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GriefShare | Wednesday's | 7:00pm till 8:30pm | Wesley Room

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to offer you help and encouragement after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Our GriefShare program is co-led by Rev. Bill Dambach, Marcia Shipley, Tim McDermott, Judy Moore, and Marge Kirkpatrick.



Sarris Candy Fundraiser

We are once again selling Sarris Candies to help raise funds for the **Bakerstown UM Day School**.

Ordering is sweet and simple!

Please use this link <https://www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com/Group.aspx?id=10-3713> to shop. Browse from hundreds of your

favorite Sarris Candies products and checkout online. **Online Ordering is open through December 15, 2023.** Your order will be shipped directly to your house and our group will earn 25% profit! (There is a \$5.00 flat rate shipping charge that will be added on by Sarris.)

We appreciate you supporting the Bakerstown UM Day School and helping us reach our fundraising goals! Thank you!



Lighthouse Food Pantry Collection for the month of November are bags/box of instant potatoes, bags/boxes of rice mixes, gluten free stuffing mix.



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Rev. Keith A. Dunn, Senior Pastor

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



We must always
give thanks to God
for you ... because your

faith

is growing abundantly.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3, NRSV



Pastor 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.*

November 12, 2023 8:30am & 11:00am Worship Service

* Please stand if able where indicated

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: We gather as a people who seek to grow in our faith.
People: **We come to be encouraged as we face the difficulties of life.**
Leader: We worship God who is working in our lives.
People: **Let us glorify the name of the Lord.**

**Opening Worship*

"Amazing Grace" #378~ 8:30am
"Indescribable" *Rhythm of Grace*
"How Deep The Father's Love For Us" *Rhythm of Grace*

**Opening Prayer*

We give you thanks, O God, for the ways you are working in our lives. You bless us with days of health and prosperity. You empower us to love each other. You walk with us during the challenges we face. We praise you God for helping us to grow in our faith. When we get discouraged by how far we must go, remind us of just how far you have brought us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Time With Children

Dedication of OCC boxes

Ministry of Music

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Preparation

"Blest Be The Ties That Bind" #557 ~ 8:30am
"You Say" *Jocelyn Detar*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

II Thessalonians 1:1-12

Message

"Thanking God for Maturing Faith"
Pastor Keith, Preaching

**Closing Worship*

"Faith While Trees Are Still In Blossom" #508~ 8:30am
"Walk By Faith" *Rhythm of Grace*

**Dismissal with Blessing*

**Postlude*

*Tithes or offerings can be placed in the baskets and offering plates around 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 - After the children's moment with Pastor Keith, children will be dismissed to the education wing. Children who are preschool age and younger should report to the nursery. Children who are enrolled in elementary school will be divided into two classes: Kindergarten - 2nd grade and 3rd-5th grades. To RSVP your children for Junior Church, please use this link: [Junior Church RSVP](#)

Junior Church Volunteers - To support this program during the 11am service, we need volunteers to serve as rotating lead and assistant teachers each week. If your child will be attending Junior Church, we ask that you please volunteer at least one Sunday this fall. NO PREP WORK IS REQUIRED!!! On Sunday morning, activity directions and materials will already be set up in the classroom for you. This volunteer opportunity is for both adults and youth. All volunteers must have current child abuse clearances on file with the church office. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please sign up using this link: [Junior Church Volunteers](#)

Men Doing Stuff!

There will not be a "Men Doing Stuff" dinner on Monday, December 4th. Instead, we are seeking men and boys to volunteer to help cook, serve and clean up at the Women's Holiday Brunch on Saturday, December 9th. Volunteers will be needed from 8:00 am till cleanup is done around 10:30 am. This will be a great opportunity to show our appreciation to the women that mean so much to us. If you can help, please email me at: bakerstownumm@gmail.com

Since the first Monday of January is New Years Day, the Men Doing Stuff get together is being moved to January 8th starting with dinner at 6:30 pm. After dinner, we will have the First Annual Spider Scavenger Hunt. This promises to be a great night of fun as we split up in teams and scour the church to see who can clean up the most spiderwebs in the building!

Lighthouse Toy Shoppe at Bakerstown UMC—Pick a paper ornament from the Christmas tree (*tree coming soon!*) in the Narthex. Bring back an unwrapped gift back under the tree, with your paper tag attached **by December 10th**

We will be hosting the Lighthouse Toy Shoppe on Saturday, December 16th 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!**

Happy Birthday

11/12 Natalie Lowell
11/13 Jim Skolnik
11/14 Nancy Shipley
11/17 Patti Sworden

Happy Anniversary

11/14 Dean & Ellen Kelley
11/15 Michael & Penny Fischetti

Women at the Well| Sundays | 9:50 - 10:45am | Library. There will be short bible study lessons and discussion questions. Come spend some time with fellow Christian women and learn about different things in the life of our Lord. All women are invited to attend. Please join us, if you have questions or thoughts please contact Kim Szelc 412-908-4723 or kszelc@zoominternet.net

Bakerstown Youth Group—Bakerstown Youth Group meets on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30pm. Open to all kids from 6th-12th grade. Weekly meetings, which include Bible study, worship, games, and fellowship and give all youth an opportunity to explore their faith while developing lasting friendships. If you want to be involved in our Youth Ministry Program, or have questions concerning a program, contact Pastor Keith at 724-443-3184 or kdunn@bakerstownumc.org

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

Join together in a study of "The Messianic Strain of the Old Testament—Fore Shadows and Predictions of the Messiahs Coming"

Bring your bible and learn about the coming of the Messiah as it is found in the Old Testament. Please call the church office, 724-443-3184 or email Lora at lstafura@bakerstownumc.org if you plan on attending.

DIGGing Deeper| 9:45am | Wesley Room

Coming to DIGGing Deeper for Quick Shots: Fast Answers to Hard Questions. This video series by former atheist turned apologist and cold case detective J. Warner Wallace offers brief answers to common objections to the Christian worldview. Is there really no evidence for God's existence? Are there any good reasons to believe in miracles? Who created God? Can you trust the Bible if it was written by humans? Is the Bible full of contradictions? Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Wesley Room as we examine these and many more questions that nonbelievers use to challenge Christians.



Bakerstown United Methodist Church is seeking a Children's Ministry Director for 10 to 15 hours a week. All inquiries or questions can be made to Bakerstownumchurch@gmail.com or Bakerstown UMC, Attention: Paul, 5760 William Flynn Highway, Gibsonia, PA 15044.

GriefShare “Surviving the Holidays” Seminar - November 15 at 7pm

You are invited to a GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar, on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Wesley Room. For those who have lost a loved one, the Thanksgiving and Christmas season can be bleak. This evening will offer practical strategies and coping tools for making it through the holiday season following the loss of a loved one. You will view a video featuring advice from people in grief who’ve faced the holidays after their loss. You’ll hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists, as well as other experts in the field of grief support.

At this Surviving the Holidays Seminar, you’ll also meet with other grieving people who have an understanding of what you’re going through. They won’t judge you or force you to share, but will accept you where you are and will offer comfort and support.

This event is open to anyone in the church and/or the community. Feel free to bring friends or family members with you. For more information, call the church office at 724-443-3184.

**GriefShare regular drop in anytime meetings continue weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7pm: 11/1; 11/8; 11/15 (Surviving the Holidays seminar); 11/22 (no meeting, Thanksgiving Eve), 11/29; 12/6; and 12/13.



The deadline for the December /January Steeple is Monday, November 20th. Thank you! PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A COMBINED ISSUE

All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast! |Saturday, Nov. 18| 8:00-11:00am | Fellowship Hall Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, \$7.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for ages 6-12 and under age 6 eat for free. Come and get your choice of Plain, Blueberry, Buckwheat or Chocolate Chip Pancakes and the options of

eggs, bacon, sausage and/or home-fries to go with them. Wash it all down with coffee, tea or OJ and then go out and change the world!

A Stitch and a Prayer |Saturday, Nov. 18 |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!!!! If you sew, crochet, or knit your talent can be used in making quilts for Project Linus, shawls for shut-ins or even lap robes for people in nursing homes. If you are not able to join us when we meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10-2, please contact Louise Himes, Mary Pouchot or Marge Kirkpatrick if you have questions regarding how you can help.



Tuesday, November 28 | 10am Please join us on Tuesday as we decorate the church for the upcoming Christmas season! Thank you

CHRISTMAS PARTY!! All women of the church are invited to attend the Women’s Christmas Brunch on **Saturday morning, December 9th at 9:00** in Fellowship Hall. Join us for good food, fun, and fellowship. To RSVP please contact Lora in the office, or the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



Our Thanksgiving week service will be posted online on Wednesday, November 22nd on our YouTube channel and the Church’s website. Join us online as we give Thanks to God for all our Blessings.

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12 8:30am Worship NO Digging Deeper 9:50am Women At the Well 11:00am Junior Church 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Children’s Ministry Mission Event 6:00pm Ignite	13 7:00pm Finance Team Meeting—Hybrid	14 6:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Friends-giving	15 7:00pm Grief-share 7:00pm Church Council—Hybrid	16 9:00am Women’s Bible Study 6:00pm Rhythm of Grace 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir	17	18 8:00am Pancake Breakfast 9:00am Youth Mission Trip to Mission Barn 10:00am A Stitch and A Prayer	19 8:30am Worship 9:45am Digging Deeper 9:50am Women At the Well 11:00am Junior Church 11:00am Worship NO Ignite