

Bakerstown United Methodist Church
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Rev. Keith A. Dunn, Senior Pastor

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. ****

Sarris Candy Fundraiser

Please help support the Day School by ordering your chocolate for **Christmas** from Sarris. We earn a 25% profit with every online order! Please share the attached brochure and email it to anyone you think might be interested. Our Group ID# is 10-3713, and you can access the Sarris candies website by clicking [here](http://www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com). All orders will be shipped directly to the address you provide. Shipping is FREE, but a \$5.00 packaging and handling fee will be applied to each order by Sarris Candies (Orders must be placed through (www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com)). Last day to order Sarris candies online is Thursday, December 15, 2022. As always, participation is voluntary, but we think you will enjoy this yummy deal!

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 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.*

November 27, 2022 8:30am & 11:00am Worship Service
 * Please stand if able where indicated

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: God offers a vision of the peace He wants to bring into the world.

People: We have come to God's house that He may teach us His ways.

Leader: As we walk in the ways of the Lord, our lives are transformed into expressions of peace.

People: Let us worship the Lord of peace and light.

**Opening Worship*

"O Day Of God, Draw Nigh"	#730 ~ 8:30am
"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"	Rhythm of Grace
"Come As You Are"	Rhythm of Grace

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you know our warring nature. You teach us the way of peace. Come to us anew in the Spirit of Christ that his advent will bring peace and goodwill on earth. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1)

People: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family.

Leader: This is a place of joyful hope and of radical welcome.

People: It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Leader: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths'" (Isaiah 2:3).

People: We light this candle as a sign of our hope. It is our hope that our faith, our strength, and our confidence will be restored as we watch and wait for God's promise to be fulfilled.

Time With Children

Ministry of Music

"The Coming of the Lord" Sanctuary Choir ~ 8:30am

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

**Doxology*

**Prayer of Dedication*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Preparation

"I Want To Walk As A Child Of God"	#206 ~ 8:30am
"Here I Am To Worship"	Rhythm of Grace

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

Message

"Seeing a Word"
 Pastor Keith, Preaching

**Closing Worship*

"We've A Story to Tell to the Nations"	#569 ~ 8:30am
"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"	Rhythm of Grace

**Dismissal with Blessing*

**Postlude*

*Tithes or offerings can be placed in the offering plates at the back of 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!

The advent candles are given to the Glory of God by Gary and Sherry Torick

The advent bulletin covers we are using this week were given in Loving Memory of Izetta Wilson, with love from her family.

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.

Junior Church - After the children's moment with Pastor Keith, children will be dismissed to the education wing. 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 - 2nd grade and 3rd-5th grades. [Volunteer Sign up here](#)

Ignite- Bakerstown Youth Group meets on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30pm. Open to all kids from 6th-12th 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

Special Advent and Christmas Bulletins are available to purchase and sponsor. **Please indicate the week you would like to sponsor.** Please place this order form and your check into the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at 724-443-3184.

Advent—December 11	\$12
December 25	\$12
January 1	\$12
Epiphany- January 8	\$12

O In Honor of: _____

O In Memory of: _____

O To the Glory of God: _____

By _____

Happy Birthday

11/28 Andy Edinger

Happy Anniversary

11/27 Jim & Carol Skolnik

Children's Ministry Family Continental Breakfast - Families with children who are eligible to participate in our children's ministry programs (preschool-5th grade) are invited to attend an informal continental breakfast in between worship services on Sunday, December 11th, in New Fellowship Hall. Please drop in any time between 9:45 and 10:45am for food and fellowship. RSVP by 12/4 using this link: [RSVP HERE](#) Can't wait to see you there! Please contact Katie Lowell at klowell@bakerstownumc.org with any questions.

2023 JUNIOR CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!- To support this program during the 11am service, we need your help! 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!!! Kits will be provided to you each Sunday morning that include activity directions and materials. This volunteer opportunity is for both adults and youth. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4FAFAE2AAAFD0-2023>

Lighthouse Toy Shoppe at Bakerstown UMC—Pick a paper ornament from the Christmas tree in the Narthex. Bring back an unwrapped gift back under the tree, with your paper tag attached **by December 11th.**

We will be hosting the Lighthouse Toy Shoppe on Saturday, December 17th 9:00 am—1:00 pm. Your donations are greatly appreciated. It allows families in need to receive presents for Christmas for their children. **If you would like to volunteer on Saturday, please contact the church office 724-443-3184.** We are always in need of younger teenager gifts...some suggestions for them are make-up, jewelry, fishing rods and tackle boxes, hoodies (hooded sweatshirts), nerf toys, remote control helicopters/airplanes/cars, etc. ****The Lighthouse is also giving out \$25 gift cards for teenagers aged 16-18 this year, so if you would like to donate one, they'd appreciate it.**** Thank you so much for all of your support!



Lighthouse Donations: December— canned fruit/veggies

Advent with DIGGing Deeper– Sunday, Nov. 27 | 9:45am

We all come from someone, somewhere, and something—a people, a place, and a story. So does Jesus. In Roots: Advent and the Family Story of Jesus, we rediscover that Jesus—born naturally of a mother from a family line herself, and nurtured by a father who knew the names of his own kin many generations into the past comes from the family vine of the great King David, the son of Jesse, and from a long line of faithful men and women.

The idea known as a “Jesse Tree” will be our map. A Jesse Tree is an approach to the preparation season of Advent, leading us toward Christmas, that encourages us to revisit stories from the Hebrew Bible to help us gain insights into the family line of Jesus and the spiritual mandate of the child born to save the world.

The Neighborhood Table |Dec. 1 | Fellowship Hall

BUMC is continuing to partner with the Fox Chapel UMC to provide meals to the Sharpsburg Community.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the meal at BUMC starting at 2:30 PM. The meals are then transported to Sharpsburg and volunteers are needed there to help serve and clean up afterwards. This has been a very rewarding ministry so far, so please consider volunteering by calling Roger Cramer at 724-443-2847.

Drive Thru Dinner | Dec. 6 |Fellowship Hall

The Mission Team has been serving a monthly meal for The Lighthouse . If the Lord is calling you to participate in this ministry either by helping with food prep in the kitchen, packing meals, delivering them to our church friends or to cars, please plan on coming to the fellowship hall at 2:30pm, or if you have any other questions, please contact Carol Skolnik at cnik-skol@gmail.com.



The sanctuary choir will be hosting a Christmas concert by the Ellwood City Area Civic Chorale under the direction of Joyce Gindlesperger on **Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 PM**. There will be lots of familiar music sure to get you in the holiday spirit! Members of our choir will be joining with the Chorale for the sacred portion of the concert and the Glory Ringers bell ensemble will perform a piece. The offering proceeds will be donated to the Mission team in support of the important outreach ministries they provide. Please plan to be there and spread the word to your family and friends! Thank you!



The Women’s Annual Christmas Party is here! Every woman of the church is invited to attend on **Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm** in the Church Sanctuary. Sing Christmas carols, be entertained by a fun skit, hear a message from Pastor Alyce to inspire our hearts, and then enjoy some delicious desserts and good conversation downstairs in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!! Sign up in the Narthex or call the Church Office.

There will be NO junior church or Ignite this Sunday.

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27 8:30am Worship 9:45am DIGGing Deeper NO Junior Church 11:00am Worship NO Ignite	28	29	30 7:00pm Grief-share 7:00pm Church Council	1 9:00am Women’s Bible Study 2:30pm Neighborhood Table Prep 6:00pm Rhythm of Grace 7:00pm Choir/Bell Practice 8:00pm Small Group Bible Study	2	3	4 8:30am Worship 9:45am DIGGing Deeper 11:00am Junior Church 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Ignite

Poinsettia Order Form—Deadline Dec. 11

YOU can help decorate the church for the Advent Season, and enjoy your flowers for Christmas! Consider your purchase in memory of a loved one, to honor someone, or simply to the Glory of God this joyous season.

Fill out the form below, and include with your payment. Place in the offering plate during worship service or give to the church office. You may also mail in your order form through **December 11th**. Checks should be made payable to Bakerstown UMC with Poinsettia in the memo line

COST—\$9.00 each, 6 inch pots, with five to eight flowers

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please complete below **exactly** as you want it to appear in the bulletins on December 24th \$ 25th

Please order me: (mark the amount on the line)

___ Red

x \$9.00 = _____

___ White

x \$9.00 = _____

___ Marble

x \$9.00 = _____

☐ Given in loving memory of... _____

☐ *Given in honor of... _____

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