

***We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.***

***March 19, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM***

**Lent-Week 4 Kinship: Belonging in a World of Relations: Persons**

**Prelude** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Thrupp/Bradbury

**Words of Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** by Tim Graves

Open our minds.

**May they be fertile soil for your word and ways.**

Open our hearts.

**May they be filled with love of neighbor & a passion for justice.**

Open our hands.

**That we use them to build a world of compassion & hope.**

**Amen**

**\*Hymn** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH #454

**Congregational Prayer** by the Church of Scotland

**We are grateful God,**

**For Your leading and guiding.**

**You are willing to get Your hands dirty for us  
to give us a glimpse of Your vision of the world.**

**You do not hide who You are**

**but You let us ask questions and come to the wrong conclusions.**

**You don't leave us where we are, but You invite us to**

**speak out truth**

**strive for peace**

**fight for justice**

**work for healing**

**make disciples.**

**Thank You for trusting us**

**to be Your co-workers in realizing the dream of God.**

**Amen.**

**Anthem** *Wash Their Feet* Choplin  
Lorie Parmalee, flute  
Given by the Chancel Choir in loving memory of Bill Borthwick

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

**Young Disciples Time**

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**Reading** "Boy II" by Heather Swan Insert

**Choral Response** *The Lone, Wild Bird vs. 1 & 5* Chancel Choir

**Scripture Reading** John 9: 1-41

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

**Message** Pastor Amy B. Gregory

**\*Hymn** *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* Peter VanKeuren and Brendan Fox

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

**Offertory** *As The Sun With Longer Journey* Earls/Schalk

**\*Singing Our Praises** *Give Thanks* TFWS #2036

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Brendan J. Fox

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Song** *Jesus, Name Above All Names* Hearn

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Brendan J. Fox

**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** *Be Thou My Vision* UMH #451

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Dorsey

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service  
hosted by The Grow Team

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, March 19

9:00 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Youth Choir  
10:30 AM Worship with Sunday School  
11:30 AM Voices of Hope  
11:30 AM Prepare meal for Salvation Army

#### Monday, March 20

9:30 AM Earlybirds  
10:00 AM Serve lunch at Salvation Army  
6:30 PM Scouts

#### Tuesday, March 21

9:30 AM Tuesday Connections  
1:00 PM BH-BL Book Club  
7:00 PM Scouts  
7:00 PM Trustee Meeting

#### Wednesday, March 22

8:30 AM Fix-its  
9:30 AM Explorers  
6:00 PM Scouts  
6:30 PM Scouts  
7:00 PM AA meeting/Fireside room  
7:00 PM Pub Theology/Pizza Works  
7:00 PM Savvy Ally/Knight Hall

#### Thursday, March 23

9:15 AM Seekers  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, March 24

12:00 PM Lunch Bunch at Fo'castle Farms


#### Sunday, March 26

9:00 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Youth Choir  
10:30 AM Worship with Sunday School  
11:30 AM Voices of Hope  
4:00 PM Scouts

To find out the latest event information, please regularly check the **Events Calendar on our website at [www.nybhmc.com](http://www.nybhmc.com)**. The calendar is constantly updated. To add something your group would like to share, please fill out a Calendar Request Form located in the Main Office or email us at [burnthillsumc@gmail.com](mailto:burnthillsumc@gmail.com).

## Easter Offering 2023

### Announcements

- **Reading is fun program** information in Knight Hall **after 10:30 service today** or contact Libby Horn.
- We will be collecting **donations of candy, stickers or small items** to fill eggs, until **March 26**, for our **Easter Egg Hunt** which will take place on **April 2 at 11:30**. There is a donation box in the Narthex.
- **Maundy Thursday Potluck dinner on April 6 at 6:30 pm in Knight Hall**. Please sign up outside of Knight Hall so we know how many people to expect. Please come even if you are not able to prepare a dish.
- Join us Wednesdays for **The Savvy Ally: A Guide For Becoming A Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate through April 5 from 7:00-8:30 pm**. Offered in-person, virtually or both! Books are still available through BHUMC or purchase your own. You are welcome any Wednesday.
- Burnt Hills UMC will be sponsoring a **blood drive on Friday, March 31 from 12:00-5:00 PM** in Knight Hall. Please sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code BURNTHILLSUMC or call 1-800-RED CROSS. 
- In Lent this year we will ask ourselves, how do we experience **"belonging in a world of relations?"** Each Sunday in Lent we will reflect on the ways we relate to **Planet, Place, Partners, Persons, Practice, and Palms** and how our faith both shapes, and is shaped by these relationships. This theme is inspired by the poetry, essays, and writings of the **Kinship series**, a five volume collection published by the Center for Humans & Nature.
- This Lent we are **looking at our spiritual journey as an image—in a sandbox**. You are **invited to bring something small to add to the box as we depict our Lenten journey in the sand**. Perhaps it is something from nature that you've picked up on a walk or hike. Perhaps it is something you've made. Maybe it is an object that has significance for you in your faith. There are pieces of terra cotta clay that air harden in a few days if you'd like to make something for the box. **Bring something once—or every week or not at all. All ages are welcome to participate. Let's take the time to play, be creative and to contemplate important points on our path using our Lenten sandbox as a tool for contemplation.**

### Ways to Give

- Give to earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria through **UMCOR/ United Methodist Committee on Relief**. 100% of your gift goes toward relief efforts. Please make checks out to **BHUMC and mark your donations as "earthquake relief"** or give online through our website, [www.nybhunc.com](http://www.nybhunc.com). We will collect through March.

This year's **Easter Offering** continues our tradition to give it all away for the benefit of others in our community and beyond. We will share the offering with these four groups or agencies.

For more than 100 years **Red Bird Missions** has been helping the people of the Appalachian mountain area. The Mission has a K-12 Christian school, dental and medical clinics, job training, parenting classes, senior citizen programs, kids sports teams, food distribution, day care and many other programs.

The new **Chacocente Scholars' Program**; For years we made donations to Project Chacocente, helping people who lived in the Managua City Dump (Nicaragua) relocate to a community built on nearby farmland. Farming techniques were taught, buildings constructed and a school was created. Two years ago the Nicaraguan government took over the community school, equipment, farmland and well, and we could no longer donate money to the Chacocente community. The school has recently reopened under government control. A new program has been created by people who formerly worked with the Chacocente community to support scholars directly. By donating to this new program, we can provide children with school supplies, uniforms, shoes, school registration and tuition fees, and transportation. Adult scholars can receive funds to cover vocational training or college tuition and supplies. With this new program, we can continue to help these people who are trying to improve their lives.

**The Guardian House**, shelter for homeless women veterans, is planning to expand their facility by building two duplexes on their property for housing homeless women veterans and their children. Our church has agreed to work with the Presbyterian New England Church of Saratoga to raise money and help build a playground for the children living there.

Local food pantries including **Schenectady Community Ministries and Life Works Community Action** in Ballston Spa.

Thank you for your kind and generous hearts.

The Outreach Commission

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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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