

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

Prelude *Into My Heart* Clarke

Words of Welcome Rev. Amy B. Gregory

***Call to Worship** by Nancy C. Townley

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.
It is a small seed, but has some surprises in store for us.
 When it is grown, it is a very large shrub.
Even the birds can find places in its branches for their nests.
 God's transforming love begins in small ways to enter our hearts.
Lord, plant those amazing seeds of transforming love in us that they may grow into deeds of service to others in your name. AMEN.

***Hymn** *The Reign of God, Like Farmer's Field* Insert
 to the tune of Land of Rest UMH #269

Gathering Prayer by Nancy Townley

Lord of mustard seeds and yeast, we come to you this day, seeking your Word and will for us. Make us people who care deeply about the well-being of others. Give us courage to be yeast for the rising of hope and peace throughout the world. Open our hearts to your redeeming love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

Anthem *There's A Song* Hanson

Song *Jesus Loves Me (Verse 1)* UMH #191

Young Disciples Time

Song *Jesus Loves Me (Verse 1)* UMH #191

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

Message "Mustard Seeds and Leaven" Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Response Song *Be Thou My Vision* UMH #451

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

Offertory *Here Is Peace* Pratt/Trad. Latvian melody

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

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

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *Peace of Our Praying* York/Bolin

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** *To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared* Insert
 to the tune of To God Be the Glory UMH #98

***Benediction**

Postlude *God, How Can We Forgive* Hebrew melody

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

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, July 30	
8:45 AM	Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Worship with Punch on the Patio
Monday, July 31	
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, August 1	
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
6:30 PM	SPRC Meeting
Wednesday, August 2	
8:30 AM	Fix-it's
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
7:00 PM	AA
7:00 PM	Pub Theology at Pizza Works
Thursday, August 3	No Seekers Today
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
Saturday, August 5	
10:30 AM	Caregiver's Support meeting
Sunday, August 6	
9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion & Punch on the Patio

Pastor Brendan will be away on an unpaid leave **to work at our United Methodist camp, Sky Lake this summer.** Please pray for our United Methodist camping ministry this summer—leaders, volunteers and campers alike!

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.

Announcements

- **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.
- Summer church office hours: Monday-Thursday between 10:00-12:00.
- **Summer Choir will be singing on the last Sundays of each summer month: today 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.
- **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:

- **Today at 1:30 pm, Faith UMC, 811 N. Brandywine Ave in Schenectady,** invites you to come and hear **Ellie Hall**, who serves as a **missionary for Wycliffe Bible Translators in northern Thailand.** Ellie will be sharing her experiences developing an alphabet for the MS people and translating the Bible for them to read. Everyone is invited to attend to hear Ellie.
- **Charlton Freehold Presbyterian Church will host a Take-Out Ziti Dinner Wednesday, August 2, 4:30-6:30pm, \$15 per dinner.** The church is located at 768 Charlton Rd. **Tickets available at Mail 'n' More** in Burnt Hills and also sold on the day of the dinner at the church. The net proceeds will go to support our Local Veterans!
- **The Lords' Acre Fair is September 8 and 9!** Donations accepted after August 21st-September 4th.
- **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, or Robyn in the office to sign up.

- **Saturday, September 23, 10 AM – 2 PM** - Community Rummage sale and Savory Soups at Charlton Freehold Church, 768 Charlton Rd., Charlton. Need to make some space – get rid of things you don't use? Put up your items for sale to become somebody else's treasure. Rent a table and space for \$15.00. For information or to make a reservation: Call **518-399-2873** or email: office@charltonfreehold.org
- **Saturday, October 7,** Fall Festival at Charlton Freehold Presbyterian Church, 768 Charlton Rd., Charlton. **Wanted:** Crafters, vendors, anyone interested in participating in this event. Indoor and outdoor spaces available. For application: call 518-399-2681 or email office@charltonfreehold.org

Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*

Associate Pastor: *Brendan Fox*

Communication Coordinator: *Robyn Axon*

Custodian: *Nick Adami*

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Sunday School Superintendent: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais*

Preschool Teachers: *Stephanie Tope & Angela Barclay*

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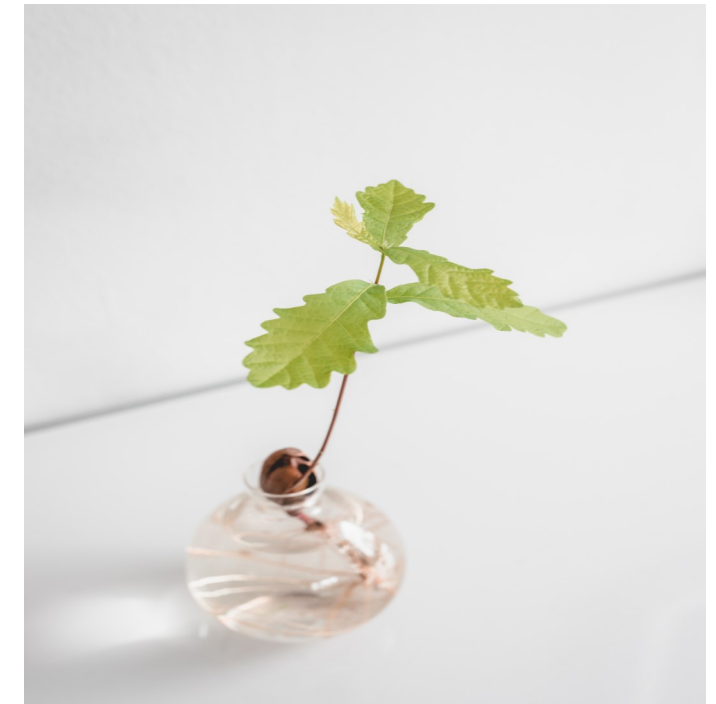
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BHUMC Welcome Statement

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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