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# The Methodist

## Burnt Hills UMC News November, 2025



## A STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY SERIES

# Counterculture

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed..." — Romans 12:2*

We live in a world that constantly tells us who we are, defining our worth by what we have, what we do, or how we compare. But scripture offers a different truth: that **we are all beloved children of God, created in God's image, and called to live lives of compassion, purpose, and generosity.** To do that, we must sometimes go against the grain—to be *countercultural in the best and most faithful sense.*

During this journey, we will reflect on how financial giving is an expression of our faith. And, at the end of the series, we will invite you to prayerfully submit an **Estimate of Giving Card for 2026.** It's not a contract, but a spiritual commitment, a next step in growing our faith through intentional giving that has a direct impact on the **Ministry Plan** of Burnt Hills United Methodist Church.

Throughout this month's newsletter, you will find tools tailor made for this church to assist you and your household as you prayerfully discern what your **Estimate of Giving** to Burnt Hills United Methodist Church's Ministry Plan will be for 2026. You will see how every dollar given to the **2025 Ministry Plan** was spent across different ministry categories. You will find and dispel common myths surrounding stewardship and church finances. You will see how pledges to the **2025 Ministry Plan** were spread out over different giving amounts and how those pledges led to the church operating on a projected \$98,000 deficit in 2025. And you will find a chart to help you visualize what your monthly gifts to the **2026 Ministry Plan** would look like as a proportion of your household's annual income.

**But this Counterculture worship series is not about funding the Ministry Plan.** It is about forming a people, disciples who **resist the culture of scarcity and self-interest, and instead live into the abundance of God's grace and the call to love our neighbors as ourselves.** Let us be shaped not by the world, but by the One who made us. Let us step into the freedom of living faithfully and giving generously. **Let us walk this countercultural path together.**

With hope and gratitude,

**Pastors Amy and Ian**  
November 1, 2025

## November Celebrations and Remembrances



**Baptisms:** Beatrix Busse and Penelope Busse  
Children of Ashley and Jim Busse  
Pasqualena Marie Visicaro and Robert John Visicaro, Jr  
Children of Cassandra and Robert Visicaro

### All Saints Sunday November 2, 2025

Patricia Allen  
Babette Bach  
Jim Bowen  
Thomas Brewster  
Barbara Brown  
Robert Miller Chase  
Ann Chatterton  
Florence Jane Coffey  
Dale Delano  
Ellie Farrell

Robert Farrell  
Bruce Gardner  
Grace Gustafson  
Doris Hicks  
Harriet "Hank" Howard  
Betty Keel  
Dennis Marshall  
Tom McLaughlin  
Ellen McNett  
Robert Angelo Musa  
Audrey Patneau

Frank Quinn  
Mary Ann Renzi  
Jim Rulison  
Ray Simboli  
Donald Stern  
Sabin Streeter  
Martha "Marty" Wade  
Maggie Wilkinson  
William John Williams  
Robert Youmans



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Pastor Ian and Pastor Jo who were married on October 25th at Asbury First United Methodist Church in Rochester! The beautiful ceremony matched the beautiful day.

If you'd like to watch the service, go to [ianandjogetmarried.com](http://ianandjogetmarried.com) and click on the link to watch.

Viewing tip: Pastor Amy's favorite moment: Jo's entrance in a stunning dress and Ian's face seeing them--it was a surprise!

## New Office Administrator

Have you noticed a new familiar face in the office? We are excited to welcome Renee Mesh as our new Office Manager. She has hit the ground running! It's a busy time of year but she's never too busy to greet you with a friendly smile so be sure to stop in and say hello.

## Thanksgiving Offering

Happy Thanksgiving to all! We are thankful for so many blessings. **Our Thanksgiving offering received during the month of November** will be given to **Concerned For The Hungry**, an organization that gives 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** for the food pantries we support including Life Works in Ballston Spa, Schenectady Community Ministries, Rensselaer UMC, and our BHUMC food pantry outside of Knight Hall. **Thank you for remembering those who are hungry!** We appreciate your kindness.—  
BHUMC Outreach Committee

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## Crafters and Winter Sports Enthusiasts

Our local crafters and winter sports buffs appreciate the work of the Craft Bonanza Team and the Winter Sports Equipment Team for their outreach to our local community. From the craft sale, \$2406 was donated toward our church budget gap. The winter equipment sale team reports \$3209.88 was made on their sale.

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## BHUMC Feeding Ministry



Our BHUMC feeding ministries fill bodies with nutritious foods, shelves with comfort and hope, and hearts with a sense of belonging and love. As a church community, we respond to feeding needs by:

- \* Checking in on each other.
  - Asking for help isn't easy! Send a text or call folks to check on their well being.
  - Deliver a bag of groceries from our food pantry to folks whose SNAP benefits are delayed or folks currently on furlough.
- \* Donating food to our church food pantry.
  - Frequently requested items: tuna, chicken, peanut butter, grape jelly, rice, hearty soup, shelf ready milk, cereal, canned black beans with pull tops, toilet paper, female hygiene products.
- \* Purchasing Aldi's gift cards to support community members.
  - Give the cards and receipts directly to the church office or Pastors Amy or Ian. **Do not** respond to email or text gift card requests that appear to be sent to you from Amy or Ian. Those requests are scams.
- \* Making monetary donations to BHUMC Food Pantry funds or our Thanksgiving offering in support of Concerned for the Hungry. Add a note in the memo line to let us know the use.

# Stewardship Mythbusters

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## Myth:

I should give to the church because the church is in desperate need of money.

## Reality:

Giving isn't about keeping the lights on, but sharing your light with the world. Your gifts to the Ministry Plan are offerings to God as Burnt Hills UMC strives to Love God, Love Neighbor, and Serve the World.

## Myth:

My electronic/automatic giving to the church is the same thing as turning in a pledge card.

## Reality:

Vanco and ACH transfers are easy and convenient ways to automate your support of the Burnt Hills UMC ministry plan through recurring giving! However, our Financial Secretary has no way to see what scheduled and automated giving you have set up. When you turn in a pledge card in addition to setting up automated and recurring giving, you make giving easier for yourself and join in the finance team's work of making faithful plans and decisions for the church's ministry plan.

## Myth:

My pledge to the ministry plan "locks me in" to giving that amount next year. I won't be able to change it if something happens.

## Reality:

Life happens, and there's no reason to feel shame about that in church! Personal finances are a stressor in many households, and giving to the church should not add to that stress—in fact, making a plan for your giving in the coming year can help ease stress around personal finances. That said, **a pledge is not a binding contract.** You can always change it at any time.

## Myth:

Because I make regular gifts to the ministry plan, I don't need to turn in a pledge card.

## Reality:

Every gift to the ministry plan, pledged or unpledged is a faithful response to the grace you have received from God! However, when you turn in a pledge card and communicate your giving intentions for the year, you take an active role in joining the finance team's work of planning for the ministries of the church!

## Adult Studies at BHUMC

No matter your schedule or interests, there's a place for you to grow in faith and community this fall. Join one of our adult study groups to learn, share, and connect with others.

**Early Birds** – *Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.* Participants read assigned material before each session and gather for thoughtful discussion. Contact: Pastor Amy

**Explorers** – *Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.* No pre-reading required. This fall, the group will be guided by Reconciling Ministries Network's Love Alike: A Small Group Practice Engaging Faith and Politics, a curriculum designed for open conversation and reflection. Contact: Pastor Ian

**Queer Holy Club** – *Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (except the last Wednesday of each month) at Burnt Hills Pizza Works, 720 Saratoga Rd, Burnt Hills.* A safe space to enjoy good food, connect with one another, and talk theology (and whatever else is on our minds). LGBTQIA+ affirming. All respectful attendees are welcome.

## United Women in Faith: November Gatherings



United  
Women  
in Faith

TUESDAY CONNECTION Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 11 at 9:30 am in Fireside** to make Christmas cards for our shut-ins and nursing home tray favors. No artistic talent needed!

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SPECIAL K Circle will meet on **Monday, November 24 at 2 pm**

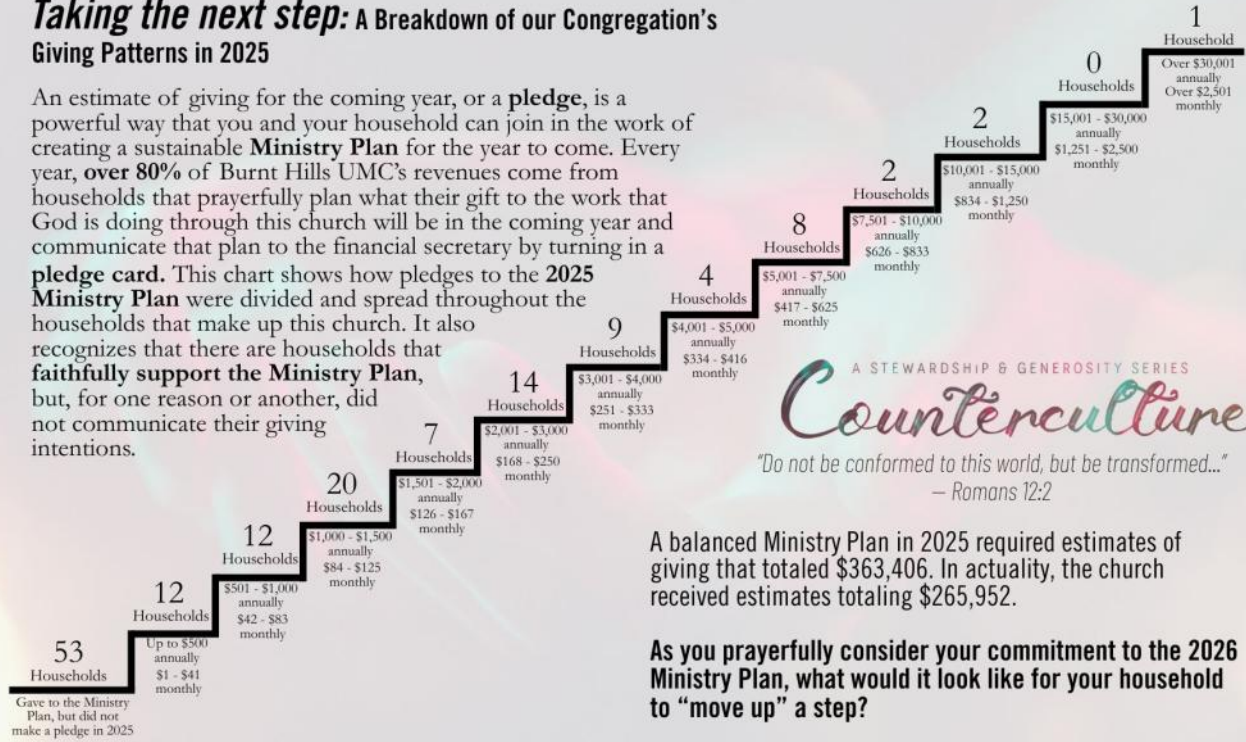
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UMW Circles are small groups that gather monthly for fellowship, programs, and projects. All meetings are open and welcoming. Questions? Holly Rogers at 399-8629.

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## Taking the next step: A Breakdown of our Congregation's Giving Patterns in 2025

An estimate of giving for the coming year, or a **pledge**, is a powerful way that you and your household can join in the work of creating a sustainable **Ministry Plan** for the year to come. Every year, **over 80%** of Burnt Hills UMC's revenues come from households that prayerfully plan what their gift to the work that God is doing through this church will be in the coming year and communicate that plan to the financial secretary by turning in a **pledge card**. This chart shows how pledges to the **2025 Ministry Plan** were divided and spread throughout the households that make up this church. It also recognizes that there are households that **faithfully support the Ministry Plan**, but, for one reason or another, did not communicate their giving intentions.



A balanced Ministry Plan in 2025 required estimates of giving that totaled \$363,406. In actuality, the church received estimates totaling \$265,952.

As you prayerfully consider your commitment to the 2026 Ministry Plan, what would it look like for your household to "move up" a step?

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Below is a table calculating percentage of monthly giving options based on annual income. To use this chart, find where your current level of giving is on the chart (the intersection of your Annual Income row and Monthly Giving column). Then, move to the right to determine how many steps you are willing to take on your personal giving path.

### Monthly Giving

Annual Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	12%	15%
\$10,000	\$8	\$17	\$25	\$33	\$42	\$50	\$58	\$67	\$75	\$83	\$100	\$125
\$20,000	\$17	\$33	\$50	\$67	\$83	\$100	\$117	\$133	\$150	\$167	\$200	\$250
\$30,000	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$300	\$375
\$40,000	\$33	\$67	\$100	\$134	\$166	\$200	\$234	\$266	\$300	\$334	\$400	\$500
\$50,000	\$42	\$84	\$125	\$167	\$208	\$250	\$292	\$333	\$375	\$417	\$500	\$625
\$60,000	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$600	\$750
\$70,000	\$58	\$117	\$175	\$234	\$291	\$350	\$409	\$466	\$525	\$584	\$700	\$875
\$80,000	\$67	\$134	\$200	\$268	\$332	\$400	\$468	\$532	\$600	\$668	\$800	\$1,000
\$90,000	\$75	\$150	\$225	\$301	\$374	\$450	\$526	\$599	\$675	\$751	\$900	\$1,125
\$100,000	\$83	\$167	\$250	\$335	\$415	\$500	\$585	\$665	\$750	\$835	\$1,000	\$1,250
\$110,000	\$92	\$184	\$275	\$368	\$457	\$550	\$643	\$732	\$825	\$918	\$1,100	\$1,375
\$120,000	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,500
\$130,000	\$108	\$217	\$325	\$435	\$540	\$650	\$760	\$865	\$975	\$1,085	\$1,300	\$1,625
\$140,000	\$117	\$234	\$350	\$469	\$581	\$700	\$819	\$931	\$1,050	\$1,169	\$1,400	\$1,750
\$150,000	\$125	\$251	\$375	\$502	\$623	\$750	\$877	\$998	\$1,125	\$1,252	\$1,500	\$1,875
\$175,000	\$146	\$292	\$438	\$584	\$730	\$875	\$1,022	\$1,168	\$1,314	\$1,459	\$1,750	\$2,188
\$200,000	\$167	\$333	\$500	\$666	\$833	\$1,000	\$1,166	\$1,332	\$1,500	\$1,667	\$2,000	\$2,500
\$250,000	\$208	\$417	\$625	\$834	\$1,042	\$1,250	\$1,459	\$1,668	\$1,876	\$2,084	\$2,500	\$3,125
\$300,000	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,250	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,750

## All Church Work Day: November 15

Ready to give our church facility TLC? The Trustees who diligently keep our facilities safe and shiny invite all church members to participate in our fall clean up and winter prep. We'll do inside cleaning including windows and dusting surfaces. Outside work includes raking all the leaves and some landscaping bed work. Please bring rakes and dusting rags. We will have coffee and donuts for a social hour break at 10:15. Work hours are **8:30 am to 12 pm on Saturday, November 15. Hope to see you there.**

## Safe Sanctuaries Training for All Adult Volunteers Working with Children and Youth: November 15

At Burnt Hills UMC, our mission is to **Love God, Love Neighbor, and Serve the World.** Part of living that mission is making sure every child and youth experiences church as a safe and loving place. In keeping with the Annual Conference's new Safe Sanctuaries policy, **all volunteers working with children and youth must complete updated training.** Join us on **Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm.** For more information, contact Pastor Ian.



## Grief Care

A weekly support group for those who are grieving the death of a loved one, "Grief Care," is offered at Shenendehowa United Methodist Church in Clifton Park. Meetings are held on **Thursday morning at 10:00 am** in the church's Hearth Room (enter at Boor B). Each week's gathering includes a Scripture reflection, prayer, and discussion topic pertaining to the journey of grief. For more information, please contact Denise Walling at [dwalling@shenumc.org](mailto:dwalling@shenumc.org).

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## \$1.00 given to BHUMC Ministry Plan:

Ministry Plan Category	Amount
Discipleship	34¢
Worship	21¢
Property Maintenance & Upkeep	16¢
Admin	16¢
Worldwide UMC Giving	13¢

This graphic shows how Burnt Hills UMC put every individual dollar you gave to the Ministry Plan in 2025 to work as the church strives to **Love God, Love Neighbor, and Serve the World.** The church's leaders on the Finance Team and Church Council are beginning to plan what this graphic will look like for in 2026 as they craft the **2026 Ministry Plan.** As you look at this year's ministry plan and discern how God is calling you to continue to engage with the work BHUMC is doing in its community and beyond next year, how does your service connect to the Ministry Plan?

## Honoring BHUMC's Military Veterans 2025: November 11

Our church community expresses gratitude to those among us who are (or were) military veterans.

### Deceased

Robert Comins  
Michael Couse  
Richard Dyanick  
Caleb Farrell  
Stephen Geene  
Donna Hitchcock  
Raymond Hitchcock  
Glenda Hughes  
William Hughes  
David Hyde  
Donald Isaacson  
Helen Maiellaro  
Michael Ormsby  
Peter Pranyś  
Frank Rose  
Pat West

Richard Allen  
Dewey Bosley  
Harry Christie  
Roger Clark  
William Coffey  
Henry Coghill  
Dale Delano  
Kenneth Fichtel  
Lewis Geene  
David Gaudons  
Carl Hirt  
Wallace Hughes  
Frederick Ludewig  
Terry Miltner  
Michael Nyhan  
William Poli

Charles Puckette  
Frank Quinn  
Donald J. Smith  
Eric Smith  
Montcalm Streever  
Kenneth Streifert  
Robert Youmans



\*Please share omissions and updates with our church office. 518 399 5144

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## Giving Tree: November 16 - December 14

The Giving Tree will be setup and full of “ornaments” on **November 16, 2025**. On the back of each “ornaments” is a gift request. Please buy the item, wrap it, and securely ATTACH THE ORNAMENT with tape to the package (the ornament information is the only way we know who receives the gift). Place the gift and the tag under the Giving Tree by **December 14, 2025** so that we can distribute the gifts.



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## Mayan Hands Fair Trade Sale from BHUMC Outreach: November 16

It is time for our annual Fair Trade Sale which so many of us supported for more than 30 years. The sale will take place in Knight Hall on **November 16 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (after both Sunday services)**.



Look for Christmas ornaments, woven goods, baskets, placemats, tablecloths, fair trade coffee, assorted chocolates and much more. Come shop where your dollars make a real difference in people's lives. **Every cent goes to these organizations that help those in need.**



Thank you for thinking of people all over the globe, in need of our support

## Soup Kitchen: November 16 (prep) and November 17 (serve)

**Friday, November 14 or before: Sign up to bring** ingredients using sign up sheets on the bulletin board outside of Knight Hall or talk to Libby. (If you plan to bring ingredients on Saturday or Sunday, please put a notation on the signup sheet to avoid ingredient duplication.



**Sunday, November 16: Make soup after second service.**

**Monday, November 17 at 10 am: Leave the church to serve at** Salvation Army in Schenectady. We are always looking for new people to prep and serve. Help us prep or service by signing up on the bulletin board. Lots of fun and feels good to help others. For further information, please contact Libby Horn at 518-698-4043.

## Open Table Thanksgiving Dinner: November 22

We will host our 3rd annual Charlie Brown open table Thanksgiving dinner on **Saturday, November 22nd from 4-7 pm in Knight Hall.**

This event is free and open to all with a focus on younger folks and families! RSVPs are appreciated.

Please reach out to Orion Marchese ([omarchese95@gmail.com](mailto:omarchese95@gmail.com)) for more information or if you would like to volunteer.



## November Preschool Notes

Our preschoolers have been having so much fall fun! We had a field trip to J.L. Knight and Son Family Farm to pick apples and make apple cider donuts.

Pastor Ian and Rev Jo came in to bless our friend's stuffed animals. Dr. Pete Farrell and Buddy showed us how to be animal doctors. We had a wonderful visit and field trip with the Burnt Hills Fire Department for our fire safety unit. Our families had the opportunity to spend some time together and see their child's artwork decorating our classroom.

Finally, we ended October by trick or treating thru the church. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this event.

As we approach Thanksgiving we want to focus on everything we have to be thankful for. We are truly grateful for our students and their families, our preschool board members, our pastors, church staff and church members. We couldn't have such a great preschool program without all of your assistance and support! Happy Thanksgiving!



## December at a Glance ~ Check the online church calendar for updates and changes

November 30: First Sunday in Advent; Youth at SUMC  
December 5: Lunch Bunch  
December 6: Men' Breakfast for Everyone  
December 6: Caregivers Support Group  
December 6: Advent Potluck  
December 7: Second Sunday in Advent; Christmas Story Rehearsal; Youth at SUMC  
December 10: Christmas Caroling at Glendale Home  
December 13: Cookies with Santa  
December 14: Third Sunday in Advent; Christmas Story Rehearsal; Youth at SUMC  
December 14: Return All Giving Tree Packages  
December 21: Fourth Sunday in Advent; Youth at SUMC  
December 24: Christmas Eve Services  
December 28: One service at 9:30 am. See you in church!  
December 31: Photos due for Updated Church Directory



### Lunch Bunch: December 5

The combined November/December luncheon date for Lunch Bunch will be **Friday, December 5th**. The group will meet at **The Charlton Tavern (745 Charlton Road) at 12:00 pm**. Contact Carol Borthwick (399-5405) or Lynn Christie (399-8838) if you would like to attend. You are encouraged to attend the Burnt Hills Women's Club Festival of Trees at the Town of Ballston Town Hall 323 Charlton Road afterwards.



### Bring Your Family to the December's Men's Breakfast: December 6



At 8am on Saturday, December 6th, the Men of the Church would like to share good food and good fellowship with everyone. Chefs Terry Bikowitz and Mike Ormsby are already thinking up new dishes to prepare.

So, before you head out to do some Christmas shopping, bring the family to share a wholesome breakfast with your Church family. A signup sheet will be posted in November so we have an idea of how much food to prepare. A donation to cover costs of the meal would be welcome. See you all on December 6th (and bring friends). Questions contact Mike Thomas at [pnthomas6@mac.com](mailto:pnthomas6@mac.com), or 518-859-1988.

## Letter from Santa: Cookies, Cocoa, and Photos on December 13

Dear Friends

BHUMC has been so good this year I have decided to make a special visit to your church. Bring that BHUMC spirit and help prepare the church for my arrival on **Saturday, December 13th**.

You can help by **providing cookies, volunteering during the event or spreading the word**. Look for my **sign up sheet outside of Knight Hall**. You can also speak to my helper elves, Stephanie Tope and Angie Barclay. Thank you in advance for all of your help. I look forward to seeing everyone for **Cookies with Santa**.

Love,  
Santa Claus



### Fa-La-La-La-La Choir on Thursdays

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 on Thursday 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*



### Bring the Christmas Story to Life

We are seeking children, youth, and adults to be shepherds and kings, Joseph and Mary, Gabriel, inn-keepers, angels and townspeople. **Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, noon to 2:00pm on December 7, 14, and 21. (Possible rehearsal Tuesday, December 23rd from 4-6pm - TBD based on participant conflicts).**

Please join us for the fun, and to create a special celebratory **worship for 7:00 Christmas Eve, Wednesday December 24**. To sign up, contact Jill Zygo (518 859 3734, [jillynhan@yahoo.com](mailto:jillynhan@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-2025/>

### Say Cheese Please for BHUMC Directory: Photos Due December 31, 2025

Your smiles and updated contact info are needed for our BHUMC Community Directory. We encourage folks who participate in our ministries and folks who join us on the livestream to submit photos for this print directory. Include your fur babies in the photos, too!

Here's 3 ways to share your photos:



1. Send a photo to the church office. We will scan the photo for you. Please let us know if we need to return the photo to you.
2. Email your photo to [BHUMCdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:BHUMCdirectory@gmail.com)
3. Use a digital device to access this QR code. Must have Gmail.



\*\*\* Tips: No commercial or school photos please. Focus on faces work. Use good lighting! \*\*\*

# November 2025

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>8:00am</b> Men's Breakfast/KH <b>10:30am</b> Caregivers Support Group/Fireside
<b>2</b> <b>9:00am</b> Worship <b>9:45am</b> Youth Choir <b>10:30am</b> Worship w/ livestream <b>11:30am</b> Voices of Hope Choir <b>12:00 pm</b> Christmas Pageant Meeting/Fireside	<b>3</b> <b>9:30am</b> Earlybirds/Fireside <b>11:00am</b> Preschool/Knight Hall <b>6:00pm</b> Saratoga Soundtrack/Upstairs <b>6:00pm</b> Troop #3892/Knight Hall <b>6:30pm</b> Troop #2169/Senior High Room	<b>4 Election Day</b> <b>5:00am</b> General Election/Knight Hall <b>8:00am</b> Bake Sale/Fireside <b>10:00am</b> Meditation/Sparkle Room <b>7:00pm</b> Troop #3056/Upstairs	<b>5</b> <b>8:30am</b> Fix-its <b>9:30am</b> Explorers/Fireside <b>6:00pm</b> Troop #3857/Upstairs <b>6:00pm</b> Troop #3934/Upstairs <b>7:00pm</b> AA/Fireside <b>7:00pm</b> Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works	<b>6</b> <b>9:15am</b> Seekers/Knight Hall <b>6:30pm</b> Troop #3020/Knight Hall <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal/Loft	<b>7</b> <b>10:00am</b> Set up for Robert Youmans funeral/Sanctuary	<b>8</b> <b>11:00am</b> Calling hours for Robert Youman <b>12:00pm</b> Service for Robert Youman followed by Reception in Knight Hall
<b>9</b> <b>9:00am</b> Worship <b>9:45am</b> Youth Choir <b>10:30am</b> Worship w/ livestream <b>11:30am</b> Voices of Hope Choir <b>2:00pm</b> Troop #3083/Preschool Room <b>4:00pm</b> Frederick party/Knight Hall	<b>10</b> <b>9:30am</b> Earlybirds/Fireside <b>12:00pm</b> BH-BL Women's Club luncheon/Knight Hall <b>5:00pm</b> Troop #3847/Knight Hall <b>6:30pm</b> Troop #2169/Senior High Room	<b>11 Veteran's Day</b> <b>No Preschool</b> <b>9:30am</b> Tuesday Connection/Fireside <b>10:00am</b> Meditation/Sparkle Room <b>5:30 pm</b> Troop #3056/Knight Hall <b>7:00pm</b> Troop #3056/Knight Hall	<b>12</b> <b>8:30am</b> Fix-its <b>9:30am</b> Explorers/Fireside <b>6:00pm</b> Troop #3910 & #3934/Upstairs <b>6:30pm</b> Troop #2424/Senior High Room <b>6:30pm</b> SPRC/Knight Hall <b>7:00pm</b> AA/Fireside <b>7:00pm</b> Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works	<b>13</b> <b>9:15am</b> Seekers/Knight Hall <b>10:30am</b> BH-BL Board Meeting/Fireside <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal/Loft	<b>14</b> <b>No Preschool</b>	<b>15</b> <b>8:30am</b> Trustees Work Day <b>10:00am</b> Safe Sanctuary Training/Knight Hall <b>5:30pm</b> Troop #2169/Knight Hall
<b>16</b> <b>9:00am</b> Worship <b>9:45am</b> Youth Choir <b>10:00am</b> Fair Trade Sale/Knight Hall <b>10:30am</b> Worship w/ livestream <b>11:30am</b> Voices of Hope Choir <b>11:30am</b> Prepare soup for soup kitchen/Kitchen	<b>17</b> <b>9:30am</b> Earlybirds/Fireside <b>10:00am</b> Serve lunch at Soup Kitchen <b>6:30pm</b> Troop #2169/ Senior High Room <b>7:00pm</b> Church Council/Fireside	<b>18</b> <b>10:00am</b> Meditation/Sparkle Room <b>1:00 pm</b> BH-BL Book Club/Fireside <b>6:00pm</b> Troop #3917/Upstairs <b>7:00pm</b> Troop #3056/Knight Hall <b>7:00pm</b> Trustee meeting/Fireside	<b>19</b> <b>8:30am</b> Fix-its <b>9:30am</b> Explorers/Fireside <b>6:00pm</b> Troop #3857/Upstairs <b>7:00pm</b> AA/Fireside <b>7:00pm</b> Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works	<b>20</b> <b>Open Table</b> Prep/Kitchen <b>9:15am</b> Seekers/Knight Hall <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal/Loft	<b>21</b> <b>Open Table</b> Thanksgiving Prep/Kitchen <b>7:00pm</b> Youth Group Fall movie/Fireside	<b>22</b> <b>4:00pm</b> Open Table Thanksgiving/Knight Hall
<b>23</b> <b>9:00am</b> Worship <b>10:00am</b> Youth Choir and Voices of Hope Choir <b>10:30am</b> Worship w/ livestream	<b>24</b> <b>9:30am</b> Preschool Thanksgiving/Kitchen at 11 am <b>9:30am</b> Earlybirds/Fireside <b>2:00pm</b> Special K/Fireside Room <b>6:30pm</b> Troop #2169/Senior High Room	<b>25</b> <b>9:30am</b> Preschool Thanksgiving/Kitchen at 11am <b>10:00am</b> Meditation/Sparkle Room <b>5:30pm</b> Troop #3877/Knight Hall <b>7:00pm</b> Troop #3056/Knight Hall	<b>26</b> <b>No Preschool</b> <b>8:30am</b> Fix-its <b>7:00pm</b> AA/Fireside	<b>27 Thanksgiving</b> <b>No Preschool</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b> <b>No Preschool</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>9:00am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Worship w/ livestream						

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