

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

November 17, 2024 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Cherokee Morning Song Danuwa Analihi Adonvdo

Words of Welcome Pastor Amy

***Call to Worship** by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

Children of God, when wars and rumors of wars circle all around, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

When earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, famines, and floods produce chaos and destruction, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

When misinformation and disinformation try to dismantle relationships of trust in our families, churches, cities, and nation, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

Children of God, whatever leaves you feeling unsteady, insecure, scared, and confused today--do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

We come to worship God who inscribes our ending, our beginning, and everything in-between in Love. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Opening Hymn** How Firm a Foundation UMH #529

Prayer of Confession by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good." Used with permission.

Let us open our hearts and minds to the truth of our lives, and let us offer that truth to God.

O God who loves us, hear our prayer. So often we come to you at a loss – at a loss for the right words, the right deeds, the right feelings. We know all is not right, but we cannot say with certainty what is wrong. There are deep divisions between us and others. There are too many who live in poverty and fear. There are too many horrific stories, and not enough hopeful ones. So we pray to you, our Creator and Redeemer, to make things right, and to make us right with you and each other. Turn us around from that which destroys toward that which heals and brings joy. And hear us again, as we offer you our confession in silence.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Let us go out into the world as people made new by God.

Amen.

Anthem 9:00 am For These, Lord, We Give Our Thanks
10:30 am I'm Gonna Sing When The Spirit Says Sing
Trad. Spiritual, arr. Helvey

Song Jesus Loves Me (Verse 1) UMH #191

*You are invited to stand, in body or in spirit.

Young Disciples Time

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Gospel Reading Mark 13: 1-8

Message Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Prayer UMH #883

"A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn Fix Me, Jesus UMH #655

Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts, Tithes and our Thanks

Offertory Way Over Yonder King

***Singing Our Praises** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns Pastor Ian Carlos Urriola
Blessing and Sending Forth for Casey Milberry

Prayer Song Like A Tree Beside The Water Jer: 17:7-8/Martin

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in your heart language) 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.

***Sending Hymn** Canticle of the Turning Words on screen

***Benediction**

Postlude O Day of God, Draw Nigh
from the Genevan Psalter

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 17

9:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Fair Trade Sale/KH
9:45 AM Youth Choir
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Prepare meal for soup kitchen
11:30 PM Voices of Hope

Monday, November 18

9:30 AM Earlybirds
10:00 AM Serve lunch at soup kitchen
7:00 PM Church Council mtg.—Zoom only

Tuesday, November 19

10:00 AM Guided meditation
1:00 PM BH-BL Book Club/Fireside
7:00 PM Trustee mtg./Fireside

Wednesday, November 20

8:30 AM Fix-its
9:30 AM Explorers/Fireside Room
7:00 PM AA/Fireside Room
7:00 PM Table Talk/Pizza Works
7:30 PM Guided Meditation/S.H. Room

Thursday, November 21

9:15 AM Seekers
10:30 AM Altar Committee Mtg.
6:00 PM Playgroup/Upstairs
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 23

3:00 PM Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 24 Thanksgiving Sunday

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Voices of Hope & Youth Choir
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 PM Sanctuary Advent set up


Scout meetings are not listed due to space. For a full listing of events, please visit calendar.google.com

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

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

Announcements

- Throughout the month of November, we will be holding a special offering for **Concerned For the Hungry** to support them in their project to give out Thanksgiving baskets to households in our community that would otherwise not be able to afford a Thanksgiving dinner. You can take part in this offering by placing cash in the **Special Offering envelopes in the pew backs, by writing a check to BHUMC with "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo line, or by donating online through our website at nybhumc.com/online-giving.html.**
- **The Christmas Pageant** - Bring the Christmas Story to life. We are seeking children, youth, and adults to be shepherds and kings, Joseph and Mary, Gabriel, innkeepers, angels and townspeople. **Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, 12:00 to 2:30 pm on December 8, 15, and 22.** (Possible rehearsal Monday, December 23rd from 10-12:00 - TBD based on participant schedules).
- The food pantry is very low on supplies. If you are able to donate, the community would appreciate your support. **Cans with pop tops work the best** as some of the visitors might not have can openers.
- Social Justice Action Group will be hosting a **Charlie Brown Open Table Dinner** to celebrate Thanksgiving on Saturday, **November 23rd from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.**, and all are welcome, but RSVPs are requested! Email Orion at omarchese95@gmail.com or scan the QR code for more information or to volunteer to help with kitchen prep. 
- The decorating of the sanctuary window sills this year for Advent will be **Angels**. If you have any that you would like to share and help decorate our sanctuary, please bring them to church starting **November 24**. You can place them anywhere you desire on either window sill. Thank you and please only bring Angels that are not priceless heirlooms. Please contact Patty Riley if you have any questions.
- **Sunday, November 24 is United Methodist Student Day**—This Special Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration focused on the value of education. We honor this day by giving generously to support scholarships like **The Gift of Hope Scholarship**. By supporting our students now, we contribute to community transformation and leadership empowerment, building future leaders.

- The Men's Breakfast Group is sponsoring a Church Family Breakfast for **Saturday, December 7 at 8:00 am. All are invited; men, women and children. Please sign up using the bulletin board outside Knight Hall** so we know how much food to make. In the immortal words of Robin Williams, "be there or be square".
- **The Giving Tree** is setup and full of "ornaments". On the back of each "ornaments" is a gift request. Please buy the item, wrap it and ATTACH THE ORNAMENT (the ornament information is the only way we know who gets the gift). The best way to attach the ornament is to securely tape the string to the package (this allows the information to be read). Bring the gifts to church and place under the Giving Tree by **December 15, 2024**. We need the gifts back by this date so we can sort them for distribution prior to Christmas. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mark Witkofsky (518-669-2978). Thank you for your generosity.
- Interested in **guided meditation** but can't make the morning class? Join Marilyn Stoner on **Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30** in the Senior high room.

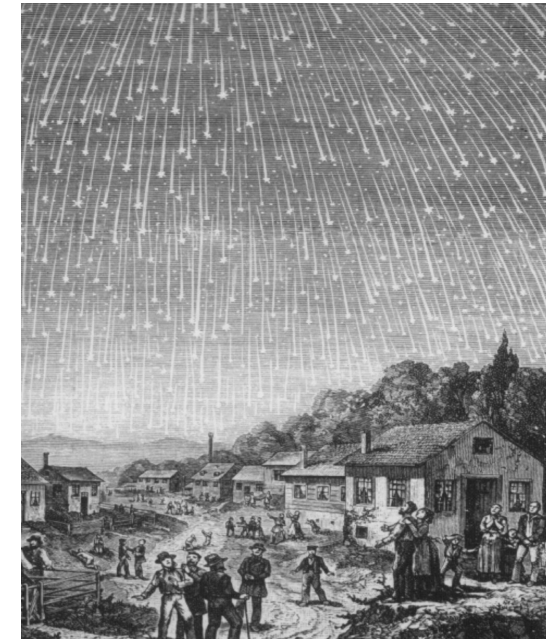
Save the Date!

- Concerned for the Hungry: **Saturday, November 23 from 9:00-11:30**. Please sign up by Knight Hall.
- Advent Potluck & Tree decorating: **Sunday, December 1 at 4:00 pm**. Potluck with decorating the sanctuary tree and singing outside to bless the Memorial Tree. All are invited and welcome. **Please sign up outside of Knight Hall.**
- Half day School's out: Friday, December 13 for cookie decorating, movie, games. Signups to volunteer or attend are outside Knight Hall.
- Caroling at Glendale: **Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 pm**. All voices welcome.
- Longest Night Service: **Friday, December 20 at 7:00 pm**.

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1833 Leonid Meteor Shower, engraving by Adolf Vollmy, 1889

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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