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Hi BHUMC Friends,

This is an important message as we evaluate our congregation's ability and interest in continuing one of our important and impactful long term ministries.

*Summary: The Soup Kitchen Team is evaluating how and if we can continue to provide meals for the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. We need to commit to the schedule for the coming year in June. We hope that cutting back to every other month (6 times a year) instead of once a month will make it possible to continue. The big challenge is getting enough volunteers for the Monday lunch time. Below is the QR code for Sign Up Genius. If you are able to prepare soup and sandwiches on Sundays or serve on Mondays, please sign up so we can gauge our ability to participate. Please call the office for Robyn's help if Sign Up Genius is a challenge for you.*

*We hate to see our participation in this ministry go as it is a hands on way to feed our neighbors who are truly in need. If you are able to help, please read the letter on page 6 from Terry Pransy and sign up. Of course, we understand the challenges in signing up so far ahead of time, but I'm sure you understand the need to gauge the interest and ability to continue this ministry.*

*Peace,  
Pastor Amy*

Please see Terry's letter on page 6.



## Grow Team Spring Happenings Update

By Cathy Bryson, Grow Team Chair

### Confirmation Class Celebration

**We celebrate the confirmation class of 2024!** They were confirmed on Pentecost, May 19th. Our celebration of their faith journey was expanded with the celebration of **receiving three new adult members on Pentecost** too. Plants were given to the church by the confirmation class - that they may serve as a living reminder for the confirmation of the youth, and their continued faith journey as these plants grow over the years. Please take a moment to visit them! There is a lilac in front oval area near bbq area, and outside the kitchen door straight across is a forsythia on the left, and a snow ball on the right.

### Next Steps Team

Next Steps was created as we journeyed to becoming a reconciling ministry to focus on what our next (and necessary) steps would be to living out **our vision of being welcoming and affirming to the LGBTQ+ community** here at BHUMC. Karen McCloskey (from First UMC Schenectady, a long time reconciling congregation) recently was a guest preacher and she was asked for advice regarding this topic. Her main suggestion was that we **continually offer educational opportunities** as we move forward. (Join us on June 2 for our speaker.)

### Small Free Library is Here!

**A special thank you to Don Hennel for creating the free library!** Next Steps team recommended a small free library be created as an outward facing ministry for folks who will never come into our church building, but for whom we can extend our care, support and love as a Christian community.

### “Encouraging Words from Bishop Hector”

The bishop’s recent video communication following General Conference acknowledges the harm that has been done by the broader United Methodist denomination to the LGBTQ+ community. Bishop Hector commits to move forward in a time of healing with a spirit of unity and collaboration so that all of God’s children may feel welcome in the UMC. He urges us all in Upper NY to remain committed to doing no harm, doing good and growing in our understanding, experiences and outward expressions of God’s love. The Next Steps committee will explore this directive and invites everyone’s participation in this regard. Next meeting dates are being determined. Please look to the bulletin for more information. In the meantime, Pride month activities are planned by SJAG.



Our Confirmation Team: (from the left) Fabulous Teacher and Connection Maker Carolyn Huston, Confirmands James Ellenberger, Alissa Bikowicz, Ella Mortensen, Gavin Mortensen, Terrific Teacher and Plant Planter Erik Mortensen, Behind the Scenes Support and Coordinator Grow Team Chair Cathy Bryson



Welcome New Members: Sue Hennessy (in the middle! Pictured with Pastor Amy and Beth McLaughlin who invited Sue to get involved at BHUMC. Be Like Beth! Join like Sue! Who can you invite to check out BHUMC?) Marilyn Stoner and Rhoden “Rhody” Streeter received by transfer from Louisville, Kentucky. Welcome!



Thank you to Don Hennel, our carpenter extraordinaire and the Fix-Its for installing our new Small Free Library on the hottest day of the year so far! Bravo!



## Help Needed

Area churches will be joining forces again this summer to provide lunches to local children. Lunch will be provided from **July 1-August 9** at the high school. They will **not** provide lunch on **July 4**. Help is needed to pack lunches and deliver. If you are help to help, please contact Kathy Pirigyi at 518-399-4284.

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## Social Justice Action Group

There will be a **presentation on the importance of safe spaces, and safe churches for LGBTQ+ people on June 2<sup>nd</sup> after church!** Cole Feliciano Colón, a member of the LGBTQ+ community and a peer support specialist will be speaking on the topic "Reconciliation: The Power of Accountability" in Knight Hall beginning after coffee hour. Cole will also reflect on the importance of safe spaces and answer questions. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this event as Pride month begins.

### Sign up for PRIDE

- Schenectady festival **June 1st 2-7PM**
- Albany Parade & Festival **June 9th 11:30 AM**
- Saratoga festival **June 23rd 2-5PM**

Please let us know which events you will attend and your contact information by scanning the QR code



### Narcan Training on June 12th 4 - 6:30 pm

Drive thru training—2 Stations in parking lot or please come inside Knight Hall for...

- Narcan training & kits,
- Educational materials
- Wellspring resource center
- Free pizza and salad

### 6:30-7:30 pm (Sanctuary)

A Personal Testimony to the Destruction Power of Addiction - ending by holding space and prayers for persons struggling, their families and friends, and those lost to addiction.

Social Justice Action Group of Burnt Hills United Methodist Church thanks Patrick Nyhan for recommending this important community based training !

### Pollinator Garden

- Sign up on the board outside Knight Hall
- Need to start gathering seeds & planning area to plant

Do you have any questions? Comments? Ideas? Reach out to Shelby Bryson, Orion Marchese or Scott Bryson in person, at [bhumcsocialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:bhumcsocialjustice@gmail.com) or 518-414-0967.

As always, all are welcome who want to go forth in action, seeking justice.

BHUMC Social Justice Action Group

## Summer Choir

Summer will soon be here along with your opportunity to try out your vocal gifts in the summer choir. Summer choir will sing on the last Sunday of each summer month: **June 23, July 28 and August 25**. Show up in the **loft at 8:45 am** to sing familiar easy worship pieces.

Why not try it out for size? It may be a perfect fit for you!

Pete Van Keuren

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## Church Council

There will be no church council meetings in July of August. They will resume meeting on September 16 at 7:00 pm. Enjoy your summer!

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### Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet at **Carm's Restaurant** (140 Freemans Bridge Rd, Glenville) on **Friday, June 28 at 12:00 pm**. This will be our last lunch together until October. You must make a reservation with Carol Borthwick (399-5405) or Lynn Christie (399-8838) to attend.

### Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday, June 1 at 8:00 am in Knight Hall**. Men of all ages are invited. Come and meet other people of the church and share good food and fellowship. This will be our last breakfast until October. Hope to see you there!



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**BHBL ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JULY 29TH - AUGUST 1ST, 2024**  
**@ THE BURNT HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



**Camp Firelight**  
A SUMMER CAMP Psalm 56:3  
ADVENTURE WITH GOD

~ REGISTRATION TO COME ~  
FOLLOW 'BHBL SUMMER VBS' ON  
FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES!

### Vacation Bible School NEEDS YOU!

Vacation Bible School will be held July 29-August 1 from 8:45-12:15. Are you interested in volunteering your time whether a few hours, or a few days, for this year's Vacation Bible School? Many jobs available, from preparation to the week of VBS to the clean up! if you're interested please email Jodi St.Gelais at [jafstgelais@gmail.com](mailto:jafstgelais@gmail.com).

## Studies for Adults: Please join us!

- **Early Birds** with Pastor Amy, will meet **Monday, June 3 at 9:30am** in the Fireside room. This will be our last meeting until September.
  - **Explorer's Bible Study** will meet **Wednesday, June 5 at 9:30 am** in the Fireside Room. This will be our last meeting until September.
  - **Seekers: Sisters in Christ**, ongoing study meets **Thursdays at 9:15 am** in Knight Hall.
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## Registration Open for Skye Farm Camp Summer Camp!

In the summer months we host a resident Christian summer camp where all youth from ages 6 to 18 are invited to spend a week or more at one of our exciting summer camp programs.

Scan the QR code to view the program offerings and to register. **Our church offers camperships to pay for summer camp. Contact Pastor Amy or Jodi Facticeau-St.Gelais.**



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## Visitation Team

The visitation team is looking for people who may be interested in **joining our team to provide periodic visits to members of our church** who are unable to attend church and may feel forgotten by our congregation. This is a very rewarding outreach ministry. Those of us who have been doing it often feel that we benefit as much (or more!) than the individuals we visit. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Glenda Hughes (518-384-0237).

Thank you, Glenda

## Soup Kitchen



This month, we will be serving at the soup kitchen on **June 17**. Please sign up and bring all ingredients by **Friday, June 14**. (Please put a notation on the signup sheet on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall if you are bringing the items to church on Sunday. It saves us duplicating ingredients.) We will be making the soup after service on **June 16**. We will leave the church the **Monday, June 17 at 10 AM** to serve at Salvation Army in Schenectady. We are always looking for new people to prep and serve. Lots of fun and feels good to help others. Further info: Libby Horn, 518-698-4043 or Terry Pranys, 518-256-8476.

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## Caregiver Support Group



*Are you the caregiver for a family member or friend? Do you know of someone who is having difficulties with caregiving? It helps to talk to others who are going through the same experiences. This group is open to both church members and non-church members.*

The next Caregiver Support Group meeting will be **Saturday, June 1 at 10:30 am** in the Fireside Room. We will **not meet in July** but will meet on **August 3 at 10:30 am**. The 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. Diane Skibinski is the facilitator and can be reached at [ds kibins@gmail.com](mailto:ds kibins@gmail.com) or 518-423-2887 for any questions.

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## United Methodist Women



UMW Circles are small groups that gather monthly for fellowship and a variety of programs and projects. All meetings are open and welcoming. Please join in whenever your schedule allows. For more information call Holly Rogers at 518-399-8629.

**TUESDAY CONNECTION CIRCLE** will meet for lunch at the **Glenville Queen on Tuesday, June 11 at 11:30**. If you would like to join in, please RSVP to Holly Rogers at 399-8629 before **Thursday, June 6**. Hope to see you there!

**SPECIAL K CIRCLE** - There will not be a meeting in June. Meetings will resume in September.

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## Transformative Table Talk



Join us on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** to eat good food, connect with one another and talk about Theology (and whatever else is on our minds). We will continue to meet throughout the summer. We will meet at **Pizza Works, 720 Saratoga Rd., Burnt Hills**. For updates please text 518-414-0967. No need to RSVP.

# Training Inside or Outside and Receive Free Narcan Kits

THE SARATOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SARATOGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
THE TOWN OF BALLSTON, AND THE BURNT HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
PROUDLY PRESENT



Free & Open to the Public

# NARCAN TRAINING

Burnt Hills  
United Methodist Church  
816 State Route 50,  
Burnt Hills, NY 12027

**12** JUNE  
2024

DRIVE-THRU  
4:30PM - 6:30PM

Learn how to save a life  
in just 10-minutes!

Participants will be trained in how to recognize an opioid overdose  
and administer nasal Narcan.

Free Narcan kits will be provided.



**Please Come inside Knight Hall for .... free pizza & salad!**

Narcan training & kits    Educational materials    wellspring resource center

**6:30 to 7:00PM in the sanctuary: *A Personal Testimony to the Destruction Power of Addiction*** Ending by holding space & prayers for persons struggling, their families and friends, and those lost to addiction.

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For the most up-to-date calendar, check our webpage at [www.nybhmc.com](http://www.nybhmc.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                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>2</b><br><b>9:30am</b> Worship<br><b>10:30 am</b> Presentation<br><b>3:00 pm</b> Scouts/KH<br><b>3:30pm</b> Scouts      | <b>3</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Earlybirds<br><b>5:30 pm</b> Scouts/KH<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Scouts<br><b>6:45pm</b> Scouts | <b>4</b><br><b>6:30pm</b> Scouts<br><b>7:00pm</b> Scouts/KH                                                                       | <b>5</b><br><b>8:30 am</b> Fix-its<br><b>9:30 am</b> Explorers<br><b>5:30 pm</b> Scouts/KH<br><b>6:00 pm</b> Scouts<br><b>7:00 pm</b> AA<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Table Talk/Pizza Works | <b>6</b><br><b>9:15am</b> Seekers<br><b>10:30 am</b> BH-BL Women's Club<br><b>5:00pm</b> Playgroup<br><b>6:30pm</b> SPRC | <b>7</b>                                          | <b>8</b>                                                                                                                               |
| <b>9</b><br><b>9:30am</b> Worship<br><b>11:30am</b> Albany Pride parade<br><b>3:30pm</b> Scouts                            | <b>10</b><br><b>6:45pm</b> Scouts                                                                                  | <b>11</b><br><b>11:30am</b> Tuesday Connections @ Glenville Queen<br><b>6:30pm</b> Finance mtg/ Zoom only<br><b>7:00pm</b> Scouts | <b>12</b><br><b>8:30am</b> Fix-its<br><b>4:00pm</b> Narcan Training/KH<br><b>6:30pm</b> Scouts<br><b>7:00pm</b> AA<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Table Talk/Pizza Works                       | <b>13</b><br><b>9:15am</b> Seekers<br><b>5:00pm</b> Playgroup<br><b>6:30pm</b> Scouts<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Flag Day Parade  | <b>14</b>                                         | <b>15</b>                                                                                                                              |
| <b>16 Father's Day</b><br><b>9:30am</b> Worship<br><b>11:30am</b> Prepare meal for soup kitchen<br><b>3:00pm</b> Scouts/KH | <b>17</b><br><b>10:00am</b> Serve lunch at soup kitchen<br><b>6:45pm</b> Scouts<br><b>7:00pm</b> Ad Council/KH     | <b>18</b><br><b>1:00pm</b> BH-BL Book club<br><b>7:00pm</b> Scouts/KH                                                             | <b>19</b><br><b>8:30am</b> Fix-its<br><b>6:00 pm</b> Scouts<br><b>7:00pm</b> AA<br><b>7:00pm</b> Table Talk/Pizza Works                                                           | <b>20</b><br><b>9:15am</b> Seekers<br><b>5:00pm</b> Playgroup                                                            | <b>21</b>                                         | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                              |
| <b>23</b><br><b>8:45am</b> Summer Choir<br><b>9:30am</b> Worship<br><b>2:00pm</b> Saratoga Pride Festival                  | <b>24</b>                                                                                                          | <b>25</b><br><b>5:00am</b> Election Day/KH<br><b>6:30pm</b> Scouts<br><b>7:00pm</b> Scouts/KH                                     | <b>26</b><br><b>8:30am</b> Fix-its<br><b>7:00pm</b> AA<br><b>7:00pm</b> SJAG/KH                                                                                                   | <b>27</b><br><b>9:15am</b> Seekers<br><b>5:00pm</b> Playgroup<br><b>6:30pm</b> Scouts                                    | <b>28</b><br><b>12:00pm</b> Lunch Bunch at Carm's | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                              |
| <b>30</b><br><b>9:30am</b> Worship                                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                          |                                                   |                                                                                                                                        |



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Dear BHUMC friends,

**The Soup Kitchen team** is having a hard time fulfilling its obligation at the Salvation Army in Schenectady. Currently we are committed to provide lunch on the 3rd Monday of every month. There are signup sheets posted outside Knight Hall several weeks in advance for needed food donations and volunteers to make soup Sunday and serve in Schenectady on Monday. We don't normally have issues with the food donations, and we have funds to fill in any gaps. Our problem has been recruiting volunteers for **making soup on Sunday right after the second service and serving soup on Monday starting at 10 a.m.** The Monday crew carpools from the church so you would not need to drive to Schenectady. We need **six to eight people on Sunday and 6 people (with 2 alternates) on Monday.** The last few months we have been scrambling at the last minute to fill the necessary slots. We feel this is an important project for our church, that is what churches do, feed the hungry, but we can't continue without more committed volunteers. We have two changes planned to try and make this work:

1. We will be signing up for the **3rd Monday every other month starting with July 2024** (July, September, November, January, March and May)
2. We want to have volunteers sign up in advance. Hopefully if we aren't looking for volunteers at the last minute, people can review their calendars and pick a day that works for them. In addition, Pastor Amy has suggested that Robyn Axon in our office could coordinate the signups using "**SIGNUP GENIUS**" which includes automated email reminder emails.

**But...** we really need to know if people are willing to commit to volunteer. Please contact Libby Horn, Terry Pransys or Robyn Axon with a month that you can help and whether you would be making soup or serving on Monday. Please try to **reply within the next 2 weeks** so we know if this plan will work. Based on the replies we get we will sign up with the Salvation Army for every other month starting in July.

Thanks,

Terry



Signup Genius

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Burnt Hills, NY 12027

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*led by GC Delegate Ian Urriola*

**GENERAL CONFERENCE UPDATE**

Join Burnt Hills UMC and our soon to be new Associate for a learning session focused on General Conference basics and themes including regionalization, the Social Principles & removal of harmful language. Please join us as we learn together!

Wednesday, June 5 at 7pm via Zoom

Please RSVP to [burnthillsumc@gmail.com](mailto:burnthillsumc@gmail.com) for link



**BH BL COMMUNITY  
FLAG DAY PARADE**

**JUNE 13, 2024**

**BHUMC will have a float!**

**Volunteer to walk with the church  
& celebrate with the community.**

**More info soon!**

