

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

January 19, 2020 9 AM & 10:30 AM
Second Sunday after Epiphany/Human Relations Day

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 *Freedom is Coming* Trad. South African

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

God has called each of us before we were even born.

Our Loving God has made us to be One Body with many members.

United and uniting. This is our calling.

God calls us to share our diverse gifts activated by the one and same Spirit.

United and uniting. This is our redemption.

It is God who claims us.

The light of God's love shines on each of us.

Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God,

who challenges us and calls us to create the Beloved Community.

***Opening Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* UMH #121

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading John 1:29–42 (NRSV)

Young Disciples' Time (10:30)

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

Anthem *Hard Times Come Again No More* Foster
Joyful Voices

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

***Proclaiming Hymn** *Bring Forth the Kingdom* TFWS #2190

Message “Come and See” **The Rev. Doug Mackey**

A Modern Affirmation UMH #885

Responding to God's Word

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Skin Deep* Guy
Mike Zygo and Peter Van Keuren

***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** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH #519
Verses 1,3

Benediction

Postlude

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19

9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir/Voices of Hope Rehearsal
Super Bowl Chili orders taken during both coffee hours

Monday, January 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

6 PM Girl Scouts

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

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

Thursday, January 23

9 AM Seekers Book Study
7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 24

12 PM Lunch Bunch
5 PM Stampin' Up

Sunday, January 26

9 AM Confirmation Class
9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir/Voices of Hope Rehearsal
12 PM Youth Conference Information Meeting
Super Bowl Chili orders taken during both coffee hours

Announcements

TODAY Coffee Hour is hosted by Grow Team

Red Wagon Sunday is today. Please drop off your nonperishable food items in the red wagon that will be in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

BHUMC Welcome Statement On behalf of the Church Council, thank you for your involvement in the process of considering the proposed Welcome Statement. The members of Church Council believe that all the conversations, studies and prayers throughout the months preceding the vote on the Welcome Statement did enable the vote to be representative of an informed church family. The vote was 91% in favor of adopting the new Welcome Statement. The vote affirmed our intent to be welcoming of all persons who come to BHUMC searching for a relationship with Christ. The vote also confirmed that we are inviting all into full participation in a faith community seeking to love God and serve our neighbor. We sincerely pray that anyone who had reason to vote against the Welcome Statement will remain in this church family as dearly loved children of God—because you are. Your pastors, and I, as Council chair, welcome ongoing conversation, questions, and prayers. —Paula Miller, Church Council Chairperson

Super Bowl Chili orders will be taken during coffee hours today and on January 26. United Methodist Women are selling quarts of their famous chili with meat for \$12.00; vegetarian quarts are \$10.00. All chili will be available for pick-up on Sunday, February 2, after worship services.

The Early Birds Study is held Mondays at 9 AM. The group will not meet on January 20. We are studying the video and book *The Walk—Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*, by Adam Hamilton.

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.

Shelters of Saratoga We are still collecting much-needed items for SOS. Please drop off any items you would like to donate in the collection bins, located in the foyer as well as below the mailboxes in the hallway. Any questions, please contact Libby Horn at 518-399-3856.

Food Pantry On Wednesday of this past week, 292 pounds of food was delivered to the Schenectady Community Ministries food pantry (formerly know as SICM). Thank you for your concern for people in need.

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 projectcameronsstory.org

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.

Youth Conference We will be taking Middle School and High School youth to the Conference-wide youth event this year! OUTWARD 2020—*Destination: God our Journey*, will take place in Syracuse, March 13–15. Please join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, January 26, at noon in the Fireside Room. All those who wish to participate must register with Katie Bikowicz at katebikowicz@gmail.com by February 1. There will also be a meeting at noon on February 2 in the Fireside Room to discuss fundraising plans. All youth interested in going should plan on attending.

Prayers Needed?

Please pass Prayer Cards to the center aisle during the proclaiming hymn. **If you would like your prayer request forwarded to the Prayer Chain, please remember to check the appropriate box on the card.**

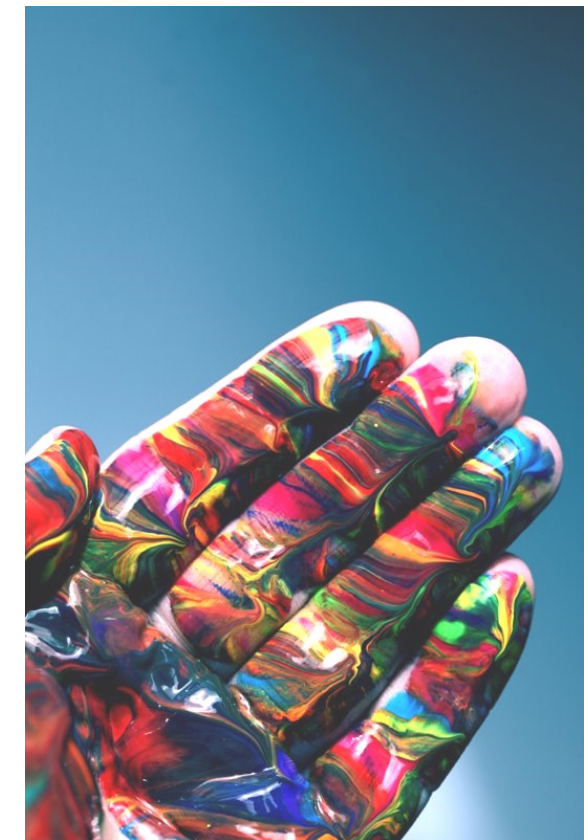
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