

Welcome

- **Welcome to worship!** If you are new, please fill out a welcome card found in the pews, if you'd like to receive more information. **Thank you for coming** to spend part of your Sunday with us. We hope you experience a sense of God's love and grace here today.
- We will be **collecting prayer cards** during the offering. If you would like your **prayer request** forwarded to the Prayer Chain, please check the appropriate box on the card.

Announcements

- Tonight we eat soup. Join in the **Soup Soiree from 4-6pm**. Bring soup or just yourself! All welcome!
- Next **Sunday, February 25th, we have a very special preacher, Diane Cameron**. Diane is our leader for the women's retreat in April and we are so pleased to be able to introduce her to the congregation at large. Diane is a gifted spiritual director, writer and coach among her many gifts. Please join in welcoming her to BHUMC.
- Mark your calendars! Our Corned Beef and Cabbage community dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 9th from 4:30 to 7 pm** in Knight Hall. There will be many opportunities to share the prep work on **March 7-8**, as well as work at the dinner. Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall. More info to follow.
- **No Ad Council meeting in February**. The next meeting is **March 18 at 7:00, Zoom only**.
- **The Women's Retreat is April 19-20**, at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, NY. Space is limited—register soon. Scholarships available. See Pastor Amy.
- **We Can Do More Together! February 28th at 7pm:** join in a meeting discussing coalition building with the Social Justice Action Group. Please email bhumcsocialjustice@gmail.com if you plan on attending.
- Join us for coffee, crepes and a great book discussion! **Mark your calendars for a Book Group at Cupola Coffee and Crepes on Saturday, March 2nd at 2:30pm**. It will be a one session meeting on Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers by Anne Lamott. Books are available for \$16. Please rsvp on the sheet outside Knight Hall to attend for planning purposes.

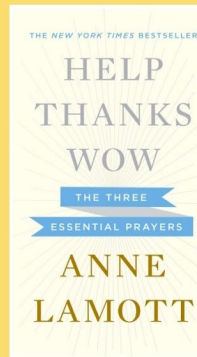
Book Group

at *Cupola* Coffee and Crepes

Saturday, March 2 at 2:30 pm

Join us for crepes, coffee and a book discussion

Books available from the church office



Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us with **pancakes and ashes** on Tuesday! Planners, cooks, workers and pancake eaters. Thank you for marking the beginning of Lent in a new way.

Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*

Associate Pastor: *Brendan Fox, on medical leave*

Communication Coordinator: *Robyn Axon*

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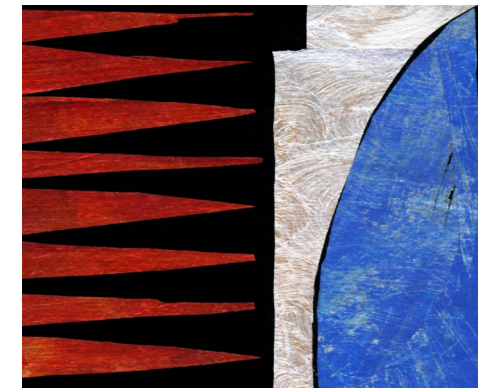
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Burnt Hills United Methodist Church

February 18, 2024



"Discernment in the Desert" by Jan Richardson

*As Jesus knew, going into the barren and uncomfortable places isn't about proving how holy we are, or how tough, or how brave. It's about letting God draw us into the place where we don't know everything, don't **have** to know everything, indeed may be emptied of nearly everything we think we know.*

—from Lent 1: Discernment and Dessert in the Desert
The Painted Prayerbook, February 2008, by Jan Richardson

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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