

We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.
February 26, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Shine Your Light! — Week 6: “Get Up and Don’t Be Afraid ”

Prelude *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Nicolai

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Fear and anxiety can hinder us from leading the lives we wish to live.

We can’t always control these human feelings.

May we have compassion for one another especially during tough times,

and extend support and kindness at *all times*

Motivating God,

we give you thanks for the courage to live boldly into your promises.

Open our eyes to the light of possibilities,

even when the day ahead holds difficulties.

***Hymn** *We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding* TFWS #2103

Congregational Prayer

Illuminating God,

we sometimes struggle to see the path you have set before us.

There are times when our faith feels rootless,

when our spiritual ancestors feel so far away

and we question our connections to your great cloud of witnesses.

At times, life is so frightening,

the way forward seems unclear,

and fear can make us feel small and doubtful.

Help us to boldly carry out your commands to love one another

without hesitation

and to live each day with courage and grace.

May we see your face revealed to us wherever we go,

as we seek to be a light for others. Amen.

Spiritual Practice “Get Up and Don’t Be Afraid”

Anthem 9:00 Worship *I’ve Got Peace Like A River/Kum Ba Yah*
 10:30 Worship *Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil* Hanson

Hymn *Jesus Loves Me vs. 1* UMH# 191

Young Disciples Time

Hymn *Jesus Loves Me vs. 3* UMH# 191

Scripture Reading Matthew 17: 1-9

Message “Get Up and Do Not Be Afraid” Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Response *Days Like This* Morrison Pastor Brendan J Fox

Offering our Gifts and Our Thanks

Offertory *Dust and Ashes* Wren/Haas

***Singing Our Praises** *Doxology* UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *Open The Eyes Of My Heart* Baloché

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Brendan J. Fox

The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895

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.

***Hymn** *Jesus, Light of the World* W&S #3056

***Benediction**

Postlude *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* Hayford

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, February 19	
9:00 AM	Worship
10:30 AM	Worship with Sunday School
11:30 AM	Soup Making for Ash Wednesday
3:00 PM	Boy Scouts
Monday, February 20	
No Early Birds	
6:15PM	Girl Scouts
Tuesday, February 21	
1:00 PM	BH-BL Book Club
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
7:00 PM	Trustees meeting
Wednesday, February 22	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
6:00 PM	Soup and Sandwich meal/Knight Hall
7:00 PM	AA meeting/Fireside room
7:00 PM	Worship
7:00 PM	Social Justice/Knight Hall
Thursday, February 23	
9:15 AM	Seekers
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 24	
12:00 PM	Lunch Bunch at Maxon’s
Sunday, February 26	
9:00 AM	Worship
10:30 AM	Worship with Sunday School
4:00 PM	Girl Scouts

*To find out the latest event information, please regularly check the **Events Calendar on our website at www.nybhumc.com**. The calendar is constantly updated. To add something your group would like to share, please fill out a Calendar Request Form located in the Main Office or email us at burnthillsumc@gmail.com.*

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service
hosted by SPRC

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

Announcements

- Join us for the **Ash Wednesday**--the beginning of the season of Lent. Wednesday, **February 22: 6pm Soup and Sandwich meal** in Knight Hall. **7pm worship** in the sanctuary--a time for contemplation and receiving ashes.
- Have you ever noticed that everyone likes to be in the kitchen during parties? **After worship on Sunday, February 19th let's gather in the kitchen to make our soup** for the Ash Wednesday soup meal. Youth and Young Adults are especially encouraged to join in the fun!
- Ann Chatterton** will be celebrating her **80th birthday on February 23**. If you would like to send her a card, her address is Evergreen Commons Room 2346 1070 Luther Rd. East Greenbush, NY 12061.
- In Lent this year we will ask ourselves, how do we experience **"belonging in a world of relations?"** Each Sunday in Lent we will reflect on the ways we relate to **Planet, Place, Partners, Persons, Practice, and Palms** and how our faith both shapes, and is shaped by these relationships. This theme is inspired by the poetry, essays, and writings of the **Kinship series**, a five volume collection published by the Center for Humans & Nature.
- Epiphany Series: Shine Your Light**
We've had fun revealing a new lamp each week during this dark time of year to remind us of some of the different ways that we can shine our light. Here's the wrap up.
 - Jan 8 Epiphany Sunday: Moravian Star
 - Jan 15 Week 1: Flip the Switch: flamingo lamp
 - Jan 22 Week 2: Lighten Up: chicken lamp
 - Jan 29 Week 3: Make My Day: railroad lantern
 - Feb 5 Week 4: Little Altars Everywhere: head lamp
 - Feb 12 Week 5: Walk this Way: lava lamp
 - Feb 19 Week 6: Get Up and Don't Be Afraid: ???
- The **Next Steps Team** is excited to have a book study facilitated by Lisa Puckey on the book, **The Savvy Ally: A Guide For Becoming A Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate**. It will be **March 1,8,15,22,29 and April 5 from 7-8:30 pm**. Offered in-person, virtually or both! Limited copies available through BHUMC or purchase your own prior to 3/1. **Please register by 2/23 with the office!**
- On **Saturday, March 11 from 6:30-8:30 pm**, it's **Open Mike Night** at the Burnt Hills United Methodist Church! The performers are signing up! So far we have singers, musicians, poets, and a trumpeter! Sign ups are outside of Knight Hall. Coffee and desserts will be available for purchase. No cover charge but a free will offering will be taken for UMCOR.

Ways to Give

- Give to earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria through **UMCOR/ United Methodist Committee on Relief**. 100% of your gift goes toward relief efforts. Please make checks out to **BHUMC and mark your donations as "earthquake relief."**
- Through February 20: Collection for Shelters of Saratoga**. They only accept donations of items that appear on the list posted on the SJAG bulletin board. No used clothing or furniture.

Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*
Associate Pastor: *Brendan Fox*
Communication Coordinator: *Robyn Axon*
Custodian: *Nick Adami*
Music Ministers: *Pete Van Keuren & Jill Zygo*
Treasurer: *Kimberly Spath*
Financial Secretary: *Sue Zoller*
Prayer Blankets: *Karen Lathrop*
Sunday School Superintendent: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais*
Preschool Teachers: *Stephanie Tope & Angela Barclay*
Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*

Prayers Needed?

We will be collecting prayer cards during the offering.
If you would like your prayer request forwarded to the Prayer Chain, please remember to check the appropriate box on the card.

Lead Pastor, Amy Gregory: revgregorybhunc@gmail.com
Church phone: 518-399-5144 press "1"
Associate Pastor, Brendan Fox: pastorbrendanbhunc@gmail.com
Church phone: 518-399-5144 press "2"

Are you on the church email list? Is your email current? **Weekly emails highlight the activities around the church and information about Sunday worship**, including the livestream link. Please contact the office: burnthillsumc@gmail.com



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Epiphany 2023

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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.

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