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## Breaking Into the Broken World: Advent and Christmas in Crisis Theology

**Advent** is not only as a season of waiting, but also a **call to confront a world in crisis.**

This Advent season, dive deep into the Advent and Christmas sermons of some of the 20th century's most provocative theologians: Karl Barth, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Paul Tillich, and Rudolf Bultmann. Known collectively as contributors to the "theology of crisis," these thinkers wrestled with the significance of the Incarnation in a world marked by upheaval, uncertainty, and hope.

*Whether you're new to theology or a seasoned reader, this Advent journey promises to deepen your understanding of Christmas—and the God who arrives when the world is most in need.*

This class is produced entirely online and asynchronously through the **Homebrewed Christianity** community. It consists of four 30-minute video lectures, some PDF readings, and four 70-minute live-streamed Q&A sessions connected to that week's material facilitated by Dr. Tripp Fuller and that week's scholar. Email Pastor Ian at [iurriola@burnthillsumc.org](mailto:iurriola@burnthillsumc.org) for more information about the structure of the class and information about how to register for it at the **donation price point** that you're comfortable paying.

Additionally, Pastor Ian will be hosting weekly in-person meet-ups at restaurants around Burnt Hills, Schenectady, Clifton Park, and Saratoga Springs for anyone who would like to supplement the class with in-person discussion. These meet-ups will take place from 6-8pm (come and go as your schedule permits) on:

- Friday, December 6 (Katie O'Byrnes in Schenectady)
- Friday, December 13 (Uncommon Grounds in Clifton Park)
- Thursday, December 19 (Pizza Works in Burnt Hills)
- Monday, December 23 (Druther's Brewing Company in Saratoga Springs)

Contact Ian to sign up for these meet-ups.

**Deadline for articles for the January Methodist is December 15. Please submit your articles to Robyn @ [burnthillsumc@gmail.com](mailto:burnthillsumc@gmail.com)**

## 'Tis the season. . . for scams

Sadly this is true. “The most wonderful time of the year” is prime time for scams as well. Please be careful. If an email or text seems a little off, pay attention to your suspicion. Is the text number really the phone number of the person it says it is? Is it a familiar email? Is it off even just a little bit?

Please know that the pastors or the church or any of our employees will **never contact you by phone or email asking for help buying gift cards**. If you ever have any question about that please call the church or call or contact us by the phone number and email that you know is ours. These scams can be very compelling but please do not respond. Delete, block and let us know when another one is making the rounds. So many churches and pastors have this happen routinely and we haven't been exempt.

**If you would like to make a gift to help people in a crisis, you may always give to “The Angel Fund,” our pastors' discretionary fund.** Supporting this fund helps Pastor Ian and me lend a helping hand to folks truly in need. You may give through checks or the Sunday offering, marking it “Angel Fund” or you may give online through our giving platform, choosing “Angel Fund.”

We will continue to share all of the giving opportunities that we are supporting through the church. We will communicate through church announcements, the bulletin, the newsletter, our website and social media. Our online giving platform vanco has many categories for gifts through the church. When in doubt, contact the church office.

I am so grateful to be part of a church community with so many generous hearts. Please be careful to protect your monetary resources so that they are truly going where you intend them to go.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Amy

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## Please share your gifts!

We are looking for some help with the following ministries:

**2025 Ushers:** would you like to greet people, hand out bulletins, collect the offering and a few other tasks on Sunday morning? Please contact Robyn in the office to let her know when you are available and which service. Look for sign up sheets and a signup genius soon.

**Family Fun Night Coordinators for 2025 dates:** Katharine Weis is ready to help out as essential support, but we need some folks to step up and take the lead for these days with 4pm gatherings: Jan 19, March 16 and April 27. Please contact Katharine Weis, Cathy Bryson or the office to let us know you are interested.

## The Christmas Pageant



**Bring the Christmas Story to life.** We are seeking children, youth, and adults to be shepherds and kings, Joseph and Mary, Gabriel, innkeepers, angels and townspeople. **Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, noon to 2:30 on December 8, 15, and 22. (Possible rehearsal Monday December 23rd from 10-12:00 - TBD based on participant conflicts).**

Please join us for the fun, and to create a special celebratory **worship for 7:00 Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24.** To sign up, contact Jill Zygo (518 859-3734, [jillnyhan@yahoo.com](mailto:jillnyhan@yahoo.com)) or Mary Alice Nyhan ([manyhan122@gmail.com](mailto:manyhan122@gmail.com)). Or follow the link to fill out the sign up form here: <https://jillzygo.wufoo.com/forms/christmas-pageant-2024/> or scan the QR code.



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### Help us Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent

The decorating of the sanctuary window sills this year for Advent will be Angels. If you have any that you would like to share and help decorate our sanctuary, please bring them to church starting **November 24.** You can place them anywhere you desire on either window sill. Thank you and please only bring Angels that are not priceless heirlooms. Please contact Patty Riley if you have any questions.



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### Caroling at Glendale

Join us for an evening of joy and song as we bring holiday cheer to the residents of Glendale Nursing Home! On **Wednesday, December 18th, we'll meet at 6:00 p.m. at Glendale Nursing Home (59 Hetcheltown Rd, Schenectady, NY 12302)** for caroling and fellowship. All are welcome, so bring your family, friends, and festive spirit! Wear your favorite holiday attire—think Santa hats, scarves, and lots of cheer! Let's make this a memorable night filled with love and community.



### Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is set up and full of "ornaments". On the back of each "ornament" is a gift request. Please buy the item, wrap it and **ATTACH THE ORNAMENT** (the ornament information is the only way we know who gets the gift). The best way to attach the ornament is to securely tape the sting to the package (this allows the information to be read). Bring the gifts to church and place under the Giving Tree by **December 15, 2024.** We need the gifts back by this date so we can sort them for distribution prior to Christmas. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mark Witkofsky (669-2978).

## Heifer International

**For more than 75 years, Heifer International has worked with people around the globe to end hunger and poverty, and care for the earth.** This organization provides animals, seeds and trees to farm families and then mentors the families to build a business based on livestock and/or growing plants. The family later gives a gift of livestock or plants and shares knowledge with another farm family. **This chain of help continues within the community.** Family income is increased, improving food security and ensuring the well being of the community. **Your gifts save lives.** Information about donating to Heifer will be in Knight Hall after church services in December. Please stop by the table to see the animal gift cards and brochures. You may make a donation at the table, send the donation to the church office or make your donation electronically by using: [nybhumc.com/online-giving.html](http://nybhumc.com/online-giving.html). There is a drop down box for Heifer on our online giving link through vanco. Thank you so much!

## Christmas Offering- 2024

Our Christmas Offering helps neighbors near and far. Our church keeps none of your gifts received for this offering. We will again support **Schenectady Community Ministries**. This is a partnership of many faith groups that work together in ministries of social service and social justice. They serve thousands of people in need each year. We will also support **RISSE**, a family based center in Albany that helps refugees and recent immigrants. They provide classes in English and help to find jobs and housing. A donation will be made to **Chacocente Scholars**. This will help support students who formerly lived in the Managua City Dump in Nicaragua. They are now attending secondary schools and hoping to attend colleges. We are again giving money to the **Guardian House**, a shelter for homeless women veterans. Our church has agreed to help provide an outdoor area with picnic tables and playground. **Captain/CHS**, an agency active in Clifton Park and Burnt Hills will receive money to help support their many community programs for families, teens and senior citizens. We also plan to help our **local food pantries** of **Sycamore** in Schenectady, **Life Works** in Ballston Spa and **Rensselaer UMC**. You may place your offering in the collection plate using the special offering envelope marked "Christmas Offering" or drop it off at the church office. If you would like to make your offering electronically, please visit the church website at: [nybhumc.com/online-giving.html](http://nybhumc.com/online-giving.html). There is a dropdown box for the Christmas Offering.

Thank you for your generous gifts for people in need. May you all stay healthy and safe. Merry Christmas from the Outreach Committee.

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## Fair Trade Sale

On November 16 and 17, we held our annual Fair Trade Sale. Our church keeps none of the money we take in. This year **we supported Mayan Hands, SERRV and Fair Trade Coffee. The total we took in was \$1024.00.** Thank you to everyone who stopped by and/or shopped. **Your generosity helps support people in need.**

## **The Work of Christmas**

By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among the people,  
To make music in the heart.

Thank you Linda Noonan

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## **Lord's Acre Outreach Funds**

Every year, a portion of the proceeds from the Lord's Acre Fair are used to help those in need in our church, in our community and in our world. We are asking you, our congregation, for suggestions on where these funds might be used to do the most work.

Would you please let us know if you are aware of a special need that we could contribute to?

You can put suggestions in the LAF mailbox at church, send an email to the church, [burnthillsumc@gmail.com](mailto:burnthillsumc@gmail.com), or contact one of the committee members.

Greg and Nancy Adams  
Jerry and Cheryl Brady  
Pete and Mary Jo Farrell  
Ross Golden  
April Hicks  
Libby Horn  
Bert and Sally Longbotham  
Kathy Pirigyi

# BHUMC Needs Your Financial Gifts

## Giving 2024



As always when we provide you with updates, we begin with an expression of appreciation for your faithful giving. Your gifts fund the BHUMC ministries. We need to bring to your attention that we anticipate a **2024 deficit of approximately \$50,000 of income** (the money that comes from our giving). This is not an amount that we can cover using existing funds in our bank accounts. **BHUMC needs donations in 2024 to close the gap.**

Earlier in 2024, we shared in our Stewardship reporting that we were below our needed pledged giving estimates by approximately \$72,000. The good news is that through your gifts, we made up for some of that gap. However, we do still have a significant deficit and that is why we ask that you **please consider the BHUMC for any 2024 end of year charitable giving** that you can make. You can give online through Vanco which can be reached from our church website, you can send a check, or you can give in the offering plate during worship. If you have any questions about your giving, you can reach out to Sue Zoller, Financial Secretary, at [financialsecretary@burnthillsumc.org](mailto:financialsecretary@burnthillsumc.org).

## Pledging 2025

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Commitment Sunday by declaring our intentions to give back to God next year from the many blessings we receive. So far, **we have received estimates of giving for \$247,681 from 78 households.**

For our 2025 budget, **we need \$363,400 in pledged giving.** So while we have had good progress in these early days of sharing our estimates, we need to hear from more households about pledging. **Pledge cards can be found in the church office and in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary, or you can call the church office** and ask for one to be mailed to you. And remember that even if you plan to give electronically, we appreciate receiving a pledge card so we know your intentions.

For those who have already pledged, we ask that you consider an increase to your pledged giving knowing that we do not yet have a fully funded budget.

And don't forget to pick up your Stewardship Bingo Card so you can track the many ways in which you give to our church throughout 2025. Your first opportunity to mark a square comes when you make a pledge for next year! Bingo cards for adults and children can be found in the narthex and in the church office.

Faithful stewardship requires our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. **Thank you for all the ways you participate in the life of this church.**



April Hicks

Stewardship Team



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## **Advent & Christmas at Burnt Hills United Methodist Church**

# **COME LET US ADORE HIM!**

### **Advent I Preparations    Candle of Hope**

Sunday, December 1

9am & 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion and Baptism

4pm **Advent Potluck** Bring some food or just yourself! 5pm Sanctuary Tree decorating with caroling. 6pm Memorial Tree lighting on Route 50 by our sign

Saturday, December 7

8am Family Breakfast    All are welcome!

### **Advent II Passion    Candle of Peace**

Sunday, December 8

9am & 10:30am worship with harp and violin guest musicians

### **Advent III Presence    Candle of Joy**

Sunday, December 15

9am & 10:30am Voices of Hope & Youth Choir sing

Wednesday, December 18

6pm Carol at Glendale Home (59 Hetcheltown Rd, Schenectady) All ages & voices welcome!

Friday, December 20

7pm Longest Night Service    Together we gather to hold grief and loss in the holiday season

### **Advent IV Promise    Candle of Love**

Sunday, December 22

9am & 10:30am worship

### **Christmas Eve**

Tuesday, December 24

3:30pm **Short & Sweet Christmas** Come as you are Christmas! 30 minute/ low sensory service with the Christmas story, carols and candlelight (glow stick & battery candle options) Snacks served. Home before dark.

7pm **Christmas Pageant** The Christmas Story led by our youth and friends

9pm **Candlelight Service** scripture, music, carols & peaceful candlelight

### **First Sunday after Christmas Day**

Sunday, December 29

9:30am One worship service    Christmas celebration continues with carols & scripture



finding joy and  
connection  
through shared  
*expression*



Share your stories, explore your gifts, and celebrate community  
Saturday, January 25, 2025 in Knight Hall  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (please plan to attend for whole day)



come and  
*play!*

Story sharing  
Collaging  
Drum Circle  
Food  
Conversation  
Fun!

Facilitated by Beth McLaughlin, Renee Mesh, and Marilyn Stoner

Lunch will be provided  
Childcare available to those who need it

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER OR  
SIGN UP ON BULLETIN BOARD

CONTACT BETH, MARILYN, OR RENEE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION





## Reflections on the World Student Christian Federation-US Annual Conference

by Kenzie Rodriguez

**In October, Abby and I had the pleasure and opportunity to attend the World Student Christian Federation conference this year thanks to this Church.** We talked about how we would be able to participate in social change movements. There, we were able to learn more about ourselves and how to better the environment around us. Being able to learn about how we are only going to thrive as a group and we are not going to get anything done in isolation. We heard from three speakers, and were invited to participate in many different worships with different styles. **We were able to listen to DeShawn Jones, who's on the leadership team, talk about how "without each part, a body is not whole and they each have a "gift." About how important it is that "I need you to be you and you need me to be me... life is the interdependency to feel and need other people."**

**Deepa Iyer talked about Strengthening Social Change Roles and Ecosystems.** She said that the goal of her talk was to gain a framework for **effective and sustainable social change.** She really stressed the notion that "how we do the work is just as important as what the work is. "Being able to focus on one thing when we are able is important." She brought up the analogy of playing whack-a-mole. When we are so focused on one problem, and then finish that problem, fifteen more might pop up. We learned that "in order to thrive, we need to have a good ecosystem." When everyone is doing the same job or serving the same role within the ecosystem, it can become stale and, like any style ecosystem, it starts to die out. Everyone must serve a role within it to keep it going. We were introduced to the Social Change Map and were able to show insight to the roles that we play in our own lives, or what we can play in whatever moment we are in. That you might need to do what is needed in the moment or context to help those around you. A robust ecosystem share; values, change, diversity, belonging, relationships, and well-being.

On our last full day there, we were able to hear from **author Cole Author Riley. She talked about how important it is to be present in our bodies and things around us.** She said "If you aren't in your body, someone else is.... There are systems that have everything to gain from our disembodiment." She explained that empty bodies are always going to be easier to control. Nothing is more real than the soul being made of flesh. "The body is a temple that houses the soul." She also explained that we all belong to a God who isn't interested in boldly neglecting. The part we both found really interesting is when she was talking about how we might have been taught 'what will you give?' As if to say Christ has endured violence, and we should mirror that. As if to give back what is owed. How "we have been taught to sacrifice our bodies far more than we have been taught to lie down in still waters." **She brought forth that rest is resistance. Taking care of ourselves is the most selfless act we can do.** If we don't care for ourselves, how are we going to take care of someone else? She also talked about how **the body is the holder of many emotions and stories.** Shame can rest in a person's body and transform their posture. It can hold trauma that could be passed on from generations, that it is important to take a moment and acknowledge it and embrace it even. In the absence of relief, a young person's natural response- only response, is to repress and disconnect from the feelings associated with suffering.

**This whole experience has brought a lot of eye opening reflections to us and who we are, and what roles we might be able to play within different social settings.** In different jobs of life and mainly, to take time for ourselves. Bring forward all of the feelings and memories we have been repressing for the benefit of others or ourselves. **Abby and I are very grateful for those who talked at the conference, those who helped introduce us to it, and got us there.**

## Grow Team November 2024

### DECEMBER

- December 1** 4:00 pm : Advent Potluck followed by tree decorating, carol sing, & memorial tree lighting! Bring a dish to share! Helpers needed for set up and clean up!
- December 8** Christmas Pageant Rehearsal starts from 12:00-3:00p. Please connect with Jill Zygo or Mary Alice Nyhan and express your interest!
- December 18** Caroling at Glendale Nursing Home All ages & singers welcome. See page 2 for details.

### Save the date!

#### Sunday dates for family- time potluck and games:

**January 19**

**February 9**—Super Bowl watch party—more info to come!

**March 16**

**April 27**

**We are grateful ! We had 14 children in our k-2nd grade Sunday school class this week !**

### Music groups!

Thank you to our music therapist members Beth McLaughlin and Lori Parmalee for leading our pre-K and k-2nd inclusive music classes for our members and the community!



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### December Men's Breakfast is open to Everyone (Men, Women and Children!)

The Men's Breakfast Group is sponsoring a Church Family Breakfast for **Saturday, December 7 at 8:00 am. All are invited, men, women and children.** Please sign up using the bulletin board outside Knights Hall so we know how much food to make. In the immortal words of Robin Williams, "be there or be square".



## Studies for Adults: Please join us!

- **Early Birds** with Pastor Amy, meets **Mondays at 9:30 am** in the Fireside room. We are reading “The Gospel of John” by Amy-Jill Levine. Books available in the church office.
  - **Explorer’s Bible Study** meets **Wednesdays 9:30 am** in the Fireside Room. The group views a 30 minute video about the bible and then talks about it. No homework, no additional reading. Just come, learn and share.
  - **Seekers: Sisters in Christ**, ongoing study meets **Thursdays at 9:15 am** in Knight Hall.
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## BHUMC Council Meetings

Church Council meets once a month on the **third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in Knight Hall**, with an option to join live online via Zoom—a hybrid meeting. All church members are invited to attend and participate. Contact April Hicks, Council Chair, at BHUMC\_Council @gmail.com for the Zoom link for any given month, or to be added to the standing invitation email distribution list. **The next meeting is Monday, January 20 at 7:00 pm. There is no council meeting in December.**

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## United Methodist Women



UMW Circles are small groups that gather monthly for a devotion, tasty snacks and a variety of programs and projects. Please join in whenever your schedule allows. All meetings are open and welcoming. For more information, contact Holly Rogers at 399-8629.

**TUESDAY CONNECTION CIRCLE** will meet on **Tuesday, December 10th at 9:30 AM in Knight Hall** for a Christmas Cookie Exchange. Feel free to join in! There are no complicated rules; just bring your cookies and an empty container. You will leave with the same number of cookies that you bring.

**SPECIAL K CIRCLE** will **not meet** in December.

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## Music

We may not all be singers, but **each of us has a song to sing!** And if you feel like sharing your vocal gifts in the Chancel Choir, **weekly rehearsals** are at **7:00 pm in the choir loft**. It's a fun and meaningful way to worship God, and you'd be helping others in worship. **Join us in the loft**; it's the best seat in the house! *Pete Van Keuren*

## Transformative Table Talk



Join us on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** to eat good food, connect with one another and talk about Theology (and whatever else is on our minds). We will meet at **Pizza Works every Wednesday except the last Wednesday of the month**, 720 Saratoga Rd., Burnt Hills. For updates please text 518-414-0967. No need to RSVP.

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## Caregiver Support Group



*Are you the caregiver for a family member or friend? Do you know of someone who is having difficulties with caregiving? It helps to talk to others who are going through the same experiences. This group is open to both church members and non-church members.*

The next Caregiver Support Group meeting will be **Saturday, December 7, at 10:30 am** in the Fireside Room. The caregivers who attend this support group are in all stages of caregiving from just taking care of a loved one in their own apartment or house to those dealing with hospice in nursing homes. Diane Skibinski is the facilitator and can be reached at [dskibins@gmail.com](mailto:dskibins@gmail.com) or **518-423-2887** for any questions.

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## Soup Kitchen



We will not be serving lunch at the soup kitchen in December, but if you would like to help in January, please sign up using Sign-up genius. We will be making soup on January 12 and serving lunch on January 13. It is a week earlier due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.



## Lunch Bunch

The November/December luncheon date for Lunch Bunch will be **Friday, December 6th**. The group will meet at **The Charlton Tavern at 12:00 pm**. Contact Carol Borthwick (399-5405) or Lynn Christie (399-8838) if you would like to attend.



For the most up-to-date calendar, check our webpage at [www.nybhmc.com](http://www.nybhmc.com). Want to add something to the master calendar? Email [burnthillsumc@gmail.com](mailto:burnthillsumc@gmail.com) or call the office at 518-399-5144.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Advent Potluck/KH 5:00pm Decorating tree 6:00pm Memorial Tree Lighting	<b>2</b> 9:15am Preschool/Sanctuary 9:30am Earlybirds 5:30pm Scouts/Upstairs 6:00pm Scouts/KH 6:30pm Scouts/FS 6:45pm Scouts/Upstairs	<b>3</b> 9:15am Preschool/Sanctuary 10:00am Meditation 6:30pm SPRC/FS 7:00pm Scouts/KH	<b>4</b> 8:30am Fix-its 9:15am Preschool/Sanctuary 9:30am Explorers 6:00pm Scouts 7:00pm AA/FS 7:00pm Table Talk/Pizza Works 7:30pm Meditation/S.H. room	<b>5</b> 9:15am Preschool/Sanctuary 9:15am Seekers/KH 6:00pm Playgroup 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 9:15am Preschool/Sanctuary 12:00pm Lunch Bunch/Charlton Inn	<b>7</b> 8:00am Family Breakfast/KH 10:30am Caregiver's Support Group/FS
<b>8</b> 9:00am Worship 9:45am Youth Choir 10:30am Worship 11:30am Voices of Hope 12:00 pm Pageant Rehearsal 3:00pm Scouts/Preschool	<b>9</b> 9:15am Preschool/Sanctuary 9:30am Earlybirds 6:30pm Scouts/FS 6:45pm Scouts/Upstairs	<b>10</b> 9:15am Preschool/Sanctuary 9:30am Tuesday Connections 10:00am Meditation 6:30pm Finance mtg./FS/Hybrid 7:00pm Scouts/KH	<b>11</b> 8:30am Fix-its 9:15am Preschool/Sanctuary 9:30am Explorers 6:00pm Scouts/Upstairs 7:00pm AA/FS 7:00pm Table Talk/Pizza Works 7:30pm Meditation/S.H. room	<b>12</b> 9:15am Preschool/Sanctuary 9:15am Seekers 6:00pm Playgroup 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 9:15am Preschool/Sanctuary	<b>14</b> 2:30pm Piano recital/Sanctuary/Knight Hall 5:30pm Scouts/KH
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<b>22</b> 9:00am Worship 9:45am Youth Choir 10:30am Worship 11:30am Voices of Hope 12:00 pm Pageant Rehearsal	<b>23</b> No Earlybirds	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> 3:30pm Short and Sweet Early Service 7:00pm Christmas Pageant 9:00pm Candlelight Lessons and Carols	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30am Worship *Please note there is only 1 worship.*	<b>30</b> <b>Office Closed</b> No Earlybirds	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>Office Closed</b>				

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### Preschool

**Preschool had a wonderful November** celebrating Veterans Day, America, and Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for: our students and their families, our amazing Pastors and church community, our community and so much more.

**We are so excited for the holiday season.** Our 4 year old class has already begun preparing for their **nativity programs** and our 3 year old class will begin rehearsals this month. **Santa's workshop** is open upstairs in our drama room and we have so many cute holiday crafts planned. Both classes made **beautiful ornaments to decorate our tree at the 15th Annual Festival of Trees** hosted by the BHBL Women's Club. Check out our tree at the Town of Ballston Town Hall at 323 Charlton Rd. from December 6th-8th.

**We are beginning to take registrations for our 2025/26 school year.** If you or anyone you know is interested please have them reach out to Stephanie Tope at 518-466-6566 or [bhumpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:bhumpreschool@gmail.com).

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!