

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

January 15, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Shine Your Light! — Week 1: “Flip the Switch”

Prelude *Somlandela (We Will Follow)* Traditional Zulu

Words of Welcome

Epiphany Series Introduction Pastor Brendan J. Fox

***Call to Worship**

One: Arise! Shine! For our light has come

Many: We have seen the Light of Christ!

One: Arise! Shine! For the Christ-Child is born

Many: We are filled with the hope of God!

One: Arise! Shine! For morning has broken

Many: Morning has broken, and we are made new!

***Hymn** *Morning Has Broken* UMH #145

Congregational Prayer

God of our arising, we live in varying degrees of sun and shadow. We struggle at times to believe in the dawn of goodness in this world. We find it difficult to understand the complexities of our existence, how to hold both joy and sorrow, love and disappointment. The infirmities of our minds and spirits seem at times more daunting than our bodily aches. Help us to know there are solutions— to trust that we can feel better, even in the most difficult of times. May we know with each rising of the sun that you are lifting us, holding us, present with us. Be with us, near us, and beside us. Amen.

Spiritual Practice “Ritual Upon Arising” Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Anthem *Heaven’s Choir* Choplin
Given by the Chancel Choir in loving memory of Earl Bemis

Young Disciples Time

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Message Pastor Brendan J. Fox

Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH #206

Offering our Gifts and Our Thanks

Offertory *In The Morning When I Rise* African American spiritual

Special UMC-wide offering: Human Relations Day

***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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Chisholm/Runyan

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Amy B. Gregory

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** *This Little Light of Mine* UMH #585

**Verse 1 This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine, - 3x
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Verse 2 Hide it under a bushel, no! I’m gonna let it shine, -3x
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Verse 3 Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine, - 3x
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Verse 4 This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine, - 3x
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

***Benediction**

Postlude *Abraham, Martin and John* Holler

| WEEKLY CALENDAR | |
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| Sunday, January 15—Human Relations Day Special Offering | |
| 9:00 AM | Worship |
| 10:30 AM | Worship with Sunday School |
| Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day | |
| No Earlybirds | |
| 7:00 PM | Mindful Mondays |
| Tuesday, January 17 | |
| 1:00 PM | BH-BL Book Club |
| 7:00 PM | Boy Scouts |
| 7:00 PM | Trustees /Knight Hall |
| Wednesday, January 18 | |
| 8:30 AM | Fix-its |
| 9:30 AM | Explorers |
| 7:00 PM | Pub Theology at Pizza Works |
| Thursday, January 19 | |
| 9:15 AM | Seekers |
| 6:00 PM | Girl Scouts |
| 7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| 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 |

- **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

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

Announcements

- **Giving Tree Summary** - This year we were able to provide Christmas to **11 families with a total of 29 children, 19 adults and 108 presents**. This is an estimated giving of approximately \$3750 when the food gift cards are accounted for. **Thanks to EVERYONE**. A special thanks to the LAF for providing funds used to purchase the food gift cards. Every year I am amazed at the generosity of our congregation, and this year was no different. Mark Witkofsky
- **Human Relations Day is today** - We take a special church-wide offering. Celebrated on the Sunday before the national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Human Relations Day **highlights the social justice commitment of The United Methodist Church** to partner in supporting outreach to underserved communities in the United States. Gifts to the Human Relations Day offering **support community developers and community advocacy**. These gifts support **at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program** administered by the General Board of Church and Society. **Our support over the years has changed the lives of people** in underserved communities and has supported and promoted ministries that respond to nonviolent youth offenders and community advocacy.
- **Starting on January 16th** we'll be hosting a **Loving Awareness Mindfulness Course** (4 weeks on Mondays). "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 16, 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.

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 Facticeau-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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