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June 11

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BurnthillsUMC



## **BHUMC is in the Burnt Hills Community Flag Day Parade on June 8th!**

And, we are floating—join in the fun! The parade is a wonderful way for the church to participate in a community tradition—to participate in the life of the community and to show folks BHUMC has a lot to offer them too!

**BHUMC is known for music, great food and the many ways we are involved in helping the community and our float will reflect that.**

On our float you will find:

**LIVE MUSIC** with Pastor Brendan and friends.

**HOMEMADE COOKIES** to be shared

**BANNERS** on the trailer showing many of the ways we serve the community.

How will you participate?

### **Ride and sing on the float?**

**Bake cookies** to hand out. Wise ones say the way to hearts is through the stomach. The more cookies we bake the more hearts we can touch! How many can you bake? Please bring unwrapped cookies to the kitchen **by 6:00 pm on June 7th.**

**Walk** beside the float, share a smile and a cookie with parade watchers.

**Package cookies** on Wednesday, June 7th at 6pm in the kitchen.

We will meet before the parade at **6pm to line up**. The parade will kick off at 7pm and last about an hour. ***Early in the week we will be assigned our gathering spot. Let us know you plan to join us so we can email you the details.***

Sign up through the QR code or on the sheet outside Knight Hall at church.

BHUMC is such a **warm, welcoming community that reaches out with God's love**. Let's work together to share our church. The more the merrier! God's love is too good not to share! In a world filled with people starving for meaning, positive connections and ways to make a difference in the world BHUMC's welcome is life-giving in so many ways. **Join us as we get the word out about our church and welcome people in.**

See you at the Parade!

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Amy





**Tuesday Connection Circle** will meet at **Maxon's Grill in Glenville** for lunch on **Tuesday, June 13 at 11:30**. RSVP to Holly at 399-8629 before **Saturday, June 10**. This will be the last circle meeting before our programs restart in September.

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### Caregiver Support Group



If you are going through the caregiving journey with a loved one, this group is for you. From listening and talking to other participants, you can learn how to care for a loved one at home, find out the best assisted living or long term care facilities in the area, how to tell someone that they need to give up driving, and what financial planning needs to be done.

The next Caregiver Support Group meeting will be **Saturday, June 3rd at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room**. The June meeting will be facilitated by Diane Skibinski and the meeting will start a half hour earlier. Caregivers who attend this support group are in all stages of caregiving from just taking care of a loved one in their own apartment or house to those dealing with hospice in nursing homes

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### Soup Kitchen



**We will not be serving at Salvation Army in June** due to them being closed for Juneteenth. We will continue serving on **July 17**. We will make lunch after worship on **Sunday, July 16**. All food should be brought in on **July 14**. Please put your initials on the food you bring in. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall to donate food items and/or sign up to prepare food on Sunday or serve in Schenectady on Monday. We have a different crew for these tasks each month. Hope you can join us!

Libby Horn, 518-698-4043; Terry Pranys 518-256-8476.

## Studies for Adults: Please join us!

- **Early Birds** with Pastor Amy, Mondays at 9:30 am in the Fireside room. Our last class is June 12 before we take our summer break.
  - **Explorer's Bible Study** with Pastor Brendan, Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. The group views a 30 minute video about the bible and then talks about it. No homework, no additional reading. Just come, learn and share. We are currently watching the series "Archeology of the Bible". Our last class will be June 14 before we take our summer break.
  - **Seekers: Sisters in Christ**, ongoing study meets Thursdays at 9:15 am in Knight Hall. We will be reading *The Ragamuffin Gospel* by Brennan Manning.
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## Open Mic Night

There will be a second Open Mic night on **Friday evening, June 9th from 6:30-8:30PM**. There are no tryouts and there will be a limit of 12 acts at 10 minutes for each, so sign up soon! The **sign up sheet is posted outside of Knight Hall** on the bulletin board. We welcome most forms of entertainment: singing, playing instruments, comedy sketch, poetry, juggling, jokes, storytelling etc. If you are singing, please try to make one of your songs a sing-along. Lyrics, stories and poems should be appropriate for church. Church members and friends of the church are welcome to sign up. Questions please call **Pete Farrell at 518-577-0135**.

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## Looking for an Easy Way to Help Out??

**The Altar Committee is looking for a little help.** Throughout the year, the sanctuary decor changes to match the seasons of the church. **Altar cloths, banners and pulpit hangings change 12 times a year.** These items provide the backdrop which we build our magic upon. If changed in advance, we will save about 30 minutes each decorating session. This is a quick opportunity to help right after the second service while you are already at church. This is not a long-term commitment, stay to help if it is convenient for you. There will be a **schedule posted on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall** and announcements in church on the appropriate Sunday.

Terry Pransy  
Altar Committee  
518-256-8476

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### Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet at **The Ripe Tomato** (2721 US -9 Ballston Spa) on **Friday, June 23rd at 12:00 pm**. **We do not meet for lunch during July and August.** You must make a reservation with Carol Borthwick (399-5405) or Lynn Christie (399-8838) to attend.

### Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will hold its last spring Saturday Breakfast at the **Glenville Queen, on June 3 at 8am**. Those wishing to attend should contact Mike Thomas at [penthomas6@mac.com](mailto:penthomas6@mac.com), or (518) 885-5889. **The Men's Breakfast will restart in October.** Enjoy the summer!

## Crop Walk 2023

May 7th was lovely in many ways as Kathy Pirigyi and I began the 2023 Phil Grigsby Memorial Crop Hunger Walk Event at the Trinity Community Center on Curry Road in Schenectady County. The fellowship of folks wearing T-Shirts, buzzing with friendly conversation and eager to share donations before beginning to walk the area streets was inviting and enthusiastic. Some area business and government leaders were present. Kathy and I were pleased to turn in the donations gathered from friends at BHUMC and step off with everyone else into a beautiful spring day.

**A total of 73 people registered for the Walk but clearly many others participated** as a line of walkers wove through the neighborhoods and business streets of Rotterdam in a long line of people who were greeted by families from their front lawns in the area neighborhoods and on the sidewalks in front of businesses on the main roads. It was announced that the **total sum of \$14,648 had been raised on-line**. Clearly, others arrived at the commencement of the event with additional donations. **BHUMC made \$300 in donations online** and another **\$240 was turned in the afternoon of the event, for a total of \$540**.

The Crop Walks continue all year to provide food needed for today and practices that reduce hunger for tomorrow. Crop Walks support the fight against disease, disaster, displacement and other challenges that leave people hungry locally and worldwide. Thank you for your support. Come be a walker with us in 2024!

Paula Miller

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## Altar Flowers

BHUMC has a tradition of having members donate flowers to decorate our altar as a remembrance or a celebration. Examples of this are loved one's birthdays, wedding anniversaries or "just because". **We have returned the physical sign-up sheet to the hallway outside Knight Hall. If you prefer, you can still call Robyn Axon, our office manager at (518) 399-5144, to add you to the list.** A member of the altar committee will call you close to your selected date as a reminder and to help with any necessary coordination.



**You may bring in your own flowers, or use Country Florist at (518) 399-2650.** Country Florist has a key to the church and will insure they are delivered for the Sunday service.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your special days with your church family.

## Join Us at Area Pride Events

### **Schenectady PRIDE - Festival ONLY - Saturday, June 3rd 1 -4 PM**

#### **Gateway Plaza, 12 State St. Schenectady**

We will have a table at this event, and we are very excited about it! It will be a great opportunity for us to learn from others, evangelize, and make connections with our neighbors. We hope that you will at the very least stop by! If you would like to sign up to man the table for a 30 minute time slot, please either email or text the numbers below, or sign up on the Social Justice Action Group bulletin board.

### **Capital Region PRIDE - Parade & Festival - Sunday, June 11th 11:45 AM - 5 PM**

#### **Washington Park, Albany**

Worship this Sunday starts at 9:30 am, so there will be plenty of time to make it to Albany for the parade. The parade starts promptly at 11:45 am, though it does take a bit to get moving. We will also be manning a booth! Again, if you would like to man the booth for a 30 minute time slot you can speak to me directly or sign up on the Social Justice Action Group bulletin board.

Since most of us are traveling there after service on Sunday, we think it's important to have a meeting place ahead of time and to coordinate our movements! While you are certainly welcome to join us without letting us know, or to join at the last minute, we appreciate any head's up when possible for coordination purposes. If you are interested in joining us for the parade, please let us know via the contact information below or in person at coffee hour! Please provide your name, how many people are with you, the best way to contact you, and if you would be interested in carpooling.

As for a meeting place, the parade route travels down State St first, we've decided it's best to meet at the corner of Sprague Place and State Street – where there is a large willow tree nearby, just inside the park. I have also attached a Directions & Parking Guide to this email. There is suggested parking by PRIDE, but as very large numbers of people are expected at the event, we've included some areas that may be easier to park in as well.

As there is a tight time frame between the service and the parade we would like to coordinate our movements!

### **Saratoga PRIDE - Festival ONLY - Sunday, June 25th 2 - 5 PM**

#### **High Rock Park, Saratoga Springs**

We will have a table at this event, and we are very excited about it! It will be a great opportunity for us to learn from others, evangelize, and make connections with our neighbors. We hope that you will at the very least stop by! If you would like to sign up to man the table for a 30 minute time slot, please either email or text the numbers below, or sign up on the Social Justice Action Group bulletin board.

**Please contact Shelby Bryson, Scott Bryson or Orion Marchese in person, via email at [bhumcsocialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:bhumcsocialjustice@gmail.com) or via phone at 516-512-1265 and 518-414-0967 with any questions, or to sign up!**

#### **Why should you participate?**

1. SJAG believes that this is a way to live into our church's wonderful welcoming and reconciling statements
2. To live into the social justice principles including equity, diversity and supportive environments
3. To continue and be part of an ongoing conversation surrounding the LGBTQ+ community
4. To continue to learn and grow
5. To simply have fun

We look forward to seeing you there and please let us know if you have any questions!

Kind regards,

Shelby Bryson on behalf of the Social Justice Action Group



## Sunday School Notice

I would like to send out our huge thanks to everyone that made this year of Sunday School a success:

- Mrs. Mary Jo (Farrell), Mrs. Stephanie (Tope), Mrs. Cathy (Bryson), and Mrs. Stephanie (Roeske) for awesome planning and tons of time volunteered as classroom teachers this year!
- Meg Farrell, Mary Alice Nyhan, and Scott Bryson for stepping in as substitutes/classroom helpers when needed!
- Pastors Amy and Brendan for their consistent and continued support!
- Mrs. Jill (Zygo) for continued youth collaboration and encouragement!
- Mr. Bert for always keeping our upstairs spaces beautiful and at a comfortable temperature!
- Everyone who has donated items throughout the year or offered to substitute even if we never were able to fill you into a spot!
- Every thoughtful and lovely church congregation person for making our kids feel they are a loved, valued part of this church community!

Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais  
BHUMC Sunday School Superintendent



**Thank you from the residents at Council Meadows** to the congregation at BHUMC for their **generous donation from the Easter offering from last spring**. It allowed us to **purchase 4 new benches** this year to place around the outside of our Community Room. They replace the well worn wooden benches that have been here over 30 years.

**Unified Theater is an all-inclusive group working together with students who have an array of abilities.** This program offers opportunities to those students who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate in theater due to physical, mental, or other constraints. It was inspired by a simple principle: working together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. The **concept is that students with and without special needs work together to write, choreograph, costume, design, and, ultimately, perform a dramatic production.** The performance will take place in the newly constructed BH-BL High School auditorium on **Friday, June 2 at 7 pm**. Donations at the door. Our members **Patrick Nyhan and Alissa Bikowicz are performing.**

## News from The Grow Team

Next Steps has been meeting with the purpose of helping us to live into our commitment as a reconciling ministry. This team is meeting quarterly, with our next meeting happening in the Fall. We plan to phase this group out as we move forward in time, and as we make small changes that really means a lot!

Over the past few months, we have met with the executive director of PRIDE in Albany, invited Lisa Puckey to lead us in a book study of the SAVVY ALLY, and met to discuss topics such as additional signage outside the church (RMN logo as recommended), review paperwork and policies (thank you Pastors!), and considered how to make our space hospitable to all of our members and visitors. Little things such as the colorful stoles that you may see ushers wearing, distribution of pins and stickers, additional signs on bathrooms are some of the activities we have been working on. Thank you to the Trustees for their coordination and expertise.

More info on **Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN)** can be found at [rmnetwork.org](http://rmnetwork.org)

RMN is "committed to intersectional justice across and beyond the United Methodist connection, working for the full participation of all LGBTQ+ people throughout the life and leadership of the Church."

### New and upcoming:

- There will soon be **2 bookshelves outside the Fireside room** for LGBTQ+ and/or equity/diversity/inclusion topics. Feel free to donate to the shelf and/or borrow from it. Let's keep learning together!
- You will see the **RMN logo on the rotating sign** on route 50 now thru Pride month (June), while we wait for our permanent sign.
- **Open Mic Night** - Refreshments and Servers. **Youth - Are you available to serve, bake or buy special treats at Open Mic Night June 9th?** Items can be dropped off in advance - please **LABEL and leave in kitchen on counter or fridge/freezer**. Please sign up in Knight Hall straight across from the doors of entry or contact the office or Cathy Bryson (c: 518-428-9691) or email [catbryson@aol.com](mailto:catbryson@aol.com). **Proceeds from concession will go to horse rescue @ Little Brook Farm**, run by a friend of Carolyn Houston.
- **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.

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## Summer Choir

Summer Choir will be singing on the last Sundays of each summer month: **June 25, 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. Have you flirted with the idea of joining the choir? Summer is a good time to see how it feels. There's always room for your musical gifts!

Pete Van Keuren





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**You are invited!**

## **Spud Night 2023**

**Thursday June 8, 2023  
4pm - 7pm**

**River Stone Manor  
1437 Amsterdam Rd, Schenectady NY 12302  
\$20 per person**

Dinner includes a HUGE baked or sweet potato with over 20 delicious toppings, a beverage, dessert and entertainment by The Salvation Army Youth Music Program - a meal of gigantic proportions and a magnificent river view for only \$20!

All proceeds support The Salvation Army - Schenectady.



**Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by scanning the following QR Code:**



**We hope to see you there!**

**RSVP:** [SpudNight2023@gmail.com](mailto:SpudNight2023@gmail.com) or connect on Facebook at Salvation Army Schenectady

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### **Flea Market/Yard Sale Event**

On **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023**, from **9:00 am – 3:00 pm**, The **Alplaus United Methodist Church**, 1 Brookside Place, Alplaus 12008 would like to invite you to come shop local small business vendors & yard sale spaces set up on the church's back lawn and items donated by our church family for the **rummage sale in the church lower level, which is handicap accessible by an elevator**. Please come whether rain or shine!! The Church is also selling: Baked Goods, Grilled Hot dogs and Hamburgers (outside if weather permits), and beverages. This event features a variety of vendor's products: Pampered Chef; Mary Kay; Norwex; Quilting and Embroidery items; Lands' End & Miracle women's swimsuits in size 2 – 26W, plus gemstone bracelets and necklaces; Custom-made Stainless-Steel tumblers, wind spinners, car coasters and earrings; Vendors are still signing up, and we plan to have more shopping options to make your shopping experience even better!





**COUNCIL  
MEADOWS**  
APARTMENTS

**You're Invited to the 44th  
Annual Membership Meeting and  
Open House**

**Saturday, June 10th  
(Rain Date: June 17th)**

**1 PM Start;  
2:30 PM Meeting**

**126 Council Lane,  
Burnt Hills**

You are cordially invited to join us at the 44th Annual Membership Meeting and Open House of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Housing Development Fund dba Council Meadows.

Join us for:

- Food and Beverages
- Tours of the Property
- Updates and Future Plans
- Election of Officers and Recognition of Retiring Directors

RSVP to Loretta Rigney at 518-301-0140 or  
lorettarigney@gmail.com



Concerned for the Hungry, Inc.  
PO Box 119  
Schenectady, NY 12301



## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Concerned for the Hungry Golf Tournament

- When: Monday June 26
- Where: Schenectady Muni
- What: Shot-gun Start, 18 holes with cart
- Continental breakfast, lunch at “the turn”
- Silent auction and prizes!
- Why: Fund-raiser for Concerned for the Hungry
- Fees: \$125/person
- Sign-up: contact Joe Battaglia [jobattaglia2023@gmail.com](mailto:jobattaglia2023@gmail.com)
- Or Larry Lewis [larrylewisnotge@gmail.com](mailto:larrylewisnotge@gmail.com)

Concerned for the Hungry is 100% volunteer dedicated to addressing hunger in Schenectady County  
We run the (44 years) oldest Thanksgiving program in the Capital Region <https://www.concernedforthehungry.org/>



Concerned for the Hungry, Inc.  
PO Box 119  
Schenectady, NY 12301



## Sponsors wanted

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Concerned for the Hungry Golf Tournament

- When: Monday June 26
- Where: Schenectady Muni
- Why: Fund-raiser for Concerned for the Hungry
- Details:
  - Silver level: \$100, signage on a tee
  - Gold Level: \$600, signage on tee and at clubhouse one foursome for free
- Concerned for the Hungry:
  - 44 years of the Thanksgiving Food Program
  - We feed 2000 families/year, 8000 people
  - 300+ volunteers
  - We chair the Schenectady County Food Providers
  - We are 100% volunteer with no permanent facility

To sponsor: contact Joe Battaglia [jobattaglia2023@gmail.com](mailto:jobattaglia2023@gmail.com)  
Or Larry Lewis [larrylewisnotge@gmail.com](mailto:larrylewisnotge@gmail.com)



For the most up-to-date calendar, check our webpage at [www.nybhumc.com](http://www.nybhumc.com). Want to add something to the master calendar? Email [burnthillsumc@gmail.com](mailto:burnthillsumc@gmail.com) or call the office at 518-399-5144.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month</b> 9:15am Seekers 7:00pm Choir rehearsal	2	3 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Glenville Queen 10:00am Caregiver's Meeting 1:00-4:00pm Schenectady Pride
4 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	5 9:30am Earlybirds 6:30pm Scouts	6 6:30pm SPRC 7:00pm Scouts	7 8:30am Fixits 9:30am Explorers 6:00 pm Package cookies 7:00 pm AA 7:00pm Pub Theology –Pizza Works	8 9:15am Seekers 10:30 am BH-BL women's group 6:00pm Line up for Flag day Parade	9 6:30 pm Open Mic Night	10
11 9:30am Worship 11:45am-5:00pm Pride in Albany	12 9:30am Earlybirds 12:00pm BH-BL annual meeting 6:30 pm Scouts	13 11:30am Tuesday Connections at Maxon's Grill 7:00pm Scouts 7:00pm Finance Meeting	14 <b>Flag Day</b> 8:30am Fixits 9:30am Explorers 5:30 pm Scouts 6:00 pm Scouts 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Pub Theology-Pizza Works	15 9:15am Seekers 6:00pm Scouts	16	17
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### SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Summer Camp registration is open at **all five** of our Upper New York United Methodist Camp and Retreat Centers! Each of our Upper New York camps—Skye Farm, Sky Lake, Aldersgate, Asbury, and Casowasco—offer amazing programs with a variety of unique focuses and themes.

**At Burnt Hills UMC we are blessed to have funds available which have been set aside specifically to offset the cost of sending kids to camp!** If you have (or even just know of) a young one who would benefit from having the chance to spend a week at one of these truly incredible camps, please get in touch with one of the pastors. **The church would be thrilled to be able to use these funds!**

Whichever program you register for, whether it's a week at Skye Farm or any of our other United Methodist Camp & Retreat Centers is sure to be an amazing experience—one that will help you grow closer to God, to nature, and to all the new friends you'll meet!

For more information, follow the QR codes below, or grab a Skye Farm Summer 2023 brochure from the church office.



Scan to register for  
camp at Skye Farm



Scan to learn about all  
five Upper NY Camps