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

August 9, 2026 10:00 AM Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude *Nobody Knows The Trouble I See* Afro-American Spiritual

Words of Welcome Rev. Amy B. Gregory

***Call to Worship** by Beth Merrill Neel Joan Carey

We see light, hope, and joy;
We bring heart, soul, mind, and body;

We share blessings and fears;
We bring faith and doubt.

With all that we are and all that we have,
let us worship God.

***Hymn** *Jesus Calls Us vs 1-3* UMH# 398

Opening Prayer by Young Adult Volunteers from the Church of Scotland

Loving God, You know me through and through.
You know my hopes, my fears,
the things that get me going, and those that make me freeze.
Give me the courage to put my anxious, fearful thoughts and feelings to the side, to listen to You.
And to get out of the boat, my eyes fixed always on You.
Amen

Anthem *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* Bradbury

Scripture Reading Matthew 14: 22-33

Message "Water Walkers" Pastor Amy

Response Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* UMH# 474

** You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts, Tithes, and Our Thanks
Please give prayer cards to ushers.

Offertory *I Know Whom I Have Believed* McGranahan

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Pastor Amy

Prayer Song *Give Thanks* Smith

Morning Prayer "Blessing on the Waves" by Jan Richardson Joan Carey

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** *Stand By Me vs. 1-3* UMH# 512

***Benediction** Pastor Amy

***Postlude** *O For a Heart to Praise My God* Haweis

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 9	
10:00 AM	**Worship**
Monday, Aug 10	**Church Office Closed**
8:45 AM - noon	VBS
	Write newsletter articles this week!
Tuesday, Aug 11	**Summer Office Hours 10am – noon**
8:45 AM - noon	VBS
10:00 AM	Meditation/Sparkle Room upstairs
6:30 PM	SPPRC/Fireside Room
Wednesday, Aug 12	**Summer Office Hours 10am – noon**
8:30 AM	Fixits
8:45 AM - noon	VBS
7:00 PM	AA Meeting/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Saratoga Voices/Choir Loft
7:00 PM	Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works
Thursday, Aug 13	**Summer Office Hours 10am – noon**
8:45 AM - noon	VBS
	Seekers (cancelled)
Friday, Aug 14	**Church Office Closed**
Saturday, Aug 15	
	September Newsletter Items Due
Sunday, August 16	
10:00 AM	**Worship**
11:30 AM	GROW Team Meeting/Fireside Room

Coffee Hour Hospitality today: Libby Horn

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

Worship Leaders today:

Ushers, Aug 9
Bert & Sally Longbotham
Mary Polikowski

Next week, Aug 16
Sue Hennessey, Libby Horn
Karen Lathrop

Balcony Tech, Aug 9
Kim Locker

Next Week, Aug 16
Pete Farrell

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 10: Final haul out and set-up

Sept 11 & 12: Lord's Acre Fair!

Sept 12: Clean up begins at 3 PM

Sept 13: Celebration and clean up!

Save the date for November 14, 2026 (Saturday):

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.

Each local church will be assigned a time during the day when they will cycle into a break-out room for their Charge Conference. Churches will be grouped together for their Charge Conferences based on similar mission and ministry so that conversation around shared challenges and opportunities can be part of the routine business agenda."

More details to come. In the meantime, save the date please!

What is a charge conference? Good question! We'll answer next week.

Announcements

Food Pantry Update

Immediate needs: canned corn, canned beets, 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. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated by folks who use our pantry.

Finance Update for 2026 Quarter 2 (April—June) Thank you for continuing to support the BHUMC ministry plan and keeping our church vibrant through your presence, your financial gifts, your prayers, and your witness at BHUMC and in the greater community. The Finance Committee is committed to transparency in providing information to you. We appreciate your trust.

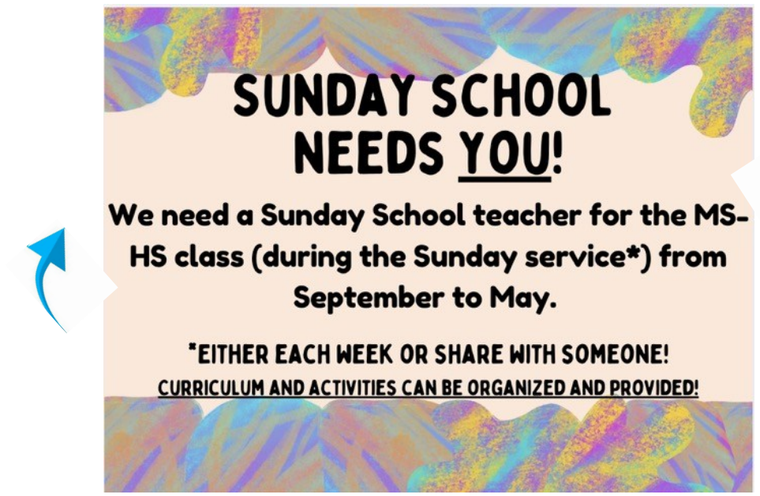
Financial Update in Support of the Ministry Plan for Quarter 2

Month	Income	Expenses
April	$39,638.01	$37,219.17
May	$34,995.86	$46,197.10 (3 payrolls)
June	$31,062.65	$32,529.66

Presence in Worship for Quarter 2

In Person Total	1339
Livestream Total	937
Grand Total	2276
Weekly Average	163

BHUMC Venmo Change: BurntHills_UMC. Previous names are no longer valid.



Chat with our **amazing Sunday School Leader, Jodi Facteau-StGelais,** about ways for you to **support our children, youth, and adult** volunteers during **VBS** and in **Sunday School** this fall. jafstgelais@gmail.com

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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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