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ON SUNDAYS  
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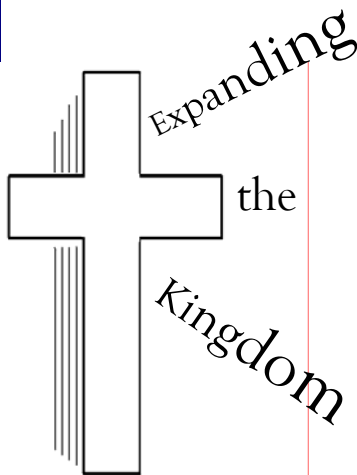
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# The Steeple



Dear friends,

During the month of June we will be celebrating the faith professions of the 2010 Confirmation Class. They have completed their work. They have attended classes and the field trip work day as part of the class requirements. But, the most critical part lies in the choices that each of them will make in their heart about being a believer in Jesus. It is the critical decision for every one- not just a current year's confirmation class.

The great confession of Peter is this, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have come to believe, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

The purpose of the gospel is clear without confusion: "these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.'(John 20:31).

We know that God has revealed his plan of salvation and life to us through Jesus. We affirm it together as Christians. With joy, we celebrate the faith of the confirmation class and remember to reaffirm our faith and walk with Christ.

Next month the Rev. Dennis Swineford comes to be the next pastor at Bakerstown United Methodist Church. I'm confident that you will welcome him and the entire Swineford family into the Bakerstown Church family.

This is the last time that I will be writing this page for the newsletter. On behalf of all of the Stewart family, I can only express our deepest love for all of you. Over 15 years there have been many lives changed and hearts renewed in the kingdom of Christ. Your participation in the life of the Bakerstown United Methodist Church has made this time most memorable for us. We will always cherish it. As we depart from the community, I know that there is still much ahead to which the Bakerstown United Methodist Church is called. With new pastoral leadership I know that you will continue to seek how Christ leads you in fulfilling the call to reach the community and others with the saving grace and love of Christ. Blessings and love to all.

From your pastor's heart,

Mark A. Stewart

## Special Sundays in Worship during the Month of June

✠ **Confirmation Sunday—June 6;** During the 11:00 am worship we will receive the 2010 confirmation class into membership in the church. It is a great day of worship and praise as the eighth grade class is confirmed in faith.



Happy  
Father's  
Day  
June 20

### SUMMER SUNDAY

### SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

**NEEDED**—Our regular Sunday School teachers are getting a much-deserved break. Help us continue this important Christian Education throughout the summer by volunteering a week or two. We will need an Jr./Sr. High teacher and elementary teacher. Materials are provided, and it is easy! Please sign up at the information center or contact Susan McGrath at [mcgrath@zoominternet.net](mailto:mcgrath@zoominternet.net)

## Church Happenings

Attention Parents & Kids- Get Ready for Summer!

Bring your bike and helmet and join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bike Helmet Safety Check. The check will be held on Saturday, **June 5<sup>th</sup>** from 10am-2pm at Bakerstown United Methodist Church, located at the intersection of Route 8 and Dickey Road in Gibsonia. This free event for school-aged children is sponsored by State Farm Insurance Jaison Rinker Agency, and the Moms Club of Gibsonia/Mars. Helmet checks will be done by Safe Kids of Allegheny County, and bike checks will be done by Immel Bicycle Center of Gibsonia. Other participants include Richland EMS and Hampton Fire Department, as well as bike decorating, refreshments, giveaways, the Good Neigh Bear, and more! We hope to see you there!

### **Annual Conference June 10-13**

The Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference will be held at Grove City College from Thursday, June 10 through Sunday, June 13. Mark Stewart, our pastor, will be attending the conference along with Carol Lynn and Patsie Evans. They will be representing our church at the conference.

Please remember and pray for these persons as they participate in this



### **Annual Conference**

year's conference sessions. The conference will conclude on Sunday, June 13 with the service of ordination.

**PRIME-TIMERS**-Mark your calendar, NOW for the 3rd Wednesday of the month, which will be **WEDNESDAY, June 16th at 11:30**. Bring a pot luck dish to share and a big appetite. We will be playing games and just having a great time in fellowship.

**YOUTH Car Wash ...!June 19th** An annual Youth tradition—come and get a Spring car wash on **Saturday, June 19th** from 9:00 am till 12:00 pm. Our young people will give your car a speedy but thorough cleaning! The Youth will be taking accepting donations the day of the car wash. So encourage your friends and neighbors to come and get a free car wash—the more cars we wash, the more the Youth will raise for their trip! If you are asked, please support our young people in the church—all *proceeds* support the Bakerstown UMC Youth and their Summer Work Mission Trip!



### **Set Sail on the High Seas, July 26-30th**

This Summer, set sail for VBS fun! Feel sea spray on your face as sails snap overhead- & you and your crew experience the deep, rolling waters of God's love!

This is easily the best time you'll have all summer—this ships for you!

Join us as we sail along the High Seas and learn God's word, day by day. We will surely feel God's love and learn his word as we dive into the High Seas!

On the High Seas Expedition, kids will be on the look-out for God Sightings. Kids and adults will get caught up in the excitement of finding places and situations where they see God in action—or ways *they* can be a God Sighting!



## Notes of Appreciation

Hello All,

I just wanted to send a quick thank you to the college outreach team for the care package I received this week. This is my last care package that I will get in my college career, and I can't believe how quickly 4 years has flown by! Getting the care packages throughout the years has always been such a nice sentiment (and also always happens to come conveniently when I am running out of food!) Its always nice to know that even away at school, the church is thinking of us who are at college. Thanks again! -Sarah Olson

*The Mission Team would like to thank all in the congregation who took the time and funds to make up health kits for the United Methodist Haiti Project. Thanks to you all we were able to deliver 260 kits to the Mission Barn in New Castle. Also, we would like to thank the United Methodist women for the 3 Cleaning Buckets we delivered for the flood victims in Rhode Island.*

Dear Bakerstown Congregation,  
Thank you for your generous support of the Missions Team. We appreciated your generous donations for the Junque sale in April as well as your purchasing "new Junque" to take home. We want to thank all those that helped with the Junque sale, whether it was pricing items, setting up and/or taking down tables, packing up the items that didn't sell or working the day of the sale. The Missions Team made \$3,114. We also want to thank those who patronized Max and Erma's on our special fundraising day. We made approximately \$285. The Missions Team cannot function without the support of the church family. Thank you. Sharon Platt & Patti Kenzie  
Co-Chairs of the Missions Team

*A special "THANKS" to the Board Of Trustees for their recognition of our work in the general maintenance of the Church and Parsonage. 'Thank You' also to the members of the congregation for your support and encouragement in our many work tasks. We enjoy what we're doing. If you see something that needs our attention, either let us know personally or complete a Work Order form in the office copy room. Have you ever thought about joining us? Dave Sarver, Frank Wood and Jim Mersheimer*

Thank you to the congregation for the continued support of the preschool. We raised over \$2000 with the flower sale this year. As always we are so blessed to be part of this church. ~ Bakerstown UMC Preschool

### *The Ladies Say "Thank You!"*

*A very special thank you to all who helped with the Spring Salad Smorgasbord! What a successful day we had, and we couldn't have done it without everyone's help.*

*Thank you to everyone who was able to volunteer and donate salads, cook, clean, manage tickets, and all the other very small, but important details that helped make another successful Salad Smorgasbord. It is so wonderful to have a congregation that support the efforts of the UMW, and who also come and enjoy an evening of fellowship with one another. This truly is a caring congregation, and without you, we would not have had such a successful evening.*

*Your support allows the women of the UMW to support outreach programs and sponsor church events.— The United Methodist Women*

Dear Bakerstown Friends: Allow me to thank some wonderful people who helped the youth raise \$800 for the *Uth 4 Mission* week in Johnstown, PA July 5-10, 2010. **Murder Without a Clue** was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and two ta-

bles solved the mystery! Twenty-six of our youth served as actors, set crew, kitchen help, and wait staff. Kudos to the youth for their many hours of preparation, hard work, and joyful attitude.

As with every youth event, adults are a key part to its success. Many thanks goes out to the adults who gave of their time and energy for this mystery dinner theatre event: Lora and Mark Stafura, Jane Ditmore, Lori and Chuck Waite, Michelle Kutchko, Susan and Kevin McGrath, Greg Platt, Dorothy and Dave Sarver, Ken Perriello, Carol Lynn, Penny Fischetti, Curt Lynn, Karen Pool, Paul Edinger.

In addition to giving of her time, Michelle Kutchko also allowed us to borrow lovely chair slip covers for the set. Kevin McGrath, as always, out-did himself with an authentic front door, chandelier, and backdrop. Even though, as Ms. Blackwood says, "creative types are usually late," we love you!

I would also like to thank Sharon Platt for being the meal planner and kitchen guru for this event over the course of many years. Sharon has enjoyed this leadership role for the last time and will be glad to share all of her "secrets" and methods with the next parent who accepts this honor. If you are called to do so, please speak with Sharon or with me.

On behalf of the youth I thank the entire congregation for supporting this event and all youth ministries at Bakerstown United Methodist Church. Your support allows the youth to experience faith, fun, and friends year-round.

A final and heart-felt thank you goes out to Pastor Stewart for ALWAYS supporting the youth. He cares for each one and has baptized many of them! *Thank you, Pastor Stewart for your presence at Murder Without a Clue.*

It was an honor to write and direct this play for our youth. They inspire me everyday with their faith and they also cause me to fall on the floor laughing!

Yours in God's goodness and love,  
Nicole K. Hartung

## Bible Study Opportunities for Summer and Fall

**Summer Bible Study, Beginning on June 8th and 9th** Come on Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30 or Wednesday mornings 9:00-10:30am. This summer's bible study will cover "The Epistles of John" and study some questions from Norman Geisler's book called, "The Big Book of Bible Difficulties" Bring your bible and your questions to this summer bible study.

### **New Women's Bible Study coming this Fall - Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories by Beth Moore.**



Pick from a morning or an evening class - whichever suits your schedule. The Thursday Morning Class begins September 9th at 9:00am and the Monday Evening Class begins September 13th at 7:00pm. Workbooks are \$15.00. Please join us for fun and fellowship - and growing spiritually!!

Beth leads you through a study of the Scriptures to discover the transforming power of freedom in Jesus Christ. Themes for this study come from Isaiah, a book about the captivity of God's children, the faithfulness of God, and the road to freedom.

This in-depth 11-week women's Bible study draws parallels between the captive Israelites of the Old Testament and New Testament believers in Jesus as the Promised Messiah. Beth looks at the Book of Isaiah through the lives of the kings who ruled during the prophet's ministry. These kings exemplify many of the obstacles to freedom with which we must deal - busyness, grief, loneliness, anxiety, worldliness, stress. Using Scripture to help identify spiritual strongholds in your life, no matter how big or small, Beth explains that anything that hinders us from the benefits of knowing God holds us captive.

Join Beth Moore on a Bible journey unlike any other. God intends for you to know Him and believe Him, glorify Him, experience His peace, and enjoy His presence. Breaking Free is Beth's favorite study and her life message that she wants to share with you. Taped live at Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, this study includes testimonies from women just like you who have found freedom in Christ Jesus.

**Meet and Discuss~** Meet and Discuss will start on Monday, September 13th. Dinner will be at 6:30pm and the calls will finish promptly at 8:30pm. This fall's study will be "The Ten Commandments" and will run 9 weeks. The cost of the class will be \$25.00 which includes dinner and the study materials. Come and join us for this study of God's word.

**Fall Bible Study, Beginning September 7th and 8th** we will be starting a new bible study on THE BOOK OF ISAIAH. The class will meet on Tuesday evening from 7:00-8:30pm and on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:30am. The same material is covered on both Tuesday and Wednesday. If you can't be there one day-come the other. The book of Isaiah is one of the most important and exciting books of the bible. Its importance is acknowledged by the fact that it is quoted more than any other old testament book in the new testament. Jesus quotes Isaiah in the temple at the beginning of his ministry. Isaiah's prophecies rebukes, and comfort 2700 years ago relate to us today. Come join us on Tuesday or Wednesday for a book of the bible that ties the old testament and new testament together.

*Come and wish  
the Stewarts  
a Fond Farewell....*

*There will be one service on June 27th as a farewell tribute to Pastor Stewart and his family. We will have worship at 10:00am with a program and social following to thank Pastor Stewart and his family for all their years of dedication to Bakerstown United Methodist Church. Please notify the church office if you plan on attending the social.*

*Also, to preserve some of the memories from the past years, I would like to collect any pictures that you may have. I will be available in the library on June 6<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour to scan your photographs or upload digital pictures.*

*Blessings, Mike Perriello – Staff Parish Relations  
Committee Chair*

preschool registration



Registration for the 2010/2011 is now being taken for the Bakerstown United Methodist Preschool. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Laurie Kretz, the director, at 724-272-6032



Help Support our Preschool

Designate some of United Way contributions to our preschool. Please present our account number, 1532003, when making your donation.

Looking for a few good men! The UMM needs help from the guys cooking and serving monthly pancake breakfasts. This important ministry helps fund camping scholarships. Call Roger Cramer at 724-443-2847



~ Our High School Graduates ~

Trevor Ditmore, Pine Richland High School Will be attending Slippery Rock University in the fall and majoring in Parks and Recreation Management

Ashley Platt, Deer Lakes High School Will be attending Robert Morris University in the fall and majoring in Accounting

Brett Kyle, Hampton High School Will be attending West Virginia University in the fall. and majoring in History

Alexis Pfeifer, Mars Area High School with high honors Will be attending Kent State University in the fall and majoring in journalism with a minor in photography

Philip Kenzie, Hampton High School Will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania in fall and major in finance and accounting

Zachary Meuschke, Pine Richland High School Will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the fall and major business

Eric Zarenko, Pine Richland High School Will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the fall and major in communications

Madeline Matusik, Mars Area High School Will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the fall and Major in Spanish Education

Maggie Lapp, Deer Lakes High School Will attending Mount Union College in the fall and major in Elementary Education

Ryan Snowden, Pine Richland High School

~ Our College Graduates ~

Rob Rice, Graduated from Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA Master's of Education Degree Majoring in Curriculum and Instruction Teaching Certification in Integrative STEM Education Rob is pursuing a technology education teaching position in the VA, PA, and MD states

Lara Stewart, Graduated summa cum laude from Point Park University, with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education

James Werkmeister, Graduated from Slippery Rock University, with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education, Social Studies

Megan Werkmeister, Graduated from West Liberty University, with a certification in Dental Hygiene and her Associates Degree. She will return to West Liberty in the fall to complete her Bachelors Degree

Brad Kyle, Graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, with a Degree in Economic and Political Science. Brad will be working at Conco/Industrial Sales

Kristina Bacon, Graduated from University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, with a Masters Degree in Public Health specializing in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology and was received into the Delta Omega Honor Society for her Academic performance and Leadership quality

Nicole Fischetti, Graduated from Community College of Allegheny County, with an Associate degree in Liberal Arts and Political Science

Thomas Pouchot, Graduated from the Conservatory of Recording Arts and Science with a Master Recording Program degree. He is currently living in Nashville working in a recording studio.

Sarah Olson, Graduated from Penn State University, with a Bachelor's Degree in advertising and a minor in psychology.

## Youth Group News

**June 6** Confirmation Day with a lunch to follow the 11:00 worship LOOKING AHEAD

Volleyball Night Parsonage Lawn 7:00-8:30 PM

**June 13** Parent/Youth Meeting for the Mission Trip (Wesley Rm) 12:15-1:00 PM

Community Service: Would you like to help Nicole's family move? TBD

Nicole and Matt will make a donation to the Youth Mission Fund in honor of any youth/adults who assist us with the move!

**June 19** Car Wash Parking Lot 9-12

**June 20** Fathers Day – No Meetings

**June 26** Car Wash (Plan B) Parking Lot 9-12

**June 27** \*\*\* 1 Worship Service at 10:00 AM with a brunch to follow honoring Pastor Mark Stewart

**July 4** Youth Mission Team Commissioning 11:00 AM Worship

**July 5** Youth Mission leaves for Johnstown TBD (in the AM)

**July 10** Youth Mission Team returns TBD

**July 11** Youth mission testimonies at 8:30 & 11:00 AM worship services!

\*\* If you would like to help us fill in the blanks by hosting the youth for a swim party, bonfire, bowling or other event, please speak with Nicole. Thank you!

• Q: Why is there a Plan B for the Car Wash?

A: In case there is bad weather or we don't raise enough money.

SRH Mission Trip at Johnstown (with Pastor Bob): **July 5-10**

Here's how to register:

Consider which option you'd like: BUILD UP (home repairs) or REACH OUT (working with a children's camp) or WHEREVER THERE'S A NEED.

See attached flyer with details specific to our youth group.

Go to link below and register yourself choosing the PAY LATER option.

Print 2 copies of the email confirmation. One is for your records.

Here's what you need to turn into my box at church...

Payment of \$95 per youth (\$85 for a sibling) and adults are free. \*\* If you would like to split it into two payments, just let me know. Checks made out to: BUMC Youth (Please write "mission trip" in the memo line.)

<http://www.wpaumc.org/events/detail/3553>

**By the way, it is HUGE that adults are free.** This may not always be the case. So, if you've been contemplating the Youth Mission Trip, now is the time to join us!!!

Parents: if you are considering joinus for this awesome week of service, fun, and fellowship, please let me know. The number of youth spots



We're  
Getting  
a New  
Pastor

*Welcome our new Pastor and Family*  
*Please come and welcome our new pastor, Dennis Swineford, his wife Deborah, and their children between services on Sunday, July 11, 2010. Refreshments will be served in the narthex.*

❖ **SUNDAYS:**

Worship - 8:30 & 11:00 am  
 Children & Adult Sunday School:  
 9:45-10:45 am

❖ **TUESDAYS:**

Literacy Council: 6:30-7:30 pm  
 Weight Watchers: 6:00-7:00 pm  
 Gospel of John Bible Study: 7:00-8:30pm  
 Rhythm of Grace Practice, 7:00pm

❖ **WEDNESDAYS:**

Gospel of John Bible Study: 9:00-10:30am  
 Body and Soul: 7:00pm

❖ **SATURDAYS:**

Body and Soul: 8:30am

REGULAR GROUPS TAKING TIME OFF...

During the summer months of June, July, and August, most of our “regular” groups take a break from the monthly meeting schedules. However, group events and activities often “pop up,” so keep informed through the weekly bulletin and church web site ([www.bakerstownumc.org](http://www.bakerstownumc.org)) If you have questions, please contact the group leaders:

- ◆ **UMM**—Roger Cramer, 724-443-2847
- ◆ **UMW**—Donna Williams, 724-443-6108
- ◆ **Women’s Bible Studies** – Cathy Dambach, 724-443-0324
- ◆ **Mission Team** – Sharon Platt, 724-265-4343 or Patti Kenzie, 724-449-1165



## Congratulations to the 2010 Confirmation Class!

Confirmands

Sponsor

Daniel Cassidy	Ron Goddard
Nicole Edinger	Lara Stewart
Mariah Kutchko	Nancy Shipley
Derek Prijatelj	Joyce Gindlesperger
Greg Snowden	Greg Stewart
Justin Sutter	Susan Franciscus

## June 2010

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| <b>June 5</b> – Bike Helmet Safety, 10:00am                   | <b>June 10-13</b> – Annual Conference               |
| <b>June 5</b> – Court of Honor, 3:00pm                        | <b>June 16</b> – Prime Timers, 11:30am              |
| <b>June 6</b> – Confirmation Sunday, 11:00am                  | <b>June 23</b> – Trustees Meeting, 7:00pm           |
| <b>June 8</b> – Epistles of John Bible Study, 7:00pm (Starts) | <b>June 26</b> – Button Club                        |
| <b>June 9</b> – Epistles of John Bible Study, 9:00am (Starts) | <b>June 27</b> – Farewell Social for Pastor Stewart |

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# June Birthdays & Anniversaries

06/01 Nancy Mahoney	06/12 Leslie Crawford Matlack	06/05/1954 Charles & Gretchen Hull
06/01 Kaye Negley	06/12 Amy Martin	06/07/1974 Jim & Karen Lee
06/02 Jared Sutter	06/12 Catherine Lemley	06/08/1957 Rudy & Flo Fiaretti
06/02 Gene Garza	06/13 Kim Goddard	06/10/1961 Phil & Pat Dayen
06/02 Rachael Reynolds	06/14 Mary Pouchot	06/12/1936 Bob & Trudy McCurry
06/03 Betty Jean Wilson	06/14 Sherry Torick	06/13/1992 Ron & Kim Goddard
06/03 Paula Perry	06/14 Daniel Morgan	06/15/1957 Frank & Fran Sutton
06/03 Steven Grier	06/15 Naomi Gneiting	06/16/1950 Norman & Janet Creeks
06/04 Mary Jo Knochel	06/15 John Humenik	06/22/1973 Robin & Evelyn Dick
06/04 Brian Brandt	06/16 Pamela Reynolds	06/22/1985 Doug & Becky Kyle
06/04 Sharon Platt	06/16 Maggie Ditmore	06/22/1991 Bob & Mary Jo Knochel
06/04 Bill Beckwith	06/16 Madge Clayton	06/25/1983 Dave & Alison Lapp
06/04 Rebekah Shipley	06/16 Beverly Bacon	06/25/2005 Mike & Katie Dreger
06/05 Colleen Frayer	06/16 Chris Wargo	06/26/2004 Dave & Bethany Cain
06/05 Donna Artz	06/18 Micaela Honeycutt	06/27/1953 Dave & Peg Story
06/05 Olivia Shipley	06/18 Bob Grier	06/27/2004 Ben & Kimberly Campbell
06/05 Brianna Kutchko	06/21 Ginny Campbell	
06/06 Daniel Cassidy	06/21 Charles Hull	
06/06 David Pouchot	06/22 Marie Hopper	
06/06 Garrett Martin	06/22 Randy Burd	
06/06 Tim Shipley	06/23 Barbara McMaster	
06/06 Janet Schwartz	06/23 Makayla Himes	
06/07 Jill Nolan	06/25 Kevin Morgan	
06/07 Ken Perriello	06/28 Dan Pouchot	
06/08 Cassidy Shaffer	06/28 Marlene Graham	
06/08 Kim Naeser	06/28 Nichole Fischetti	
06/10 Bob Leuenberger	06/29 Reed Campbell	
06/10 Nathaniel Huerbin	06/29 Matthew Staub	
06/11 Grace Zimmerman	06/30 Bobby Campbell	
06/11 La Verne Brandt	06/30 Marge Kirkpatrick	