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### **Women's Bible Study | Thursday's | Fellowship Hall**

We will start a NEW study on Esther by Kelly Minter. In this 7-session study, Kelly Minter invites you into the daring faith modeled by Esther and her cousin Mordecai—a faith rooted in the goodness of God, lived out through extraordinary circumstances, and used to change the world. Although our time looks different from Esther's, our God is just as active and faithful today, and He has called you for such a time as this. If you would like a workbook, they are \$20.00.

**Junior Church** during the 11:00am service. This fall we will be diving into the Old Testament and learning about how God's promises point to Jesus!

We will not have an online RSVP for kids attending Junior church this fall, but will have volunteer sign ups online and in person in the Narthex. Signups for volunteering will be emailed out to the congregation early next week and put out on the Children's Ministry table in the Narthex.

### **GriefShare | Wednesday's | 7:00pm | Welsey Room**

GriefShare is a special 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.

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

Join together in a study of "The Holy Spirit"

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How many times have we said that? Yet, what do we really know about the third member of the Godhead? The value of studying the Holy Spirit can be seen in noticing His prominence in several areas.



## **Bakerstown United Methodist Church**

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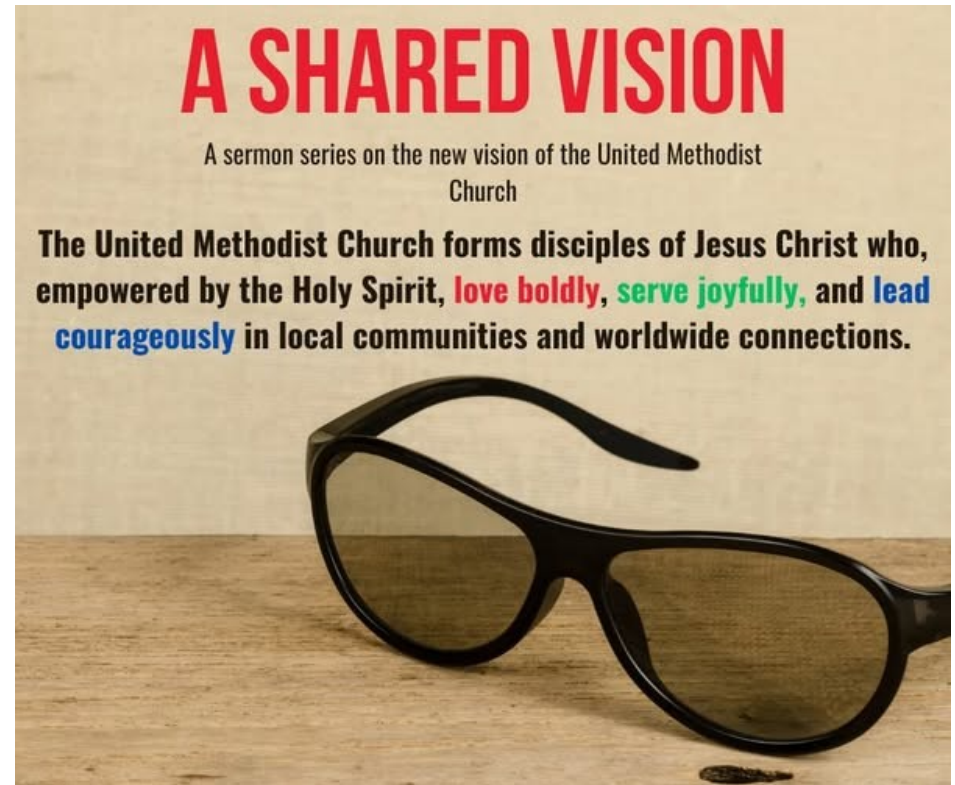
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*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*



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.*

September 21, 2025                      8:30am & 11:00am    Worship Service

*\* Please stand if able where indicated*

### *Prelude*

### *Greeting & Announcements*

### *Call To Worship*

Leader: Brothers and sisters, have you loved your neighbor by stopping to help or have you passed them by?

**People: We come to the Lord to learn how to show mercy.**

Leader: Come to God, that you may receive mercy.

**People: Let the Lord teach us how to love.**

### *\*Opening Worship*

*"Jesu, Jesu"*

*"Less Like Me"*

*"All Because of Mercy"*

#432~ 8:30am

*Rhythm of Grace*

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### *Opening Prayer*

Holy Lord, we come to confess our lack of love. We have neither loved ourselves nor our neighbors. We have passed by suffering and misfortune because of fear, busyness or preoccupation. We have held onto our prejudices against others. Heal our pain, mend our faults and guide us in ways of compassion. We pray in the name of Jesus our most beloved neighbor and Lord. Amen.

### *Children's Moment*

### *Ministry of Music ~ 8:30am*

*"To God Be The Glory"*

*Glory Ringers*

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

*\*Doxology ~ \*Prayer of Dedication*

### *Costa Rica Mission Team Presentation*

### *Song of Preparation*

*"Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"*

*"At The Cross Love Ran Red"*

#402~ 8:30am

*Rhythm of Grace*

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

### *Scripture Lesson*

*Luke 10:29-37*

### *Message*

*"Loving Our Neighbor Boldly"*

*Pastor Keith, Preaching*

### *\*Closing Worship*

*"Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life"*

*"All The People Said Amen"*

#427~ 8:30am

*Rhythm of Grace*

### *\*Dismissal with Blessing*

### *\*Postlude*

\*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!

*There is a prayer for back to school included on an insert in the bulletin this week, written by Pastor Amanda and used by the Conference in the E-News.*

The mission team, to Costa Rica will be giving a report at both services today and will be available during the Sunday School hour for conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

**There will be NO SPRC meeting this month.**

### Men Doing Stuff dates

The "Men Doing Stuff" group will meet on **Monday, Oct 6th**. This is an informal chance for the men of the church to get together to enjoy a dinner and then do a work project based on the needs of the church at the time. Dinners start at 6:30 and we are typically done with the work between 8:00 - 8:30 pm.

### Drive Thru Dinner | Tues. Oct. 7 | 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 other questions, please contact Carol Skolnik at [cniskol@gmail.com](mailto:cniskol@gmail.com).

**Mark your calendars for the annual Church Conference on Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00pm at Bakerstown United Methodist Church/Fellowship Hall.** All members of the church are encouraged and invited to attend this meeting with District Superintendent Paul Richey, presiding. At this meeting everyone has a voice to vote.

**Phone directory update- \*\*\*Last chance to update your information\*\*\*** I will be printing a new phone directory in the next week. If you have moved, have a new email address, or had a change in your phone number, **please** contact the church office at 724-443-3184 or email me at [lstafura@bakerstownumc.org](mailto:lstafura@bakerstownumc.org) or make a note on the sign in sheet.

### Adopt a Spot

We are looking for volunteers that would like to "Adopt a Spot" on our church property. Responsibilities would be to weed and beautify the spot you adopt. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. If you would like more information please contact Peggy Hill 330-687-4342 or [peggywardhill@gmail.com](mailto:peggywardhill@gmail.com)

### Happy Birthday

09/21 Leaugeay Staub  
09/21 Beth Joyce  
09/22 Catie Edinger  
09/22 Jeff Amick

09/24 Bill Shepherd  
09/26 Anne Stevens  
09/27 Ashley Mankamyer

**Our first Children's Ministry event this fall will be on Sunday, September 21st from 12:15pm-1:45pm** in New Fellowship Hall. This is a drop off event and lunch will be provided for all children and volunteers. We will have lunch, a lesson/story, a game, and an additional activity. Each month we will focus on a ministry or mission our church supports and ways that our children can support the ministry. For September we will be focusing on our church's partnership with a church in Costa Rica.

To register your child or to register to volunteer, please use [this link](#).

### ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED!!

**Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall "Potluck Picnic with Pastor Amanda!!"**

We plan to provide a main dish – ham or chicken – and the drinks - iced tea, lemonade, and ice water - so bring your favorite potluck dish to share – potato casserole, vegetable side dish, fruit platter, salad, dessert, whatever - and enjoy a fun evening with friends as we get to know one another better including a Q and A with Pastor Amanda. So come with your questions! It will be a fun night for sure!! Sign up in the Narthex or contact Lora Stafura in the church office. \*\*\*Any women over 80yrs old, or moms with children under five, please just come and enjoy yourselves – no need to bring a potluck dish to share. And anyone with a crazy busy schedule and no time to cook, please consider donating \$5 to the Women's Ministry in lieu of bringing a dish. At BUMC, there is ALWAYS enough food! We just want you to enjoy a fun evening out.\*\*\*

**The first meeting of the Hearts & Hands team will be on Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm in the Wesley Room.** All congregation members are welcome to join this new team focused on supporting Children's Ministry, without even needing to interact directly with a child! At this event, we will work on setting up materials for the next few weeks of Junior Church and Children's ministry events as well as provide input on planning some upcoming events. Dinner will be provided, so please be sure to notify Jennie if you have any dietary restrictions or needs. To RSVP for this new team, please email Jennie directly at [jsmith@bakerstownumc.org](mailto:jsmith@bakerstownumc.org).

**Volunteer Appreciation Day** is **September 28** between worship services. If you have donated financially to support the work of the mission team or prayed for our mission, baked desserts for The Neighborhood Table or the Drive Thru Dinner, delivered meals to our church family folks, or given of your time and talents in any way, you are part of the BUMC Mission Team! Please make sure to enjoy a special treat and some fellowship as we express our appreciation for you.

**The Neighborhood Table | Thurs. Oct. 2 | Fellowship Hall**  
 BUMC is continuing to partner with the Fox Chapel UMC to provide meals to the Sharpsburg Community.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the meal at BUMC starting at 2:30 PM. The meals are then transported to Sharpsburg and volunteers are needed there to help serve and clean up afterwards. This has been a very rewarding ministry so far, so please consider volunteering by calling Roger Cramer at 724-443-2847.

**DIGGing Deeper | Sunday | 9:45am | Wesley Room |Oct. 5**  
 Victor Hugo’s Les Misérables is a truly epic story. First published in 1862, the novel has been made into movies and immensely popular musical productions. If you have read the 1400 page book, seen one of the movie versions or enjoyed one of the musical productions, you are familiar with the story and the easy to identify with characters.

In the six-week study The Grace of Les Misérables, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo’s story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world.

In keeping with his previous works, Matt Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world.



**BLESSING  
OF THE PETS**  
**Sunday, Oct. 5**  
**2 PM**  
**CHURCH  
PARKING LOT**

All pets are welcome. Dogs must be leashed.

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>21</b> <b>9:45am</b> Costa Rica Team (Fellowship Hall) <b>11:00am</b> Junior Church <b>12:15pm</b> Children’s Ministry Event <b>6:00pm</b> Youth Group	<b>22</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Women’s Potluck	<b>23</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Heart and Hands  <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study	<b>24</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Grief Share	<b>25</b> <b>9:00am</b> Women’s Bible Study  <b>7:00pm</b> Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9:45am</b> DIGGing Deeper <b>11:00am</b> Junior Church <b>6:00pm</b> Youth Group





BUMC Day school Mum Fall flower sale

**9" Pots for \$11.00 each**

**All orders must be received by Sunday, September 21, 2025.**

**Pick-up will be Thursday, September 25th 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 give completed form with payment to your child's teacher or Lora Stafura.**

**\*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*

### **Creator God,**

We lift up children, teens, and young people who are have either just entered classrooms or will soon. We pray for a hedge of protection to be around each of them. We pray that you will grant your strength to our kids and young people. We pray for them to be a voice of justice and kindness in their schools and classrooms, sports fields and gymnasiums, and in their clubs and activities. Overflow our students with your love and grace so they may share the love and grace of Jesus with others they meet. We pray a special prayer for students where school is a struggle and not always a safe place. Please bring a friend to them so they don't feel so alone.

We lift up teachers to you as well. We know that each student and teacher has been partnered not by accident, but with a holy purpose. May the teachers in our communities be filled with an unspeakable joy and loving hearts knowing that they set the tone in their classrooms and beyond. We pray that you will sustain them when things are hard and celebrate with them when things are good.

We pray for the staff, administration, and school boards of our community schools. We lift up custodians, cafeteria workers, aides, secretaries, safety officers, bus drivers, and school nurses. May our administration, principals, and school boards make decisions that allow all students to feel safe, secure, and loved. Fill the school staff with your power as the days can be long and difficult. Fill them with peace and endurance.

We lift up parents and guardians who are sending their children to school perhaps for the first time and for those who have been sending their kids to school for years. We pray for your peace to surround their hearts. We know, Lord, that our kids do not go alone but they have a good God that goes with them. We pray for parents and guardians who are home schooling or cyber schooling their children. Grant them the time and patience they need to educate their children.

Finally, Lord, we also pray for our churches as this time of year brings new programming and the returning of other ministries. We pray that our ministries to children, youth, adults, and older adults may be a beacon of hope in a lost world. Breathe new life on our congregations, ministries, leaders, and pastors. May we follow wherever you lead.

Thank you, God, for all you have done in the lives of the children we know and love. Thank you for the work you have done in our schools and all those who work there. Thank you for the work you have done in our churches. We know you are not done with us yet Lord so we thank you for the good work that is yet to come as well. May we bring a smile to your face as we try and live our lives to bring honor and glory to you. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.