

We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.
February 22, 2026 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM First Sunday in Lent

Prelude *Come, Let Us With Our Lord Arise* Trad. Eng. melody

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship** (author unknown) Rev. Amy B. Gregory

As darkness gives way to light
 and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,
We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.
 Like the green shoots of renewed life,
 stirring beneath the soil,
We welcome God's Spirit into our hearts.
 On this journey of reflection and repentance,
 re-creation, and renewal,
We affirm our identity in the kinship of God's creation.
We claim our belonging in a world of relations.

***Hymn** *Jesus Tempted in the Desert* TFWS #2105

Congregational Prayer (author unknown) Rev. Ian Carlos Urriola-Schonewolf

Holy One, your Spirit compels us to go into the wilderness. We ask for the courage to examine the desert places in our hearts, and to be willing to face the adversaries in our lives—that which lures us away from being who you have created us to be. We pray for the courage to face our fears. Relieve the troubles of our hearts, and the devastation of our distress. Turn your love towards us so that we may know your grace in our loneliness and afflictions. Lead us as we journey together into the wilderness, we pray. Amen.

Anthem (9:00) *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* Trad. Scottish melody
 (10:30) *Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes* Whitney/White

Song *Jesus Loves Me* (Verse 1) UMH #191

Time for Young Disciples

Young friends, preschool through high school age are invited to Sunday School! Follow the crowd :)

Song *Jesus Loves Me* (Verse 1) UMH #191

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11

Message Pastor Amy

***Hymn** *Be Still My Soul* UMH #534

Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts, Tithes and our Thanks

Offertory *Circle of Praise* Choplin

***Singing Our Praises** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God, above ye heavenly hosts;
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Pastor Ian

Prayer Song *Cares Chorus* Willard

Pastoral Prayer

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** *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* UMH #128

***Benediction**

Postlude *The Glory of These Forty Days* Latin hymn

Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Ann Chatterton by her family. Ann died a year ago last Friday. Her 83rd birthday would have been celebrated next Wednesday.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, February 22 1st Sunday in Lent	
9:00 AM	Worship
10:30 AM	Worship
5:00 PM	Family Night - Pasta Party/Knight Hall
Monday, February 23	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds/Fireside Room
2:00 PM	Special K/Fireside Room
Tuesday, February 24	
10:00 AM	Meditation/Sparkle Room
Wednesday, February 25	
8:30 AM	Fixits
9:30 AM	Explorers/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	AA meeting/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Social Justice Action Group mtg./Knight Hall
Thursday, February 26	
9:15 AM	Seekers Book Study/Knight Hall
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal/Loft
Friday, February 27	
12:00 PM	Lunch Bunch/Glenville Applebee's
Saturday, February 28	
10:00 AM	Retreat/Knight Hall
Sunday, March 1 2nd Sunday in Lent	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope Choir
12:00 PM	All Church meeting
5:00 PM	Youth Group at Shen UMC

Thank you to our worship leaders today:

Ushers, February 22

9:00 am Mary Jo Farrell
 10:30 am Chris Frederick/
 Ross Golden

Next week, March 1

Sue Hennessy
 Sue Hennessy

Balcony Tech

Steve Skibinski Diane Skibinski

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service
 hosted by our Staff Parish Relations team

Announcements

- **Family Fun Night Tonight!** — let's beat the winter blues with carbs and company! Come join us for a **Free Pasta Party from 5-7pm in Knight Hall**. Our chefs are the Weis family. Everyone is invited! See you there!
- **Retreat on Saturday, February 28 in Knight Hall from 10am-4pm** — The Golden Journey of Discovering Beauty, Meaning and Hope In these Broken Times. This retreat, led by Marilyn Stoner and Rhody Streeter, offers a time to be together in a small group setting, to share gratefulness and brokenness, grief, hurt, and even anger in a healthy way...and stories of courage, wonder and joy (all genders over 18). Meals provided. **Sign up on the bulletin board, or Signup Genius.** Questions? Text Marilyn at (502) 456-1502.
- **Seekers-Sisters in Christ, which meets Thursdays at 9:15 am in Knight Hall**, is beginning a new book study "Lent in Plain Sight—A Devotion Through Ten Objects" by Jill J. Duffield. All are welcome!
- **Our Corned Beef and Cabbage Community Dinner is Saturday, March 7, 2026**, eat in or take out from **4:30 to 6:30pm**.



Sign Up on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall to **join the food prep and serving teams**. Many hands and hearts are needed to make this a wonderful event for our community.

Buy Your Tickets at Mail 'N More, the church office, or at the door, as well as from Linda Noonan or Kathy Pirigyi after services today or next Sunday.

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.

BHUMC Ministry Team

Lead Pastor: *Rev. Amy B. Gregory*
Associate Pastor: *Rev. Ian Carlos Urriola-Schonewolf*
Music Director: *Pete Van Keuren*
Youth Music Director: *Jill Zygo*
Church Office Manager: *Renee Mesh*
A/V Tech: *Charles Hartmann*
Custodian: *Nick Adami*
Financial Secretary: *Sue Zoller*
Sunday School Superintendent: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais*

Community Outreach

- **Young Parents United of Schenectady:** Our congregation supports this organization which helps young families find apartments and jobs, and offers classes in parenting and finances. **Our Women's Circle, Special K**, is gathering baby products and toiletries (not covered by SNAP) to help these families. Please join us in this.

Items most needed:

Babies Diapers, Baby body wash, Baby wipes, Diaper rash ointment
Adults Shampoo/ conditioner, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Soap

Place items in the collection box in Knight Hall between the Outreach and Social Justice bulletin boards. Our donations show these young families that someone cares about them. Thank you!

- **2025 Christmas Offering:** Thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas Offering. The total for our Christmas Offering was \$2745 and was shared as follows:

\$800 to the Ministry Plan
\$800 to Sycamore (formerly SICM)
\$300 to Community Human Services
\$300 to RISSE
\$300 to Young Parents United
\$245 to local Food Pantries

Our caring congregation continues to support so many people and organizations. Thank you!

Save the Date

- **Questions & Answers Gathering on Sunday, March 1, 2026** after the second service, to talk about transitioning to one pastor.
- **Soup Kitchen, March 15 & 16**, watch for volunteer signups sheets.
- **Free Piano Concert by Daniel Huh on Sunday March 22 at 2 pm in the Sanctuary.** Everyone is warmly invited!



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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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