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As we move into the season of Thanksgiving, I'm once again reminded of the generosity and compassion that flows from our Burnt Hills United Methodist Church community. In my short time here, I have been inspired by how we come together to support those in need, embodying the love and grace of Christ. This November, we have another opportunity to make a meaningful impact through our special Thanksgiving offering, which will go to Concerned for the Hungry.

Last year, through your faithful giving, we raised \$610, which went directly to Concerned for the Hungry's Thanksgiving basket program. These baskets made a tangible difference in the lives of 2,664 families and households right here in our community, providing not only all the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving meal but also an additional week's worth of groceries. It's hard to overstate the impact of this effort—both in meeting immediate physical needs and in offering hope during a time when many struggle to put food on the table.

The cost of this important work is significant. Last year, Concerned for the Hungry spent \$30,000 to make sure those baskets were filled and ready to go. I know that together, we can play a role in ensuring this work continues, helping even more families in the year ahead.

If you feel called to contribute, there are several ways to donate throughout November. You can give through our church website, mail a check to the church office, or place your offering in the plate during worship services. However you choose to give, know that your generosity is an expression of God's love for all people, and it will make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Thank you, Burnt Hills UMC, for being a community that leads with love, that gives with open hearts, and that continually reflects the light of Christ to those in need. Let's come together this Thanksgiving season, and let's make sure no one in our community goes without.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ian

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

## 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 3, at noon** in the sanctuary. **Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, noon to 2:30 on December 8, 15, and 22. (Possible rehearsal Monday December 23rd from 10-12:00 - TBD based on participant conflicts).**

Please join us for the fun, and to create a special celebratory **worship for 7:00 Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24.** 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)). Or follow the link to fill out the sign up form here: <https://jillzygo.wufoo.com/forms/christmas-pageant-2024/> or scan the QR code.



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### December Men's Breakfast is open to Everyone (Men, Women and Children!)



Back in pre-COVID days, the Men's Breakfast decided to invite everyone to the May 2020 Breakfast. Then COVID arrived and just ruined everything. We had to cancel all breakfasts for quite some time.

We now are almost back to normal. And so the Men's Breakfast would like to invite everybody! (men, women and children) to the December Breakfast. The date will be **Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 8:00am, in Knight Hall.** Everyone should come hungry as chefs Terry B. and Mike O. always prepare great meals!

We usually have 15 to 20 Men at the breakfast, and prepare food accordingly. However we have no idea how many will come to this December open breakfast. So, we will be posting sign-ups on the church bulletin board. There is still plenty of time to sign-up, but if you forget, we usually have extra food, so come anyway.

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K-2 Music Class  
Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm  
Nov. 6, 13, 20



Children with special needs and their caregivers will engage in singing, movement and instrument play in a fun and supportive environment taught by music therapist, Beth McLaughlin. Come and meet puppets who tell stories through song, join a boomwhacker choir and dance with an octaband! There is no cost to attend this class.

## Social Justice Action Group

We need helpers to cook, serve, and clean up for the Open Table Dinner.

Please talk to Orion Marchese or sign up on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall or scan the QR code.

A CHARLIE BROWN  
**Open Table  
Dinner**

Saturday  
November 23th  
from 3-7pm

A free  
**Thanksgiving  
Dinner!**

Come to **Burnt Hills United  
Methodist Church!**  
816 NY-50 Burnt Hills, NY 12027

Expect games, great company, delicious food, and welcoming environment. Bring games, food and love. **All are welcome!!**

Text or call Orion: (516)512-1265  
Email: omarchese95@gmail.com  
Fill out our form! Scan the QR code

In association with the BHUMC Social Justice

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## 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 19th. 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 \$3339.** This year the number of people coming to the sale was much less than usual. We had about 175 people attend this year where in years past it was well over 300. 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.

We had a terrific turnout of workers. There were **more than 40 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



## 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 on **November 16 from 10:00-2:00 pm** and **after both Sunday services on November 17**. 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

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### Tuesday Meditation Group

Got stress? **Here's a chance to learn about guided imagery, a form of meditation**, an elegant and easy way to heal the emotions, body and spirit and to bring more peace and joy into your life. The best way to learn is to experience it, among a group of friends right here at Burnt Hills UMC!

Marilyn Stoner has been offering guided imagery to individuals and groups for about 30 years. We will meet **every Tuesday of each month until December 17 from 10:00-11:30 am.**

Each session will stand alone, and of course the more you practice, the more powerful you become, so if you like it then come join us often! **If you can only come once, or once in a while, that's fine too.**

You can sign up on the bulletin board or scan the QR code to sign up at Sign Up Genius. This is being held off site so please text **Marilyn at 502-456-1502** for the location or call the church office at 518-399-5144.



## TRUSTEE NEWS

### **New Furnaces**

Last winter (fortunately towards the end of the season) we had a really large water leak in one of the underground pipes in the heating zone for the Narthex and nearby bathrooms. We have also had many expensive repairs to both furnaces and the Trustees felt it was time to try to do something about them.

Our church is really very fortunate to have an Endowment Committee that oversees a fund in which they maintain the principal amount in the account and are able to use the interest and/or dividends for special projects in the church. They agreed with the Trustees and Crisafulli Brothers are currently installing new furnaces in both the Sanctuary and Education wings. Additionally, they are installing new heating lines to the registers that are on the zone with the leak.

We are looking forward to a warm winter with consistent heat.

### **Memorial Garden Bricks**

Three bricks in our Memorial Patio by the Rose Garden were recently engraved. The bricks engraved were in memory of Michael T Nyhan, Ralph and Dorothy Hoyt and Don Snell.

### **Thanks for dedication!!**

Hopefully, you have noticed the work that has been done over the spring and summer to keep the lawn and gardens looking great. Thanks to Paula Miller for her efforts in the Rose Garden, Mary Ann Snell for planting and maintaining the flowers in front of Knight Hall, the Fix-its for their work in the gardens and keeping the shrubs trim and Bill Borthwick for his many hours of work on the lawn – mowing and weed whacking. You might have also noticed the new Pollinator Garden by the fence behind the parsonage. Lots of work there to make the bees and butterflies happy.

### **Fall Work Day**

Watch for an announcement to come soon for our annual fall work day to gather the leaves and do some window cleaning and dusting. We try to wait till most all of the leaves are down so it will probably be either **Saturday, Nov. 16 or 23**. Hope you will be able to join us.

### **Recent Projects of the Fix-its**

Thanks to the Fix-its for their work this summer on replacing the benches by the front entrance to the Education Wing and installing ceramic tile in the bathroom by the Pre-School.

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## Memorial News

### **New Hymnals**

The Memorial Committee recently purchased 40 new maroon hymnals for the Sanctuary. They are replacing the older red hymnals and some of the hymnals with ripped covers. We are recycling the hymnals by donating them to the Mountain Community Methodist Church in Speculator, New York. The hymnals were purchased with funds from the memorials for Stephen Smith, Fleurette Traxler, Evvie Currie, Kenneth Streifert, James Hoskinson, Len Porter and Dorothy Conklin.

## Grow Team November 2024

### October Thank You's ..... Indigenous People's Day Celebration

A HUGE THANK YOU to Carolyn Houston, Katharine Weis, and Pastor Ian for making this event a huge success! We had many visitors! Native dishes were prepared and enjoyed by all!



### MUSIC THERAPY GROUPS ADDED!

Thank you to our two music therapists, Beth McLaughlin and Lorie Parmalee, for hosting music groups for children with special needs (and their family members). These groups include singing, instruments, and movement in a supportive and inclusive environment! K to grade 2 **may** still have some openings on Nov 6, 13, and 20. Please reach out to the office or find the QR link to the google doc on the bulletin board upstairs!

We plan to have these groups happen in the Spring as well. Contact Cathy Bryson if you are interested in the Spring groups.

### NOVEMBER

Every Sunday in November, helpers are needed after services to collect names for the Memorial Lights display and tree lighting. Please sign up on the bulletin board in front of Knight Hall. At least one helper is needed after each service.

OOPS! ~~November 17~~ - ~~Family Night - Dinner and Fun~~ Starting 3rd Sun in January!

**November 23** 9:00 am to 11:30 am 10 volunteer spots reserved for BHUMC  
45th Annual Concerned for the Hungry Thanksgiving Food Workers Needed to sort and move the food that is going to be distributed into baskets! Youth and Families help! Sign up -upstairs and downstairs hallways!

### DECEMBER

**December 1** 5:00 pm to 7:15 pm Tree decorating, pot luck, carol sing, & memorial tree lighting!  
Bring a dish to share! Helpers needed for set up and clean up!

**December 8** Christmas Pageant Rehearsal starts from 12-3p. Please connect with Jill Zygo or Mary Alice Nyhan and express your interest!

**December 18 (Wed)** Caroling at Glendale Nursing Home Save the date! All ages welcome! More details to come.

## Stewardship Messages

### Giving 2024

*“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ... You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7, 11*

Thank you for your faithful giving this year. Your financial gifts to our church qualify as a tax deduction. **Please consider the BHUMC for any 2024 end of year charitable giving** that you are considering as **we are tracking below budget on 2024 income for our operating budget**. Your generous collective financial gifts are needed to support our thriving ministries.

If you are a pledged giver, you will have received your statement in October showing our records of your giving to date. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Sue Zoller, Financial Secretary, at [financialsecretary@burnthillsumc.org](mailto:financialsecretary@burnthillsumc.org).

### Pledging 2025

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Commitment Sunday by declaring our intentions to give back to God from the many blessings we receive. Estimates of giving cards were joyfully placed in the collection plates during worship services.

**If you were not yet able to join us on Commitment Sunday, it is not too late to pledge for 2025!** In fact, you can turn in your estimate of giving card at any time. Cards can be found in the church office and in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary, or you can call the church office and ask for one to be mailed to you. Place your completed card in the collection plate during worship or return it to the office and it will be given to the Financial Secretary.

Faithful stewardship requires our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. **Thank you for all the ways you participate in the life of this church.**

April Hicks

Stewardship Team

## Studies for Adults: Please join us!

- **Early Birds** with Pastor Amy, meets **Mondays at 9:30 am** in the Fireside room. We are reading “The Gospel of John” by Amy-Jill Levine. Books available in the church office.
  - **Explorer’s Bible Study** 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

Church Council meets once a month 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 for the Zoom link for any given month, or to be added to the standing invitation email distribution list. **The next meeting is Monday, November 18 at 7:00 pm.**

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## United Methodist Women



UMW Circles are small groups that gather monthly for a devotion, tasty snacks and a variety of programs and projects. Please join in whenever your schedule allows. All meetings are open and welcoming. For more information, contact Holly Rogers at 399-8629.

**ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE** will be held in Fireside from **7 AM-7 PM on Tuesday, November 5**. There will also be tables of handicrafts that make excellent gifts. It would be helpful if baked goods could be clearly marked and left in the church kitchen by **Monday morning, Nov. 4**. All donations and customers are greatly appreciated!!

**TUESDAY CONNECTION CIRCLE** will meet on **Tuesday, November 12 at 9:30 am** in Fireside. We will be making Thanksgiving cards for shut-ins.

**SPECIAL K CIRCLE** will meet on **Monday, November 25 at 2:00 pm** in Fireside. We will be making ornaments for our entry in the BH-BL Christmas Tree Festival.

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## Music

We may not all be singers, but **each of us has a song to sing!** And if you feel like sharing your vocal gifts in the Chancel Choir, **weekly rehearsals** are at **7:00 pm in the choir loft**. It's a fun and meaningful way to worship God, and you'd be helping others in worship. **Join us in the loft**; it's the best seat in the house! *Pete Van Keuren*



## BHUMC's Military Veterans - 2024

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

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 Prany  
Frank Quinn  
Frank Rose  
Pat West  
Robert Youmans

### Deceased

Richard Allen  
Dewey Bosley  
Harry Christie  
Roger Clark  
William Coffey  
Henry Coghill  
Kenneth Fichtel  
Lewis Geene  
David Gaudons  
Carl Hirt  
Wallace Hughes  
Frederick Ludewig  
Terry Miltner  
Michael Nyhan  
William Poli  
Charles Puckette  
Donald J. Smith  
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 about them at 518-399-7073 or dcdmzd@aol.com.



## Transformative Table Talk



Join us on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** to eat good food, connect with one another and talk about Theology (and whatever else is on our minds). We will meet at **Pizza Works every Wednesday except the last Wednesday of the month**, 720 Saratoga Rd., Burnt Hills. For updates please text 518-414-0967. No need to RSVP.

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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 2, 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 [dskibins@gmail.com](mailto:dskibins@gmail.com) or **518-423-2887** for any questions.

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## Soup Kitchen



This month, we will be serving at the soup kitchen on **November 18**. Please sign up and bring all ingredients by **Friday, November 15**. (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 17**. We will leave the church the **Monday, November 18 at 10 AM** to serve at Salvation Army in Schenectady. We are always looking for new people to prep and serve. If you would like to sign up to help prep or serve, please sign up on the bulletin board or scan the QR code for sign-up genius. Lots of fun and feels good to help others. Further info: Libby Horn, 518-698-4043.

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## Lunch Bunch



The November/December luncheon date for Lunch Bunch will be **Friday, December 6th**. The group will meet at **The Charlton Tavern at 12:00 pm**. Contact Carol Borthwick (399-5405) or Lynn Christie (399-8838) if you would like to attend.

# November, 2024

For the most up-to-date calendar, check our webpage at [www.nybhmc.com](http://www.nybhmc.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>2</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast/KH 10:30am Caregiver's Support Group/FS
<b>3</b> 9:00am Worship 9:45am Youth Choir 10:30am Worship 11:30am Voice of Hope 12:00 pm Preschool music	<b>4</b> 9:30am Earlybirds 5:30pm Scouts/Upstairs 6:00pm Scouts/KH 6:30pm Scouts/FS 6:45pm Scouts/Upstairs	<b>5</b> 5:30am Election 7:00am Bake Sale 10:00am Meditation 6:30pm SPRC/FS 7:00pm Scouts/Upstairs	<b>6</b> 8:30am Fix-its 9:30am Explorers 6:00pm Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Table Talk/Pizza Works	<b>7</b> 9:15am Seekers 10:30am BH)BL Women's Club mtg. 6:00pm Playgroup 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 11:00am Party/KH
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## Preschool

Preschool would like to thank all of the volunteers who made our Trick or Treat adventure so much fun. We had a wonderful month of October. We learned about fire safety with the Burnt Hills Fire Department, our 4's were able to visit the fire station. We had a blast with lots of Halloween fun and our families had the opportunity to visit the classroom and see their child's artwork on display.

In November, we will focus on being thankful, celebrating Veterans, learning about the story of Thanksgiving and the Indigenous Peoples. We will be collecting donations in the beginning of November for the Saratoga Veterans Coalition. If you would like to donate, please reach out to Stephanie Tope at 518-466-6566. We will end the month by preparing our own

Thanksgiving feast. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving! We are very thankful to be part of such an amazing community!

