

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

November 20, 2022 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Thanksgiving/Stewardship Sunday

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service hosted by The Outreach Committee

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.

**Stewardship moment
Pledge dedication**

Prelude *Sing of the Lord's Goodness* Sands

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship

Though there are rulers, presidents, kings and queens, God is the Lord of all life.

In God we live and move and have our being.

God invites our faithfulness and our service.

We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.

Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. Amen

***Hymn** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH #127

Opening Prayer

Gracious God
You fill your world with beauty and abundance and offer it to us to share with one another.
Your generosity overflows into our lives, and we celebrate.
Meet us here today to rejoice in your goodness and in one another
so that we may go forth
to make of our whole lives a prayer of thanksgiving. Amen.

Stewardship Moment

Proclaiming the Word

Anthem *Somebody's Knockin at Your Door* Voices of Hope

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

*You are invited to stand if you are able or comfortable

A Time for Young Disciples (10:30)

Hymn *Jesus Loves Me vs. 1* Youth Choir

Scripture Reading Phillipians 4: 4-9

Anthem *For The Beauty of the Earth*
 arr. Rutter, adapted by Van Keuren

Message Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Hymn *Give Thanks* TFWS #2036

Responding to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts and Our Thanks

Offertory *Together in Thanksgiving* Frombach/Bradbury

***Singing Our Praises** *Doxology* #94

***Prayer of Dedication & Blessing of Our Pledges**

Our Church Family in Prayer Brendan J. Fox

Prayer Song *For the Fruits of This Creation* Green/Jackson

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** *Let All Things Now Living* TFWS #2008

Benediction

Postlude *O Food to Pilgrims Given* German melody

Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*
 Associate Pastor: *Brendan Fox*
 Communication Coordinator: *Robyn Axon*
 Custodian: *Nick Adami*
 Music Ministers: *Pete Van Keuren & Jill Zygo*
 Treasurer: *Kimberly Spath*
 Financial Secretary: *Paula Miller*
 Prayer Blankets: *Karen Lathrop*
 Sunday School Superintendent: *Jodi Facteau-St. Gelais*
 Preschool Teachers: *Stacy Herbage & Stephanie Tope*
 Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, November 20	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45-10:25 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship with Sunday School
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope
11:30 AM	Prepare meal for Salvation Army
4:00 PM	Girl Scouts/Knight Hall
Monday, November 21	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds/Knight Hall
10:00 AM	Serve lunch at Salvation Army
6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
Tuesday, November 22	
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts/Knight Hall
Wednesday, November 23	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
7:00 PM	Pub Theology at Maxon's
Thursday, November 24	
Happy Thanksgiving! Office is closed	
Friday, November 25	
Office is closed	
Sunday, November 27	
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00	Fair Trade Sale
10:30 AM	Worship with Sunday School
11:30 AM	Fair Trade Sale
11:30 AM	Bonfire, caroling and smores
5:00 PM	Advent Wreath Candlelighting Zoom/in person

Announcements

Thanksgiving Offering - Happy Thanksgiving to all! We are thankful for so many blessings. Our Thanksgiving offering will be taken during the **month of November**. 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**. Most food will be given to food pantries we support (**Life Works in Ballston Spa, Schenectady Community Ministries and Rensselaer UMC**) but a small amount is kept here for the pastors to give away at their discretion. Thank you for remembering those who are hungry! We appreciate your kindness.
The Outreach Commission

Children, teens, families! Join us on the front lawn for a **bon fire, caroling and smores** after 10:30 service on November 27th. Bring an instrument and a friend! Please dress warmly!!

As in years past we are asking the congregation to help us **decorate the sanctuary for Advent**. This year our theme is **nativities**. Please consider bringing in nativities from home to place on the sanctuary window sills. Advent begins **Sunday, November 27th**, so please bring in your nativities starting Thanksgiving week.

Fair Trade: Our annual advent sale of fair trade items will be held in Knight Hall on **November 27** and **December 4** after both church services. Coffee, chocolates, textiles, baskets and ornaments will be displayed. Come shop where your dollars make a real difference in people's lives. Thank you!
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Memorial Christmas Lights: Is there a loved one that you would want to lift up in remembrance this holiday season? Sign up after services in Knight Hall on **November 20 and 27** or contact Cathy Bryson at catbryson@aol.com or call 518-399-3253 (landline). The tree will be lit on **December 2** after the Advent Potluck.

Advent candles: Pick up your candles after service in Knight Hall **November 20 or 27** or contact Cathy Bryson. See email for details.

Advent Potluck Friday, December 2 All ages! **6:00PM** potluck, **7:00pm** Crismon tree decorating in Sanctuary then memorial tree (on Rt.50) lighting with singing.

Sunday Schoolers and their families are invited to enjoy **Sounds of the Season** at Little SPAC on **December 18th at 4:00pm!** Tickets are \$5.00 or free for youth group (MS/HS) who volunteer—activities listed on sign up board in Knight Hall or ask Stephanie Roeske. Contact Cathy Bryson at catbryson@aol.com or call landline, 518-399-3253. 20 ticket/seat blocked are reserved. Please RSVP ASAP!

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by war, conflict or natural disaster. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief and disaster response to people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. UMCOR is helping rebuild lives after **Hurricane Ian**. You can be a part of this effort by making an offering and **marking it "disaster relief"** on the memo line.

Ushers needed We are in need of people to help usher at the Sunday worship services. Please contact Libby Horn at 518-698-4043 if you are interested.

Caring for Others

*As of March 3, the ReOpening team recommends that **masks be optional in the building**, for preschool, Sunday School, group meetings, staff offices, and worship.*

*There is **one EXCEPTION** for the time being: in order to continue to care for the most vulnerable in our community we thank you for continuing to **wear a mask while singing**.*

*Because we are a **caring space seeking to be welcoming and safe for all**, the ReOpening team continues to re-evaluate our policies in light of the data sources that we consistently use.*

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Associate Pastor, Brendan Fox: pastorbrendanbhunc@gmail.com
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Prayers Needed?

We will be collecting prayer cards during the offering.
If you would like your prayer request forwarded to the Prayer Chain, please remember to check the appropriate box on the card.



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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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