

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

*November 14, 2021 9 AM and 10:30 AM*  
**Commitment Sunday**

**Gathering in God's Presence**

All are welcome to this time of worship, and in this faith community.  
If you are visiting today, please visit the Welcome table at the entrance.

**Prelude** *Oh The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Francis / Williams  
Performed by Pete Farrell

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Prayer for Veterans**

**Call to Worship**  
Many times in Scripture we are told, God who gives us everything  
**instructs us to give generously and cheerfully.**

Each week we gather and share the funds, the time, and the gifts God has given us.  
**We do so with loving hearts, without hesitation, following Christ's teaching.**

We do so trusting that the Gospel speaks to our lives in this hectic world,  
that **our wealth is not measured not by what we have, but by how we give.**

We give joyfully, revealing our faith and our commitment to Christ,  
**We give with joy, to bless God's church, God's people, and all those we serve.**

**Hymn** *When the Poor Ones* UMH 434

**Proclaiming the Word**

**Scripture** II Corinthians 8:8-15; 9:6-15

**Accepting a new member – Affirmation of Faith – Chris Howard**

**Music** *Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service* UMH 581

**Message** The Rev. Doug Mackey

**Responding to God's Word**

**Making Our Commitments - Joyfully** *Invitation to "dance" to the front table to place cards.*

*Lean on Me* Bill Withers  
Performed by Patrick Nyhan, Sidney Gillan & Kenadie Fish  
Accompanied by Mike Zygo, Pete Farrell, Greg Adams

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
*Doxology* #94

**Our Church Family in Prayer**

**Prayer Song** *Whisper a Prayer* Traditional English Song  
Performed by Pete Farrell & Greg Adams

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**  
**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.**

**Going Forth To Serve**

**Hymn of Going Forth** *They'll Know We Are Christians* v. 1-3 TFWS 2223

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Together We Serve* Damon  
performed by Mike Zygo

We are glad you are here! At this time, we are asking everyone to please wear a mask while inside the building, and especially while singing during worship. Please also note the self-screening questions as you arrive at worship or church events.

**Our Ministry Today**

Lead Pastor: *Holly Nye*  
Associate Pastor: *Doug Mackey*  
Communication Coordinator: *Cindy Peterson*  
Music Ministers: *Pete Van Keuren & Jill Zygo*  
Treasurer: *Kimberly Spath*  
Financial Secretary: *Paula Miller*  
Custodian: *Joe Tangrady*  
Prayer Blankets: *Karen Lathrop*  
Sunday School Superintendents: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais*  
Preschool Teachers: *Stacy Herbage & Stephanie Tope*  
Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*

**WEEKLY CALENDAR Sunday, November 14**

10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School  
11:30 AM Youth Choir and Voices of Hope Rehearsal  
3:30 PM Brownie Troop #3838

**Monday, November 15**

9:30 AM Early Birds ("Morning Disciples")  
5:45 PM Girl Scout Troop #3824  
7 PM Saratoga Soundtracks Rehearsal

**Tuesday, November 16**

1 PM BHBL Women's Club Book Club  
6 PM Daisy Scouts Troop #3856  
7 PM Boy Scouts Troop #56  
7 PM Trustees

**Wednesday, November 17**

8:30 AM Fixits  
9:30 AM Explorers  
5 PM Daisy Scouts Troop #3825  
7 PM Annual Church Conference

**Thursday, November 18**

9:15 AM Seekers Book Study

**Friday, November 19**

5:30 PM Stampin' Up

**Sunday, November 21**

10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School  
11:30 AM Youth Choir & Voices of Hope Rehearsal  
12:15 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
4 PM Girl Scouts Troop #2658

The flowers on the altar are given by Jeanne Teetz, Carol Smith and Family, in loving memory of Gil Smith.

### 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.*

## Announcements

**TODAY** The Christmas Giving Tree is set up and full of ornaments." You may take an ornament and then return it with your wrapped gifts to the tree by December 12. Thank you for your generosity!

**The Early Birds (Morning Disciples) Study** meets on Mondays at 9:30 AM. We will be using a Disciple Study on the Book of Acts. Remote link is also available!

**Explorers Bible Study** is usually held every Wednesday at 9:30 AM. Each week, we watch a 30-minute video on some aspect of Christianity. Contact Pastor Doug for more information.

**Seekers, the Women's Book Study**, meets every week on Thursday mornings. The start time has changed to 9:15 AM. We are reading the book *A Thousand Gifts*, by Ann Voskamp.

**BHUMC Annual Meeting** Our annual Church Conference will be on a Wednesday evening, November 17, at 7 PM. All church members who attend have voice and vote.

**Our Thanksgiving Offering** will be taken on November 21. All money will be given to Concerned For The Hungry, an organization that gives away many Thanksgiving baskets in Schenectady, but is also active all year in helping to alleviate hunger in nearby communities. We are also asking for donations of non-perishable food. Thank you for remembering those who are hungry!  
—The Outreach Commission

**Advent Fair Trade Sale** The annual Mayan Hands Fair Trade sale will take place November 12-16. Visit [mayanhands.org](http://mayanhands.org) to purchase gifts for your loved ones. Your gifts will be delivered to the church.

### Scripture- II Corinthians 8:8-15; 9:6-13, 15 NRSV

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.<sup>9</sup> For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.<sup>10</sup> And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup> now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.<sup>12</sup> For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.<sup>13</sup> I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between<sup>14</sup> your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.<sup>15</sup> As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little." . . .

<sup>9</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.<sup>7</sup> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.<sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.<sup>9</sup> As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

<sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.<sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;<sup>12</sup> for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. . . .<sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**We have resumed two worship services on Sunday,  
at 9 AM and 10:30 AM.**

### Pastors' Email Addresses

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