

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

January 6, 2019 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Epiphany

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome to this time of worship. If you are visiting today, please visit the Welcome table at the entrance.

Announcements and Welcome

Greeting One Another

Prelude *The Snow Lay on the Ground* English Carol

***Call to Worship**
Canticle of Light and Darkness UM Hymnal #205
Sung response #2

***Opening Hymn** *Gather Us In* TFWS # 2236

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Young Disciples' Time (10:30)
Please join in singing verse 1 of *Jesus Loves Me* UM Hymnal #191

***Proclaiming Hymn** *We Would See Jesus* UM Hymnal #256
Verses 1, 2, 5

Message *Having an Epiphany* **The Rev. Holly Nye**

Responding to God's Word

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Baker; arr. Gonzalez
(9:00) Peter Van Keuren
(10:30) Chancel Choir

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayer Song *Open Our Eyes* TFWS # 2086

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Communion

The Great Thanksgiving
Congregational Sung Responses TFWS #2257

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.

Coming to the Lord's Table

Communion Music *Here is Bread, Here is Wine* Kendrick
Chancel Choir

Prayer after Communion

Going Forth To Serve

***Hymn of Going Forth** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* TFWS #2173

***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, January 6

9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School followed by Coffee Hour

Monday, January 7

9 AM Early Birds

Tuesday, January 8

9:30 AM Tuesday Connection Circle
6:30 PM SPRC
7 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 9

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

Thursday, January 10

9 AM Thursday Women's Book Study
10:30 BHBL Womens' Club Board Meeting
6 PM Girl Scouts
7 PM Youth Group
7 PM Chancel Choir

Saturday, January 12

8:30 AM Boy Scout Leader Training

Sunday, January 13

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 Rehearsals

Announcements

TODAY Coffee Hour is hosted by the Grow Team

Any Christmas flowers that anyone would like to take home must be taken today after the 10:30 service.

Blankets Needed Shelters of Saratoga's Code Blue Program is in need of blankets. We will be accepting donations of new or gently used blankets through today. They can be dropped off in the upstairs classroom that is closest to the stairwell (a sign will be posted on the classroom door.) No afghans accepted. Thank you.

Women's Thursday 9 AM Study We have begun reading and discussing the book *God Space*, by author Doug Pollock. You've felt that tug...a friend, co-worker, family member, or someone you just met is talking and you sense God nudging you to say something. But what do you say? What don't you say? How can you bring God into the conversation without shutting it down? Welcome to God Space, where the Holy Spirit can do amazing things through everyday conversations. You'll find fresh insights and practical tools for connecting with others about the things that matter most. Books are in the office. Pick one up and join us!

New small group opportunity will be taking place on Thursday evenings to discuss challenges to practicing our faith in our daily lives. Podcast series, *For the Love of Faith*, by Jen Hatmaker, will frame each week's discussion. The launch date is January 24 at 7 PM. Please contact Lisa Wolf or Kara Bennett with any questions.

Church Council News Many of you are already receiving emails from me as chair of the Church Council. I invite anyone to join the email list so you can receive monthly minutes from the council meetings, which include reports from the pastors and the active ministries of the church. This is your church, and your interest and input is necessary and very welcome. Church Council invites everyone to our meeting on January 14, at 7 PM. We will be beginning a visioning process for the future of our church. This meeting will be seeking your input as to how the church can continue to embody our actions as Christ's disciples. We want to hear your dreams for the church and your thoughts on where God is asking us to focus our spiritual gifts, both here at BHUMC and in the larger world around us. Please come and help us envision how we can Love God, Love our Neighbor and Serve the World.

—Paula Miller, Chairperson (518-399-7422 or pbmiller0@gmail.com)

UMW SUPER BOWL CHILI orders will be taken during coffee hours on January 20 and Jan. 27. Quarts will be available for carry-out on Sunday, February 3. Prices are \$11.00 with meat and \$10.00 without meat. Both are delicious! All proceeds go to our United Methodist Women district mission pledge.

Next ERT Training Saturday, January 19, 8:30 AM - 5 PM at the Upper New York Conference United Methodist Center in Liverpool. **UMCOR's Early Response Teams (ERT)** provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of disaster. Questions can be directed to the UNY Volunteers in Mission Coordinator at unyvim@unyumc.org. The fee is \$25. To register, please go to goo.gl/iwtTWc. Checks can be made out to "UNYC" with "VIM-ERT" on the memo line and mailed to UNYVIM, 9 Fox Hollow, Ionia, NY 14475. Registration closes on Jan. 11.

Are you over 70.5 years old? Here is a tip to save on 2018 income taxes: You can make a direct gift to a charity of your Required Minimum Distribution from your taxable IRA. The distribution will NOT be taxable to you if the distribution is paid directly to the charity, rather than being sent to you. This is a great way to satisfy your annual obligation to take your required distribution but avoid income tax. This gift could be a tax-free means of making a gift to our beloved BHUMC. This is especially helpful if you will not be able to itemize your charitable gifts on your tax return in 2018. You can make the arrangements for direct payment to BHUMC through your broker or IRA plan.



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