

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

December 29, 2019 10:30 AM

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

Prelude *If I Could Visit Bethlehem* Wren/Hopson

Bringing in the Christ Candle

Let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

We shout the good news of God's mighty love!

God has come among us. Let us rejoice.

Praise the Lord, all creation.

We are here because we have heard a promise of Peace, a rumor of Justice,
a whisper of Hope and a hint of Love.

And we have faith their day will come;

God's transforming love beckons us.

Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

Welcome to Christmas.

Welcome to Christ in our lives.

***Hymn** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* UM Hymnal # 240

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Readings Galatians 3:25-29; Matthew 2:13-23

Young Disciples' Time (10:30) Please join in singing vs. 1 of *Jesus Loves Me*

Anthem *Some Children See Him* Huston/Burt
Harmon Tunison and Peter Van Keuren

***Proclaiming Hymn** *What Child is This* UM Hymnal #219

Message *Sacred "Doing"* **The Rev. Doug Mackey**

Responding to God's Word

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Bethlehem* Thornton
Harmon Tunison & Peter Van Keuren

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayer Song *Sanctuary* TFWS #2164

Pastoral Prayer

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.**

Going Forth To Serve

***Hymn of Going Forth** *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* UM Hymnal #224

Benediction

Postlude

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 Prany*
Custodian: *Mindy Kinney*
Prayer Blankets: *Karen Lathrop*
Nursery: *Mindy Kinney*
Sunday School Superintendents: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais*
& *Jen Robbins*
Preschool Teachers: *Stacy Herbage & Stephanie Tope*
Sound & Video: *Melissa Furman*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 29 One Service Only
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour

Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve Office Open

Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day Office Closed

Thursday, January 2
9 AM Seekers Book Study
7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 4
8 AM Men's Breakfast
10:30 AM Caregivers Support Group

Sunday, January 5
9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:05 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir/Voices of Hope Rehearsal
2 PM Scout Court of Honor Ceremony
Blood Pressure Screenings between services

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

Announcements

TODAY Coffee Hour is hosted by Church Council

Christmas Offering Our Christmas Offering helps people near and far. This year we will give \$1,000 to Schenectady Inner City Ministries (SICM). This is an organization of many faith groups that support programs to help the poor. \$1,000 will be given in support of our Conference Ministry Shares. \$500 will be given to Chacocente, a community in Managua, Nicaragua. The people who live there formerly lived in the city dump. They now have farms, a school, homes and a better life. \$500 will be given to RISSE, a family-based center in Albany that helps refugees and recent immigrants. They offer classes in English and help finding jobs and housing. Shelters of Saratoga (SOS) will receive \$500. This is an outreach program serving people who live on the street. Bethesda House, a day shelter for lonely and homeless people in Schenectady, will be given \$250. Any remaining money will be divided among our three local food pantries in Schenectady, Ballston Spa and Rock City Falls. Thank you for your generous care of people in need. Merry Christmas from the Outreach Commission.

The Early Birds Study is held every Monday at 9 AM, resuming January 6, 2020 (Early Birds will not be meeting on December 30).

Seekers-Sisters in Christ is reading and watching AJ Levine's *Light of the World*, Thursdays at 9:00 AM. The last class for this study will be January 2. For questions, contact Libby Horn at 518-399-3856. Beginning Thursday, January 9th, we will be studying the book of Esther in *God Behind the Scenes*, by Wayne K. Barkhuizen. Although the book of Esther contains no direct references to God, the author of *God Behind the Scenes* helps us trace the unseen hand of God throughout the Esther narrative while pointing out how the book is still relevant today. This study runs through February 6th. Pick up a book in the office and join us!

Explorers Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 9:30 AM. Each week, we watch a 30-minute video on some aspect of Christianity. This year's study is titled *The World of Biblical Israel*, by Professor Cynthia R. Chapman. The course traces the history of biblical Israel from its origins (1200 B.C.) to its emergence as a nation, and then, to a pair of kingdoms. It continues with its conquests by Assyria and Babylon, and finally, their return to Israel. Contact Pat or Mike Thomas for more information. We will resume our study on January 8.

Dialogues on: Sexuality, the new adult study that was to begin in January, has been postponed until a later date. Details will be announced as soon as we have the dates.

Shelters of Saratoga SOS's supplies are critically low. They are in need of: sugar, coffee, can openers, bottled water, hearty soups, fruit juice, protein or granola bars, fruit cups, men's boxers (new, M-XL), women's underwear (new, M-XL), insulated boots, gloves, socks (new), body wash, razors, small propane tanks, sleeping bags, tents, umbrellas, shelf-stable milk, hand wipes and D batteries. There will be a bin in the foyer as well as in the hallway under the mailboxes for you to drop off any donations, or you may take them to 14 Walworth St. in Saratoga, from 7 AM to 10 PM. Thank you for your generosity.

Preschool The BHUM Preschool is now accepting registrations for the fall of 2020. There will also be an Open House on Saturday, January 25, from 10 AM till 12 noon. Any questions, please call Stephanie Tope at 518-466-6566.

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Pastor Holly's mother, Betty Nye, who died on Christmas morning. There will be a memorial service today, 12/29/19, at 1 PM, at Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church.



You can view BHUMC sermons on our website at:

www.nybhunc.com/sermons.html

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