

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

April 7, 2019 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering in God's Presence

All are welcome to this time of worship, and in this faith community.
If you are visiting today, please visit the Welcome table at the entrance.

Announcements and Welcome

Greeting One Another Please take a moment to greet your neighbors by sharing signs of God's Peace – such as – “The Peace of Christ be with you”

Prelude

Introit *Sanctuary* Thompson/Scruggs
Chancel Choir (10:30)

*Call to Worship

The days ahead are dark and full of foreboding.

We watch as Jesus journeys to the cross.

Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

Spring is about to break forth! Easter is Coming!

In all the land, new life is happening!

Let us bear witness to God's new life moving within and among us;

God is doing a new thing. Let us rejoice and give thanks!

Feel the wonder and power of God's creative energy.

Feel the awe and joy of God's love for us.

Let us worship God with a full sense of joy and expectation.

Let us open our hearts, our spirits, our souls, to God's lavish love. AMEN.

* **Opening Hymn** *Welcome* On Screen

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Readings Isaiah 43:16-21 (NRSV); Psalm 126 (The Message)

Young Disciples' Time (10:30 AM)

Please join in singing verse 1 of *Jesus Loves Me* UM Hymnal #191

***Proclaiming Hymn** *When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise* TFWS #2216

Message Bringing Forth an Old New Thing **Rev. Doug Mackey**

Responding to God's Word

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Once Upon a Tree* Choplin
Chancel Choir (10:30)

***Singing Our Praises** *Doxology* UM Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayer Song *In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful* TFWS#2195

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion Song *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* Miller
Chancel Choir

Prayer After Communion

Going Forth To Serve

***Hymn of Going Forth** *Bring Forth the Kingdom* TFWS# 2190

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Holly Nye*

Associate Pastor: *Doug Mackey*

Communication Coordinator: *Cindy Peterson*

Music Ministers: *Pete Van Keuren & Jill Zygo*

Treasurer: *Kimberly Spath*

Financial Secretary: *Peter Pranys*

Custodian: *Mindy Kinney*

Prayer Blankets: *Karen Lathrop*

Nursery: *Mindy Kinney*

Sunday School Superintendents: *Linda Laferriere & Jen Robbins*

Preschool Teachers: *Cheryl Brady & Stacy Herbage*

Sound & Video: *Peter & Terry Pranys*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7

9 AM Lent Study
9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School followed by Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir/Voices of Hope choir rehearsal
Blood Pressure Screenings after both services

Monday, April 8

9 AM Earlybirds
12 PM BHBL Women's Club
6 PM Girl Scouts
7 PM Church Council

Tuesday, April 9

9:30 AM Tuesday Connection
6:30 PM Next Steps Team
7 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 AM Fixits
9:30 AM Explorers
6 PM AA Meeting
6 PM Daisy Scouts
7 PM Pub Explorations in Theology

Thursday, April 11

9 AM Seekers-Sisters in Christ
10:15 AM Memorials Committee Meeting
10 AM Altar Guild Meeting
7 PM Chancel Choir

Saturday, April 13

2-7 PM Day of Reflection

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday

9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School followed by Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir/Voices of Hope choir rehearsal
11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt

Announcements

TODAY Coffee Hour is hosted by SPRC

Thursday Women's Study The 9 AM study group has a new name: *Seekers-Sisters in Christ*. Beginning April 11, we will be reading and discussing *Messy Spirituality*, by Mike Yaconelli. Pastor Doug used parts of this thought-provoking book as the foundation for his recent sermon series. The author dares to suggest that imperfection, unfinished-ness, and messiness are the earmarks of true Christianity. Real Christianity is messy and lopsided but gloriously liberating. Please consider joining the group and experience God's annoying love.

At an open Council meeting on March 11, in response to General Conference 2019, nearly 40 people responded to the questions, "Where are you, and what do you need from your church?" A team, *Next Steps*, was formed to continue and deepen the dialogue, and to consider how, as a congregation, we understand and express our ministry of welcoming all people. This team is planning a lunch and conversation for the whole congregation on Sunday, May 19, after the 10:30 worship service. Please plan to be there.

Walking His Walk You are invited to walk a contemplative path of prayer and engagement with scripture here at the BHUMC on Saturday, April 13, 2019. From 2-7 PM, the sanctuary will be open to any person wishing for a sacred space for reflection and contemplation. Please come and go as you feel led during this time. At various stations set up on a path throughout the space, you will be invited to join with Jesus at several stops on his ministry journey. The hope is you might find God in the Scripture moments offered, confidently ask questions of the Holy Spirit, more deeply contemplate Jesus' reasoning and teaching in those moments, and be open to growth in wisdom and understanding of your own path. The greatest hope is that you will accept this time of experiencing God's nearness as a sign of God's grace in the midst of your daily life. Please feel free to contact Sherri Mackey at SherrilMackey427@gmail.com with any questions.

Scholarships The BHUMC Scholarship applications for High School Seniors are available in the church office. Please complete and return them to the office by May 20. Winners will be announced at the church service in June. —Amie Fichtel, Chairperson of Scholarship Committee

Easter Offering Our special offering on Easter Sunday will be used to help others. \$400 will go to each of the following: Damien Center of Albany and Schenectady, Council Meadows Senior Housing in Burnt Hills, Red Bird Mission in the Appalachian region of Kentucky, Safe Inc., a Schenectady youth shelter for ages 16-20, and the BHBL Summer Lunch Program. Any remaining gifts will be given to three food pantries- SICM in Schenectady, EOC in Ballston Spa and ECHO in Rock City Falls. Thank you so much for caring about other people. You are a kind and generous congregation. — The Outreach Commission

"Let's Talk About It Now" Please join Kathleen A. Sanvidge, licensed funeral director and owner of Townley & Wheeler Funeral Home in Ballston Lake, for a wine tasting evening and an informative presentation about the advantages of taking charge of your final arrangements. Includes an introduction of clean-crafted wines from Scout & Cellar. Date: Wednesday, April 17, from 6-7 PM, at Townley & Wheeler Funeral Home, 21 Midline Rd, Ballston Lake. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Townley & Wheeler Funeral Home at (518)-399-5022.

Holy Week

April 19, Good Friday: 7 PM Worship

April 21, Easter Worship: 9 AM & 10:30 AM

Music Sunday is coming, May 19.

10:30 worship only that day.

Are you interested in becoming a member of BHUMC?
Please speak with Pastor Holly or Pastor Doug
for more information.

Pastors' Email Addresses

Lead Pastor, Rev. Holly Nye: hn@nycap.rr.com

Associate Pastor, Rev. Doug Mackey: pastdm@gmail.com



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Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43:18-19



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