

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

*February 16, 2020 9 AM & 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** Please take a moment to greet your neighbors.

**Prelude** *Last Train Home* Metheny/Mays  
In memory of Lyle Mays (1953-2020)

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from your love.

**Help us live according to your commandments and teachings.**

Prompt us to seek you with our whole heart and guide us to walk in your ways  
**that we may carry out the vows of the covenant we share.**

May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others,  
**as we hold fast to the gift of faith.**

Be near us each every day, and bless us with your light,  
**that our days may be filled with your grace and the grace we show others.**

**\*Hymn** *O, For a Heart to Praise My God* UMH #417  
(Tune: Azmon – 57)

### Proclaiming the Word

**Scripture Readings** Matthew 5:21-26, 33-37 (NRSV)

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

**Anthem (9 AM)** *By Grace We Have Been Saved* Edwards/Southern melody  
Harmon Tunison, solo

**(10:30)** *God So Loved The World* Stainer  
Chancel Choir

**\*Proclaiming Hymn** *We Utter Our Cry* vs. 1-3, 6 UMH #439

**Message** *Challenging Peace* **The Rev. Doug Mackey**

### Responding to God's Word

#### **Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** *If You Believe and I Believe* Traditional Zimbabwe  
**(9 AM)** Harmon Tunison, solo  
**(10:30)** Chancel Choir

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

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Our Church Family in Prayer**

**Prayer Song** *Make Me a Servant* TFWS #2176

#### **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** *O God, the Things That Make for Peace* See insert

#### **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

*The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the marriage of Harry and Lynn Christie, on what would have been their 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 21. They are given with love by their daughter, Beth Lucas.*

#### **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: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais & Jen Robbins*  
Preschool Teachers: *Stacy Herbage & Stephanie Tope*  
Sound & Video: *Peter Pranys*

#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

##### **Sunday, February 16**

9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour  
10:30 AM Worship/Coffee Hour  
Sunday School: grades K-4 only

##### **Monday, February 17 Presidents Day Office Open**

5 PM Stampin' Up  
6 PM Girl Scouts

##### **Tuesday, February 18**

8 AM Soup Kitchen  
1 PM BHBL Women's Book Club  
7 PM Boy Scouts

##### **Wednesday, February 19**

8:30 AM Fixits  
9:30 AM Explorers  
10 AM Prep Community Lunch  
6 PM AA Meeting  
7 PM Pub Explorations in Theology

##### **Thursday, February 20**

9 AM Seekers Book Study  
12 PM Community Lunch  
7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

##### **Saturday, February 22**

10 AM-2 PM Spiritual Class w/ Sherri Mackey

##### **Sunday, February 23**

9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour  
10:30 AM Worship/Coffee Hour  
Sunday School: grades K-4 only  
11:30 AM Youth Group-Games  
1:30 PM Stampin' Up

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

# Announcements

## **TODAY** Coffee Hour is hosted by Church Council

**Red Wagon Sunday** is today. Please place your non-perishable food items in the wagon in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Ash Wednesday is February 26. Worship will be at 7 PM**

**Pancake Breakfast** The youth are hosting a pancake breakfast to support trips to conference, missions and other events. On March 1 we will be serving breakfast from 8 AM—noon. Youth grades 5+ are needed to help! Please contact Katie Bikowicz: 518-669-1827 or katebikowicz@gmail.com to sign up or for more details! **Adults**, please come support our youth!

**Pump Up the Volume! – Deeper Movement with God** While the Divine is always speaking to us, we tend to put God on mute except on Sunday mornings. Over 4 sessions, explore spiritual practices for moving into deeper connection with God. Saturdays: (2/22), 3/21, 4/18 and 5/16, from 10 AM to 2 PM in the Fireside Room. Please bring a notebook/journal. Questions? E-mail SherrilMackey427@gmail.com

**Seekers** Beginning February 20, the Thursday morning Seekers study group will begin a new study of the Book of Revelation. We will be reading *You Can Understand the Book of Revelation*, by Skip Heitzig. Skip is the dynamic senior pastor of one of the largest churches in the nation. He brings clarity to the mystery of Revelation and shares why it is an important, relevant and an exciting book to explore. Books will be available in the main office.

**The Early Birds Study** is held Mondays at 9 AM. We are studying the video and book *The Walk—Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*, by Adam Hamilton. This video series will also be offered Monday evenings: March 2, 16, 23 and 30, from 6:30-7:30 PM.

**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 Pastor Doug for more information.

Saratoga Springs UMC will once again host the **Adirondack District Training event - "Informed to Transform"** on March 7. The day will include a worship experience, followed by a broad range of workshops on topics ranging from spiritual growth, to church leadership, types of ministry and even useful information for life beyond the church. For more info on workshops provided and a registration form, there will be packets in the foyer or you can speak to Pastor Doug. If you choose to attend, please let us know. There will likely be carpooling opportunities available.

**Joan Nicole Prince Home** staff will be presenting a program on Monday, February 24, at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. Join us in learning about the work of this local hospice house and how we can help. The evening is being hosted by Special K Circle, and refreshments will be served.

The Preschool would like to invite you to participate with them in **Project Cameron's Story**, a nonprofit organization in its 11th year. Project Cameron collects new books, which are placed in the NICU's of local hospitals, so that parents can read to their babies. Their motto is "*Before I could hold him . . . before I could touch him . . . I read to him.*" We will be collecting books through February 20. You may place them in the bin in the foyer on Sundays, or bring them to the main office during the week. For more information, please see Debbie Whitehead, check out the material on the Welcome Table, or visit their website at projectcameronstory.org

**Rejuvenate Retreat** A spring *Ladies of the Lake Experience*. April 24-26, at Sky Lake near Binghamton. Mild or Wild options! All women are invited, even if you are not a member of BHUMC. Lodging and meals included. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board by Knight Hall or call Libby Horn for more information: 518-399-3856. (Libby Horn and Paula Miller are coordinating this retreat.) Registration forms are due by March 27. Car-pooling will be arranged.

### **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.***

*A grateful thank you to my church family for all the prayers, phone calls, texts, cards and loving support that Doug and I received during his recent hospitalizations. You are the best—Karen Lathrop.*

### **Pastors' Email Addresses**

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