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# The Methodist

**Burnt Hills United Methodist Church News May, 2023**

## Happy Eastertide!

As warmer weather and longer days have arrived, so too has the exciting energy of spring arrived at Burnt Hills United Methodist Church. While it feels like just yesterday we gathered in the sanctuary to decorate the Christmas tree, we now find the story of the resurrection told in the buds appearing on trees which have lay dormant for months. Just as bulbs are breaking through garden beds and dandelions are painting lawns yellow, countless exciting things are springing up in our midst.

## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

**On May 7th we will be welcoming new members** into our congregation. While the more traditional welcoming of members as a part of our Sunday worship service is still an option, we are happy to be also hosting a **New Member Coffee Hour** during which we will introduce our newest members in a more casual setting, allowing the time and space for folks to actually meet one another!

## SPECIAL SUNDAYS

Throughout the month of May we will be celebrating a number of Special Sundays.

### ***Sunday, May 7: Native American Ministries Sunday***

Join us for a special Communion Sunday where we will **share the Lord's Supper using Native American Fry Bread!** (Gluten free elements will also be available)

### ***Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day Worship — led by Senior High Class***

This Mother's Day the entirety of our Sunday Worship services has been planned and will be **led by our Senior High Sunday School class** with participation from members of our **Junior High class** as well!

### ***Sunday, May 21: Music Sunday — One Service Only! 10:30am***

Our **annual celebration** of all the amazing music ministries we have here at BHUMC which make our worship experiences so lively, touching, and meaningful! Featured groups include **Chancel Choir, Voices of Hope Choir, and Youth Choir!**

### ***Sunday, May 28: Pentecost and Memorial Sunday***

The celebration of Pentecost, the "**birthday of the Christian church,**" is observed fifty days after Easter—a holiday with an always shifting date. This means that every so often our national observance of Memorial Day and our celebration of Pentecost happen on the same weekend. Join us as we explore what unique meaning can come from observing these two profound days together. **Wear red!**

## Studies for Adults: Please join us!

- **Early Birds** with Pastor Amy, Mondays at 9:30 am in the Fireside room. We will be reading *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine.
- **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".
- **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.



## 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. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Holly Rogers at 399-8629

**TUESDAY CONNECTION CIRCLE** will meet on **Tuesday, May 9 at 9:30 AM** in Knight Hall. We will be assembling Birthday Boxes for the Scotia Food Pantry.

**SPECIAL K CIRCLE** will meet at **noon on Monday, May 22 at the home of Nancy Adams** for our end of the year picnic. Bring your own sandwich. Chips and drinks will be provided. Directions will be posted on the UMW bulletin board across from the church office.

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### Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet at Carm's (140 Freemans Bridge Rd.) on **Friday, May 26 at 12:00 pm**. We will get to experience their newly renovated dining room. 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, May 6 at 8am in Knight Hall**. Men of all ages are invited. Come and meet other people of the Church and share good food and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

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## Social Justice Action Group

Following Music Sunday worship on Sunday, May 21, SJAG will be hosting a **Bracelet Making session and Conversation**. The conversation will cover "Questions You Might Get at Pride," helping us to prepare to share how Christ calls us to be better allies. The rubber-band bracelets we will make will be handed out at upcoming Pride events.

## Staff Parish Relations Committee Announcement

After working with us for the **past 8 years, our treasurer, Kim Spath, will be moving on. We appreciate the hard work and dedication Kim gave us.** She was a caring person who was a pleasure to work with. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

**Replacing her will be Dee Lowman.** Dee is a part time bookkeeper for another church, so she brings experience and knowledge to this position. She was also a United Methodist minister prior to the pandemic. We look forward to working with her. She will join us in the third week of April, so if you need to reach her please contact the office. Her email address is [Treasurer@burnthillsumc.org](mailto:Treasurer@burnthillsumc.org).

We are grateful for the addition of **Sue Zoller** to our church staff. Sue serves Burnt Hills UMC as the **Financial Secretary**. Her email address is [FinancialSecretary@burnthillsumc.org](mailto:FinancialSecretary@burnthillsumc.org)

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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, May 6th at 10:30 am in the Fireside Room**. 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. Lynn Christie is the facilitator and can be reached at 399-8838 or [hlchristie@aol.com](mailto:hlchristie@aol.com) for any questions.

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## Soup Kitchen



This month's Soup Kitchen is **May 15**. We need items brought to the church's kitchen by **Friday, May 12**. If you have a different plan, please write it on the sign-up sheet such as "will bring Sunday". Please also **put your initials on your donations** so we know who to contact for missing items. We will make vegetable soup and egg salad after second service on **Sunday, May 14**. 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 Prany 518-256-8476.

## Preschool



It's hard to believe April is already over and we are heading into our final month of preschool. We had a lot of fun learning about spring, baby animals, the plant cycle and celebrating Easter. **A special thank you to Laura Hughes**, who came to take mini photo sessions for our class picture and graciously included our pastors and Robyn.

**We have so many others to thank for your help throughout the school year.** Our **preschool board**, who took turns filling in during our teacher transition. **LAF** for helping our families who needed financial assistance. **Our pastors**, for always taking time to say hello to our littles and listen to their stories. **Nick**, who never complained no matter how much dirt, rice or glitter we left for him to clean. **Robyn**, for helping with copies, programs, updating forms and introducing Mrs. Tope to the laminator. **All of our visitors**, there are too many to list. **Our church members** who have donated toys and craft supplies along with smiles and good mornings. Last but not least, **our preschool families**. We are truly blessed to have all of you!

It's amazing to look back at everything we've accomplished through the school year and see how much our friends have grown. We have a lot more fun planned for our last month of school, as well as preparing our 4 year olds for graduation!

**PRESCHOOL HAS VERY LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE IN OUR 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM FOR THE FALL. WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF FRIENDS FOR OUR 3 YEAR OLD CLASS. PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!** Contact us at [bhumpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:bhumpreschool@gmail.com) or 518-466-6566 (Stephanie Tope) for more information.

Thank you,

Mrs. Tope and Mrs. Barclay



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## Are you the next choir member?



Worship does not stop in the summer, although services become more casual. Maybe you've thought about sharing your gifts with the choir but couldn't commit to weekly rehearsals. Maybe you've flirted with the idea of joining the group but just needed a little push.

Do we have the perfect spot for you! **Summer choir begins on Sunday, June 11**; a casual group of singers that offer music for worship. The group meets at **8:45 on Sunday mornings** to sing together music for that morning's worship service. If you've considered singing in the past, summer choir is a great way to experience what it's like. Hope to hear your voice!

Pete Van Keuren



## CROP WALK 2023

The **Phil Grigsby Memorial Crop Hunger Walk** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 7, 2023** as a community event beginning at **Trinity Community Center, 705 Curry Road in Rotterdam**. We will walk as a group again! A full schedule and maps will be available soon – but you can donate now by going to **[crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org)** and searching for our team under the names **Phil Grigsby Memorial Crop Hunger Walk and/or Burnt Hills United Methodist Church**. While searching, find and read information about the purpose and benefits of CROP Walk. In year 2022 the Schenectady NY area collective efforts for CROP raised over \$36,000, 25% of which was used locally and 75% which was used for global projects through Church World Service. CWS is currently working in Moldova, Ukraine; Afghanistan; Jackson, Mississippi, Pakistan in conjunction with World Service Asia, and in Turkey with Middle East Council of Churches and UMCOR. Of particular interest to us here in BHUMC, CROP is currently helping Kenyan farmers who live in areas flooded due to climate change by suspending bee hive boxes on overhead supports. The bees and their honey combs now provide income and nutrition to those farming families! Please join our walkers on May 7 and make a donation. If you cannot walk, please visit the website to learn more and, if you are able, make a donation to our team.

Paula Miller 518-399-7422

Sadly, we have lost touch with some of our members. If you have a current address or contact information for any of the following people, would you please share that with the church office?

Kevin and Anita Adair  
David and Heather Arthur  
Michael Burnetter  
Forrest Burnetter  
Dwayne and Valerie Cooper  
Jean Craft  
Rosanno and Melissa Grasso  
Patricia Hoffman  
James and Deborah Hudson  
Bryce Kaler  
Adam and Rebecca Klein  
Dan and Helen Lake  
Vicky Lizer  
William Marley  
Christopher Oakes  
Richard Quinn  
Thomas and Pamela Lyle  
Barbara Huff  
Tommy, Janice, and Carly Urbanski  
William and Leanne Williams



**COUNCIL MEADOWS**  
APARTMENTS

## Volunteers Needed!

## Spring Work Days

Council Meadows <sup>\*</sup> is a 25 unit apartment complex providing a safe, attractive, comfortable and affordable community environment for seniors and/ or people with disabilities.

Volunteers are needed for one or both work days to assist the residents of Council Meadows with to some much needed spring chores including window washing, gardening, raking, and more. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

**Saturdays, May 6 and May 20; 10 AM—2 PM**

**126 Council Lane, Burnt Hills**

RSVP to [lorettarigney@gmail.com](mailto:lorettarigney@gmail.com) or 518-301-0140



## College Scholarships

College around the corner? We urge high school seniors to apply for **Memorial Committee scholarships** now. Applications are available in the church office. You may also call the church office at (518) 399-5144 and ask for an application to be mailed to you. **The deadline for submissions is May 15.**

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## Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday will be **May 14th, Mother's Day**, this year. The youth will be leading the service from start to finish. If any **6th through 12th graders** would like to participate, please reach out to **Stephanie Roeske** at [steph89.amodeo@gmail.com](mailto:steph89.amodeo@gmail.com).



## Trustee News

**Memorial Bricks** -We continue to offer the opportunity to have a brick engraved in honor or in memory of someone. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please see Robyn in the church office. She has the forms for the information to be engraved on the bricks. The cost for this service is **\$115.00 for three lines and \$125.00 for four lines**. If you have questions about the bricks, please feel free to contact Bert Longbotham at 518-399-4490.

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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". In the past we had a physical sign-up sheet in the hallway outside Knight Hall. Instead of a physical list in the hallway, **Robyn Axon, our communication coordinator, will be maintaining this list**. Please call her at (518) 399-5144 to reserve your weeks. 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. Now that we are back in the sanctuary fulltime, it would be **great to celebrate your special days in this way**.



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.

## Weekly Recurring Events

### Sundays

- \* 9:00 am Worship
- \* 9:45 am Youth Choir
- \* 10:30 am Worship
- \* 11:30 am Voices of Hope
- \* 11:30 am Prepare meal for Salvation Army **(third Sunday only)**
- \* 4:00 pm Scout Troop # 2658 **(second and fourth Sunday)**

### Mondays

- \* 9:30 am Earlybirds
- \* 10:00 am Serve meal at Salvation Army **(third Monday only)**
- \* 12:00 pm BH-BL club luncheon **(second Monday only)**
- \* 2:00 pm Special K **(fourth Monday only)**
- \* 6:30 pm Scout Troop # 2169
- \* 6:30pm Scout Troop # 3020

### Tuesdays

- \* 9:30 am Tuesday Connections **(second Tuesday only)**
- \* 1:00 pm BH-BL Book club **(third Tuesday only)**
- \* 7:00 pm Trustee meeting **(third Tuesday only)**
- \* 7:00 pm Scout Troop #3056

### Wednesdays

- \* 8:30 am Fixits
- \* 9:30 am Explorers
- \* 1:00 pm Preschool meeting **(second Wednesday only)**
- \* 5:30 pm Scout Troop # 3824
- \* 6:00 pm Scout Troop #3857 **(second and fourth Wednesdays)**
- \* 6:30 pm Scout Troop #2502 **(second and fourth Wednesdays)**
- \* 7:00 pm AA meeting/Fireside Room

- \* 7:00 pm Pub Theology –Pizza Works **(first, second, third Wednesdays)**
- \* 7:00 pm Social Justice Action Group **(last Wednesday only)**

### Thursdays

- \* 9:15 am Seekers
- \* 10:30 am BH-BL Women's Club/FR **(First Thursday only)**
- \* 6:00 pm Scout Troop # 3856 **(Third Thursday only)**
- \* 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

### Saturdays

- \* 8:00 am Men's Breakfast **(first Saturday only)**
- \* 10:30 am Caregiver's Meeting **(first Saturday only)**

## Other Events and Meetings

### Monday, May 1

- \* 7:00 pm Grow Team/Knight Hall

### Tuesday, May 2

- \* 7:00 pm Endowment Meeting

### Monday, May 15

- \* 7:00 pm Church Council meeting/ KH-Hybrid

### Tuesday, May 16

- \* 7:00 pm Next Steps meeting

### Thursday, May 25

- \* 10:45 am Memorial Committee meeting/FR

### Friday, May 26

- \* 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch at Carm's

### Monday, May 29

- \* Memorial Day, Office closed

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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





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 [joebattaglia2023@gmail.com](mailto:joebattaglia2023@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/>



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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 [joebattaglia2023@gmail.com](mailto:joebattaglia2023@gmail.com)  
Or Larry Lewis [larrylewisnotge@gmail.com](mailto:larrylewisnotge@gmail.com)

# SKYE FARM

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SKYE FARM**

## Food Pantries

Please consider donating food to be given to food pantries and our own food shelves. We will stock our shelves, then give any extra to **Schenectady Community Ministries, Life Works** in Ballston Spa and the **Rensselaer UMC**. The following list has many suggestions about items needed. Thank you!

### Proteins:

Canned Tuna, Salmon and/or Chicken  
Canned or Dried Beans  
Peanut Butter

### Vegetables and Fruit (canned):

Green Beans, peas, mixed vegetables, carrots  
Peaches, Pineapples, Pears, etc.  
Tomatoes  
Canned 100% Juice

### Other:

Condiments  
Canned Pasta Sauce  
Jelly  
Can Openers

### Infant Needs

Diapers (all sizes) 1 in 3 Families in the United States Report experiencing diaper need  
Formula (Gentlease or other)  
Baby Wipes

### Hygiene Supply Drive:

Pads + Tampons  
Shampoo + Conditioner  
Toothpaste + Toothbrushes  
Razors + Shaving Cream  
Deodorant  
Bathroom Tissue + Paper Towels  
Bar Soap + Body Wash  
Laundry + Dish Soap

### Fund Drives:

\$1.00 = 6.25 pounds of food = 5 meals  
\$10.00 = 62.5 pounds of food  
Monetary donations are a great way to get involved.

### Foods To Avoid:

Home Canned Food, Outdated Food, Food Without Labels, Glass Jars

### Starches:

Rice/Pasta (Brown/Whole Wheat)  
Cereals (Whole Grain)  
Oatmeal  
Pancake Mix

### Meals:

Soups (Lentil, Minestrone, Chicken & Rice)  
Canned Pasta Meals (Ravioli, Spaghetti)  
Chili