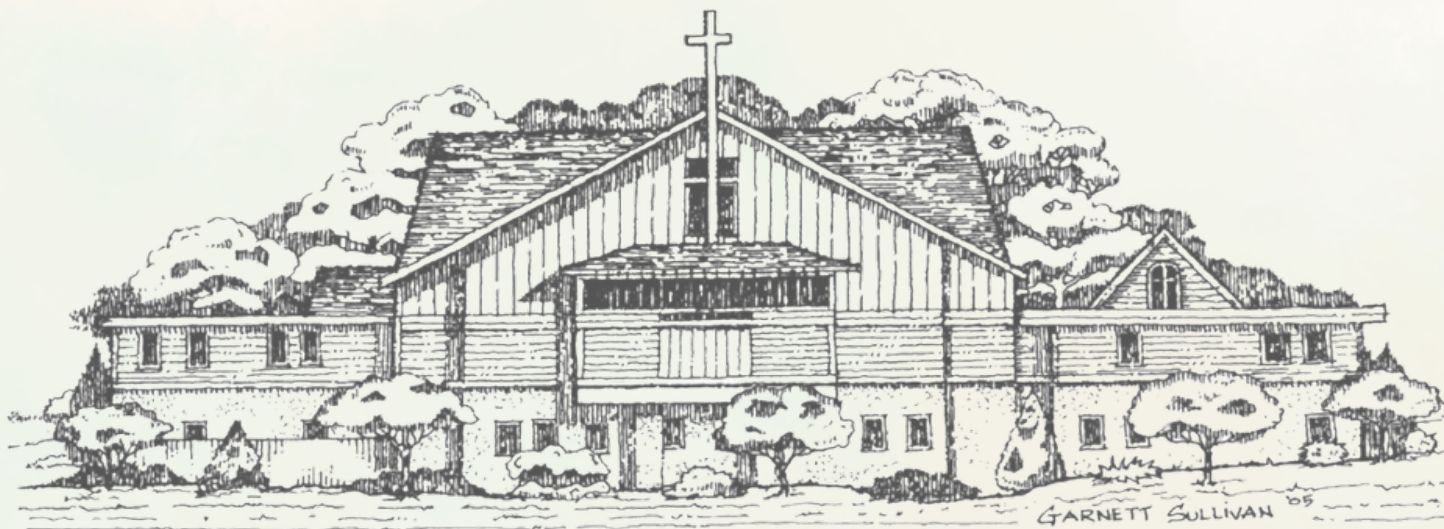


BURKE UMC



WEEKLY WORSHIP



Welcome to Burke United Methodist Church!

We're glad you're with us today because wherever you are on life's journey, there's a place here for you. There are many ways to find information about Burke UMC. If you are in person for worship, you can find info in your pews or stop by our Connection Center. You can also [explore our website](#) to learn more about opportunities to connect in community.

We hope you will [register your attendance](#) and find ways you might grow in your faith. You are beloved, and we are so glad to worship with you this morning!

September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

BUMC Worship

September 27, 2026

Bringing The Light Into The Sanctuary

Prelude - A Simple Song of Praise

Arnold Sherman

Celebration Ringers

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn - Let Us With a Joyful Mind (TFWS 2012)

Words: John Milton, adapt. by Thomas H Troeger

*Opening Prayer - Mike Holland

*Doxology (UMH 94)



Children ages 4-2nd grade who are interested are invited to depart for Children's Church.

Ministry Moment - Beth Ann Velo

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth, arr by Cynthia Dobrinski

Celebration Ringers

First Scripture Reading - 1 Timothy 4: 8-10

Main Scripture Reading - Matthew 25: 14-30

Message - Rev. Pam Bentley

*A Modern Affirmation - UMH 885

Opportunities for Discipleship

Invitation to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory - Take My Life

Scott Underwood

Linda Brese, piano

*Closing Hymn - Together We Serve (TFWS 2175)

Words and Music: Daniel Charles Damon

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

TFWS 2103 (second half, verse 3)

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Music: Rowland H. Prichard; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

"Our true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless."

*Postlude - Ye Servants of God

arr. David Lasky

Linda Brese, organ



Flowers on the Altar are given by Shirley Walker and Abby Smith in appreciation of Pam Bentley's ministry among us.

Flower arrangement on the Altar is given by Rebecca and Caelan Ryberg, celebrating the first birthday of their daughter, Lydia Ryberg.

**Please stand as you are able*

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Opportunities to Connect and Grow in Discipleship



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2027 Stewardship Appeal

Because they gave, we are here. As we look toward the next chapter of Burke UMC's story, we're invited to consider how our own gifts of time, service, love, and financial resources help sustain the ministries that make this church a place to grow in faith, find community, serve our neighbors, and worship and care for one another.



Forward in Faith Church Retreat!

Sunday, October 4 | 3 PM–5:30 PM

We hope you will join us for a special time of reflection, conversation, and discernment as we gather to consider where God may be leading Burke UMC in the years ahead. Together, we'll explore how we can deepen our connection with God, strengthen our relationships with one another, and live out our faith in the broader community.



Burke Centre Festival TODAY!

Sunday, September 27 | 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

Bring your family, invite a friend, and come celebrate our Burke community with us.



Women's Connection

Sunday, September 27th from 4:30–6:30pm

Come enjoy time together, build community, and connect with other women at Burke UMC!

Opportunities to Connect and Grow in Discipleship



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25th from 3:00–5:00pm

We are so excited to once again host this wickedly fun outreach to our neighbors and friends! Stay tuned for more details.



Teddy Bear Brigade

Accepting Donations Through October 31st

We are collecting new and gently used stuffed animals for children around the world through our Teddy Bear Brigade! Through October 31st, please drop off any donations at Burke so we can give them to Gleaning for the World. *Please include \$1 per stuffed animal for shipping costs if you are able.*



Faith 250 Capitol Tour TOMORROW

Monday, September 28th at 1 PM

Join us for the first Burke-Springfield Interfaith Faith250 field trip, as we look to continue our Burke-Springfield Interfaith engagement, celebrating the 250th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence and push for democracy.