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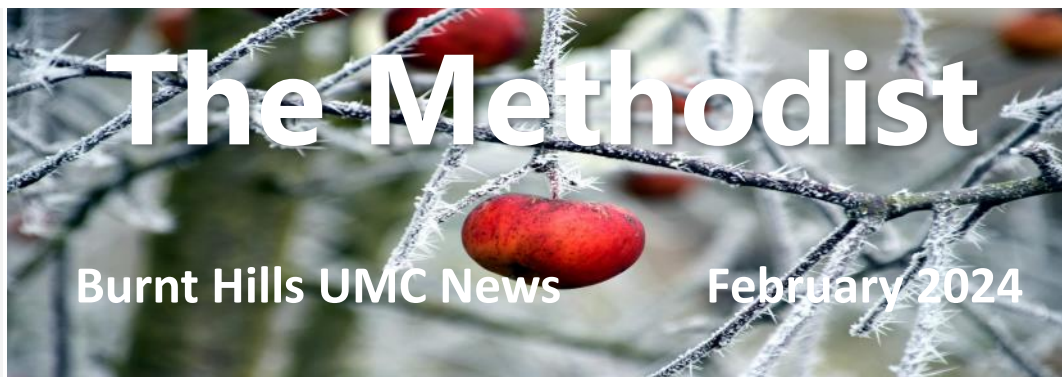


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The Methodist

Burnt Hills UMC News

February 2024

**When Ash Wednesday
falls on Valentine's Day . . .**

PANCAKE SUPPER

FREE
Food
Pantry
donations
welcomed

**TUESDAY, FEB 13
4:30-6:30PM**

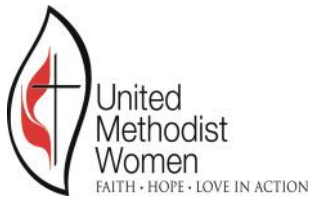
**PANCAKES /SAUSAGE/
VEGGIE SAUSAGE/
& REAL MAPLE SYRUP!!**

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



Burnt Hills United Methodist Church
816 Route 50 Burnt Hills, NY 12027

**Deadline for articles for the February Methodist is February 15. Please
submit your articles to Robyn @ burnthillsumc@gmail.com**



United Methodist Women

UMW Circles are small groups that gather monthly for fellowship and a variety of programs and projects. All meetings are open and welcoming. Please feel free to join in whenever your schedule allows. For more information, call Holly at 518-399-8629.

TUESDAY CONNECTION CIRCLE will meet for lunch at the Glenville Queen on **Tuesday, February 13 at 11:30**. Please RSVP to 399-8629 before Feb. 10.

SPECIAL K CIRCLE will meet on **Monday, February 26 at 2 PM** in Fireside. We will be making stroller blankets for Young Parents United of Schenectady. Bring your own fabric shears if you have a pair.

Studies for Adults: Please join us!

- **Early Birds** with Pastor Amy, meets **Mondays at 9:30 am** in the Fireside room.
 - **Explorer's Bible Study** meets **Wednesdays 9:30 am** in the Fireside Room. The group views a 30 minute video about the bible and then talks about it. No homework, no additional reading. Just come, learn and share.
 - **Seekers: Sisters in Christ**, ongoing study meets **Thursdays at 9:15 am** in Knight Hall.
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BHUMC Council Meetings

Church Council meets once a month on the **third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in Knight Hall**, with an option to join live online via Zoom—a hybrid meeting. All church members are invited to attend and participate. Contact April Hicks, Council Chair, at BHUMC_Council @gmail.com for the Zoom link for any given month, or to be added to the standing invitation email distribution list. **The next meeting is Monday, February 19 at 7:00 pm.**

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Applebee's on **Friday, February 23rd at 12:00 pm.**

Contact Carol Borthwick (399-5405) or Lynn Christie (399-8838) if you would like to attend.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be on **February 3 at 8:00 am in Knight Hall**. Men of all ages are invited. Come and meet other people of the church and share good food and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



Soup Kitchen



We are not having a Soup Kitchen in February due to school vacation/ President's Day holiday but would like to give you an update. The same few continue to purchase the ingredients, make the soup on the Sunday and go to Schenectady to serve on the Monday. We added a couple "alternate" spots on the signup so those who have said they "wanted to help but all the slots were filled" but none have taken the open spots, and alternates and others have needed to fill out the teams for the past several months. We would hate to lose this as a ministry project! Please check the signup sheet for needed ingredients and consider joining one or both of these wonderful teams when you are available. It was never meant to be a permanent monthly commitment! Our next dates are **Sunday, March 17 for soup prep and Monday, March 18 for serving**. Can you help? Please feel free to talk to one of us with questions or concerns. Libby Horn, 518-698-4043 or Terry Prany, 518-256-8476.

Caregiver Support Group



Are you the caregiver for a family member or friend? Do you know of someone who is having difficulties with caregiving? It helps to talk to others who are going through the same experiences. This group is open to both church members and non-church members.

The next Caregiver Support Group meeting will be **Saturday, February 3, at 10:30 am** in the Fireside Room. The caregivers who attend this support group are in all stages of caregiving from just taking care of a loved one in their own apartment or house to those dealing with hospice in nursing homes. Diane Skibinski is the facilitator and can be reached at dskibins@gmail.com or 518-423-2887 for any questions.

Code Blue Shelter of Saratoga

During the winter months, Saratoga opens a shelter on very cold nights at 120 South Broadway. They are in need of volunteers to serve dinner from **5:30-7:00 pm**. The church is collecting **gloves, mittens and new or gently used winter coats** for residents of the shelter. There is a box in the narthex and a box under the mailboxes.

For those interested in **donating directly** to the shelter, they are in need of the following items: **Granola bars/protein bars, individually packaged snacks, powdered drink mixes, condiments; peanut butter, jelly, coffee, powdered coffee creamer, sugar and Stewart's gift cards**. Donations of goods will be accepted at 120 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs (center building). They can be brought in any day from 5:00-9:00 pm.

For more information or to get involved, visit www.sheltersofsaratoga.org or contact Shelters of Saratoga directly at 518-581-1097 or info@sheltersofsaratoga.org, or scan the QR code.



BHUMC WOMEN'S RETREAT
APRIL 19 & 20
CHRIST THE KING SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER
GREENWICH, NEW YORK

save
the Date

Featuring guest speaker Diane Cameron

**Cost: \$150 double occupancy, \$195 single occupancy,
\$50 Saturday only**

Scholarships available!

**Registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside
Knight Hall. Register today to guarantee your spot!**

*Diane
Cameron*

www.dianecameron.info


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Staff Parish Relations Committee Update

The Staff Parish Relations Committee of Burnt Hills United Methodist Church, abbreviated as SPR, is committed to working with the personnel of our church.

On January 14, Pastor Amy and SPR announced that Pastor Brendan is on medical leave at his request. We do not yet know the date of his return. To honor Brendan's privacy, we, as a collective of caring people, are sending Brendan healthy thoughts. If you have a note to share, please drop it off in the church office.

January 21st, SPRC provided the following update: Pastor Brendan is resigning from his position at BHUMC effective May 31, 2024. In the upcoming months, we will collectively have opportunities to express our gratitude to Brendan for his ministry with us. Stay tuned for additional details.

Altar Flowers



BHUMC has a tradition of having members donate flowers to decorate our altar as a remembrance or a celebration. **We have returned the physical signup sheet to the hallway outside Knight Hall. If you prefer, you can still call Robyn Axon, our office manager at (518) 399-5144, to add you to the list.** A member of the altar committee will call you close to your selected date as a reminder and to help with any necessary coordination. **You may bring in your own flowers, or use Country Florist at (518) 399-**

2650. Country Florist has a key to the church and will insure they are delivered for the Sunday service. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your special days with your church family.

Pledged Giving 2024 Update from the Stewardship Team

On Commitment Sunday in October, we had a special dedication of our pledging for 2024 with a blessing and a celebration of why the BHUMC is a great place to love God, love neighbor, and serve the world. **The Stewardship Team is happy to share that to date, we have received pledge commitments of giving of \$245,858!** This is wonderful progress and a testament to our support for the ministries of this church. In comparing that to our budget needs, this puts us a little over \$78,000 short of our goal for pledged giving. **If you were not yet able to participate in our 2024 pledge drive, we need to hear from you!** If you need an estimate of giving card, they are available in the church office and in the narthex (the area where you enter to church for worship). Cards can be returned to the office or placed in the collection plate during worship at the Offertory. We also have an online option to communicate your 2024 estimate of giving. The form requests the same information as you would see on the card. You can access the form by scanning this QR code or by going to this web address: <https://forms.gle/hyBhn9N6GBn4nJzA6>. We need your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. **Thank you for all the ways you participate in the life of this church.** If you have any questions about your pledged giving, please contact the BHUMC Financial Secretary, Susan Zoller at financialsecretary@burnthillsumc.org.



April Hicks

Stewardship Team and Church Council Chair

Save The Date

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Saturday, March 9

4:30-7:00 PM

More information to follow

News from Albany District

District email address has changed!

Please begin sending all emails to carrieboyer@unyumc.org . The albanydistrict@unyumc.org is no longer being used.

And a reminder that Carrie is now working remotely.

The District Office is no longer located in the Newtonville UMC in Latham. Carrie Boyer, the administrative assistant, is now working from her home office. The phone and email are (518) 608-1246 and carrieboyer@unyumc.org.

Our mailing address remains the same: PO Box 511, Newtonville, NY 12128 until further notice.

Registration Open for Skye Farm Camp Summer Camp!

In the summer months we host a resident Christian summer camp where all youth from ages 6 to 18 are invited to spend a week or more at one of our exciting summer camp programs.



Scan the QR code to view the program offerings and to register. **Our church offers camperships to pay for summer camp. Contact Pastor Amy or Jodi Eacteau-St.Gelais.**



Save the date for 2024 District Days



In the new year, **Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez will be visiting local churches in all 12 districts from February to April.** District Days are a way for the bishop to meet with laity and clergy across Upper New York. Clergy meetings are scheduled for each visit from 1 to 3 PM and another meeting will be held for laity (and clergy who couldn't attend earlier gathering) from 7 to 8:30 PM. All United Methodists of Upper New York are invited and encouraged to attend a gathering closest to you.

Bishop Hector will visit Shenendehowa UMC in the Albany District on Tuesday, April 9. The church is located at 971 Route 146 in Clifton Park.

Mid-Winter Soup Soiree

"Soup is comfort, nourishment, and warmth for the soul."



Shake off the mid-winter blues, and warm up
with soup and socialization!

Soup will be available in sample and bowl sizes. Recipes cards will
also be available to make, enjoy, and share your favorite soups again!

Socialize over games, crafts, and entertainment!

Sunday Feb 18
4-6pm

Sign up to make soup!



William Barber II

5 PM Thursday, Feb 8
6:30 PM Book signing
Memorial Chapel at
Union College

Sponsored by:
Campus Protestant
Ministry (CPM)
The Wold Lecture
Series
Intercultural Affairs of
Union College
Hillel, Union College

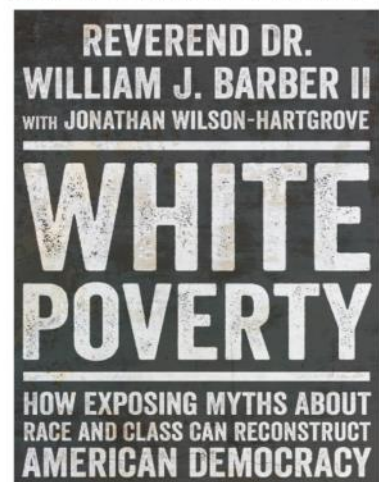
Free to the public.

807 Union St.
Schenectady, NY

The Rev. Dr. William Barber II

is an American Protestant minister, social activist, professor in the Practice of Public Theology and Public Policy and founding director of the Center for Public Theology & Public Policy at Yale Divinity School.^[2] He is the president and senior lecturer at Repairers of the Breach and co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival. He also serves as a member of the national board of the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and is the chair of its legislative political action committee. Author of





**YOU'RE
INVITED!**

An Evening at Camp

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Join us in supporting the long-term future of Skye Farm.
There will be dinner, awards, skits, and camp songs!

February 3, 2024

Shenendehowa UMC

Doors at 5pm

Dinner at 5:30pm

Tickets start at \$25 each, with
the option to include a larger gift
as part of your ticket purchase.

Scan to get tickets
and/or donate:



GIVEBUTTER.COM/EVENINGATCAMP

The Skye Farm Camp and Retreat Center Foundation, Inc is an independent not-for-profit corporation founded in 2021. The Foundation's mission is to promote and ensure the long-term future of Skye Farm, and it raises money to fund special projects, ongoing operations, and, most vitally, an endowment fund to ensure that camp remains a vibrant and life-changing mission and refuge for generations of campers to come.

February, 2024

For the most up-to-date calendar, check our webpage at www.nybhumc.com. Want to add something to the master calendar? Email burnthillsumc@gmail.com or call the office at 518-399-5144.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:15am Seekers 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3 8:00am Men's Breakfast 10:30am Caregiver's Support meeting 12:00pm Scouts #3056/KH/Overnight
4 9:00am Worship 9:45am Youth Choir 10:30am Worship 11:30am Voices of Hope 12:00pm Confirmation class 3:30pm Scouts	5 9:30pm Earlybirds 5:30pm Scouts/KH 6:00pm Scouts 6:30pm Scouts 6:45pm Scouts	6 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Scouts/KH	7 8:30 am Fix-its 9:30 am Explorers 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm PT/Pizza Works	8 9:15am Seekers 10:30am BH-BL Women's Club 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9 5:00pm Scouts #2169/KH	10 11:00am Scout Troop#20/KH
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18 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 4:00 pm Family Soup Soiree	19 7:00pm Church Council meeting	20 1:00pm BH-BL Book club 7:00pm Scouts/KH 7:00pm Trustees	21 8:30am Fix-its 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Pub Theology/Pizza Works	22 9:15am Seekers 10:45am Memorial Committee mtg. 6:00pm Scouts 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	23 12:00pm Lunch Bunch at Applebee's	24
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BHUMC Preschool

Preschool is so excited to finally have enough snow to go sledding! We spent the month of January learning about seasons, dressing for the weather, hibernation and polar animals.

In February we will be hard at work on Valentine cards and gifts. This year, we will be delivering Valentine cards to the residents of Glendale Nursing Home. Both classes will have a Valentine party and exchange valentines. Our friends Marjorie and Julia will be celebrating birthdays in February.

Preschool will be closed for winter break from February 17th until the 25th.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2024/25 school year. Help us spread the word. For more information contact Stephanie Tope at 518-466-6566 or bhumpreschool@gmail.co





ADVENT &
CHRISTMAS EVE 2023

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

by Katharine Weis

On **Sunday January 14, 2024** four young people were welcomed to become **part of the unfolding narrative of God's grace**. Henry, Josie, Ella and Gavin were given the gift of new birth through Living Water and the Holy Spirit. As is customary when gifts are concerned, there was a celebration!

Webs of pink, blue, and purple crepe paper streamers weaved through the space and converged at the center of the sanctuary. With a bit of flexibility and a few helping hands, our siblings in Christ were baptized in the middle of the congregation with their friends, family, and community as witnesses.

Henry Augustus Lauer, child of Jaclyn and William Lauer
Josie Cynthia Lauer, child of Jaclyn and William Lauer
Ella Marie Mortensen, child of Kristina and Erik Mortensen
Gavin Michael Mortensen, child of Kristina and Erik Mortensen

