

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

**Epiphany Sunday January 8, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** *Rise to Greet the Sun* Hu Te-ai

**\*Call to Worship** by Mindi Welton-Mitchell, adapted

Wondrous 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.

**\*Opening Hymn** *We Three Kings* 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**

**Hymn** *Star- Child* TFWS #2095

**A Time for Young Disciples**

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 2: 1-12

**Message** Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**Anthem** *Jesus, the Light of the World* Bible/Elderkin

**Offering our Gifts and Our Thanks**

**Offertory** *Light of the World* Card

**\*Singing Our Praises** *Doxology* UMH #95

*To God all glorious heavenly light; To Christ revealed in earthly night; To God the spirit now we raise. Our grateful hymn of thankful praise. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns** Pastor Brendan J. Fox  
 Blessing of Prayer Blankets

**Prayer Song** *Covenant Prayer* Wesley/Locklear/Seate

**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.*

**\*Hymn** *Angels from the Realm of Glory, vs. 1,3,4* UMH #220

**\*Blessing** “Star Giving” by Ann Weems

**\*Postlude** *This Little Light of Mine* Afro-American Spiritual

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday, January 8—Epiphany Sunday</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship with Sunday School
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope
1:00 PM	Service for Betty Speck followed by reception
<b>Monday, January 9</b>	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
12:00 PM	BH-BL Women’s club
6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
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<b>Tuesday, January 10</b>	
9:30 AM	Tuesday Connections
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday, January 11</b>	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
1:00 PM	Preschool meeting
5:30 PM	Girl Scouts
6:00 PM	Girl Scouts
6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
7:00 PM	Pub Theology at Pizza Works
<b>Thursday, January 12</b>	
9:15 AM	Seekers
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, January 15—Human Relations Day Special Offering</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship with Sunday School
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope
4:00 PM	Girl Scouts

To find out the latest event information, please regularly check the **Events Calendar on our website at [www.nybhumc.com](http://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](mailto:burnthillsumc@gmail.com).

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

## Announcements

**January 15 is Baptism of the Lord Sunday:** With Jesus' baptism we remember ours. If you or a child would like to be baptized, please see the pastors.

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 course is presented by Rev Immanuel van Tonder. He did his post-graduate studies in Mindfulness-Based Interventions at the University of Stellenbosch & IMISA. Accreditation for the .b and paws b courses were acquired in London for teaching Mindfulness to primary and secondary school children. More information at [www.mindfulness.art](http://www.mindfulness.art)

**Please RSVP to Scott Bryson** at [sbrys69@aol.com](mailto:sbrys69@aol.com), by phone, or in person. **We hope you'll join us!**

**Human Relations Day is next Sunday—Jan 15** We will take a special churchwide offering for **Human Relations Day**. 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.

**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](mailto:burnthillsumc@gmail.com)

### 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: *Paula Miller*

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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*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.*



## January 8, 2023



The Wise Ones 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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