

Announcements

- **Youth Group meets after service weekly 11:30 am–1:30 pm beginning today through June 14.** All youth 5th grade and above are invited to join us for lunch, conversation, and exciting activities. **Adult volunteers** are invited to join in the fun too—please call Angie Barclay or Stephanie Tope.
- **New Members Classes during May, Sundays from 9–9:45 am.** Are you curious about what it might look like to take a next step in your faith here? **BHUMC 101** is a relaxed, three-week Sunday morning class before worship (5/3, 5/10, and 5/17). New members will be received on in Worship on May 31. Contact Pastor Ian for more information.
- **Pollinator Garden Updates:** Our pollinator garden is growing, and we welcome your help! **Sign up** outside Knight Hall to **assist with weeding and watering, or consider donating plants or a pollinator-friendly water feature.** Thank you for helping create a vibrant space for both our community and local pollinators.
- **PRIDE 2026: Join Us!** Join us as we **celebrate PRIDE with tabling events and the Albany parade throughout June—sign up on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall.** Bracelet-making supplies are available in Knight Hall, so feel free to join in as we build community and support inclusion together!
- **No Early Birds on May 11 & May 25.** Please read the last chapter for **May 18. Explorers will meet on May 13,** studying the topic of death and afterlife across religions. Please join us Wednesdays at 9:30 am.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive here at BHUMC on Wednesday, May 27 from 12-5pm in Knight Hall.** Please visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment (preferred), or just walk-in if you are in the area.
- **Celebrate a Special Night in Pastor Ian's Ministry!** Join us on **Friday, May 29** as we travel together to the **Celebration of Ministry, Commissioning & Ordination Service** at the **OnCenter** in Syracuse, where Pastor Ian will be commissioned as a **Provisional Elder** and Justin Hood of Shenendehowa UMC will be ordained as an **Elder in Full Connection.**

A coach bus will depart from Shen UMC (**971 Route 146, Clifton Park**) at **2:00 pm** and return around **midnight. Cost: \$60/person.** For more information or to reserve your seat by **May 22,** call **Laurie** (at Shen UMC) at **(518) 788-0059.** Can't make the trip? The service will also be live-streamed through the Upper New York Annual Conference. More information forthcoming.
- **The Open Door Bookstore is sponsoring a book drive for Schenectady City School District's PreK through 3rd grade students** during the month of **May.** Customers who purchase a book for The Reading Is Fun (RIF) Program will receive 20% off that book. The Open Door will collect all books purchased, early reader books most needed, and present them to the students at the end of the month. Thank you!

Save the Date - Sunday, May 17th!

- **Music Sunday Offering:** Join us for **Music Sunday on Sunday, May 17 at 10:00am** as our Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, and Voices of Hope lead worship, joined by **special guest violinist Tucker Callander.** A special offering will be received in support of our music ministry. **Thank you** for your generosity and for supporting the musicians who enrich our worship through music. **Gifts may be made throughout the month of May online through Vanco or by using a "Music Sunday" offering envelope.**
- **Pastor Ian's celebration will be on May 17. Plan to join us in Knight Hall after worship** as we gather to celebrate our time with Pastor Ian. It saddens us to have to say goodbye to this wonderfully talented and gifted preacher. He has truly been a blessing for our church. Yes, there will be cake, and pie!

Well wishes can be given to Ian either by cards or spoken words. **There is a special box in Knight Hall on Sundays through May 17 for your cards and gifts.** During the week, it will be in the church office. Any questions, please contact Nancy Down or any Staff Parish Relations Committee members.
- **Soup Kitchen this month is May 17 & 18.** Please **sign up on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall** to bring, prepare, and/or serve food.

Welcome

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.



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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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