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# Bakerstown United Methodist Church

Rev. Keith A. Dunn, Senior Pastor

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*



**It's a brand new year!** Why not start it well by making a resolution to become a blood donor? Donating blood is a life-giving act, and the best part is that it only takes an hour once every two months! Get started by signing up to donate at the next **Gibsonia Community Red Cross Blood Drive**. It will be held from 1:00 to 6:00 pm on Monday, January 30, at Trinity Lutheran Church on Gibsonia Road. Please take a moment now to make an appointment. It will change your life! To register on line, go to <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>, and type Trinity Gibsonia in the search box. For more information or help with registration, call the Trinity church office at 724-443-8110.

### **Giant Eagle Grocery Cards available following the 8:30am service!**

The church receives a portion of every grocery card we sell, those proceeds will support projects around the church. A slow-and-steady program, we need you to continue to keep it rolling by simply grocery cards to do your weekly grocery shopping or buying gift cards as special gifts. You can buy grocery cards to purchase other gift cards at Giant Eagle as well. **\*\*If you don't get a chance to purchase your grocery certificates on Sunday, you can stop by the church office during office hours, to get one.\*\***

### **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

Bakerstown United Methodist Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

**Direct Debit Giving** is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. This service is offered for a once a month donation for withdrawal on the first business day of the month.

**Online Giving** lets you go to [www.bakerstownumc.org](http://www.bakerstownumc.org) at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. As you contemplate the future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office or by contacting Kay Cramer, financial secretary at 724-443-2847.

Pastor Keith A. Dunn, Preaching

**Welcome!** *We appreciate you joining us for Sunday worship at Bakerstown United Methodist . We hope you experience God's presence and love in our midst.*

January 15, 2023 8:30am & 11:00am Worship Service

\* Please stand if able where indicated

### *Prelude*

### *Greeting & Announcements*

### *Call To Worship*

Leader: We are called to be children of light.  
People: **Let us worship Christ our true light.**  
Leader: We are called to live lives that are good, right, and true.  
People: **Let us worship Jesus who is our true light.**

### *\*Opening Worship*

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" #185 ~ 8:30am  
"Come Now Is The Time To Worship" Rhythm of Grace  
"How Great is Our God" Rhythm of Grace

### *\*Opening Prayer*

Gracious God, you have blessed us with the light of your Son. We want the light of your love, but we find ourselves attracted to the sins, which keep us in darkness. Forgive us for wanting to live in both worlds when you have called us out of darkness to be children of light. Teach us your ways, that we may know the joy of living in the light of Christ our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen.

### *Time With Children*

### *Ministry of Music*

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Greedy" Glory Ringers ~ 8:30am

### *Presentation of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings*

\*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication

### *Sharing of Joys and Concerns*

### *Song of Preparation*

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies" #173 ~ 8:30am  
"Beautifully Broken" Rhythm of Grace

### *Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer*

### *Scripture Lesson*

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

### *Message*

"Bear Fruit"  
Pastor Keith, Preaching

### *\*Closing Worship*

"Be Thou My Vision" #451 ~ 8:30am  
"In The Light" Rhythm of Grace

### *\*Dismissal with Blessing*

### *\*Postlude*

*\*Tithes or offerings can be placed in the baskets and offering plates around the sanctuary.*

The baskets near the offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary are for any giving to the Missions of Bakerstown UMC. These funds are used to bless the community and the world through the work we do and the ministries we support. Thank you!

## A Note from the Financial Secretary....

Offering envelopes for 2023 will look different than in the past. Due to many members using the online giving Vanco platform available on our website or using their bank to process donations via the bill payment option online the finance committee has decided to change the offering envelope distribution.

Blank offering envelopes (with no envelope number) will be available in packs of either 12 or 26 or 52 to reflect how members are actually giving. These offering envelopes will be available in December 2022. If you would like them mailed to you, please let me know via email at [Kay.4.cramer@gmail.com](mailto:Kay.4.cramer@gmail.com) or by phone at 724-443-2847. Or I can deliver them and we could have a chat :)

By changing to this type of offering envelope it saves the church money and waste. **To use the new blank offering envelopes you just need to put your name on the outside of the envelope. This is vital if you are a cash contributor as I will not have a way of tracking your donations.** Your offering envelope number will stay the same. Giving statements will still be generated at year end.

There are special envelopes for your Initial offering (Love offering envelope) Easter, World Communion, Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings. Special envelopes will be provided for the Ash Wed., Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and UMCOR offerings in the narthex and bulletins in February, March and April.

I will welcome any feedback. Remember, this is new to me also. Kay Cramer, Financial Secretary 724-443-2847

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**Lighthouse Donations: January Soups and Stews**

## Day School Open House!

Sunday, January 22 we open our doors to the church and public to visit our day school, meet our teachers and see our beautiful learning spaces. Current day school families will also be here to talk with you and share their perspective on our school. We have a special preview time for church members at 12:00 p.m. We will open our doors to the public at 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. Registration for the 2023/2024 school year will accepted. Please stop by; we'd love to see you! Please spread the word to families looking for classes for children aged 2 up through Kindergarten!

## Happy Birthday

01/15 Miriam Perriello  
01/17 Michelle Fischetti  
01/19 George Kress  
01/19 Chris Sasada  
01/22 Reid Rinker

## Happy Anniversary

01/16 Sam & Julie Cramer

**NEW GriefShare Opportunity:** As an extension to our current GriefShare program, we will be offering a 3-week study, based on the book, and movie, "The Shack" during the month of January 2023. This is a unique opportunity to explore the very human and personal side of loss, grief and one's personal relationship with God.

There are many types of losses that will occur for each of us, as we journey through life. Some will be minor and more easily managed, while others will be more challenging. Many times, we can find ourselves struggling with feelings of guilt, anger, regret, denial, fear, anxiety and forgiveness.

If you have experienced a loss, whether it has been foreseeable or not, sudden or over time, or one that has been UNIMAGINABLE. A loss that has stopped your world. One that has made you question everything. This will offer you the opportunity to find answers, to find peace, and to grow stronger in your faith.

Please join us on the following Wednesdays, January 18 and 25, from 7:00PM to 8:30PM, in the Wesley Room. The movie will be shown in 3 parts with a discussion following each part. Everyone is welcome. If you have a friend who is struggling with any type of loss, please invite them to come along with you.

**DIGging Deeper** On January 15 and 22 we are continuing are discussion of the book "Roots: Advent and the Family Story of Jesus." **Beginning January 29** we will be discussing in class the episodes of Season 3 of the wonderful TV series "The Chosen". The best way to watch this at home and for no charge is through the app available for either iPhones or Android phones. Each week watch an episode at home and discuss it when we meet Sunday morning in the Wesley Room at 9:45. This hugely popular show has a mission of reaching 1 billion people world wide with the story of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



**The Steeple deadline for February is January 18th.  
Thank you**

**Junior Church**– At the 11:00am service, after the children's moment with Pastor Keith, children will be dismissed to the education wing. This winter we will be using the *Digging Into Foundations of Faith* curriculum to answer the questions: "How Do I Live?"

Children who are preschool age and younger should report to the nursery. Children who are enrolled in elementary school will be divided into two classes: Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. To RSVP for Junior Church, please use [this link!](#) Please have your children join us even if you forget to RSVP. We always have room and extra supplies on hand.

**Junior Church Volunteers**- To support this program during the 11am service, we need your help please! We are looking for volunteers to serve as rotating lead and assistant teachers each week. If your child will be attending Junior Church, we ask that you please volunteer at least one Sunday this winter. **NO PREP WORK IS REQUIRED!!!** Activity directions and materials will be provided to you each Sunday morning. This volunteer opportunity is for both adults and youth. Current child abuse clearances must be on file with the church office in order to volunteer. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please sign up using [this link.](#)

**NEW!! Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study is starting a new study on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am!!** *Ruth: Loss, Love, and Legacy* by Kelly Minter. In this 7-session study from Kelly Minter, we'll examine Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy. We'll see how God proves Himself faithful as the One who rescues, revives, and restores. Please come along and join us as we follow the story of Ruth in Fellowship Hall on Thursday mornings, January 5<sup>th</sup> thru February 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 10:45am. Workbooks are \$15.00.

**All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast! |Saturday, Jan.21| 8:00-11:00am | Fellowship Hall** Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. \$7.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for ages 6-12 and under age 6 eat for free. Come and get your choice of Plain, Blueberry, Buckwheat or Chocolate Chip Pancakes and the options of eggs, bacon, sausage and/or home-fries to go with them. Wash it all down with coffee, tea or OJ and then go out and change the world!

**A Stitch and a Prayer |Saturday, Jan. 21 |10am to 2pm| Old Fellowship Hall** Sewing, knitting and crocheting blankets and prayer shawls for Linus Project, baptisms and ill in our church. Need help sorting, sewing, ironing, pinning, cutting.....all hands welcome. Bring a lunch!!!!

If you sew, crochet, or knit your talent can be used in making quilts for Project Linus, shawls for shut-ins or even lap robes for people in nursing homes. If you are not able to join us when we meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10-2, please contact Louise Himes, Mary Pouchot or Marge Kirkpatrick if you have questions regarding how you can help.

**Small group Bible Study | Thursday's at 8:00pm** in the Library Join Elaine Schmidt as she leads this small group. We hope to see you there!

**Small group Bible Study | Monday's**, at noon in the Wesley room, starting with delving into the text and sermon message of the previous Sunday. Feel free to bring a lunch. Please connect with Paul Sullivan at 724-687-0565.

**Ignite**- Bakerstown Youth Group meets on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30pm. Open to all kids from 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Weekly meetings, which include Bible study, worship, games, and fellowship and give all youth an opportunity to explore their faith while developing lasting friendships. If you want to be involved in our Youth Ministry Program, or have questions concerning a program, contact Pastor Keith at 724-443-3184 or [kdunn@bakerstownumc.org](mailto:kdunn@bakerstownumc.org)

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