

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

February 23, 2025

9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

Prelude *Sing The Praise of God Our Maker* Morris

Words of Welcome Rev. Amy B. Gregory

***Call to Worship** by Dr. Lisa Hancock

Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." But who are the others?
Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.
 Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." But what is mercy?
To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.
 Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." But how do we forgive?
By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.
Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.
Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn** *God of Love and God of Power* UMH #578

Prayer of Confession by Mindi Welton-Mitchell

Holy Jesus,
You call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not.
You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies,
to bless those who curse us.
We want the easy way,
but You have given us the hard path.
Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with You,
to allow ourselves at times to stumble,
to live into the hard way
so that we might fully experience
Your love, grace, and peace in this world,
by becoming a people full of love and grace
and forgiving others.
In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem *How Great You Are* Posthuma

Song *Jesus Loves Me (vs. 1)* UMH #191

A Time for Young Disciples

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

Song *Jesus Loves Me (vs. 1)* UMH #191

Scripture Reading Luke 6: 27-38

Message "You Who are Listening. . ." Pastor Amy

Hymn *The Gift of Love* UMH #408

Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts and our Thanks

Offertory *God of Great and God of Small* Sleeth

***Singing Our Praises** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* 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 Blanket Blessing

Prayer Song *Send Me, Lord* Traditional South African tune

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in your heart language) 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.

***Sending Hymn** *"Hymn of Promise"* UMH #707

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *O God Beyond All Praising* Holst

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, February 23	
9:00 AM	Worship
10:30 AM	Worship
Monday, February 24	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
2:00 PM	Special K/FS
5:30 PM	Troop #3842/KH
6:30 PM	Troop #2424/Upstairs
6:30 PM	Troop #3801/FS
6:45 PM	Troop #2161/Upstairs
Tuesday, February 25	
10:00 AM	Meditation/Senior High room
6:00 PM	Troop #3856/FS
7:00 PM	Troop #56/Knight Hall
Wednesday, February 26	
8:30 AM	Fixits
9:30AM	Explorers/Fireside Room
6:00 PM	Troop #3857/Upstairs
7:00 PM	AA meeting/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Social Justice Action Group/KH
7:30 PM	Meditation/SH room
Thursday, February 27	
9:15 AM	Seekers/Knight Hall
7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
Friday, February 28	
12:00 PM	Lunch Bunch at Maxon's
Sunday, March 2	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope Choir

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.

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.

Announcements

- The flower arrangement is from April Hicks in honor of her mother, Ann Chatterton, who was a member of BHUMC and who passed away on Thursday.
- The Men's breakfast for the **month of March has been cancelled.** We're sorry for any inconvenience.
- **Special K will be collecting baby supplies and toiletries for Young Parents United through the month of February.** This is a wonderful organization that helps young families find apartments and jobs and offers classes in parenting and finance. They do anything they can to help these parents become successful. We will be collecting size five and six diapers, baby wash, baby wipes, diaper rash ointment and for adults shampoo/ conditioner. toothpaste, deodorant and soap. A bin will be in Knight Hall near the Outreach/ Social Justice bulletin boards. We would love your help in providing these much needed items. Thank you for your kind generosity.
- **Our balcony tech team needs more members!** Are you interested in learning how to run tech for Sunday's stream? Let Charles or the pastors know. Tech training date to be announced soon.
- **Virtual Trans-Parent Support Group Forming**
Whether your child is young or a grown adult, being the parent of a transgender child is a journey. A journey of questions. A journey of emotions. A journey of adjustments. A journey of acceptance. And a journey that can't be understood unless you are on that journey. Linda Barczykowski is a friend of Pastor Ian and a United Methodist Certified Lay Minister in our Annual Conference with a transgender child, and she has felt a call to start a virtual gathering for parents with transgender children looking for an opportunity to be in community and faith-based fellowship with one another. These gatherings would occur monthly over Zoom and include bible study, prayer, and conversation. Anyone who is interested in joining this community as it's starting up should contact Linda at lindab125@outlook.com.
- **We are recruiting ushers for 2025!** If you are interested in being an usher, please sign up with sign up genius or contact Sue Hennessey or Brenda Little.



You are invited!

FREE PANCAKE SUPPER

Food Pantry donations welcomed

TUES, MARCH 4
4:30-6:30PM

PANCAKES /SAUSAGE/
VEGGIE SAUSAGE/
& REAL MAPLE SYRUP!!

ASH WEDNESDAY STATION WITH:
IMPOSITION OF ASHES OR
TAKE OUT "ASHES TO GO"
GLITTER ASHES AVAILABLE TOO



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- We are pleased to be able to put on our **Corned Beef and Cabbage Community Dinner** again this year. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday March 15th , 4:30-6:30 pm**, eat in or take out. There will be many opportunities to help. Kitchen duties will happen Thursday , Friday, and Saturday. Volunteer sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board. Please consider what you can do to help. If you cannot come to help , please volunteer to make a pie or cake for dessert. We are preparing 200 dinners, so that's a lot of desserts! Please join us to make this dinner a success. Direct questions to Kathy Pirigyí or Linda Noonan.

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Banksy, Rage, Flower Thrower 2005. Mural, Beit Sahour, Palestinian Territories, Photo: Eddie Gerald/Alamy Stock Photo.

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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