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May Worship

One service at 9:30am

Burnt Hills United Methodist Church

May 5 Music Sunday
Hear beautiful music from our Chancel Choir, Youth Choir and Voices of Hope. Wonderful guest musicians "Music Sunday" special offering to support and celebrate our music ministry

May 12 Mother's Day & Children's Sunday
A very special service with the youth of all ages as our worship leaders.

May 19 Confirmation & New Member Sunday on Pentecost!
Celebrate the birth of the church and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our Confirmation Class joins the church! Contact Pastor Amy if you'd like to join BHUMC.

May 26 Baptism
Celebrate the gift of Living Water and the Spirit

Deadline for articles for the June Methodist is May 15. Please submit your articles to Robyn @ burnthillsumc@gmail.com

Visitation Team

The visitation team is looking for people who may be interested in **joining our team to provide periodic visits to members of our church** who are unable to attend church and may feel forgotten by our congregation. This is a very rewarding outreach ministry. Those of us who have been doing it often feel that we benefit as much (or more!) than the individuals we visit. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Glenda Hughes (518-384-0237).

Thank you, Glenda

This Little Light of Mine



I thought of this song recently when I arrived at church to see only a handful of cars in the front parking lot. Once inside, there were far more people there to worship than I would have expected. Why? Because so many of us park in the back parking lot which is not visible to those driving around our local roads. We're "hiding our light under a bushel". I wondered if newcomers might have second thoughts about attending if they only saw a few cars on Sunday morning out front. If you are able bodied enough for the walk from the front parking lot to our front doors, please give some thought about **parking where others can see you for worship and special community events. Let's show our neighbors that we're here!** "All around the neighborhood, I'm going to let it shine!" More about this beloved song. There are differing accounts of who wrote "This Little Light of Mine", but it has been recorded numerous times throughout the 20th and 21st centuries. In addition to its key place in American folk and gospel music, the song holds significance as an anthem of the civil rights movement. Activists sang "freedom song" versions of it and passed them along to others during the 1950's and 1960's to reference their struggles. And the song shines on today as an American anthem that sparks a powerful feeling, making us feel a little less alone and a little more free.

April Hicks

Memorial Committee Scholarships

College around the corner? **We urge high school seniors to apply for Memorial Committee scholarships now.** Applications are available in the church office. You may also call the church office at (518) 399-5144 and ask for an application to be mailed to you or go to the Church website: nybhmc.com and click on "more" to download the cover letter and application. **The deadline for submission is May 12.**



Lynn Christie

Memorials Chair

SAVE THE DATE!
BHBL ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 29TH - AUGUST 1ST, 2024
@ THE BURNT HILLS UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH



Registration Open for Skye Farm Camp Summer Camp!



In the summer months we host a resident Christian summer camp where all youth from ages 6 to 18 are invited to spend a week or more at one of our exciting summer camp programs.

Scan the QR code to view the program offerings and to register. Our church offers camperships to pay for summer camp. Contact Pastor Amy or Jodi Facteau-St.Gelais.



Social Justice Action Group

Hello folks!

May & June are packed full of exciting things.

In May join us in –

- **Beginning work on a pollinator garden!** We will be building and maintaining a pollinator garden near the basketball hoops in the front of the church. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of Knight Hall if you'd like to be involved.
- **Making bracelets for PRIDE!** We have kits available in coffee hour each week, and people available to teach you how to make them.

In June join us at PRIDE –

- Schenectady Festival **June 1st 2 – 7 pm**
- A presentation on the impact of churches becoming reconciling and affirming to LGBTQ+ people after service **June 2.**
- Albany Parade & Festival **June 9th at 11:30 am** with Schenectady First UMC & Trinity UMC
- Saratoga Festival **June 23rd 2 – 5pm**

Do you have any questions? Comments? Ideas? Reach out to Shelby Bryson, Orion Marchese or Scott Bryson in person, at bhumcsocialjustice@gmail.com or 518-414-0967.

As always, all are welcome who want to go forth in action, seeking justice.

BHUMC Social Justice Action Group

Grow Team News

Confirmation class on Earth day Sunday is receiving bonsai trees and will learn about creating (It's shape as it grows) and caring for their plants. They will also be dedicating a living memory (of the plant variety) to the church on their confirmation day, **Sunday May 19th!**

Be sure to join in the **CROP walk May 5th after church!** The CROP walk is a Church World Service walk that raises money in the fight to end food insecurity (and provides meals) locally and around the globe. Our local walk is named in honor of Rev. Phil Grigsby, former Schenectady Community Ministries executive director. There is a bulletin board in Knight Hall to learn more! Join our team of walkers, sponsor a walker, learn more about food insecurity, or offer prayers for all those experiencing food insecurity. Our church contacts for the walk are Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais and Paula Miller. Let's have a fruitful walk together!

**Family Night cancelled for May.
Look for info for June!**



Crop Walk

Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM) will once again sponsor the **Phil Grigsby Memorial CROP HUNGER WALK** on **Sunday, May 5th** and it will be hosted at the **Rotterdam Community Center, 705 Curry Road, Schenectady**. There will be an enthusiastic gathering and **registration that begins at noon and the WALK step off that begins at 1:00 PM**. Be on the watch for a bulletin board in our Church that will provide more information. It has been a long tradition that we have walkers participating in this event and fundraiser.

The Phil Grigsby Memorial CROP HUNGER WALK is more than a gathering of people. It is part of a large, local and worldwide movement that continues to fight against the challenges of disease, disaster, displacement and other challenges that leave people hungry. Please consider joining in the walkers of all ages to raise awareness and the funds to provide meals in our area and around the world.



Paula Miller (pbmiller0@gmail.com)

Can you help us with Coffee Hour?

Every week, we have a time to gather after our church services for fellowship, our “Coffee Hour”. It is a wonderful way to welcome new visitors, to catch up with your friends or make new friends, and to talk with our pastor. We are always looking for people to help us host this time together. Each month, a different church committee is tasked with the responsibility to ensure we have coverage. The committee members can serve, or they can find others to serve. We could use more people helping with this welcoming ministry. If being behind the table feels too intimidating to you, team up with a more extroverted person. There are plenty of smiles and conversation to be shared. Volunteering in this way will leave you with a wonderful feeling from having let God’s spirit shine through you as you serve others. Here are some answers to questions that are frequently asked by those who are new to hosting Coffee Hour:

If I hosted, what do I need to purchase/bring?

Let’s start with what you don’t need to bring! Coffee, tea, and creamers are all provided each week, so hosts just need to prepare it. Plates and napkins and cups are stocked in advance. Hosts bring snacks and juice of their own choosing to share for Coffee Hour.

How many snacks do I need to bring?

Sometimes it looks like there is so much and that could be expensive for me. There is no expected amount to bring, and yet we always seem to have enough. Often times what we bring is supplemented refreshments leftover from events held earlier in the week, or stored in the freezer from the prior week. Many of us like to combine households when we volunteer to share the expense and the responsibilities with others.

Do I need to bake anything or can I bring store made items?

It is your choice as to what to bring and whether to make it yourself or purchase it. All options are appreciated!

Would I have to cover both services?

During the months when we have two services, some volunteers cover both services, and some elect to cover just one and find someone else to cover the other.

How would I learn how to do this, making the coffee for example?

The best way to learn is to volunteer to serve with someone else who has done this before so you can learn by doing. Additionally, there are instructions for making the coffee on the inside of the cabinet door. And, there are always others around who would be happy to answer questions if something comes up unexpectedly.

How do I sign up?

This is a great time to get started because in May and June, we will have one service only and therefore only one Coffee Hour each Sunday.

Finance is responsible for May, and Endowment and Memorials are responsible for June. In the summer months, we have Punch on the Patio after the one service. This is a more casual gathering out front without any hot beverages. Contact names and numbers for these months are listed below, or find these fine folks after church.

May – Pete Farrell , 518-577-0135

June – Lynn Christie, 518-399-8838

July-early September – Nancy Adams, 518-391-0070

The Clifton Park Community Chorus
Presents

**The Night Shall Be Filled
with Music**



Friday, May 31, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

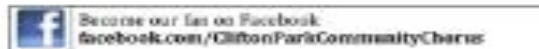
at St. Edward the Confessor, 569 Clifton Park Center Rd, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Sunday, June 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

at Clifton Common Stage, (Outside performance, bring your own seating)

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~featuring~

Chuck Seipp, Trumpet

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Randall Sheets, Organ/Piano

Arlington National Cemetery Ceremonial Organist (retired), Washington, D.C.

First United Methodist Church / Schenectady, NY

Sunday May 5, 2024 at 3PM

Enjoy an entertaining program of music by Bach, Vivaldi, Handel, Gershwin, Mussorgsky, and Freddie Mercury. Six trumpets bring flare and fun to the "Carnival of Venice" and be captivated by the power demonstrated in Widor's "Toccata" for solo organ. With several engaging video presentations, an out-of-this-world silent movie, and special tributes to Responders & Veterans...this will be an enjoyable concert for all ages!

Trustee News

Memorial Bricks -We continue to offer the opportunity to have a brick engraved in honor or in memory of someone. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please see Robyn in the church office. She has the forms for the information to be engraved on the bricks. The cost for this service is **\$115.00 for three lines and \$125.00 for four lines**. If you have questions about the bricks, please feel free to contact Bert Longbotham at 518-399-4490.

BHUMC Preschool



As we head into our final month of preschool we would like to take a moment to thank everyone who helps to make our program such a success. First we need to thank our students and their families, without them we would not have a program. Next, we would like to thank our preschool board and our director Karen Lathrop. A huge thank you to Nick, for cleaning up after us and never complaining, no matter how big the mess. Special thanks to Laura Hughes for taking our class pictures again this year. Thank you LAF for providing scholarships for families in need. Lastly, we would like to thank Pastor Amy, Robyn and all of our church family that have helped us throughout the year, whether helping with events or just offering a friendly smile and hello to our Littles.

Our 3 year olds will end the year with our transportation unit. We have many visitors lined up including Gil's garage, State Trooper Rasmussen and K9 Manda and Grampy Al (Pirigyi) with his construction equipment. We will celebrate the last day of school on **May 28th** by having a picnic with our friends and their families.

Our 4 year olds will be busy preparing for our graduation ceremony, which will take place on **May 31st**. We will spend the month reviewing all that we have learned this school year.

Both classes will be making Mother's day and Father's day gifts (a little early, but we want to make sure dad's get included). We will also celebrate our friends who have birthdays over the summer. We have had an incredible school year and will make the last month just as memorable!

We have limited availability in both classes for the fall of 2024 school year. If you are interested in joining our program or have more questions, please reach out to Stephanie Tope at 518-466-6566 or bhumpreschool@gmail.com.

Studies for Adults: Please join us!

- **Early Birds** with Pastor Amy, meets **Mondays at 9:30 am** in the Fireside room.
 - **Explorer's Bible Study** meets **Wednesdays 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.
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BHUMC Council Meetings

Church Council meets once a month 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. **The next meeting is Monday, May 20 at 7:00 pm.**

Altar Flowers



BHUMC has a tradition of having members donate flowers to decorate our altar as a remembrance or a celebration. **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.

Help Wanted



Council Meadows, a small senior community off Kingsley Rd, is in **need of a part time maintenance person.** This would be a great job for someone who is retired, still wants to work, and has handy person skills. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact **Karen Lathrop at 518-878-4685 or email karen@karenlathrop.com.**



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Unlimited amounts.
Must be in original, non-leaking, labeled containers.

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Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet at **The Ripe Tomato** (2721 US-9, Ballston Spa) on **Friday, May 24th at 12:00 pm**. You must make a reservation with Carol Borthwick (399-5405) or Lynn Christie (399-8838) to attend.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday, May 4 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!



Summer Choir

Summer will soon be here along with your opportunity to try out your vocal gifts in the summer choir. Summer choir will sing on the last Sunday of each summer month: **June 30, July 28 and August 25**. Show up in the **loft at 8:45 am** to sing familiar easy worship pieces.

Why not try it out for size? It may be a perfect fit for you!

Pete Van Keuren

Soup Kitchen



This month, we will be serving at the soup kitchen on **May 20**. Please sign up and bring all ingredients by **Friday, May 17**. (If you make a different plan, please put a notation on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall. It saves us duplicating ingredients.) We will be making the soup after 2nd service on **May 19**. We will leave the church the **Monday, May 20 at 10 AM** to serve at Salvation Army in Schenectady. We are always looking for new people to prep and serve. Lots of fun and feels good to help others. Further info: Libby Horn, 518-698-4043 or Terry Pranys, 518-256-8476.

Caregiver Support Group



Are you the caregiver for a family member or friend? Do you know of someone who is having difficulties with caregiving? It helps to talk to others who are going through the same experiences. This group is open to both church members and non-church members.

The next Caregiver Support Group meeting will be **Saturday, May 4 at 10:30 am** in the Fireside Room. The caregivers who attend this support group are in all stages of caregiving from just taking care of a loved one in their own apartment or house to those dealing with hospice in nursing homes. Diane Skibinski is the facilitator and can be reached at ds kibins@gmail.com or 518-423-2887 for any questions.



United Methodist Women

UMW Circles are small groups that gather monthly for fellowship and a variety of programs and projects. All meetings are open and welcoming. Please join in whenever your schedule allows. For more information call Holly Rogers at 518-399-8629.

TUESDAY CONNECTION CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, May 14 at 9:30 AM in Fireside**. Have a question for Pastor Amy? She will be our guest of honor.

SPECIAL K CIRCLE will meet at **noon on Tuesday, May 28** at the home of Nancy Adams for our end of the year picnic. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and chips will be provided. Directions to 66 Lake Road will be posted on the UMW bulletin board across from the church office.



Transformative Table Talk

Join us on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** to eat good food, connect with one another and talk about Theology (and whatever else is on our minds). We will meet at **Pizza Works**, 720 Saratoga Rd., Burnt Hills. For updates please text 518-414-0967. No need to RSVP.

May, 2024



For the most up-to-date calendar, check our webpage at www.nybhmc.com. Want to add something to the master calendar? Email burnthillsumc@gmail.com or call the office at 518-399-5144.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30 am Fix-its 9:30am Explorers 5:30pm Scouts/KH 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm Table Talk/Pizza Works	2 9:15am Seekers 5:00 pm Playgroup 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal	3	4 8:00am Men's Breakfast/KH 10:30am Caregiver's Support meeting
5 Music Sunday 9:30am Worship 1:00pm CROP Walk 3:00 pm Scouts/KH 3:30pm Scouts	6 9:30 am Earlybirds 5:30 pm Scouts/ KH 6:30 pm Scouts 6:45pm Scouts	7 7:00pm Scouts 7:00pm SPRC	8 8:30 am Fix-its 9:30 am Explorers 6:00 pm Scouts 6:30 pm Scouts/ KH 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm Table Talk/Pizza Works	9 9:15am Seekers 10:30 am BH-BL Women's Club 5:00pm Playgroup 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 5:00pm Scouts/KH
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Housing Needed

We are very excited to welcome our new Associate Pastor, Ian Urriola, on July 1st. Unfortunately, the Round Lake Parsonage, where Ian will reside, is currently occupied until August or possibly later. Therefore, we need to find somewhere for him to stay temporarily. If you or anyone you know has a month to month apartment available please reach out to Stephanie Tope at 518-466-6566 or bhumc.spprc@gmail.com

