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

February 25, 2024 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM 1st Sunday in Lent

Prelude We'll Understand It By and By, vs. 1 & 2 Tindley

Words of Welcome Rev. Amy Gregory

*Call to Worship by Gill Le Fevre

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 an awakening of God's word in our lives.

In this time of reflection and repentance,

We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.

*Opening Hymn God of the Sparrow UMH #122

Prayer of Brokenness/Confession by Mindi Welton-Mitchell

God of the Wilderness, we come to You searching for help in our wilderness times. Guide us to find our way when we are lost. Help us to know Your presence when we feel alone. Keep us to Your promises when we face despair. Hold us to Your love when we face temptation. Lead us on this journey of faith into a deeper relationship with You, and to know ourselves more fully in the way You know each of us. Lead us, God of the Wilderness, to the wellspring of life found in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Blessing/Assurance

God does not leave us alone when we are in the wilderness. God provides angels along the journey, and we can be angels to each other. Show love and compassion to others and receive that kindness and mercy in your own life. When you forgive others for the things you still struggle with, you will find that forgiveness is extended to you. Be gentle with yourselves, but firm in your resolve to repent and turn back to God's ways, and know God's grace, peace, and love in your life. Amen.

Anthem *Can This Be?* Weston

Song Jesus Loves Me, vs. 1 UMH #191

A Time for Young Disciples

Song Jesus Loves Me, vs. 1 UMH #191

Scripture Reading Mark 1: 9-15

Message Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Song Gotta Serve Somebody Dylan

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

Offertory God Leads Us Along Young

*Singing Our Praises Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song Spirit Song Wimber

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.

*Sending Hymn Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley TFWS #2112

*Benediction

Postlude We'll Understand It By and By, vs. 3 & 4 Tindley

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

Sunday, February 18 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship 4:00 PM Soup Soiree/KH Monday, February 19 No Earlybirds No Church Council meeting Tuesday, February 20

Trustees meeting/Fireside

Wednesday, February 21	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
	No Explorers
7:00 PM	AA/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Table Talk/Pizza Works

BH-BL Book Club

Scouts/KH

9:15 AM	Seekers
10:45 AM	Memorial Committee meeting/Fireside
5:00 PM	Playgroup/Classroom

6:30 PM Scouts/Classroom
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 23

Thursday, February 22

1:00 PM

7:00 PM

7:00 PM

12:00 PM Lunch Bunch@ Applebees

Sunday, February 25

9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM Scouts/KH 3:30 PM 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. to have one forwarded to you.

^{*}You are invited to stand as you are able or comfortable

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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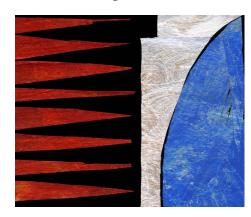
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"Discernment in the Desert" by Jan Richardson

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 <u>Lent 1: Discernment and Dessert in the Desert</u>
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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