

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

October 31, 2021 9 and 10:30 AM

Gathering in God's Presence

All are welcome to this time of worship, and in this faith community.
If you are visiting today, please visit the Welcome table at the entrance.

Prelude *A Place In The Woods* Peter Van Keuren
(Where do you feel closest to God?)

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship
We come seeking to live into the first commandment;
To love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength.

We come seeking to understand Jesus' command;
The second is to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We come, knowing these two together form the base for everything else;
May we keep them strong in our lives.

We are here to share in Christ's love;
For neighbors and strangers – all of God's children.

Opening Music

9 a.m. *Jesus, United by Thy Grace* vs. 1,2,4,6 UMH 561
10:30 a.m. *Child of God* Mark Miller
 Youth Choir

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Mark 12:28-34
Hymn *The Gift of Love* UMH 408
Message **The Rev. Doug Mackey**

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Thanksgiving
 Doxology #94

Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayer Song *Love The Lord Your God* Strathtdee

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Going Forth To Serve

Hymn of Going Forth *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* v. 1-3 UMH 569

Benediction

Postlude *Rule of Life* Bonnemere

We are glad you are here! At this time, we are asking everyone to please wear a mask while inside the building, and especially while singing during worship. Please also note the self-screening questions as you arrive at worship or church events.

Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Holly Nye*
Associate Pastor: *Doug Mackey*
Communication Coordinator: *Cindy Peterson*
Music Ministers: *Pete Van Keuren & Jill Zygo*
Treasurer: *Kimberly Spath*
Financial Secretary: *Paula Miller*
Custodian: *Joe Tangrady*
Prayer Blankets: *Karen Lathrop*
Sunday School Superintendents: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais*
Preschool Teachers: *Stacy Herbage & Stephanie Tope*
Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*

WEEKLY CALENDAR Sunday, October 31

10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School
11:30 AM Trunk or Treat

Monday, November 1

9:30 AM Early Birds ("Morning Disciples")

Tuesday, November 2 Election Day

7 PM Boy Scouts Troop #56
6:30 PM SPRC

Wednesday, November 3

8:30 AM Fixits
9:30 AM Explorers

Thursday, November 4

9:15 AM Seekers Book Study
10:30 AM BHBL Women's Club
6 PM Girl Scouts Troop #2424
7 PM Girl Scouts Troop #2083

Friday, November 5

5 PM Girl Scouts Troop #3823

Saturday, November 6

10:30 AM Caregiver Support Group (Zoom)

Sunday, November 7 Daylight Savings Time ends

10 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School
11:30 AM Youth Choir & Voices of Hope Rehearsal
11:45 AM Church Council Planning Meeting
4 PM Girl Scouts Troop #2658

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.

Announcements

TODAY Trunk or Treat All are welcome to join in this fun Halloween event. We will all gather in the front parking lot around 11:30 AM, and open our decorated trunks to pass out candy.

The Early Birds (Morning Disciples) Study meets on Mondays at 9:30 AM. We will be using a Disciple Study on the Book of Acts. Remote link is also available!

Explorers Bible Study is usually held every Wednesday at 9:30 AM. Each week, we watch a 30-minute video on some aspect of Christianity. Contact Pastor Doug for more information.

Seekers, the Women's Book Study, meets every week on Thursday mornings. The start time has changed to 9:15 AM. We have just started a new book, *A Thousand Gifts*, by Ann Voskamp.

The Social Justice Action Group recently hosted an event with RISSE (Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus, Inc) on the current process of immigration. They also discussed the services that they provide to individuals, and ways that people can volunteer with their organization. We will be hosting a meeting on Wednesday, November 10, at 7 PM to discuss how our church can continue to be involved in this effort, as well as to discuss plans for the new year. All are welcome.

BHUMC Annual Meeting Our annual Church Conference will be on a Wednesday evening, November 17, at 7 PM. All church members who attend have voice and vote.

The Christmas Giving Tree will be set up in the foyer this year, on Sunday November 14. More details forthcoming.

Reading – Mark 12: 28-34 NRSV - The First Commandment

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."³²

Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³ and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

We have resumed two worship services on Sunday, at 9 and 10:30 AM.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour next Sunday.

Pastors' Email Addresses

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"You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12: 31)

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