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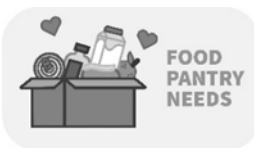
*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

## Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving in many ways:

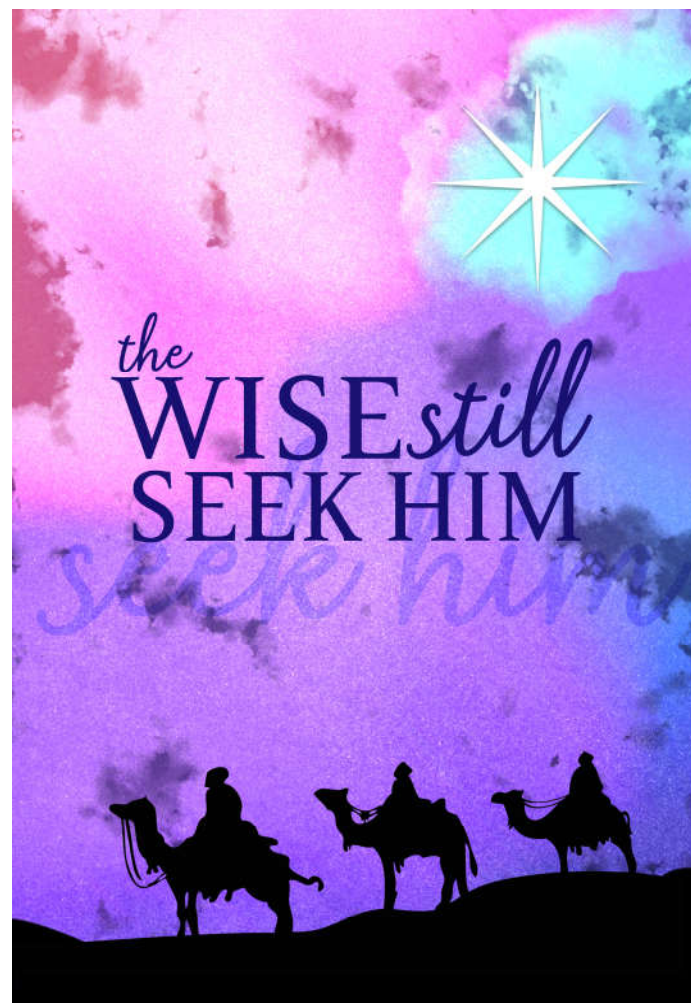
**Online Giving:** If you go to our website at [www.bakerstownumc.org](http://www.bakerstownumc.org) and select the donations link it will take you to a website that processes our electronic giving, called VANCO. Once you are there you can chose to set up a recurring donation, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

**Bill pay via your bank:** Many of us pay our bills via online banking. Why not set up Bakerstown UMC as one of your "bills"? Set up Bakerstown United Methodist Church 5760 William Flynn Highway Gibsonia, PA 15044 as the payee. From there you can select if it is a recurring donation or a one-time donation. The bank sends the church your donation via a paper check. This service costs nothing to you or the church and you can leave your checkbook at home and come immerse yourself in worship.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Cramer, Financial Secretary at 724-443-2847.



*Lighthouse Food Pantry Collection for the month of January are cooking oil, croutons, salad dressing, chili, saltines, canned soups and stews.*



**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.*

January 4, 2026 8:30am & 11:00am Worship Service

*\* Please stand if able where indicated*

### *Prelude*

### *Greeting & Announcements*

### *Call To Worship*

Leader: The Magi came from many places following a star.

**People: We come to worship and the star sheds light on our lives.**

Leader: The Magi brought gifts to offer to the child.

**People: We also bring the gifts of ourselves, our hopes and our dreams.**

### *\*Opening Worship*

*"We Three Kings"  
"Receive Our King"  
"How Many Kings"*

*#254 ~ 8:30am  
Rhythm of Grace  
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### *Opening Prayer*

Loving God, who acted in the Bethlehem birth and who sustains us with your gifts, we come to you seeking to be wise men and women. May the gifts of worship we offer you be signs, as were the gifts for those travelers of old, that wisdom is marked by an offering of self and substance to Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

### *Ministry of Music*

*"O Holy Night"*

*Sanctuary Choir ~ 8:30am*

### *Children's Moment*

### *Presentation of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings*

*\*Doxology ~ \*Prayer of Dedication*

### *Sharing of Joys and Concerns*

### *Song of Preparation*

*"What Child Is This"*

*#219*

### *Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer*

### *Scripture Lesson*

*Matthew 2:1-12*

### *Message*

*"We Three Kings"*

*Pastor Keith, Preaching*

### *A Service of Word and Table III* *#15*

### *\*Closing Worship*

*"The First Noel"*

*#245 ~ 8:30am*

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

*Rhythm of Grace*

### *\*Dismissal with Blessing*

### *\*Postlude*

*The advent bulletin covers are given in loving memory of Scott Rice, by The Toricks*

*\*Tithes or offerings can be placed in the offering plates at the rear 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!*

### Junior Church Continues!

**Junior Church is held every week during the 11:00 AM service for kids in PreK through 5th grade.**

- This spring, our focus will be on the New Testament with a specific look at the amazing emotions that God gives us and how we see those in the Bible.
- No sign-ups are needed ahead of time—just bring your kids, and they will be dismissed after the Children's Message.

### Volunteer for Junior Church

- **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNIOR CHURCH!**

Signups will be available on paper in the Narthex, and a digital signup will be emailed to the congregation.

**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 us know.**

#### Contact Information

**If you are interested in volunteering or coming to the Hearts and Hands team meeting, please email Jennie at**

**[jsmith@bakerstownumc.org](mailto:jsmith@bakerstownumc.org).**

### DIGging Deeper | Sunday | 9:45am | Wesley Room

Typical Advent studies focus on the gospels of Matthew and Luke. This Advent, DIGging Deeper is using the book *The Christmas Letters* by Rev. Magrey DeVega. You may or may not know the story of your birth. If you do, there is something special about hearing your origin story again and remembering how it all began for you. That's why we observe Advent: to celebrate how it all began for us. In *The Christmas Letters*, Magrey deVega invites you to hear about the miracle of Christ's birth from those who first told the story. The letters in the New Testament, known as the Epistles, contain the first attempts by the church to understand and celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation. They point us to the origins of what we believe about Jesus, fully human and fully divine. By spending time with these holy, ancient words this Advent, you'll come to know the meaning of Christ's coming like never before.

Read the New Testament letters, Romans, 1 John, Philippians, and Colossians as your first Christmas letters of the season and find within them an invitation from God to deepen your understanding of the Incarnation and embrace a fuller commitment to Jesus Christ

### Happy Birthday

01/04 Payton Streiff  
01/05 Debbie Lokay  
01/07 Lyla Kennah

01/08 Paul Sullivan  
01/10 Jayne Cain



The deadline for the February/March newsletter is **Monday, January 19th**. Thank you!

- The January Children's Ministry Event will be on Sunday, January 18th from 12:15 PM to 1:45 PM in New Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 AM service.

- o This month's ministry focus will be on the Lighthouse food pantry that our church supports.

- o Lunch will be included.

Here is a link to register your child for the event: [vbspro.events/p/bumcjan-cmevent](https://vbspro.events/p/bumcjan-cmevent)

If you would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to reach out!

**Note: Our monthly children's ministry events are drop-off events and are open to all children in PreK through 5th grade.**

### How to Get Involved

**Children's ministry can't happen without your help! We have great opportunities to serve both directly with kids and behind the scenes.**

### Join the Hearts & Hands Team

- Our next team meeting is on Tuesday, January 16th beginning at 6:00 PM. Food will be provided!

The more the merrier! If we have enough helpers, we will have some working on prepping materials and others assisting with reorganizing the children's ministry storage in the balcony.



Look for a new streamlined bulletin coming soon!

\*\*\***This is a reminder from Financial Secretary, Kay Cramer:**\*\*\* Contributions for the year 2025 will be accepted until **TODAY**. All checks must be dated for 2025 and in Kay Cramer's hand by **TODAY**. If you have any questions, please give Kay a call at 724-443-2847. \*\*\*

**“Men Doing Stuff” | January 5th | 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall**

We will meet to have dinner and then put away the Christmas decorations. If you can join us, please shoot an email so we make sure we have enough food. Email: [bakerstownumm@gmail.com](mailto:bakerstownumm@gmail.com)

**Drive Thru Dinner | Jan. 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 another questions, please contact Carol Skolnik at [cnikskol@gmail.com](mailto:cnikskol@gmail.com).

**The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study** will continue the 8 week study begun in November - The Way of Wisdom: A Study in the Book of Proverbs, on **January 8<sup>th</sup> through February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**. We will be learning about Wisdom in Friendships, Wisdom at Work, Wisdom at Home, and Wisdom with our Words. Come and join us!! No homework! No workbook!

**GriefShare's Winter 2026** We meet once a month in January and February: **Monthly Winter Sessions January 14<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup> – 7pm to 8:30pm** \*\*New Session Series begins again weekly March 4th.



**Bakerstown Methodist Women's Third Annual**

**“Sleep In Your Own Bed” Retreat!**

Ladies – Please join with us on **Friday night January 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and again on Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00am to 2:30pm at the church**. Rev. Alyce Weaver Dunn will be leading this retreat for us. Last year we had

44 women attend!! Come and join us again in 2026 and spend part of a wintry weekend with Jesus and each other. You can even come in your jammies if you want! So grab a friend and sign up!! Snacks will be available Friday night and a Continental Breakfast and a Soup & Sandwich Luncheon will be served on Saturday. No need to bring anything except your Bible and yourself!! Cost is \$20 per person to cover the cost of food and supplies. Please RSVP to Lora in the church office or sign the sign up sheet in the Narthex by Friday January 23rd. Hope to see you there!!!!!!!!!!

**Pancake Breakfast price increase**

Due to the ever rising cost of the food and supplies used at the pancake breakfasts, the prices will go up starting with the January 17, 2026 breakfast.

The new prices are:

Adults: \$8.00

Youth ages 6-12 years: \$4.00

Under age 6: Free

It will be the same great all-you-can-eat style breakfast, and the price increase will help the Men's Group continue to be able to support many different activities within the church and the community.

**All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast! | Saturday, Jan. 17 | 8:00-11:00am | Fellowship Hall** Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am to 11:00 am

| Today   | Monday                                    | Tuesday  | Wednesday | Thursday                                      | Friday   | Saturday  | Sunday   |
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| <b>4</b><br><b>9:45am</b> DIGGing Deeper<br><b>11:00am</b> Junior Church<br><b>6:00pm</b> Youth Group | <b>5</b><br><b>6:30pm</b> Men Doing Stuff | <b>6</b><br><b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study<br><br>Drive Thru Dinner | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br><b>9:00am</b> Women's Bible Study | <b>9</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br><b>9:45am</b> DIGGing Deeper<br><b>11:00am</b> Junior Church<br><b>6:00pm</b> Youth Group |