

Ongoing Calendar Events

May 17-May 24

Sunday

9:45am Digging Deeper

11:00am Junior Church

6:00pm Youth Group

Monday

7:00pm Finance Team Meeting

Tuesday

6:30pm Heart and Hands

Wednesday

7:00pm Griefshare

7:00pm Church Council

Thursday

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Sunday

9:45am Digging Deeper

11:00am Junior Church

NO Youth Group

Happy Birthday

05/19 Mary Ann Wilson

05/21 Jim Fergus

05/22 Joyce Gindlesperger

05/24 Lisa Cope

Happy Anniversary

05/19 Parvez & Jamie Khambatta

For more details on events happening, please visit the church website
www.bakerstownumc.org or pick up a newsletter



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Rev. Keith A. Dunn, Senior Pastor

Rev. Amanda Mitchell, Associate Pastor



Confirmation Sunday

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

May 17, 2026

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

People: Through Christ, we are made one with God.

Leader: In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

People: Through Christ, we are made one in God.

Leader: Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

People: Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.

Leader: So, come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Opening Worship

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

#327~ 8:30am

“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”

Rhythm of Grace

“Here I Am To Worship”

Rhythm of Grace

Opening Prayer

God and Creator of all humankind, your son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one, even as you our God are one. May you renew our minds and rekindle your love in our hearts, so that by the power of the Spirit, we might find the Oneness that you intend for us. We pray in the name of our risen Lord. Amen.

Ministry of Music ~ 8:30am

“United In Christ”

Sanctuary Choir

Children’s Moment

The Offering

Offering of Our Tithes, Time and Lives

***Doxology *Prayer of Dedication**

Baptismal Covenant III ~ 11:00am

Owen Douglas Cramer

Liam Edwin Kennah

George Maximilian Miller

Emily Rae Van Lenten

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Preparation

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

#396~ 8:30am

“Your Name”

Rhythm of Grace

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Lesson

John 17:1-11

Message

“Listening to Jesus Pray”

Pastor Keith, Preaching

*Closing Worship

“A Charge To Keep I Have”

#413 ~ 8:30am

“Good Good Father”

Rhythm of Grace

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

** Please stand if able where indicated*

The baskets on the table 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!

Break Through Prayer

*Loving God, breakthrough the busyness of our lives
so that we might stop to hear your voice,
discern where you are leading and
go in the power of your Spirit in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Youth Ministry Director-We are looking for a part time Youth Director. Please keep this in your prayers and pass it on if you know anyone that would be interested.

Beginning in May, the Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study goes to "Third Thursdays @ 10am" for the Summer. All women of the church are welcome. Please consider dropping in to Fellowship Hall at 10:00am to join in one of these morning sessions with us. The dates and teachers leading each class are:
May 21 – Pastor Amanda Mitchell

So Long Spring, Hello Summer Potluck Sunday May 31st from 12:15-2pm we will hold our 3rd annual potluck for all ages! We are celebrating the end of spring and the beginning of summertime with fellowship (that means food and fun!). Games will be provided (but you can bring your own), some small decorations for VBS will be started, and a fun time will be had for all! This is for ALL AGES. The event will take place in New Fellowship Hall.

RSVP with the number of attendees and what you plan to bring [here](#). If you forget to register, you can still come!

The Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference will be held at Penn West University, California PA from **Thursday, June 3rd—Saturday, June 6th**. Pastor Keith, Pastor Alyce, Pastor Amanda, Patty Burdett, Mallory Miles, Chase Rinker, Olivia and Sam Gilligan, will be attending the conference. Please pray for them as they participate in this year's conference sessions. The conference will conclude on Saturday, June 6th.

Recognition of Graduations Sunday, June 14th please inform the church office of your accomplishments! Call Lora at 724-443-3184 or lstafula@bakerstownumc.org, and let us know the graduate's name, from where he or she is graduating, and with what degree, honors, or certificate. Please have all your information to the church office, no later than Monday, June 1st. All graduates are encouraged to come to either Worship Service.

Farewell for Pastor Amanda Sunday, June 14th
Pastor Amanda will be preaching at both services that Sunday, you will have an opportunity to meet with her in Fellowship Hall after the 8:30am service and say your personal farewells while saying thanks for her many contributions to ministry here. After the 11am service, we will move the event to the Narthex.

YOUTH CAMPING SCHOLARSHIPS
The Men's Group would like to encourage parents to consider sending their children to a faith-based camping experience this summer. As an added incentive, the UMM are providing scholarships to cover up to \$500 of the cost of the event your child would like to attend. There is a form to fill out, so if you are interested, please see Roger Cramer or Pastor Keith or call Lora in the church office (724-443-3184) to receive the form.

Vacation Bible School Registration is open!

June 22nd-26th from 9:00am-12:00pm!
We will journey from Creation through Revelation and explore the true nature of God at Rainforest Falls. To register for your child, please use the link here: [VBS Registration](#)
Want to help with VBS? If you would like to volunteer for VBS, please register using the link here: [Volunteer RSVP](#)

Important Clearance Notice: In order to volunteer, the church will need to have copies of your clearances. If you are unsure if we have your clearances, please reach out and we will let you know.
Contact Information
If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jennie at jsmith@bakerstownumc.org.

VBS Wishlists:
Amazon wishlist [linked here](#)
Group publishing wishlist [linked here](#)



This year for VBS, participants will dive into the book of Psalms! They have an opportunity to go home with their very own copy! If you are interested in donating, it costs \$4.49 per copy.



At Rainforest Falls VBS, kids will learn about the nature of God. One way we learn about this is by exploring creatures He has created and linking stories to verses each day. Bible Buddies are a physical representation of what we have learned. If you'd like to donate to the Bible Buddies, we can get enough for 10 kids for \$37.99.

VBS Donation requests:
Have any fake greenery (not Christmas trees or Christmasy items) you want to part with? Consider donating so we can turn our church into a Rainforest this summer! Greenery can be dropped off outside of the Children's ministry office, a box for donations will be placed there.

Last year, we had a prize table that was a major hit! Children who brought offering money for the mission team were given tickets for a daily prize drawing.

If you happen to see some small prizes while out and about and would like to donate to our prize table, please pick them up!

Examples of great items are:

- Sensory toys
- Small stuffed animals
- Small containers of slime or putty
- Other small novelty items

Adopt a Prop
Adopt a prop bags will be out the first Sunday in May so that you can help prep for VBS in the leisure of your own home! 😊
Sign up sheet and bags will be located in the Narthex. Deadline to return will be marked on the bags directly.