

We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.
November 19, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Twenty fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *Here I Am To Worship* Hughes

Greetings and Welcome Pastor Amy Gregory

***Call to Worship**
 You, O God, are our dwelling-place
 from generation to generation,
our shield from anguish and distress.
 You arm us as children of light
 with the hope of salvation,
and you protect us by your love.
 Give us grace to build up
 and encourage one another,
as we seek wisdom and abundant life. Amen.

***Hymn** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (v. 1-3)* UMH #581

Congregational Prayer

**Lord of heaven and earth
 of all nations and peoples
 all faiths and no faith
 reveal yourself to those who are suffering,
 reveal yourself to all who are refugees,
 reveal yourself to those who are powerful,
 reveal yourself to all who are powerless,
 reveal yourself to ordinary people
 in their everyday lives, that this world
 might reflect your love and your glory.**

Anthem *If My People Will Pray* Owens, arr. Christopher
 Jeremy Van Keuren, trumpet, Bill Phillips, trombone, Harmon Tunison, tuba

Hymn *Jesus Loves Me (Verse 1)* UMH #191

A Time for Young Disciples

Hymn *Jesus Loves Me (Verse 3)* UMH #191

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30

Message Pastor Brendan J. Fox

Hymn of Response *Be Thou My Vision* UMH #451

Invitation to Generosity: Offering Our Gifts and Our Thanks

Offertory *I Will Give Thanks* Courtney

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

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *The Family Prayer Song* Chapman

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Amy B. Gregory

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.**

***Sending Hymn** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH #454

***Benediction**

Postlude *Lord, Be Glorified* Kilpatrick

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


WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, November 19 Thanksgiving Sunday	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:00AM	Voices of Hope
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	Prepare meal for Salvation Army
3:00 PM	Open Table Meal
3:00 PM	Scouts
3:30 PM	Scouts
Monday, November 20	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
10:00 AM	Serve lunch at Salvation Army
6:45 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	Church Council/KH/In person and zoom
Tuesday, November 21	
1:00 PM	BH-BL Book Club
7:00 PM	Trustee Mtg/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Scouts/KH
Wednesday, November 22	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
6:15 PM	Saratoga Voices/Sanctuary
7:00 PM	AA/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Pub Theology/Pizza Works
Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day	
Office is Closed	
Friday, November 24	
Office is Closed	
Sunday, November 26	
9:00 AM	Worship
10:30 AM	Worship


*To find out the latest event information, please
 regularly check the **Events Calendar on our website** at
www.nybhumc.com. The calendar is constantly updated.
 To add something your group would like to share, please
 fill out a Calendar Request Form located in the Main
 Office or email us at burnthillsumc@gmail.com. to have
 one forwarded to you.*

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 remember to check the appropriate box on the card.

Announcements

- Our **Thanksgiving offering** will be taken during the month of **November**. All money will be given to **Concerned For The Hungry**. We are also looking for donations of non-perishable food to be given to food pantries we support as well as to **keep food on the shelves near Knight Hall**. Thank you for your kindness. The Outreach Committee.
- Please join us **today from 3:00-7:00pm** for a **Charlie Brown open table Thanksgiving dinner**. Although geared toward people age 17-35ish, the dinner is open to anyone who would like a good Thanksgiving meal.
- **Memorial Christmas Lights:** Is there a loved one that you would want to lift up in remembrance this holiday season? Sign up after both service in Knight Hall on **November 19 and 26** or contact Cathy Bryson at catbryson@aol.com or 518-399-3253 (landline) or Robyn Axon in the Office. The tree will be lit on **December 1** after the Advent Potluck.
- **Bring the Christmas Story to life.** We are seeking children, youth, and adults to participate in our **Christmas pageant**. Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, noon to 2:30, on **December 3, 10, and 17**. To sign up, contact Jill Zygo (518 859-3734, (jillnyhan@yahoo.com)) or Mary Alice Nyhan (manyhan122@gmail.com) or use this QR code. 
- The **Giving Tree** is setup and full of "ornaments". On the back of each "ornament" 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 sting to the package (this allows the information to be read). Bring the gifts to church and place under the Giving Tree by **December 17, 2023**. 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 (669-2978). Thank you for your generosity.

- **Thank you for the generous pledges that have come in! Pledges for 2024 are still welcome** with this QR code. Pledge cards are available in the narthex or online. Thank you for supporting our shared ministry through BHUMC with your gifts. 

Save the Date

- **Nov. 26 and Dec. 3:** The **SERRV/Mayan Fair Trade Sale** will take place after **both services in Knight Hall**. There will be Christmas ornaments, woven goods, baskets, placements, tablecloths, fair trade coffee and chocolates. **Come shop where your dollars make a real difference in people's lives.** The Outreach Committee
- **Nov. 26: Student Sunday Offering**—Our congregation partners with other Methodist organizations to equip United Methodist students to lead our church into the future. Support our students in prayer and by giving a generous offering to the Gift of Hope Scholarship. You can give in person by marking your offering "Student Sunday" or online by choosing the "Student Sunday offering" from the drop down menu.
- **Dec. 1: Advent Dinner and Memorial Tree Lighting at 6:00pm**
- **Dec. 3:** The first **Christmas Pageant rehearsal is at 12:00pm.**
- **Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Services
 - 9:30 am Advent IV: One morning service focusing on the culmination of the Advent season.
 - 3:30 pm Short and Sweet Christmas Eve—If you'd like to be home before dark, have dinner guests later in the evening or kiddos to get to bed (fairly!) early, this informal 30 minute service is for you.
 - 7:00 pm Children and Youth Christmas Pageant
 - 9:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service with Lessons and Carols

Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*
Associate Pastor: *Brendan Fox*
Communication Coordinator: *Robyn Axon*
Custodian: *Nick Adami*
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Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*



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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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