

***We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.***  
***July 2, 2023      9:30 AM      Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

**Words of Welcome**

Pastor Brendan J. Fox

**\*Call to Worship** by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog. Used with permission.

Friends, we know what God desires of us:  
**that we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**  
 We gather this morning to remind each other about that,  
**to remember that now is always the right time to do these things.**  
 So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

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

**Opening Prayer** “Feed Us, Lord” by Christine Longhurs Karen Lathrop  
 (based on Psalm 145:15-16, Isaiah 55:1-3, John 6:35)

Lord,  
 the eyes of all look to You in hope;  
 and You give them what they need.  
 You open Your hand  
 and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—  
 to eat of the Bread of Life,  
 to drink from Your life-giving streams,  
 to taste Your goodness and live.

May the time we spend together in Your presence  
 nourish our hearts and minds;  
 may it strengthen our relationship with You,  
 and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful  
 disciples.

For You alone are God,  
 the Source and Sustainer of life.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The liturgy continues. . .

. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

The liturgy continues. . .

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;  
 Christ is risen;  
 Christ will come again.**

The liturgy continues. . .

**We sing . . .** UMH #621

**Be present at our table, Lord;  
 Be here and everywhere adored;  
 Thy creatures bless, and grant that we  
 May feast in paradise with Thee.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*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.*

**Prayer after Receiving**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
 in which you have given yourself to us.  
 Grant that we may go into the world  
 in the strength of your Spirit,  
 to give ourselves for others,  
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture** Psalm 150

**Hymn Sing and Stories**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1&3)* UMH #57  
*The Old Rugged Cross (vs. 1&2)* UMH #504  
*Hymn of Promise (vs. 1&3)* UMH #707

**Invitation to Generosity: Offering Our Gifts and Our Thanks** Karen Lathrop

**Offertory**

**Singing Our Praises** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer** “Independence from what? for what? a confession” by Ana Gobledale

**\*Hymn** *This is My Song* UMH #437

**\*Benediction** Karen Lathrop

Please join us for Punch on the Patio, after the service, hosted by the Seekers Study Group.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday, July 2</b> 9:30 AM	Worship, Pastor Brendan Fox preaching
<b>Tuesday, July 4</b> Office closed	<b>Independence Day</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 5</b> 8:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Fix-it’s AA Pub Theology at Pizza Works
<b>Thursday, July 6</b> 9:15 AM	Seekers
<b>Sunday, July 9</b> 9:30 AM	Worship, Nancy Dibelius preaching

**Pastor Brendan will be away** on an unpaid leave **to work at our United Methodist camp, Sky Lake this summer.** Until campers arrive, **he will be commuting back to lead worship with us through July 2.** Please pray for our United Methodist camping ministry this summer—leaders, volunteers and campers alike!

**Pastor Amy will be away for continuing education** and to attend the 75th anniversary conference of the CG Jung Institute in Zurich, Switzerland, **through July 8.** Pastor Brendan will be on call (203-947-4797) in the event of a pastoral emergency.

## Announcements

- The flowers on the altar this morning are in **celebration of Dan and Diane Walz's 50th wedding anniversary** on June 30th. Happy Anniversary!
- **The Flag Day parade has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 6th at 7:00pm.** If you would like to join the float as a walker, sing camp songs along with Mike Zygo on the float, or hand out tootsie roll pops, **please gather in the church parking lot by 6:00 pm.** We will all go over to the high school parking area to line up for the parade.
- **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.
- The flag hangs in gratitude to the United States of America that grants us freedom of religious practice and expression.
- **Next Steps** is creating a bookshelf **dedicated to gender diversity and other related topics.** Look for 2 shelves outside of Knight Hall. Please feel free to donate and borrow.
- Beginning July 1, the church office will be open Monday-Thursday between 10:00-12:00.
- **Summer Choir will be singing on the last Sundays of each summer month: July 30 and August 27.** If you're interested in singing, **show up in the loft at 8:45** and we'll practice music for that morning's worship service, very simple pieces familiar to everyone.
- **Vacation Bible School** is being planned to occur **at our own BHUMC this July 31st to August 3rd!!!!** However, we can't do it without volunteers -- whether you're interested in helping to plan/coordinate **before the big week** or if you're available to work **during the week of VBS**, we have things that could be done in both that are equally as important. **Please contact Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais ([jafstgelais@gmail.com](mailto:jafstgelais@gmail.com)) as soon as possible if you'd like to help plan/coordinate our VBS endeavor, as we are currently working on it all and can't do it without you!** Information about volunteering during the week of VBS will be coming soon!
- **Sunday School** is on break until September, we'll see you then! There will **not** be youth programming during church services this summer, however of course feel free to come to church and stay for the service, young friends! There will be a Young Disciples Time most weeks and activity bags are available to use during the service. **Children are always welcome in worship!**

- The **Nursery will be open for your use this summer but not staffed.** A changing table is in the bathroom near the sanctuary. An usher can point it out to you.

### Save the date:

- **Confirmation classes are forming now for the fall.** Students entering **8th grade and above** are welcome. We will need **2 leaders** as well as **mentors** to pair up with the youth. Please contact Cathy Bryson, [catbryson@aol.com](mailto:catbryson@aol.com), or Robyn in the office to sign up.
- **The Lords' Acre Fair is September 8 and 9!** Donations accepted after August 21st, please.

### Our Ministry Today

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# Burnt Hills

## United Methodist Church

**July 2, 2023**



### 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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