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# The Methodist

Burnt Hills UMC News

November, 2023

## November—A Month for Giving Thanks in Many Ways

**On November 5**, we celebrate All Saints Sunday at **9 am and 10:30 am** with Holy Communion. We will light a candle and read the name of our beloveds who have joined the great cloud of witnesses since last All Saints Sunday.

**On November 7**, The United Methodist Women will host an Election Day bake sale in the Fireside Room from **7:00 am –8:00 pm**. Please see page 2 for more information.

**On November 18**, BHUMC will host the **charge conference at 3:00 pm** with our District Superintendent Rev. Debbie Earthrowl. We are hosting two other churches for our annual meeting, held jointly this year. Please see page 7 for more information.

Our **Thanksgiving Offering is collected all month long**. Monetary gifts and donations of food are greatly appreciated. We all have noticed the increase in the price of groceries. Let's feed as many of our hungry neighbors as we can this year. Please see page 10 for more information.

Our annual **Fair Trade Sale begins on November 26**. Help spread the word! Two Sundays only. More information on page 10.

## Looking Ahead to Advent and Christmas. . .

2023 is one of those years where we have a bonus Sunday after Thanksgiving before **Advent begins on December 3rd**. That does make Christmas Eve a Sunday this year! Our theme for Advent this year is **"The Gift of Being Present."**

**December 3** is the first Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion. **Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin after worship at noon.**

## Sunday, December 24/ Christmas Eve

**9:30 am** Advent IV: One morning service focusing on the culmination of the Advent season.

**3:30 pm** Short & 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

**Deadline for articles for the December Methodist is November 15. Please submit your articles to Robyn @ burnthillsumc@gmail.com**



## United Methodist Women

UMW Circles are groups who meet monthly during the school year for fellowship and a variety of projects or programs. All gatherings are open and welcoming. Please feel free to join in whenever your schedule allows. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Rogers at 518-399-8629.

**ELECTION DAY SALE!! Tuesday, November 7 7 AM – 8 PM in Fireside.** Stop in to check out the delicious homemade baked goods and unique, quality handicrafts. Donated baked goods should be clearly marked and left in the kitchen by **Monday, Nov. 6.**

**TUESDAY CONNECTION CIRCLE** will meet on **Tuesday, November 14 at 9:30 AM in Fireside.** We will be making Thanksgiving cards for shut-ins.

**SPECIAL K CIRCLE** will meet on **Monday, November 27 at 2 PM in Fireside.** We will be making Christmas gift tags with Sue Janes.

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### Studies for Adults: Please join us!

- **Early Birds** with Pastor Amy, meets Mondays at 9:30 am in the Fireside room.
- **Explorer's Bible Study** with Pastor Brendan, meets Wednesdays 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.
- **Seekers: Sisters in Christ**, ongoing study meets Thursdays at 9:15 am in Knight Hall.

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### BHUMC Council Meetings

Once a month, we hold a Church Council meeting to share updates and review church business. We meet in person on the **third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in Knight Hall**, with an option to join live online via Zoom—a hybrid meeting. All church members are invited to attend and participate. Contact April Hicks, Council Chair, at [BHUMC\\_Council@gmail.com](mailto:BHUMC_Council@gmail.com) for the Zoom link for any given month, or to be added to the standing invitation email distribution list. **The next meeting is Nov. 20 at 7:00 pm.**

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### Music

The Chancel Choir have begun weekly rehearsals on **Thursdays**, with singers meeting in the choir loft at **7:00 pm**. Want to add your gifts to this group of great people, sharing worship and praise music with one another and with the congregation? Come and see what it's all about! Hope to see (and hear) you!  
Pete Van Keuren



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### Driving Mr. Daniel

Our Youth Music program is so blessed to have the talented Daniel Huh, a Skidmore student, as their accompanist. There have been a few members who have volunteered to be his driver (bus service is not doable and he doesn't have a car). **We are looking for a few more folks to help.** If interested in serving our church in this way, please contact Nancy Down at [nancdown@gmail.com](mailto:nancdown@gmail.com).

## Giving 2023

As we near the end of 2023 (that went fast!), please review your latest statement showing your 2023 giving to date. **If you have any questions regarding our tracking of your pledging**, you can reach out directly using Sue Zoller's church email account: [financialsecretary@burnthillsumc.org](mailto:financialsecretary@burnthillsumc.org). Your gifts to our church qualify as a tax deduction, even those that go toward our operating budget. **Please consider us for any 2023 end of year charitable giving**, that you are considering, as we are tracking below budget on 2023 income. It is through our collective giving that BHUMC remains a strong and thriving faith community. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

## Pledging 2024

**On Commitment Sunday, we had a special dedication of our pledging for 2024** with a blessing and a celebration of why the BHUMC is a great place to love God, love neighbor, and serve the world. If you were not yet able to participate in our 2024 pledge drive, **it is not too late!** In fact, we can receive your pledge using the estimate of giving card at any time. You can find the card in the church office or narthex, and it can be returned to the office or placed in the collection plate. **We also have an online option** to communicate your 2024 estimate of giving. The form requests the same information as you would see on the card. You can access the form by scanning this QR code or by going to this web address: <https://forms.gle/hyBhn9N6GBn4nJzA6>.



In the tradition of this church, only the BHUMC financial secretary sees your estimate of giving/pledge. We need your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. **Thank you for all the ways you participate in the life of this church.**

April Hicks

Stewardship Team

### Lunch Bunch



As in the past, Lunch Bunch will **not** meet for lunch the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of November or the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of December but will meet the first Friday of December, **December 1st**.

We will have our lunch at **The Charlton Tavern at 12:00 pm**. Contact Carol Borthwick (399-5405) or Lynn Christie (399-8838) if you would like to attend.

### Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be on **November 4, at 8:00 am 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!



## Soup Kitchen



In October, we used leftover Chicken BBQ to make chicken noodle soup for Soup Kitchen. One person came back for a 4th bowl! Thank you LAF for providing your wonderful chicken and to all the youth who helped chop veggies.

In November we will be making Minestrone Soup. Please sign up and bring all ingredients by **Friday, November 17**. (If you make a different plan, please put a notation on the signup sheet on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall. It saves us duplicating ingredients.) We will be making the soup after 2nd service on **November 19**. We will leave the church the following day at **10 AM** to serve at Salvation Army in Schenectady. Would you like to help? New people welcome! Further info: Libby Horn, 518-698-4043 or Terry Prany, 518-256-8476.

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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, November 4, 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. Diane Skibinski is the facilitator and can be reached at [ds kibins@gmail.com](mailto:ds kibins@gmail.com) or 518-423-2887 for any questions.

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## 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.

Those interested should attend a brief meeting on **Sunday, November 5, at noon** in the sanctuary. **Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, noon to 2:00, on December 3, 10, and 17.** Please join us for the fun, and to create a special celebratory **worship for 7:00 Christmas Eve**. To sign up, contact Jill Zygo (518 859-3734, [jillnyhan@yahoo.com](mailto:jillnyhan@yahoo.com)) or Mary Alice Nyhan ([manyhan122@gmail.com](mailto:manyhan122@gmail.com)).

## Youth Volunteer Opportunity

On **Saturday, November 11**, our youth has the opportunity to help prepare the Thanksgiving food baskets that are given out to Schenectady residents by **Concerned for the Hungry** every year for 44 years! From **11:00-2:00** at the **William C. Keane Elementary School**, 1252 Albany St. in Schenectady, they will sort food that has been collected by the boy scouts. Please contact Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais, or Cathy Bryson if you would like to volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer on your own, listed below are times and dates for which you can sign up. Scan the QR code or visit **concernedforthehungry.org** to sign up.

Sat Nov. 11, 11am-2pm: Sorting Scout food donations

Weds Nov. 15, 3:30-7pm: Assembling Boxes

Thurs Nov. 16, 10am-3pm: Pick-up/unload food

Fri Nov. 17, 9am-3pm: Sorting food

Sat Nov. 18, 9am-4pm: Packing Food Baskets

Sun Nov. 19, 9am-5pm: Distributing Food Baskets (No small children, limited volunteers needed)

Mon Nov. 20, 8am-4pm: Agency Pick-up/Deliveries



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## Council Meadows

**Council Meadows has openings on their board of directors** also known as BH-BL Housing Development. They are a not-for-profit organization that oversees a rental community for seniors and individuals with disabilities located in Burnt Hills. It was created 40yrs ago by local churches. If you have expertise in the fields of aging, disabilities, rental properties, grant writing, fund raising or low income housing, this may be an opportunity to serve your community. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Karen Lathrop at 518-878-4685 or [karen@karenlathrop.com](mailto:karen@karenlathrop.com)

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## Please join us for the 1st annual Charlie Brown Open table Thanksgiving dinner!

The event will take place in Knight Hall on **Sunday, November 19** from 3-7pm. It will be geared toward **younger people (ages 17-35ish?)** but is open to all who want a good thanksgiving meal. If you are interested in volunteering or helping with food donation, please contact Orion Marchese at [omarchese95@gmail.com](mailto:omarchese95@gmail.com) or 516-512-1265. Thank You!



## Grow Team

Youth and Adult choirs – THANK YOU for your gifts of music! Thank you to our youth who helped cook for the lunch at Salvation Army in October!

### Upcoming opportunities!

Ø **TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:45** Please invite your friends and neighbors!

Ø **Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 11am to 2pm sorting food** TEN OPEN SPOTS for youth and their families! Please contact Cathy Bryson at [catbryson@aol.com](mailto:catbryson@aol.com), office, or sign up across from children's library upstairs!

Ø **November 26th Begin Project Elf!** Children and children at heart: Cookie baking, decorating, and packing over 3 weeks to send some Christmas cheer to our shut-ins & thoughtful small gifts to nursing home residents we visit. Come for 15 minutes or as long as you can in between other commitments. We will have the cookies for you to decorate. (PS no nuts or peanut butter please)

Ø **Dec 1 Advent Potluck** - Helpers needed for set up and clean up please!

Ø **Christmas Pageant** coming soon Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> first rehearsal!

### VISIONING DAY

We are grateful for this energetic meeting, nourished with amazing fresh bread and homemade soup by Rev. Amy! Grow Team recently participated in a "visioning day" wherein we joined together **to make goals for the coming year**. Out of this day, we agreed to **3 important goals**. First, we will be making changes to make our **spaces and activities open to families with younger children**. The nursery will be converted to a "family space" with seating that is clearly child friendly. There will be a keurig for caregivers that invites them to enjoy a favorite beverage and a enjoy casual space. The walls will be painted. A smart TV will hang near the door so the entire service can be available for any moments wherein families may want to step away to this alternative space. In the narthex, we will refresh children's bags and add sensory friendly alternatives to both spaces. We will be adding bean bag/children's flexible floor seating in front of the sanctuary as well. We hope to have these updates completed before Thanksgiving.

Our second major goal area for 2024 is to have **activities that families** (including those with small children) **can participate that offer a volunteer experience** from the inception of the idea to the bulk of the work, to the service and/or gifts to others. An example of this would be picking apples, making sauce, and donating it to others, while being together. We also celebrate and lift up our children. We plan to incorporate them more fully into activities such as making candy bags for visitors at Trunk or Treat and other activities. This is our way of **re-envisioning our Family Ministries**. Easter egg, Christmas Pageant, singing at the nursing home will all continue this year. We are challenging ourselves to think from the eyes (and hands) of a child to enrich these activities further.

Our **third area of focus will be on connection and communication**. We realize that families are often scheduling very far out on the calendar to accommodate so many work, school, and sports schedules. We want to be more efficient and flexible in the ways that people can share, interact, and access information.

### SCENIC SATURDAY (at Skye Farm)

New this October this year, we reserved Skye Farm for an **outdoor experience day**. The plan included music, hiking, boating, crafts, and labyrinth. Although our **outing needed to change due to the forecast**, we were still able to sing together, walk the labyrinth together and enjoy a meal followed by indoor marshmallow making. Special thank you to Nancy Debelius and Pastor Brendan Fox for their leadership! Do you have an idea for another type of Scenic Saturday? Please share it with us!

### CONFIRMATION GROUP

Plans are under way for our **next confirmation group to begin in January 2024** with Erik Mortensen leading the group and Pastor Brendan Fox connecting and guiding! We have chosen a new set of materials from "Collaborate". Topics will include Methodist History and Doctrine, grace, prayer, free will, worship,

## Grow Team Continued

service, communion and other topics. **Youth 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older are welcome** – there is still time to join! Sign up across from library upstairs or let the office know!

### Middle School Curriculum Update

Our middle school class is beginning a **new series called “CONNECT”**. There are interesting video pieces for each lesson and hands on materials. We are excited for our time together this year and trying this new way to learn.

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## TRUSTEE NEWS

### Work Day Scheduled

The Trustees have scheduled a Work Day for the morning of **Saturday, November 18th**. We will start as early as **8:00 am** or a bit later if you would like. We should **finish by Noon**. We will have coffee, water and doughnuts available for a mid-morning snack. The work will entail trying to gather all of the leaves that will have fallen by then and for those that like to work indoors there is general cleaning, window washing and dusting, etc. Feel free to bring your own tools, blowers and/or cleaning supplies. We should have plenty of equipment and cleaning supplies but more is good. We hope you will join us.

### Memorial Bricks

We continue to have bricks available to be **engraved to honor or memorialize a friend or family member**. We are hopeful that the company that does the engraving will do it next spring. Please feel free to contact Robyn in the office for information or a form to complete to have a brick engraved.

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## Endowment/Memorial Bulletin Board

Both Endowment and Memorial Committees fund non-budgetary projects. Check out the pictures on the Endowment/Memorial Bulletin Board to see the most recent projects that Endowment and Memorial Committees funded. This Bulletin Board is located in the hallway to the left of the kitchen. Endowment funded the air purification systems in the sanctuary and Knight Hall, a commercial refrigerator for the kitchen, LED lights in the upstairs hallway, and new flooring in the upstairs hallway and Assembly Room. Memorials funded a new computer for the main office, 60 hymnals, and \$1,500 scholarships to six seniors: Siri Adams, Ashley Bikowitz, Peyton Felix, Jackson Frame, Ashley Hyde, and Mykayla Ormsby.

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## Charge Conference

All are invited to be a part of our **joint charge conference on November 18th at 3pm**. We are hosting Jonesville and Shen UMCs. We are looking for **some volunteers** to help with refreshments and provide hospitality for our guests. Sign up sheets are outside Knight Hall. This is **our annual meeting** facilitated by our District Superintendent, Rev. Debbie Earthrowl. We will vote on the pastors' compensation, elect trustees and elect leadership for the coming year. **Everyone is welcome to attend** but only members may vote.

## Winter Sports Equipment Sale

The first **Winter Sports Sale** at our church was held in 1960. This annual tradition has continued except for 2020 during the Covid pandemic. This year, the sale was held on Saturday, October 21st. The event continues to be a great community service, an opportunity for outreach and a generator of great fellowship among all the church members who participate. Another plus is the money that is raised to help with the church budget. This year, the **net amount given to the church was \$5,664.00**. We had over **300 people come to the sale** on Saturday morning. Winter sporting activities and equipment continue to evolve. Our sale is successful mainly because we have recruited an outside vendor to bring in products to sell. The amount of equipment generated by the community for sale would not support this event.

Pastor Amy did a fantastic job this year helping to advertise by using Facebook and Instagram and the church's website. We had a terrific turnout of workers. There were more than 45 different people that helped with the sale over the four days of set up, consignment acceptance, sale and clean up. Some of these workers are not members of our church but participate because it is a community event. We thank all those who contributed their time. The formula for success has evolved over time but the procedures that Al and Elaine Fairbanks instituted over 25 years ago continue to guide our success.

Greg and Nancy Adams

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## Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

The **Chicken and Biscuit dinner** on October 14th was a huge success . What a blessing this was. For the **first time in four years we opened Knight Hall to our community** for dinner. **We served 180 dinners, eat in and take out, and realized \$2281.01.**

Thank you to all those who worked in the kitchen and dining room , and baked desserts at home. Special thanks go to our chefs Mike Ormsby and Terry Bikowicz, Kathy Pirigyi, Paula Miller, Linda Noonan, and our faithful Shirley and Dave VanSchaick who run our aging dishwasher.

The fellowship experienced by those who worked so hard and those who enjoyed such a good meal is beyond words. God's love was shared by all. As Paula concluded her email this week **"God has blessed us with abundance and you all helped with the creation, distribution and joy of that abundance"**.

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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". **We have returned the physical signup sheet to the hallway outside Knight Hall. If you prefer, you can still call Robyn Axon, our office manager at (518) 399-5144, to add you to the list.** 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

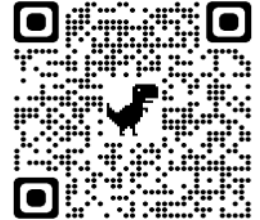
church and will insure they are delivered for the Sunday service. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your special days with your church family.



## Youth Choir

This joyful choir is designed to cultivate friendship, connection, and a love of singing for beginner singers! We also play musical chairs, rhythm games, and more. The age range shifts slightly from year to year, but it is predominantly students in **grades 1-6**. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade can choose to be a part of the Youth Choir or the Voices of Hope Choir (grades 6-12). All are welcome!

**Youth Choir practices from 9:45am-10:25am** most Sundays. Students will sing in church 4-5 times a school year. First rehearsal is in late September. Last date is early May. All choirs are completely free. You and your child will not be asked to pay for anything. For a look at the schedule or more information, please contact Jill Zygo at [jillnyhan@yahoo.com](mailto:jillnyhan@yahoo.com). Click on the QR code. It contains all dates. You and your student can drop in for one rehearsal anytime! Just email to let me know you are checking it out.



## Voices of Hope

Voices of Hope is an enthusiastic and fun-loving choral group of **6th-12th graders**. From contemporary songs by Lauren Daigle to traditional hymns like Amazing Grace, this group sings a variety of Christian music. **Rehearsals are after church from 11:30-12:15 PM**. All are welcome! If you are interested, please feel free to reach out to Jill Zygo at [jillnyhan@yahoo.com](mailto:jillnyhan@yahoo.com) or call 518-859-3734.



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## Advent Potluck with Memorial Tree Lighting



Sundays in November, we will have a table in Knight Hall after services where you can get a light bulb in remembrance of your loved one that are no longer here to enjoy holidays together. Make 1 or many bulbs! These names of our loved ones (friends and family) will be lifted up in a community prayer at the Advent **Dinner and Memorial Tree Lighting on Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**. There will be potluck (make food, buy food, or come sans food – there is ALWAYS more than enough!) **Please BRING YOUR OWN PLACE SETTING** (paper or any type) for easier clean up. After we eat, we will decorate the tree in the sanctuary with beautiful Chrismons as we sing carols! Lastly, we will end the evening with a prayer and sing Silent Night as we light up the memorial tree, curbside by our sign on Rt. 50, in remembrance of our loved ones.

PS – Tradition is that Greg Adams & Pete Farrell get us moving after the meal with 12 days of Christmas, with each table acting out their part of the song!

Please invite friends, neighbors, coworkers – Truly, THE MORE THE MERRIER!

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## Save the Date!

Save the Date for the BHUMC Women’s Retreat on **April 19, 2024** at Christ the King Center in Greenwich, New York. Stay tuned for more information, and visit [ctkcenter.org](http://ctkcenter.org) or scan the QR code to see the beautiful facility where the retreat will be taking place.



## News From The Outreach Committee

### SERRV/Mayan Hands Fair Trade Sale

It is time for our annual Fair Trade Sale which so many of us have supported for more than 30 years. The sale will take place in Knight Hall **after both Sunday services on Nov. 26 and Dec. 3**. We will have Christmas ornaments, woven goods, baskets, placemats, tablecloths,



fair trade coffee and assorted chocolates and much more. Come shop where your dollars make a real difference in people's lives. **Our church keeps none of the money. Every cent goes to these organizations that help those in need.** Thank you for thinking of people all over the globe, who are less fortunate.



The Outreach Committee

### 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**. Food will be given to the food pantries we support ( Life Works in Ballston Spa, Schenectady Community Ministries and Rensselaer UMC). We also keep food on the shelves near Knight Hall for people who come to the church looking for help. **Thank you for remembering those who are hungry!** We appreciate your kindness.

The Outreach Commission

### Heifer International

**For more than 75 years, Heifer International has worked with people around the globe to end hunger and poverty, and care for the earth.** This organization provides animals, seeds and trees to farm families and then mentors the families to build a business based on livestock and/or growing plants. The family later gives a gift of livestock or plants and shares knowledge with another farm family. **This chain of help continues within the community.** Family income is increased, improving food security and ensuring the well being of the community. **Your gifts save lives.** Information about donating to Heifer will be in Knight Hall after church services in December. Please stop by the table to see the animal gift cards and brochures. You may make a donation at the table, send the donation to the church office or make your donation electronically by using: [nybhmc.com/online-giving.html](http://nybhmc.com/online-giving.html). There is a drop down box for Heifer at that web site. Thank you so much!

## BHUMC's Military Veterans - 2023

With Veterans Day upon us (Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>), I feel that our congregation should be aware of those among us who are (or were) military veterans. Below is the list:

Roger Clark  
Robert Comins  
Michael Couse  
Dale Delano  
Richard Dyanick  
Caleb Farrell  
Stephen Geene  
Donna Hitchcock  
Raymond Hitchcock  
Glenda Hughes  
William Hughes  
David Hyde  
Donald Isaacson  
Helen Maiellaro  
Michael Ormsby  
Peter Pranys  
Frank Quinn  
Frank Rose  
Pat West  
Robert Youmans

### Deceased

Richard Allen  
Dewey Bosley  
Harry Christie  
William Coffey  
Henry Coghill  
Kenneth Fichtel  
Lewis Geene  
David Gaudons  
Carl Hirt  
Wallace Hughes  
Frederick Ludewig  
Terry Miltner  
Michael Nyhan  
William Poli  
Charles Puckette  
Erik Smith  
Montcalm Streever  
Kenneth Streifert

These individuals (and their families) sacrificed to various extents for our safety and freedoms, so they certainly are owed our acknowledgement and appreciation.

If you know of other BHUMC members or attendees who should be on this veterans list, please tell Dale Delano at 518-399-7073 or [dcdmzd@aol.com](mailto:dcdmzd@aol.com) about them.





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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>8:30am</b> Fix-its <b>9:30am</b> Explorers <b>1:00pm</b> BH-BL pie distribution <b>5:30pm</b> Scouts <b>6:00pm</b> Scouts <b>6:30pm</b> Scouts <b>7:00pm</b> AA <b>7:00pm</b> Pub Theology/Pizza Works	<b>2</b> <b>9:15am</b> Seekers <b>6:30pm</b> Scouts <b>7:00pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's breakfast <b>10:30am</b> Caregiver's Support meeting <b>6:30pm</b> Open Mic Night
<b>5 Daylight Savings</b> <b>9:00am</b> Worship <b>9:45am</b> Youth Choir <b>10:30am</b> Worship <b>11:30am</b> VOH <b>12:00pm</b> Pageant mtg./Sanctuary <b>3:00pm</b> Scouts/KH <b>3:30pm</b> Scouts	<b>6</b> <b>9:30pm</b> Earlybirds <b>6:45pm</b> Scouts	<b>7 Election Day</b> <b>5:30am</b> Election/KH <b>6:30pm</b> SPRC meeting <b>7:00am</b> Election Day Craft and Bake sale/Fireside <b>7:00pm</b> Scouts	<b>8</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Fix-its <b>9:30 am</b> Explorers <b>7:00 pm</b> AA <b>7:00 pm</b> Pub Theology/Pizza Works	<b>9</b> <b>9:15am</b> Seekers <b>10:30am</b> BH-BL Women's Club <b>7:00pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> Office Open 8:00-12:00	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day
<b>12</b> <b>9:00am</b> Worship <b>9:45am</b> Youth Choir <b>10:30am</b> Worship <b>11:30am</b> VOH <b>3:00pm</b> Baby Shower/KH <b>3:30pm</b> Scouts	<b>13</b> <b>9:30am</b> Earlybirds <b>12:00pm</b> BH-BL Women's Club/KH <b>5:30pm</b> Scouts/KH <b>6:30pm</b> Scouts <b>6:45pm</b> Scouts	<b>14</b> <b>9:30am</b> Tuesday Connections <b>6:30pm</b> SPRC <b>7:00pm</b> Scouts/KH	<b>15</b> <b>8:30am</b> Fix-its <b>9:30am</b> Explorers <b>5:30pm</b> Scouts/KH <b>6:00pm</b> Scouts <b>7:00pm</b> AA <b>7:00pm</b> Pub Theology/Pizza	<b>16</b> <b>9:15am</b> Seekers <b>6:00pm</b> Scouts <b>7:00pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>8:00am</b> Work/Clean up day <b>9:00am</b> Charge/Annual Conference/KH
<b>19</b> <b>9:00am</b> Worship <b>9:45am</b> Youth Choir <b>10:00am</b> VOH <b>10:30am</b> Worship <b>11:30am</b> Prepare meal for SA <b>3:00pm</b> Open Table Dinner/KH <b>3:00pm</b> Scouts <b>3:30pm</b> Scouts	<b>20</b> <b>9:30am</b> Earlybirds <b>10:00am</b> Serve lunch at SA <b>7:00pm</b> Church Council/KH <b>6:45pm</b> Scouts	<b>21</b> <b>1:00pm</b> BH-BL Book Club <b>7:00pm</b> Scouts/KH <b>7:00pm</b> Trustees mtg./Fireside	<b>22</b> <b>8:30am</b> Fix-its <b>9:30am</b> Explorers <b>7:00pm</b> AA <b>7:00pm</b> Pub Theology/Pizza Works	<b>23</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Office Closed	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9:00am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Worship	<b>27</b> <b>9:30am</b> Earlybirds <b>2:00pm</b> Special K/KH <b>5:30pm</b> Scouts/KH <b>6:30pm</b> Scouts <b>6:45pm</b> Scouts	<b>28</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Scouts/KH	<b>29</b> <b>8:30am</b> Fix-its <b>9:30am</b> Explorers <b>6:00pm</b> Scouts <b>7:00pm</b> AA <b>7:00pm</b> SJAG meeting/KH	<b>30</b> <b>9:15am</b> Seekers <b>7:00pm</b> Choir Rehearsal		

## United Methodist Student Day is November 26, 2023!

Scripture: “I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him.” —Ephesians 1:17, NRSVUE

Brittney Stephan was 14 when she felt God call her into ministry. Though she was horrified at the thought of speaking in public, she wrote a letter to her pastor sharing her desire to be in ministry. Her pastor helped her ease her fears and calmed her nerves. She was also allowed to co-preach a sermon and to get involved in many areas of ministry. She received a **Gift of Hope Scholarship funded by gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering**. Today, she is an ordained United Methodist clergy and serves as the associate director for multicultural vibrancy in the Michigan Annual Conference.

“I’m very passionate about servant leadership and the impact that it has on the life of the church. I hope to encourage and support the laity in my church, as well as the staff, and create a leadership model that works to serve and empower others to be ministry leaders,” said Stephan.

**Our congregation partners with other United Methodist congregations** to equip United Methodist students to lead our church into the future. Place the November 26, 2023, celebration date on your calendar and be ready to support our students in prayer and by giving a generous offering to the Gift of Hope Scholarship. Your gifts underwrite scholarships for United Methodist undergraduate and graduate students, allowing them to achieve their education goals. **You can give in person by marking your offering “Student Sunday or online** by choosing the “Student Sunday offering” from the drop down menu. “

As one of our denomination-wide offerings, **your gift makes a big impact on lives**. Our gifts grow when we give together. Thank you for your generosity!

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## Special Session of “United Methodist of Upper NY”

October 14, 2023

The **special session** started with worship including a wonderful solo “Earth has no sorrows that heaven can’t heal.” Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez opened the Zoom session in prayer and acknowledged the meeting was held on the land of the Onondaga nation and a map was shared with the areas of various Indigenous people in our conference. Each speaker identified their name, gender, race, status (lay or clergy) and affiliation. With 510 voting, **57 churches disaffiliated** with a 92% positive vote. The complete list including from this session and March Special Session and June’s annual conference is available on the conference website: <https://www.unyumc.org/>. Included in the list of churches are the following relatively local congregations: Amsterdam, Lake George, Malta Ridge, So. Glens Falls and Warrensburg. The session closed in prayer for unity and love for all.

Libby Horn, Lay member to Conference

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### Preschool News

**October was a wonderful month for preschool.** We were blessed with a visit from our very own Dr. Farrell and his dog Buddy, to teach our 3's about being a vet. The Burnt Hills Fire Department was kind enough to send a truck and some of their volunteer fire fighters to help us learn about fire safety. Our preschool families had the opportunity to visit our classroom and see the kids artwork. We ended the month with Halloween parties and trick or treating. We would like to thank everyone who helped us out, the kids loved all their goodies.

**November will be another busy month at preschool.** Our friends are going to learn about America, voting, veterans, autumn, nutrition, Native Americans, and being thankful. Each class will celebrate Thanksgiving with a party, during which our friends will work together to prepare our feast.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

