

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

*September 25, 2022 9:00 AM/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**                      *O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines*                      Daw/Parry

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (by Joanna Harader on Spacious Faith blog)

**Holy One,**  
As we gather this morning to worship you,  
**May we speak truth,**  
So that our words may give grace to those who hear.  
**May we pray in faith,**  
So that our words may give grace to those who hear.  
**May we sing with joy,**  
So that our words may give grace to those who hear.  
**May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,**  
So that Your words may give grace to us who hear.  
**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                      *Gather Us In (verses 1, 2, 4)*                      TFWS #2236

**Proclaiming the Word**

**Affirmation of Faith**                      *from @ Iona Abbey Worship Book*                      Insert

**Anthem**                      *Circle of Praise*                      Choplin

**Hymn**                      *Jesus Loves Me vs. 1*                      UMH #191

**A Time for Young Disciples**

**Hymn**                      *Jesus Loves Me vs. 3*                      UMH #191

**Scripture Reading**                      Luke 16: 19-31

**Message**                      Pastor Brendan Fox

**Hymn**                      *The Servant Song (verses 1-3)*                      TFWS #2222

**Responding to God's Word**

**Offering Our Gifts and Our Thanks**

**Offertory**                      *Autumn Carol*                      Schulz-Widmar

**\*Singing Our Praises**                      *Doxology*                      #94

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Our Church Family in Prayer**                      Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**Prayer Song**                      *More Like You*                      Brown

**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**                      *Blessed Assurance*                      UMH #369

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Here Am I*                      Wren/Damon

**Our Ministry Today**

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*  
Associate Pastor: *Brendan Fox*  
Communication Coordinator: *Robyn Axon*  
Custodian: *Nick Adami*  
Music Ministers: *Pete Van Keuren & Jill Zygo*  
Treasurer: *Kimberly Spath*  
Financial Secretary: *Paula Miller*  
Prayer Blankets: *Karen Lathrop*  
Sunday School Superintendent: *Jodi Facteau-St. Gelais*  
Preschool Teachers: *Stacy Herbage & Stephanie Tope*  
Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, September 25**  
9:00 AM                      Worship  
9:45-10:25 AM                      Youth Choir  
10:30 AM                      Worship with Sunday School  
11:30-12:00 AM                      Voices of Hope

**Monday, September 26**  
9:30 AM                      Earlybirds  
6:30 PM                      G.S Troop #2169 Upstairs

**Tuesday, September 27**  
7:00 PM                      Boy Scouts Troop #56 Knight Hall

**Wednesday, September 28**  
8:30 AM                      Fix-its  
9:30 AM                      Explorers Bible Study Fireside Room  
12:00-5:00 PM                      Red Cross Blood Drive Knight Hall  
7:00 PM                      Social Justice Action Group Knight Hall

**Thursday, September 29**  
9:00 AM                      Seekers Knight Hall  
10:30 AM                      Altar Committee  
7:00 PM                      Choir rehearsal

**Saturday, October 1**  
8:00 AM                      Men's Breakfast Knight Hall  
10:30 AM                      Caregiver Support Group Fireside Room

**Sunday, October 2 (World Communion Sunday)**  
8:30-12:00 PM                      Straw Poll Voting/results  
9:00 AM                      Worship  
9:45-10:25 AM                      Youth Choir  
10:30 AM                      Worship with Sunday School  
11:30-12:00 PM                      Voices of Hope  
12:00 PM                      Grow Team

# Announcements

Our **BHUMC Church Council** has approved the Next Steps Team to move forward with a straw poll of the congregation to determine our readiness for a church vote about becoming a reconciling congregation. This straw poll will take place next Sunday, October 2nd. It is not an official vote to make a decision, but a gauge of our readiness. If you are not familiar with reconciling ministries within the UMC, please come see a member of the Next Steps Team after church during coffee hour today or next week, or reach out to the pastors or a member of the team, or visit <https://rmnetwork.org>.

**Social Justice Action Group's** new bulletin board section is in Knight Hall (Thank you to Outreach committee for sharing with us!). Please visit for answers to: "What does Social Justice mean to you?" Next meeting is **September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm** at the church in Knight Hall. Reach out to Shelby Bryson at [bhumcsocialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:bhumcsocialjustice@gmail.com) or text her at 518-414-0967 to be added to the group list. Members of BHUMC and all community members welcome. Please invite friends and neighbors. Upcoming topics (tentatively) include: women's March Oct 8th in Albany, countering stereotypes, mental health & the holidays/self-care, Wesleyan idea of Holiness of Heart & Life.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**—Wednesday, September 28, 12:00-5:00 PM in Knight Hall. Please schedule an appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code BURNTHILLSUMC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Our neighbors at **Jonesville UMC. STAHL** (Stigma Takes Away Hope and Life) Ministry, have a special program for Recovery month and flags for support on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7PM.

**Studies for Adults:** Please join us!

- **Early Birds** with Pastor Amy, Mondays at 9:30am **starts Sept. 26.**
- **Explorer's Bible Study** with Pastor Brendan, Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room starts **Sept. 28.** 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 am in Knight Hall. We are currently reading *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr, chapters 3 and 4.

**Men's breakfast begins in October**—The men's breakfast meets the first Saturday of every Month beginning October 1, at 8:00 am and continues through June. Come join us for good food, good fellowship and meet other men of the church and community.

Electronics and Metals **Recycling Event:** Saturday, Oct. 1, Calvary UMC, Latham. Small fee for some items.

The **Albany District Day** (all welcome), "Informed to Transform," Saturday, Oct. 22 in Saratoga. A variety of great workshops such as: Prayer Beads; (one of the offerings from Rev. Nancy Dibelius!), Harmony from Division, Contemplative Prayer and Breath Prayer, Christian Yoga, Creating Resilient Communities (Missional Engagement). Registration required, some of the workshops have limits on the number of participants, so register early! Maybe some of us can attend together?

Would you like to officially **become a member of Burnt Hills UMC on October 16th**? Please let Pastor Amy or Pastor Brendan know. Join us for an informal membership chat on Sunday, October 9th after church.

**Let's Stay in Touch!** With the start of the busy fall season we want to communicate with you well. Do you need to **update any of your contact info** with the church? New address or phone/cell number? Do we have a current email for e-blasts? Ushers with clipboards would be happy to take your new information.

Where did I put my **name tag**? It's ok, many of us are wondering the same thing. Luckily our friend Bert loves to laminate and is ready to make a new name tag for you. If you need a new tag or would like to replace yours, **please fill out a form.** The ushers will be glad to help you.

**Ushers needed** We are in need of people to help usher at the Sunday worship services. Please contact Libby Horn at 518-698-4043 if you are interested.

## Prayers Needed?

We will be collecting prayer cards during the offering.  
If you would like your prayer request forwarded to the Prayer Chain, please remember to check the appropriate box on the card.

**Lead Pastor, Amy Gregory: [revgregorybhunc@gmail.com](mailto:revgregorybhunc@gmail.com)  
Church phone: 518-399-5144 press "1"**

**Associate Pastor, Brendan Fox: [pastorbrendanbhunc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbrendanbhunc@gmail.com)  
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You can view BHUMC worship services on our website at:

[www.nybhunc.com/sermons.html](http://www.nybhunc.com/sermons.html)



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## BHUMC Welcome Statement

*At Burnt Hills UMC, we aspire to be a community of grace and unconditional love, where all people will find hospitality, compassion and mercy. We seek to welcome all on the journey, to grow together in faith and to go out to serve the world. We welcome people of any age, culture, race, nationality, ability, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and gender identity, as full participants in the life of our congregation. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be part of Jesus' movement of love and justice for all of God's children. All are welcome to worship, grow and serve with us.*

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