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Bakerstown United Methodist Church

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for the transformation of the world.*

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

December 5, 2021

8:30am & 11:00am Worship Service

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

Leader: We gather from places of conflict and chaos, seeking rest.
People: Let us find peace in the name of the Lord.

**Opening Worship*

"People Look East" #202 ~ 8:30am
"For Unto Us a Child is Born/Open The Eyes of My Heart"
"Our God" Rhythm of Grace

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Leader: As we journey through Advent, we remember that God's people waited four thousand years for the Messiah. We join with the hopeful throng in lighting the Advent candles as symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

People: We are a people of hope.

Leader: Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of desolation and sin. Hope lives in us and abides in us.

People: We light a candle as a sign of hope.

Leader: Today, we will light the candle of peace. This light must too brave the darkness. In an age when people seldom find light within themselves, we light a candle of peace. Peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the fullness of blessing for all.

People: This is the peace for which we dare to hope.

Leader: Christ comes to bring peace to those separated from God and each other. In the name of the child born long ago, we light the candle of peace.

People: By following Christ's teachings, we nurture our hope for peace even today.

Opening Prayer ~ 8:30am

God of Advent, we live in hope of the promise that you will bring peace to the world. Yet nations are in chaos and our lives are in turmoil. Help us to watch for the coming of your Son. Lead us through the chaos and give us peace. We pray in the name of your Son, Christ the Lord. Amen.

Children's Moment

Ministry of Music

"With Open Hearts, We Are Waiting" Sanctuary Choir ~ 8:30am
"My Soul Magnifies the Lord" Rhythm of Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Hymn

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #213~ 8:30am

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

Message

"Jesus Christ Son of God"
Pastor Keith, Preaching

A Service of Word and Table III #15

Instructions for Communion: at the entrance of the Sanctuary you will find individual wrapped communion elements. When it is time, to partake of communion, you may remove the top seal above the wafer and eat the wafer when instructed. Then, you will be asked to remove the foil seal from the juice. After carefully doing so, you may drink the cup when instructed. Please hold on to the cup following communion and place it in one of the waste baskets at the exit. If you need gluten free elements, they are available.

Closing Worship

"For The Bread Which You Have Broken" #614 8:30am
"Lead Me To The Cross" Rhythm of Grace

**Dismissal with Blessing*

**Postlude*

Poinsettia Order Form—Deadline Dec. 5

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 5th**. Checks should be made payable to Bakerstown UMC with Poinsettia in the memo line

COST—\$8.00 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 19th & 24th

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

___ **Red** x \$8.00 = _____

___ **White** x \$8.00 = _____

___ **Marble** x \$8.00 = _____

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By _____

Contact the church office with questions at 724-443-3184 or lstafura@bakerstownumc.org

Happy Birthday

12/06 Phil Swisher
12/08 Katie Mawhinney
12/09 Owen Cramer

12/09 Kim Zynn
12/10 Pam Lunn

Happy Anniversary 12/11 Chris & Tish Miller

Ladies!! **Every woman of the church is invited to attend the Women’s Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary.** We will have a devotional to inspire our hearts, we will sing some secular and religious carols, be entertained by a fun skit, and have plenty of time to socialize. As in past years, we will be supporting a local mission. This year the Deer Lakes Backpack Initiative to Fight Hunger has been chosen to receive our donations. You may bring a food item or a monetary contribution (make checks payable to D L Backpack Initiative or bring a cash donation). Some food items that can be best used are:

- fruit cups, fruit juice boxes, or packages of dried fruit,
- oatmeal packets, or individual boxes of cereal,
- peanut butter and/or crackers
- soup cups – tomato, chicken noodle, and vegetable,
- granola bars, cereal bars, or breakfast bars,
- single serving jello, pudding, or applesauce packs,
- cans of ravioli or spaghetti’s and/or boxes of macaroni and cheese,
- microwave popcorn, or individual packages of Goldfish or pretzels.

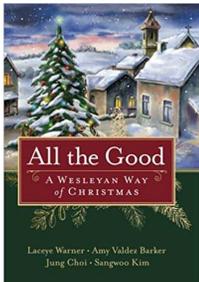
Please make plans to come and join your friends (maybe even make a new friend) as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord and Savior.



Lighthouse Donations: During the month of DECEMBER we are collecting boxed potatoes (any kind or flavor). Donations can be placed in the wooden bins next to the choir room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROUPS - MEETINGS - CLUBS - YOUTH - FELLOWSHIP



DIGging Deeper | Sunday at 9:45am | Wesley Room
 John Wesley and Advent do not often appear in the same sentence but DIGging Deeper's Advent study puts the two together. In *All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*, four Wesleyan scholars will take you on an Advent journey guided by the practices in John Wesley's means of grace. John Wesley's emphasis upon practices of piety and mercy—or good works—drew from the larger Christian tradition. Such practices are often referred to as means of grace.

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 5th

We will be hosting the Lighthouse Toy Shoppe on Saturday, December 11th 9:00 am—1:00 pm. Your donations are greatly appreciated. It allows families in need to receive presents for Christmas for their children. ***Look for the angel tree before Thanksgiving*** **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!

Drive Thru Dinner | Dec. 7th | Fellowship Hall

The Mission Team is committed to begin serving a monthly meal for The Lighthouse. Our vision is to be able to serve our neighbors in New Fellowship Hall whenever covid restrictions are lifted. If the Lord is calling you to participate in this new ministry in one capacity or another or if you have questions, please contact Carol Skolnik at cnikskol@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



I will be out of the office December 23th - January 2nd I will return to the office on Monday, January 3rd. **If you would like anything in the January newsletter, please have it to me by December 16th.**

Bulletin articles for December 19th & 26th are due Monday, December 13th.

Thank you. Lora Stafura ~ Office Administrator

Dear Parents, Pastor Keith loves doing children's messages with our children in the front of the church! We would like to remind you that our services are live streamed and archived on the internet. If you would prefer your children not appear in our videos, you can have them sit in the first pew while participating in our Children's Time. There are "Photo/Video Opt-Out" forms on the table under the video monitor in the Narthex for you to complete if you would prefer NOT to have your child's image in our videos. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Matt (mscott@bakerstownumc.org).

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30am Worship 9:45 DIGging Deeper 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Ignite		7:00pm Deuteronomy Bible Study Drive Thru Dinner	7:00pm Grief-share	9:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Rhythm of Grace 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir		Lighthouse Toy Shoppe	8:30am Worship 9:45am DIGging Deeper 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Ignite