

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

January 22, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Shine Your Light! — Week 2: “Lighten Up!”

Prelude *O Happy Day* Hawkins

Words of Welcome

Epiphany Series Introduction Pastor Brendan J. Fox

***Call to Worship**

God of Delight, we give you thanks for good humor and joy!

Open our eyes to the light of possibilities,
even when the day ahead holds difficulties.

Be with us, near us, beside us.

Amen.

***Hymn** *Give to Us Laughter* (insert)

Congregational Prayer

God of divine comedy,
we sometimes fail to see the humor in the ironic and unexpected
twists of life.

None of us are born into this world with a script:

we improvise our every thought, speech, and action.

We sometimes cling to the structures that are “supposed” to be in
place,

not realizing that when we let go of control and open up to new
possibilities,

this is often the very moment when your blessings will surprise and
delight us most.

We celebrate those powerful moments when humor reaches us,
lifting us up from even the deepest pits of despair.

Help us to experience light hearts and bright spirits when the time is
right,

to embrace awkward silences without fear.

May we all find a reason to smile today,

and to celebrate the human connection that we are all here to
experience.

Spiritual Practice “Lighten It Up” Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Anthem *Jesus Laughing* Lowry

Young Disciples Time

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:1-4

*You are invited to stand as you are able or comfortable

Message “Lighten Up” Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Musical Response “Continue” poem by Maya Angelou Colon/Fox (unpublished)

Offering our Gifts and Our Thanks

Offertory *God Has Made Laughing* Eddy

***Singing Our Praises** *Doxology* 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 Song *There’s A Spirit of Love in this Place* Miller

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Brendan J. Fox

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** *All My Days* (insert)

***Benediction**

Postlude *Lord of the Dance* 19th cent. Shaker tune

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, January 22	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship with Sunday School
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope
11:30 AM	Prepare meal for Soup Kitchen
Monday, January 23	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
10:00 AM	Serve lunch at Soup Kitchen
7:00 PM	Mindful Mondays
Tuesday, January 24	
6:30 PM	SPRC
Wednesday, January 25	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
7:00 PM	Social Justice Action Group
Thursday, January 26	
9:15 AM	Seekers
10:45 AM	Memorial Committee meeting
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 27	
12:00 PM	Lunch Bunch at Applebee’s
Sunday, January 29	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship with Sunday School
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope

*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.*

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

Announcements

- **It's not too late to join: Loving Awareness Mindfulness Course** (4 weeks on Mondays) started on January 16. "Mindfulness is waking up to the life you are living in its full range of experiences in all the seasons of life. Discover and develop the empowering gifts of awareness and compassion. Mindfulness is much more an enlightened way of living and being, as a list of things to do. Join us on **Monday January 23 and 30 and February 6 at 7:00 pm.** The classes are a sequence, but please join us for as many as you can. The course is presented by Rev Immanuel van Tonder. More information at www.mindfulness.art. **Please RSVP to Scott Bryson** at sbry69@aol.com, by phone, or in person. **We hope you'll join us! A free will offering is encouraged.**
- **Let's fill the box in Knight Hall! Collection for Shelters of Saratoga:** Food, household, gift cards, personal care & sleeping bags. **Collecting until February 20th. Please note, they only accept donations of items that appear on the list posted on the SJAG bulletin board. They do not take used clothing or furniture.** - Social Justice Action Group.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** BHUMC Women's Retreat, Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, **September 22-23**, at Christ the King Retreat Center, Greenwich, NY. (ctkcenter.org) More information to follow.
- **Are you on the church email list?** Is your email current? **Weekly emails highlight the activities around the church and information about Sunday worship**, including the livestream link. Please contact the office: burnthillsumc@gmail.com
- **Ushers needed** We are in need of people to help usher at the Sunday worship services. Please contact Libby Horn at 518-698-4043 if you are interested.
- Have you used or would you like to use our personal listening assistance devices during worship? The pastors are looking for feedback regarding ear pieces. Please share your wisdom!

If you have a notice you'd like to put in the weekly bulletin, please email the church office by Wednesday to ensure inclusion. Anything received after Thursday will be put in the following week.

Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*
Associate Pastor: *Brendan Fox*
Communication Coordinator: *Robyn Axon*
Custodian: *Nick Adami*
Music Ministers: *Pete Van Keuren & Jill Zygo*
Treasurer: *Kimberly Spath*
Financial Secretary: *Sue Zoller*
Prayer Blankets: *Karen Lathrop*
Sunday School Superintendent: *Jodi Facteau-St. Gelais*
Preschool Teachers: *Stephanie Tope & Angela Barclay*
Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*

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.

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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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