

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

September 4, 2022 9:30AM

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 *Praise You* Goodine

Greeting and Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP by Rev. Mindi Welton- Mitchell

To be in awe of God is the beginning of wisdom;
Open our hearts, O God, to seek Your ways.
As we gather together in worship,
May we remember that each of us is made in God's image.
We are vessels to be filled with love, knowledge, and insight,
So that we might pour out mercy, compassion, and grace to all.
Lead us, O God, into Your ways,
Lead us in the spirit of humility and openness to follow You.

***Hymn** *Lord of All Hopefulness* TFWS #2197

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Brokenness/Confession by Rev. Mindi Welton- Mitchell

God of Invitation, we confess that we have not heeded Your call on our lives. With power and privilege we have assumed our place and position and have denied Your image in others. We have humiliated others rather than being humble ourselves. We have held power over others to oppress instead of sharing freely of resources to liberate and lift up. We have ignored Your teachings in Scripture and among sages, Discounted the stories of our ancestors as well as those who are marginalized and suffer among us, and refused to listen to the prophets of the past and present who cry out to us to repent, to turn back to You. Forgive our foolishness, O Lord. Remind us that we are ashes, made from the dust of the mighty stars You created, and to dust we will return. It is through Your love that we are transformed, O God, and You have called us into that transformation through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Call us to heed Your call, Your invitation, and to accept it with humility. Amen.

Words of Assurance/Blessing

Scripture Reading Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Hymn *Jesu, Jesu* UMH #432

Message Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Responding to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory *Bread of the World* Heber/Hodges

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Prayer Concerns Pastor Brendan Fox

Prayer Song *Where He Leads Me (I Will Follow)* Norris

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of Communion

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.

Communion Song *Let Us Be Bread* Porter

Going Forth To Serve

***Hymn** *A Place at the Table, vs.1,3,5* *Worship & Song #3149*

***Benediction**

Postlude *My Lord, What A Morning* Afro-American spiritual

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 Facticeau-St. Gelais*
Preschool Teachers: *Stacy Herbage & Stephanie Tope*
Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 4

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Punch on the Patio

Monday, September 5

Labor Day—Office is closed

Tuesday, September 6

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

Wednesday, September 7

8:30 AM Fixits
6:00 PM Girl Scout Daisy Troop

Thursday, September 8

9:00 AM Seekers

Friday, September 9

10:00—8:00 Lord's Acre Fair

Saturday, September 10

9:00—3:00 Lord's Acre Fair

Sunday, September 11

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Punch on the Patio

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.

Announcements

Fellowship after the Service Please join us for Punch on the Patio and enjoy being with friends and neighbors. If you are a visitor or new to the church, we would love to meet you!

The Lord's Acre Fair (LAF) is back!! The fair begins on Friday, September 9, at 10 AM. Great food, clothing, linens, white elephant, country store, sports equipment, boutique, toys, home store, tools and tech, silent auction, crafters and various displays will be set up outside. A prayer area will be provided near the Peace Pole. Books and gift shop (hand crafted) will be in Knight Hall. On Friday night, our famous chicken barbecue dinner will be available for taking home or taking out to tables set up on the church grounds. There will be a reptile display, talent tent, free pony rides and the rescue squad will be set up with their truck and EMTs. On Saturday, September 10, the tents and booths open at 9:00 am for another great day.

Hello singers ages 3-18! This year's Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 18th. Looking forward to an amazing year of raising our voices together!

Youth Choir (previously called Bell Choir) Grades 1-5th

9:45am-10:25am on Sunday mornings

Meet upstairs in Assembly Hall.

Voices of Hope Choir

Grades 6-12

11:30am- 12:00 on Sunday after church

Meet upstairs in Assembly Hall

Cherub Choir

Pre-school and Kindergarten

Will meet during Sunday School for about 10 minutes.

All are welcome! Please contact Jill Zygo if you have any questions. Detailed schedules will be distributed on the first day! Jillnyhan@yahoo.com

See you all on Sunday September 18th!

Soup Kitchen—Please consider signing up to donate items or volunteer to help prepare or serve the meal. Items should be marked SK and brought to the kitchen by September 16. We will be making soup and egg salad on September 18 after service. On September 19, we will load up the van and serve lunch at the Salvation Army. Sign up sheets are located by Knight Hall.

Disaster Relief—We are heartbroken when we see the devastating flooding impacting many parts of our country. United Methodists are ready to respond in love on our behalf to bring hope through UMCOR. (United Methodist Committee on Relief). You may join the relief effort by giving and writing a check to BHUMC and marking it Advance # 901670.

Seekers, the Women's Book Study, meets every week on Thursday morning at 9 AM. We will begin reading *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr on September 15. This week we will help with the final setup for the Lord's Acre Fair.

Alpaus Methodist church will be hosting an adult book discussion on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 beginning September 13 and lasting approximately 7 weeks. They are reading "Joshua in a Trouble World" by Joseph Girzone. If you would like more information, please contact Kristi Van Patten at 838-200-8601.

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

Name Tags Let's wear name tags! If you don't have a name tag, feel free to complete a Name Tag Form that can be found in the Narthex. There is no cost to you and they really do help to create a feeling of warmth and welcome. If you have lost or misplaced your name tag a new one can be made for you. If you have any questions, please contact Bert Longbotham.

Caring for Others

*As of March 3, the ReOpening team recommends that **masks be optional in the building**, for preschool, Sunday School, group meetings, staff offices, and worship.*

*There is **one EXCEPTION** for the time being: in order to continue to care for the most vulnerable in our community we thank you for continuing to **wear a mask while singing**.*

*Because we are a **caring space seeking to be welcoming and safe for all**, the ReOpening team continues to re-evaluate our policies in light of the data sources that we consistently use.*

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You can view BHUMC worship services on our website at:

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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