get rid of things you don't use? Put up your items for sale to become somebody else's treasure. Rent a table and space for \$15.00. For information or to make a reservation: Call **518-399-2873** or email: office@charltonfreehold.org
- **Saturday, October 7**, Fall Festival at Charlton Freehold Presbyterian Church, 768 Charlton Rd., Charlton. **Wanted:** Crafters, vendors, anyone interested in participating in this event. Indoor and outdoor spaces available. For application: call 518-399-2681 or email office@charltonfreehold.org

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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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