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Bakerstown United Methodist Church

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

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.*

December 12, 2021 8:30am & 11:00am Worship Service

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Leader: As a people of hope and peace, it is easy to be discouraged by the darkness around us. We will be lighting the candle of joy today to remind us of the Good News brought by the Christ.

People: We light the candles of hope and peace.

Leader: We delight in the light they bring into the dark. As we see their glow, we feel the warmth of deep and quiet joy.

People: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns. Let our songs employ.

Leader: We light the candle of joy for God's love graciously, silently and vulnerably offered. Let us sing in the name of Christ who offers hope in the prison of despair and peace in the chaos of life.

People: Let us sing to the glory of God.

*Opening Worship

"Joy To The World" *#246 ~ 8:30am*
"Joy Of The Lord" *Rhythm of Grace*
"Angels We Have Heard On High (Deo)" *Rhythm of Grace*

Opening Prayer ~ 8:30am

Almighty God, you have given us salvation by the gift of your Son. Everything we have and hope to be comes from your gracious hand. Fill us with your joy as we prepare our hearts, minds, and lives for the coming of the Messiah. We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Children's Moment

Ministry of Music

"Come, Emmanuel" *Sanctuary Choir ~ 8:30am*
"Christmas Offering" *Rhythm of Grace*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Hymn

"What Child Is This" *#219~ 8:30am*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:1-4

Message

"An Orderly Account"
Pastor Keith, Preaching

Closing Worship

"There's A Song In The Air" *#249 ~ 8:30am*
"How Many Kings" *Rhythm of Grace*

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

**Offering will not be collected by passing plates. If you brought tithes or offerings to give, there are tables with baskets and plates set around the sanctuary where you can bring your gift to.*

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!

There will be NO Children's Church on Sunday, December 26 or Sunday, January 2nd.

Ladies!! **Every woman of the church is invited to attend the Women's Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary.** We will have a devotional to inspire our hearts, we will sing some secular and religious carols, be entertained by a fun skit, and have plenty of time to socialize.
As in past years, we will be supporting a local mission. This year the Deer Lakes Backpack Initiative to Fight Hunger has been chosen to receive our donations. You may bring a food item or a monetary contribution (make checks payable to D L Backpack Initiative or bring a cash donation). Some food items that can be best used are:

fruit cups, fruit juice boxes, or packages of dried fruit,
oatmeal packets, or individual boxes of cereal,
peanut butter and/or crackers
soup cups – tomato, chicken noodle, and vegetable,
granola bars, cereal bars, or breakfast bars,
single serving jello, pudding, or applesauce packs,
cans of ravioli or spaghettio's and/or boxes of macaroni and cheese,
microwave popcorn, or individual packages of Goldfish or pretzels.

Please make plans to come and join your friends (maybe even make a new friend) as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord and Savior.

Lighthouse Donations: During the month of DECEMBER we are collecting boxed potatoes (any kind or flavor). Donations can be placed in the wooden bins next to the choir room.

Happy Birthday

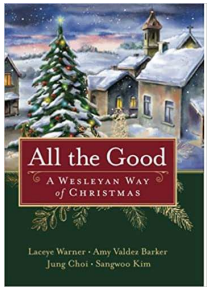
12/13 Julien Marentay
12/17 Jeff Reynolds
12/17 Annie Haselrig
12/17 Matthew Sarver
12/17 Todd Mankamyer

Family Service—4:30 pm
This Praise and Worship service is particularly designed for families with children. There is a celebration of Christ's birth in a relaxed atmosphere appreciating the child in all of us as we welcome the birth of the child of heaven. This service will be live streamed on our YouTube Channel.

Carols & Candlelight—7:30pm & 9:30pm
These services are a celebration of Christ's birth with joyful singing of carols and the beauty of candlelight. Enjoy the surrounding beauty and the warmth of God's love during this special time. The 7:30pm service will be live streamed on our YouTube Channel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROUPS-MEETINGS-CLUBS-YOUTH-FELLOWSHIP



DIGGing Deeper | Sunday at 9:45am | Wesley Room

John Wesley and Advent do not often appear in the same sentence but DIGGing Deeper's Advent study puts the two together. In All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas, four Wesleyan scholars will take you on an Advent journey guided by the practices in John Wesley's means of grace. John Wesley's emphasis upon practices of piety and mercy—or good works—drew from the larger Christian tradition. Such practices are often referred to as means of grace.

I will be out of the office December 23th - January 2nd I will return to the office on Monday, January 3rd. **If you would like anything in the January newsletter, please have it to me by December 16th**.

Bulletin articles for December 19th & 26th are due Monday, December 13th.

Thank you. Lora Stafura ~ Office Administrator

Dear Parents, Pastor Keith loves doing children's messages with our children in the front of the church! We would like to remind you that our services are live streamed and archived on the internet. If you would prefer your children not appear in our videos, you can have them sit in the first pew while participating in our Children's Time. There are "Photo/Video Opt-Out" forms on the table under the video monitor in the Narthex for you to complete if you would prefer NOT to have your child's image in our videos. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Matt (mscott@bakerstownumc.org).

No Pancake Breakfast in December, January and February

The UMM will not be doing a Pancake Breakfast in January or February 2022.

We will assess the situation in February to see if we can return to indoor dining or if we will need to continue with Drive-Thru Breakfasts in March 2022.

Many thanks to everybody that has supported our Drive-Thru Breakfast in 2021.

This is a reminder from Financial Secretary, Kay Cramer: Contributions for the year 2021 will be accepted until Sunday, January 2, 2022. All checks must be dated for 2021and in Kay Cramer's hand by Sunday, January 2, 2022. If you have any questions, please give Kay a call at 724-443-2847. ***

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12 **8:30am** Worship **9:45** DIGGing Deeper **11:00am** Worship **6:00pm** Ignite	**13**	**14** **7:00pm** Deuteronomy Bible Study	**15** **7:00pm** Griefshare	**16** **6:30pm** Rhythm of Grace **7:30pm** Sanctuary Choir	**17**	**18**	**19** **8:30am** Worship **9:45am** DIGGing Deeper **11:00am** Worship **6:00pm** Ignite