

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

**May 12, 2024 9:30 AM Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day**

**Prelude** *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* Smith

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**\*Call to Worship** by Rev. Dr. LaGretta Bjorn, adapted Eliza DeMarco

Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and all the women who have loved us.

**Thank you God for giving us mothers.**

We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

**Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.**

We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love can be so much like God's love.

**For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *God of Ruth, Elizabeth and Mary*  
to the tune of Cwm Rhonda UMH #127

**Opening Prayer** from Rev. Dr. LaGretta Bjorn Austin Tope

**Loving God, we know your love because we have mothers.**

**We thank you for the mothers who carried us in their wombs, nourishing, protecting, and bringing us into the world.**

**We thank you for the mothers who did not give birth to us, yet loved us just the same.**

**With gratitude we remember their words of encouragement when we have felt unsure or afraid;**

**we thank you for their kindness when the world has treated us unkindly;**

**we thank you for their soft, comforting arms and the gentle way they kissed away our tears;**

**we thank you that they protected us with the fierceness of a lioness protecting her cubs;**

**we thank you for the times when they corrected us rather than letting us continue down wrong paths.**

**Help us to live so that their investment in us might not be in vain.**

**We honor our mothers with lives of service to you in the name of the Risen Christ, for it is in his Name we pray. Amen.**

**Song** *Jesus Loves Me (Verse 1)* UMH #191

**Young Disciples Time** "We are Thankful" Cathy Bryson, James Ellenberger  
Upper Elementary, Middle School and High School Sunday School classes

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\*You are invited to stand as you are able or comfortable

**Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 13  
Amelia Berry, Lydia Weis

**Message** Ella Mortensen, Kendall Milsapp  
"Methodist History: The Founding Mothers of Mother's Day"  
Video by United Methodist Communications

**Hymn of Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

**Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts, our Tithes and our Thanks**

**Offertory** "For All The Faithful Women" Potter  
Eliza St. Gelais, Amelia St. Gelais

**\*Singing Our Praises** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Amelia St. Gelais

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns** Rev. Amy B. Gregory  
Video from Bishop Hector regarding General Conference

**Prayer Song** "A Mother Lined a Basket" Horman

**Morning Prayer** "Blessing That Meets You in Love" by Jan Richardson  
Brooke Felix

**The Lord's Prayer** Mrs. Stephanie Tope's class

**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.**

**\*Hymn** *Many Gifts, One Spirit* UMH #114

**\*Benediction** Patrick Nyhan

**Postlude** *Come, Let Us With Our Lord Arise* Trad. English melody

Thank you to our fantastic worship leaders this morning:

Acolyte: Quinn St. Gelais

Greeters and Ushers: Mary Jo Farrell's class - Emmett Farrell, Peter Weis, Max Barclay, Riley Couse, Kameron Milsapp, and Madi Marclay

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service hosted by the Finance Committee

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday, May 12</b> 9:30 AM	<b>Mother's Day/Children's Sunday</b> Worship
<b>Monday, May 13</b> 9:30 AM 6:45 PM	Earlybirds Scouts
<b>Tuesday, May 14</b> 9:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Tuesday Connection Scouts Finance Meeting/KH
<b>Wednesday, May 15</b> 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Fix-its Explorers AA/Fireside Room Table Talk/Pizza Works
<b>Thursday, May 16</b> 9:15 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Seekers/KH Playgroup/Classroom Scouts Scouts Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, May 17</b> 6:00 PM	Pizza and a Movie—Social Justice Action Group
<b>Sunday, May 19</b> 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 3:00 PM 3:30 PM	<b>Pentecost, New Member Sunday, Confirmation</b> <b>Worship</b> Prepare meal for Soup kitchen Confirmation Scouts/KH Scouts

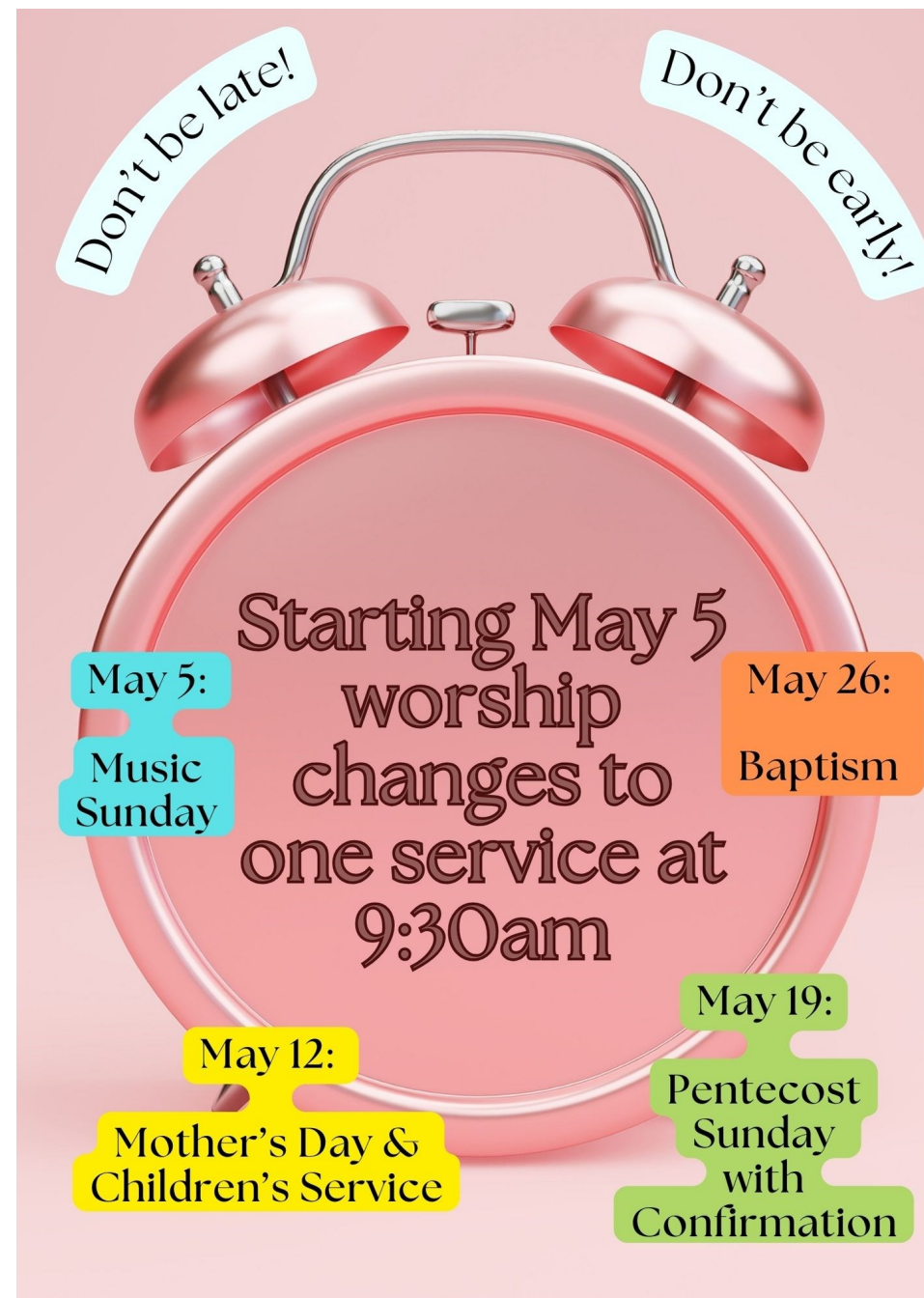
## Welcome

- **Welcome to worship!** If you are new, **please fill out a welcome card** found in the pews, if you'd like to receive more information. **Thank you for coming** to spend part of your Sunday with us. We hope you experience a sense of God's love and grace here today.
- We will be **collecting prayer cards** during the offering. If you would like your **prayer request** forwarded to the Prayer Chain, please check the appropriate box on the card.

## Announcements

**We are grateful for all of the ways BHUMC is such a generous congregation of heart and resources!**

- The **2024 Phil Grigsby Memorial Crop Walk** was held this past Sunday and I wish to thank the walkers and those who donated for their generosity. We were able to **donate \$400** and participate as walkers from BHUMC in the Schenectady CROP WALK for the hungry. It was a wet and cool walk but the spirits were high! We walked not only to raise money for local and worldwide hunger solutions but also to raise questions - why are so many hungry? The Walk is based on a dream and a hope. It will terminate in a God-filled land of plenty foreseen by the Prophets: "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth." Paula Miller
- **Memorial Committee Scholarships are available for seniors heading to college in the fall.** Please contact the office at 518-399-5144 to have an application emailed or mailed to you. **The deadline for submission is today.**
- **New members join us on May 19th with our confirmation class.** Are you interested in officially joining the BHUMC community? Please contact Pastor Amy.
- **The BH-BL Women's Club and Spartan Catering** will be having a Spring Pre-Order Drive thru Dinner on **Wednesday, May 15.** Orders need to be in by **today at 5:00pm.** Forms are available on the bulletin board by Knight Hall.
- The **Social Justice Action Group** invites you to pizza and movie, "**1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted a Culture,**" at **6 PM Friday, May 17.** Learn about this mistranslation of the Bible and how it has adversely affected LGBTQ+ population. Please call, text or email Cathy Bryson to RSVP, though not required. (518) 428-9691. Or [catbryson@aol.com](mailto:catbryson@aol.com).
- **Wednesday, May 15th, is Jane Coffey's 100th birthday!** Let's shower her with cards and love. Jane's address is Schenectady County Glendale Home 59 Hetcheltown Rd. Glenville, NY 12302



### Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*  
Communication Coordinator: *Robyn Axon*  
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Sunday School Superintendent: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais*  
Preschool Teachers: *Stephanie Tope & Angela Barclay*  
Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*



**May 12, 2024**



### 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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