

Ongoing Calendar Events

August 23-30

Sunday

9:45am Digging Deeper

Monday

7:00pm Finance Team Meeting

Tuesday

6:30pm Day School Board Meeting

Wednesday

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

Sunday

9:45am Digging Deeper



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Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

Happy Birthday

08/23 Dawn Brennan

08/26 Janet Allaman

08/27 Keith Irwin

08/29 Alana McGrath

08/30 Jack DeVore

Happy Anniversary

08/28 Roger & Kay Cramer

Ushers & Greeters: The First Smile of the Church Beginning September 13th -

Greeters are often the first faces people see as they arrive. A warm welcome, a smile, and a kind word can help guests and members alike feel at home. Your ministry sets the tone for worship and reminds everyone that they are valued and loved.

Ushers play a vital role in helping the worship service flow smoothly. Ushers will receive the offering and reverently bring it to the front of the church during the service.

Serving with a smile is more than hospitality—it's ministry. May God continue to bless you as you welcome others in His name. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex, on the stand near the elevator, if you feel called to help with this ministry.

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

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

August 23, 2026

Liturgists: 8:30am ~ Paul McLeister 11:00am ~ Julie DeVore

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: God is the true vine and we are the branches.

People: We are bear fruit because we are connected to God.

Leader: When we lose our connection to the Lord, we wither away.

People: We are unable to do much without God's help.

Leader: We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

People: God, teach us how to remain connected to you.

***Opening Worship**

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

#526 ~ 8:30am

"Don't Stop Praying"

Rhythm of Grace

"Abide"

Rhythm of Grace

Opening Prayer

Lord God, you call us to be a people of prayer. You encourage us to pray without ceasing. Too often we have been quick to act without seeking your guidance, prone to worry when we should trust you and given to complaining rather than praising you for our blessings. Forgive us for relying on ourselves rather than seeking you. Empower us by your Spirit to pray without ceasing. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 15:1-8

Ministry of Music

Children's Moment

The Offering

Offering of Our Tithes, Time and Lives

***Doxology *Prayer of Dedication**

Baptismal Covenant II

#39

Allison Jean & Riley Iris Buccieri

Daughters of Corey & Kimberly Buccieri

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Preparation

"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"

#496 ~ 8:30am

"Make Room"

Rhythm of Grace

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

I Thessalonians 5:16-22

Message

"A Methodist Prays Constantly"

Pastor Keith, Preaching

***Closing Worship**

"Jesus Shall Reign"

#157 ~ 8:30am

"In Jesus Name (God of Possible)"

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.*

Liturgists will be used at both services; a sign-up sheet is on the stand near the elevator.

The flowers on the altar today, are given in celebration of Peter Thornburgh's life by his family and friends

Digging Deeper |9:45am |Wesley Room

The Growth of the Early Church: a series on the book of Acts

*Lighthouse Food Pantry Collection for the month of **August** – **Jello, Pudding and Fruit Cups***

Spag N Shine cleaning service will be stripping and waxing the new fellowship floors as well as cleaning the floor in the kitchen. These areas will be unavailable from August 24-August 28th. Any questions can be directed to Peggy Hill (peggywardhill@gmail.com) or call 330-687-4342

Upcoming Meetings

*****Please Note, Finance, Council and SPRC are 1 week later than usual due to a scheduling conflict**

Finance Meeting – August 24 |7:00pm

Church Council Meeting – August 26 | 7:00pm

SPRC Meeting – September 2 |7:00pm

Church Conference – September 29 | 6:00pm

All members of the church are encouraged and invited to attend this meeting with District Superintendent Ross Pryor. At this meeting everyone has a voice to vote.

The Neighborhood Table | Sept. 3| Fellowship Hall

Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study | Thursday September 3rd at 9:00am | Fellowship Hall The Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study will start back up with weekly gatherings. We will begin a NEW study by Lisa Harper - Song of Songs: The Love We Long For Sign up sheet in the Narthex, workbooks are \$15.00

Drive Thru Dinner | Sept. 8| Fellowship Hall

Tuesday Night Bible Study | Sept. 8 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for a study on the Old Testament book of Zechariah. Bring your bible and join us in a study of a book that foreshadowed events in the life of Jesus, show how God aided in rebuilding the temple on Israel’s return from exile, and gives some important glimpses of end times happenings as seen by Zechariah. Sign up sheet in the Narthex.

FUN Churchwide Project!! You may recall that the BUMC Women put together a cookbook of our favorite recipes this past June for Pastor Amanda to remember all of us by and to let her know how much we appreciated her time here with us. Since then, we have had numerous requests for copies of this cookbook!! So – we are going to publish the cookbook – and we would like to gather a few more recipes from others in the congregation.

Ladies – there were a few of you who said you were sorry you didn’t get your recipes to us in time, well, now’s your chance!! And if you have already submitted a recipe or two, feel free to send in another. We would like to add at least another 50 recipes to this cookbook of any type – but we are especially in need of the following categories: Appetizers & Beverages, Soups & Salads, Breads & Rolls, and Cookies & Candy. You have until **September 30th** to get them into Lora in the church office. Easiest way is to email them to lstafula@bakerstownumc.org But you can also drop off a paper copy to her as well. We will then have the cookbooks for sale just in time for Christmas! Thank you in advance for your contributions! ❤️

Youth Group Calling all 6th-12th graders!

Join us for the start of youth group on **Sept. 13th from 6-7:30 pm.** ! I hope you will join us! Please contact Jennie Smith at jsmith@bakerstownumc.org if you have any questions.



We are in need of volunteers for youth and children's ministry

If you are interested in volunteering for either (or both) [please fill out this interest form](#). In order to volunteer, we will need ACT 33, ACT 34 clearances on file and to complete Safe Sanctuaries training. Don't worry! We can help you make sure you have everything you need!