We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.
July 26, 2026 10:00 AM Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude *In His Time* Ball

Words of Welcome Rev. Amy B. Gregory

***Call to Worship** by Dom Helder Camera, adapted Andrew Baron, Jr.

The Spirit is breathing.
those with ears for hearing

detect a coming dawn;
a reason to go on.

They seem small, these signs of dawn
perhaps ridiculous.

All those with eyes to see,
those with ears for hearing

uncover in the night
a certain gleam of light;

they see the reason to go on.

***Hymn** *Pass It On* UMH# 572

Opening Prayer by Rev. Dr. George Whyte, Church of Scotland, adapted

Loving God,
who gives wisdom to those who are wise enough to ask for nothing more,
we gather in your presence,
seeking to discern what you would do through us in the kingdom's cause.

We confess that too often we turn to you with impossible demands.
We ask the God of justice for more than our fair share.
We drain from others that which they need to survive.
We put our trust in the passing, flimsy things of this world
when we could trust you.
For selfishness pressed home and for selflessness unexplored –
we seek forgiveness this day, in the sure and certain hope that
Christ lovingly guides us towards growth.

As a new week opens, may we take from this service
small seeds of insight to plant them in the world,
that in those places where our feet pass there may be signs of the king-dom's growth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem *Since Jesus Came into My Heart* McDaniel/Gabriel

Song *Jesus Loves Me* vs. 1 UMH# 191

A Time for Young Disciples

Song *Jesus Loves Me* vs. 1

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Message "Irritants & The Pearl of Great Price" Pastor Amy

Response Hymn *Small Things Count* See screens
Words by Shirley Erena Murray

Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts, Tithes, and Our Thanks

Offertory *Into My Heart* Clark

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *Change My Heart, O God* Espinosa

Morning Prayer Andrew Baron, Jr
by Rev. Dr. George Whyte, Church of Scotland

The Lord's Prayer (in your heart language) 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.

***Sending Hymn** *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* TFWS# 2146

***Benediction** Pastor Amy

***Postlude** *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* Ellerton

** You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 26	
9:15 AM	Summer Choir
10:00 AM	Worship
11:15 AM	Stewardship Team/Sparkle Room Upstairs
11:30 AM	Safety Team Meeting/Fireside
Monday, July 27	**Church Office Closed**
Tuesday, July 28	**Summer Office Hours 10am – noon**
10:00 AM	Meditation/Sparkle Room upstairs
Wednesday, July 29	**Summer Office Hours 10am – noon**
8:30 AM	Fixits
7:00 PM	AA Meeting/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Social Justice Action Group/Knight Hall
Thursday, July 30	**Summer Office Hours 10am – noon**
9:15 AM	Seekers Book Study/Knight Hall
Friday, July 31	**Church Office Closed**
Saturday, August 1	
10:30 AM	Caregiver's Support Group/Fireside
Sunday, August 2	**Holy Communion**
10:00 AM	Worship

Coffee Hour Hospitality today: Linda Noonan
Turn right when leaving the sanctuary and follow the sounds of laughter and conversation to Knight Hall. All are welcome!

Worship Leaders today:

Ushers, July 26
Holly and John Rogers

Next week, August 2
Sue Hennessey, Bill Phillips, Linda Faulkner

Balcony Tech, July 26
Kim Locker

Next Week, August 2
Diane Skibinski

Welcome to worship! If you are visiting with us, we're glad that you're here and spending time with us. **Please fill out a welcome card** found in the pews, if you wish to receive information about BHUMC. We hope you experience God's love, grace, and a warm sense of community here today.

Save the Dates

Aug 9: Set up VBS tent

Aug 22: Set up LAF tents/ booths

Aug 23: More set up; empty garage

Sept 10: Final haul out and set-up

Sept 11 & 12: Lord's Acre Fair!

Sep 12: Clean up begins at 3 PM

Sept 13: Celebration and clean up!

Announcements

Food Pantry Update

Immediate needs: baked beans, plain rice, peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken and tuna, individual applesauce and fruit cups, canned corn, spaghetti sauce, shelf stable milk, cereal, peanut butter crackers, detergent.

Future needs: Lords Acre Fair season brings an opportunity *for additional food security outreach*. Please help us restock. SNAP benefits cover food items but not items such as dish detergent, laundry detergent, toilet paper, and other personal care items. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated by folks who use our pantry.

Finance Update for 2026 Quarter 2 (April—June) Thank you for continuing to support the BHUMC ministry plan and keeping our church vibrant through your presence, your financial gifts, your prayers, and your witness at BHUMC and in the greater community. The Finance Committee is committed to transparency in providing information to you. We appreciate your trust.

Financial Update in Support of the Ministry Plan for Quarter 2

Month	Income	Expenses
April	$39,638.01	$37,219.17
May	$34,995.86	$46,197.10 (3 payrolls)
June	$31,062.65	$32,529.66

Presence in Worship for Quarter 2

In Person Total	1339
Livestream Total	937
Grand Total	2276
Weekly Average	163

Chat with our **amazing Sunday School Leader, Jodi Facteau-StGelais,** about ways for you to **support our children, youth, and adult** volunteers during **VBS** and in **Sunday School** this fall. jafstgelais@gmail.com

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Girl with a Pearl Earring oil on canvas by Johannes Vermeer, c.1665; in the Mauritshuis, The Hague.

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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