

Ongoing Calendar Events

September 13-20

Sunday

9:45am Digging Deeper
11:00am Junior Church
6:00pm Youth Group

Monday

7:00pm Finance Team Meeting

Tuesday

6:30pm Bible Study

Wednesday

7:00pm Church Council
7:00pm GriefShare

Thursday

9:00am Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice

Saturday

8:00am Pancake Breakfast
10:00am A Stitch and A Prayer

Sunday

9:45am Digging Deeper
11:00am Junior Church
12:15pm Children's Ministry Event
6:00pm Youth Group

Happy Birthday

09/14 Jennifer Kyle
09/16 Wally Swarmer
09/16 Caitlyn Brennen
09/19 Dylan Brennen

Happy Anniversary

09/20 Chris & Liz Sasada
09/20 Gregg & Sharon Platt

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



Bakerstown United Methodist Church

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Rev. Keith A. Dunn, Senior Pastor



...how often should
I forgive?
"Not **SEVEN** times,
but, I tell you,
**SEVENTY-
SEVEN**
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

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

September 13, 2026

Liturgists: 8:30am ~ Dawn Conroy 11:00am ~

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.

People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Leader: The divisions in our world can feel overwhelming, leaving us to wonder whether forgiveness can still make a difference.

People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Leader: We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reluctant to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.

People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Leader: As we gather for worship, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.

People: God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen.

***Opening Worship**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
“Your Grace is Enough”
“Hungry”*

*#89 ~ 8:30am
Rhythm of Grace
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Opening Prayer

Almighty God, who requires that we forgive those who wrong us, just as you forgave our sins. Give us grace to forgive one another that broken relationships may be restored and that we may grow in our appreciation of your grace. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson
Romans 14:1-12

Ministry of Music

Children’s Moment

The Offering

Offering of Our Tithes, Time and Lives

***Doxology *Prayer of Dedication**

Gaga Ball Pit Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Preparation

“Lord, Speak To Me”

“O Come To The Altar”

#463 ~ 8:30am

Rhythm of Grace

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18: 21-35

Message

*“The Challenge of Forgiveness”
Pastor Keith, Preaching*

***Closing Worship**

*“Freely, Freely”
“Forgiveness”*

#389 ~ 8:30am

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, Ushers and Greeters will be used at both services; a sign-up sheet is on the stand near the elevator.

Digging Deeper |9:45am |Wesley Room
The Growth of the Early Church: a series on the book of Acts

GriefShare | Wednesday's | 7:00pm | Wesley Room
GriefShare is a special support group designed to offer you help and encouragement after losing a loved one. GriefShare is a drop-in anytime group and open to anyone in the church or community. All are welcome.

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Meeting – September 14 | 7:00pm

Church Council – September 16 | 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.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study | 9:00am | Fellowship Hall 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

Tuesday Night Bible Study | 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.

All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast! |Saturday, Sept. 19 | 8:00-11:00am | Fellowship Hall Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, \$8.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for ages 6-12 and under age 6 eat for free.

A Stitch and a Prayer |Saturday, Sept. 20 |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!

It is Operation Christmas Child time! You are encouraged to bring in items that will be used to pack the shoeboxes that get sent around the world to help spread the love of Jesus. The donation box is in the Narthex. Suggested items are: small balls, dolls, stuffed animals, toy cars, small toys, toothbrushes, socks, combs and brushes, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, coloring books, notebooks. **Do not bring in: soap, candy, gum, toothpaste, food, liquids, breakable items, scary or war related items.**

Newsletter deadline for the October/November issue, Monday, September 21st. Thank you!

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.

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!

September Children's Ministry Event: Join us Sunday, **September 20th from 12:15-1:45pm** for our September Children's Ministry Event. This is a drop off event, lunch will be provided. Volunteers needed! To register your child, please [fill out this form.](#)

Lighthouse Food Pantry Collection for the month of September – Cereal, granola bars, cereal bars and Pop Tarts



BUMC Day school Mum Fall flower sale

9" Pots for \$11.00 each

All orders must be received by Sunday, September 20, 2026.

Pick-up will be Thursday, September 24th at Bakerstown United Methodist Church (in the front parking lot) beginning at 11:00 AM.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Flowers: _____ Orange*
_____ Lavender*
_____ Red*
_____ Yellow*
_____ White*

*Shades of colors can vary

Total Number of Mums _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: BUMC Day School
and mail to BUMC, 5760 William Flinn Highway, Gibsonia, PA 15044 or
drop in the offering plate.

*Due to circumstances beyond our control (weather, etc.), there may be certain colors that will not be available. We will do our best to fill the orders with the desired colors chosen. Please check below with your preference on substituting. Thank you for your understanding.

____ YES! Please substitute ____ NO THANK YOU, please DO NOT substitute

Thank you for your support!
Flowers supplied by McTighe's Garden Center, Glenshaw PA



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