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"September is here! Which means that things are once again "FALL"-ing into place here at Burnt Hills UMC. Here's just a little bit of what's going on at the church and some things to be excited about!"

Hawaii Wildfire Special Offering: As many have heard, wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life as well as widespread damage. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to provide relief to the countless people who have been affected. 100% of the donations UMCOR receives is used for relief work! Donations NEVER cover overhead costs at UMCOR. Our LAF Committee has offered to match the financial gifts donated to UMCOR for Maui relief up to \$5,000! You can give to UMCOR by making your **check out to the church and writing "UMCOR"** on the memo line or by **giving online through our website: www.nybhmc.com and selecting "UMCOR" from the drop down list.** Also, we will soon have a church Venmo account, so keep a lookout for more information on that in the upcoming weeks.

LAF Sunday, September 10 at 9:30am. Join us for worship as we can finally relax (briefly), thanking God for the hard work of so many that went into LAF and for all the blessings we are able to share with others using the money raised. As the saying goes; "What goes up must come down," so stick around after worship to help take down the tents!

Camp Sunday, September 17 at 9:30am. Come worship God as we celebrate how God has been at work at our United Methodist Camps this summer. And join us for a campfire out on the front lawn after (weather permitting).

Sunday, September 24 — Worship returns to two services at 9:00am and 10:30am! The 10:30am service will be livestreamed and Sunday School and Youth Choirs begin again!

If you would like to **register a student in our Sunday School program** for the upcoming '23-'24 year, please scan the QR code and complete the student registration code for each student. If you have any questions please reach out to Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais or the pastors. Also, feel free to share this link with others!



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Students entering 8th grade or above are also invited to join us this year for **Confirmation!** This year's class is forming now, so contact Cathy Bryson, catbryson@aol.com, or Robyn in the office to sign up. We are also looking for two adult leaders as well as mentors for each student! Please let Cathy or Robyn know if you're interested in volunteering.

Save the Date:

Saturday, October 14 — **Chicken and Biscuit Community Dinner**

Saturday, October 21 — **Winter Sports Sale**

Sunday, October 29 — **Trunk or Treat**

Please have all articles submitted by September 20 for the October Newsletter



United Methodist Women

UMW Circles are small group that gather monthly during the school year for fellowship and a variety of programs and projects. All meetings are open and welcoming. Please join us when your schedule allows.

Tuesday Connection Circle will meet on **September 12 at 9:30 AM** in Fireside room. We will be exchanging white elephant gifts (nothing over \$1.00) and making plans for the year ahead.

Special K Circle will meet on **Monday, September 25 at 2:00 PM** in Fireside room for a used book exchange. Be thinking about how we can decorate our entry in the BH Women's Club Christmas Tree Festival.

Caregiver Support Group



Caregiver Support Group **will not meet in September** due to Labor Day holiday the first weekend and the Lord's Acre Fair the second weekend. The next meeting date will be **October 7 at 10:30 am in the Fireside Room.**

If you have any caregiver questions, feel free to contact me by email at hlchristie@aol.com.

Lynn Christie, Facilitator

Music

The Chancel Choir will begin weekly rehearsals on **Thursday, September 14**, with singers meeting in the choir loft at **7:00 pm**. Want to add your gifts to this group of great people, sharing worship and praise music with one another and with the congregation? Come and see what it's all about! Hope to see (and hear) you!

Pete Van Keuren



Studies for Adults: Please join us!

- **Early Birds** with Pastor Amy, will begin on Monday, September 18 at 9:30 am in the Fireside room.
- **Explorer's Bible Study** with Pastor Brendan, will begin on Wednesday, September 20 at 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.

Help needed with LAF parking

Here is your chance to tell people where to go. On **Friday and Saturday, Sept 8 & 9, we need volunteers to direct cars to parking spots.** Volunteers are assigned to 2 hour time blocks to direct parking. We usually have 3 to 4 volunteers per time slot. If you are interested, contact **Mike Thomas at 518-885-5889 or email at pmthomas6@mac.com.** All are welcome: men, women, young people.



BHUMC Council Meetings

Once a month, we hold a Church Council meeting to share updates and review church business. We meet in person 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.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will not meet in September. It will resume Friday, October 27. Check the October Methodist for the location.

Lynn Christie - Coordinator

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will return on **October 7 at 8:00 am in Knight Hall.** Men of all ages are invited.

Come and meet other people of the church and share good food and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



Soup Kitchen



This month's Soup Kitchen is **September 18th**. We need items brought to the church's kitchen by **Friday, September 15th**. If you have a different plan, please write it on the sign-up sheet such as "will bring Sunday". Please also **put your initials on your donations** so we know who to contact for missing items. We will make vegetable soup and egg salad after second service on **Sunday, September 17th**. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall to donate food items and/or sign up to prepare food on Sunday or serve in Schenectady on Monday. We have a different crew for these tasks each month. Hope you can join us! Libby Horn, 518-698-4043; Terry Pransy 518-256-8476.

Altar Flowers



BHUMC has a tradition of having members donate flowers to decorate our altar as a remembrance or a celebration. Examples of this are loved one's birthdays, wedding anniversaries or "just because". **We have returned the physical signup sheet to the hallway outside Knight Hall. If you prefer, you can still call Robyn Axon, our office manager at (518) 399-5144, to add you to the list.** A member of the altar committee will call you close to your selected date as a reminder and to help with any necessary coordination. **You may bring in your own flowers, or use Country Florist at (518) 399-2650.** Country Florist has a key to the church and will insure they are delivered for the Sunday service. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your special days with your church family.

Driving Mr. Daniel



Our Youth Music program is so blessed to have the talented Daniel Huh, a Skidmore student, as their accompanist, Daniel enjoys being a part of this music ministry and will be returning to us in September. There have been a few members who have volunteered to be his driver (bus service is not doable and he doesn't have a car). **We are looking for a few more folks to help.** If you talk to Mary Alice Nyhan, Beth McLaughlin or Nancy Down, they will tell you that Daniel is a great conversationalist and they enjoy his company. If interested in serving our church in this way, please contact Nancy Down at nanccdown@gmail.com.



For the most up-to-date calendar, check our webpage at www.nybhumc.com.
 Want to add something to the master calendar? Email burnthillsumc@gmail.com or call the

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 No Caregiver's Meeting
3 9:30am Worship w/Holy Communion	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 6:30pm SPRC	6 8:30am Fixits 7:00 pm AA 7:00pm Pub Theology –Pizza Works	7 9:15am Seekers	8 Lord's Acre Fair	9
10 LAF Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Tent take down	11 9:30am Earlybirds 12:00pm BH-BL Women's group 6:30 pm Finance meeting	12 9:30am Tuesday Connections	13 8:30am Fixits 9:30am Explorers 1:00 pm Preschool meeting 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Pub Theology-Pizza Works	14 9:15am Seekers 9:30 am 3 year old preschool begins 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	15 9:30 am 4 year old preschool begins	16
17 Camp Sunday 9:30am Worship and campfire 11:30am Prepare meal for S.A	18 9:30am Earlybirds 10:00am Serve lunch at S.A. 7:00pm Church Council meeting	19 1:00 BH-BL Book Club 7:00pm Trustee meeting	20 9:30am Earlybirds 8:30am Fixits 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Pub Theology-Pizza	21 9:15am Seekers 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 9:30am Worship 10:30am Worship	25 9:30am Earlybirds 2:00pm Special K / Knight Hall	26	27 9:30am Earlybirds 8:30am Fixits 7:00pm AA 7:00pm SJAG	28 9:15am Seekers 10:30am Altar Planning meeting 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30 District Day in Saratoga

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Preschool

Mrs. Tope and Mrs. Barclay are excited to welcome our new and returning preschoolers. We will start our school year by learning about manners, friends and following directions.

We still have **openings in our 3 year old program**. Please help us spread the word! Contact **Stephanie Tope at 518-466-6566** or bhumpreschool@gmail.com

