

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

January 14, 20249:00 AM and 10:30 AM

PreludeSacred the Body (1 Cor. 3:16, 13: 4-7) Duck/Landes

Welcome

\*Call to Worshipby Mindi Welton-Mitchell, adapted

Wonderous Star that shines so bright!  
Shine in the bleakness and misery. Shine in the shadows and gloom.  
Shine in our hearts when our hopes are failing. Shine in our lives  
when we feel out of place and lost.  
Shine in our world when the systems and structures of the world  
oppress and condemn. Shine in us, so that we may shine Your light  
and life to the world.  
Bright Morning Star, shine our way. Amen

\*HymnWe Three Kings (vs. 1 & 5) UMH #254

Litany of Affirmation (by Helen Lambie, adapted)

We believe in a bright and amazing God who has been to the depths  
of despair on our behalf; who has risen in splendor and majesty;  
who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear light,  
twinkling stars and sharp colors, over and over and over again. We  
believe that Jesus is the light of the world; that God believes in us,  
and trusts us, even though we make the same mistakes over and  
over and over again. We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another  
as siblings, and to the Maker’s business in the world. God said: Let  
there be light. Amen

Sharing of Star Words

HymnStar- Child TFWS #2095

HymnJesus Loves Me, verse 1 UMH #191

A Time for Young Disciples

HymnJesus Loves Me, verse 1 UMH #191

Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem9AM I Wish I Knew How It Feels To Be Free Dallas/Taylor  
10:30AM I Shall Not Be Moved Fossett

Scripture ReadingMark 1: 4-11

MessageRev. Amy B. Gregory

Offering our Gifts, Tithes and Our Thanks

Special UMC-Wide offering: Human Relations Sunday  
Please mark your checks: Human Relations Sunday

Offertory9AM That'll Do Newman  
10:30AM I Wish I Knew How It Feels To Be Free Dallas/Taylor

\*Singing Our PraisesDoxology UMH #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns  
Blessing of Prayer Blanket

Prayer SongLoving Spirit Murray/Copes

Pastoral PrayerEpiphany by Walter Brueggemann from  
Prayers for a Privileged People

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.

\*HymnI Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (vs. 1&2) UMH #206

\*Blessing“Star Giving” by Ann Weems from Kneeling in Bethlehem

\*PostludeAll Hail King Jesus Moody

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

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.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:30 AM Worship  
3:00 PM Birthday party/KH

Monday, January 15  
9:30 AM Earlybirds  
7:00 PM Ad Council meeting/KH and Zoom

Tuesday, January 16  
1:00 PM BH-BL Book Club  
6:30 PM SPRC meeting/classroom  
7:00 PM Trustees meeting/Fireside  
7:00 PM Scouts/KH

Wednesday, January 17  
8:30 AM Fix-its  
9:30 AM Explorers  
6:00 PM Scouts  
6:30 PM Scouts/KH  
7:00 PM AA/Fireside Room  
7:00 PM Pub Theology/Pizza Works

Thursday, January 18  
9:15 AM Seekers  
6:00 PM Scouts  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 21  
9:00 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Youth Choir  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:30 AM Voices of Hope Choir  
11:30 AM Prepare meal for Soup Kitchen  
3:30 PM Scouts/classroom  
4:00 PM Dinner & Game Night

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

- **New Member Intro Sessions** are being rescheduled for a later date. Watch here for details to come!
- The BH-BL Women's Club game day scheduled for **January 20** has been cancelled. It is rescheduled for **March 2 at 1:00 pm**.
- **Preschool Open House:** Saturday, January 27 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.



**Human Relations Day is a denomination-wide Special Sunday that celebrates and raises awareness about the strength of human relationships.** A special offering is received the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and contributes to building his vision of "the beloved community" through programs such as Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

**Your contribution to the Human Relations Day offering holds the potential to bring about transformative change:**

- **57% supports community developer's program**, nurturing racial-ethnic minority congregations and strengthening local UMC communities according to their unique needs.
- **33% empowers The United Methodist Voluntary Services (UMVS)**, challenging unjust systems and advocating for those whose livelihoods are at risk.
- **10% fuels Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs**, empowering young individuals to participate positively in their communities through mentoring and other empowerment initiatives.

At a time when it may feel like we have lost so much, embracing God's love for us can shift our perspective to recognize and share abundant grace. United Methodist Special Sunday offerings celebrate vibrant ministries while investing in servant leadership, community building and ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support these important ministries equips us to work together, empowered by God's love.



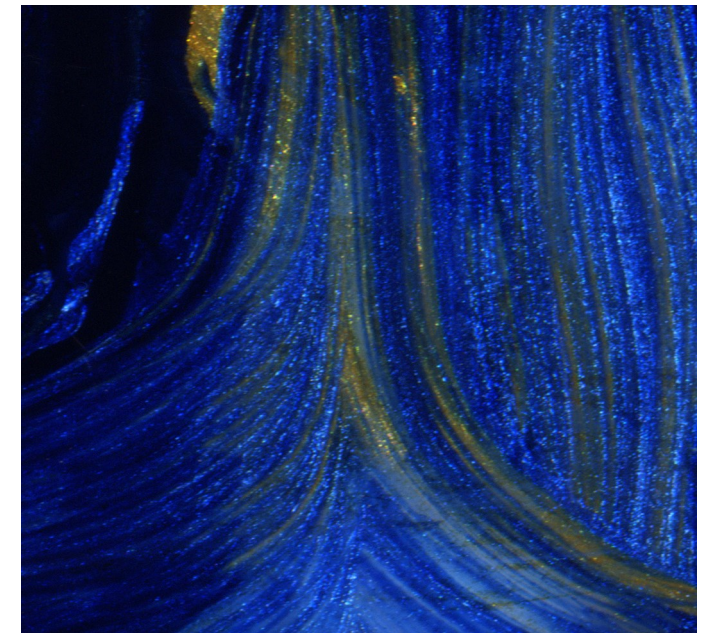
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**January 14, 2024**



**Blessing the Baptism 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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