



The Steeple

October - November 2026

Dear Friends

Greetings in the name of Jesus! In my last Pastor's Page, I wrote about the image of a small boat called a coracle introduced to me by Dr. Sue Nilson Kibbey, co-author of Dynamite Prayer a 28-Day Experiment. Because it does not have a sail or a rudder, a coracle can either be steered by paddle or not at all! Legend has it that Saint Brendan of Ireland set out on many voyages in a coracle depending only on the winds, the waves and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead him. This image for the church challenges us to invite the wind of the Spirit to direct us to the new adventures God has in store for us.

I promised that we would be spending time this Fall looking to the Spirit to lead us into God's new and next. I am pleased to announce that we will be doing that on Sundays, beginning October 18th through November 22nd at 9:45AM. Everyone is invited to participate in this important conversation. The Digging Deeper Class is giving up their usual format during this timeframe. The plan for now is to meet in the Wesley Room unless we outgrow that space. If that happens, we will let you know. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex to help us decide where we will be meeting.

We will begin our journey by talking about prayer. We will begin with the question, "Do I really believe that prayer makes a difference?" Our conversation will move to types of prayer with an emphasis on our experience with our Breakthrough Prayer. Even though we have been using our prayer for some time, we will dig deeper into why we have been using it.

Part of our time together will be spent learning more about ourselves. It is important for us to consider our own gifts as we discern God's will together. These components are part of who God made us to be and often impact how we work with others. They also determine how we think about the possibilities God places before us. Our preferences often guide our decision making. As we understand how this happens, we can become more open to where God is leading us.

As we plan to go where God is guiding us, we will need to take some time to explore where we have been. During this part of our time together, we will identify and celebrate our congregation's strengths. We will discuss possible roadblocks and pray about them. We will share stories about our life together. We will discuss the changes we have faced over the past three years and how God has been leading us.

Finally, we will have conversations around what have we noticed as we have been seeking God to lead us over the past several months. We will discuss the ways this has energized or drained us. We will listen to God and each other as we discern the invitations God has given us. We will discuss next steps in the process. As we conclude this part of the journey, we will think about ways we can continue together in listening and discerning what God is saying to us.

I am looking forward to the new things God has in store for us as we continue to pray and discern together. It should be a great time of listening to one another and the Spirit! I hope you will join us in our conversation for as many of our sessions you can.

Blessings,
Pastor Keith

Join Us for worship! ON Sundays at 8:30am and 11:00am

Adult small groups at 9:45am

Nursery (available at 11:00am) Upper Education Wing

Nursery is available for infants and children up to 4 years old

Junior Church will be dismissed after the children's moment at 11:00am worship

October Happenings...

The Neighborhood Table | Oct. 1 | Fellowship Hall

BUMC is continuing to partner with Roots of Faith 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.

New Member Class | Sunday, October 4th & 11th |

10:00am in Pastor Keith's office. Are you new to the church or a regular visitor that has considered joining? You can join the church with a membership transfer or a profession of faith. Anyone interested in joining the church, new to the church or just want to find out more about our church are welcome to this class, led by Pastor Keith. New members are being welcomed into the church on Sunday October 11th at both services. Please contact Pastor Keith at kdunn@bakerstownumc.org or 724-443-3184 if you would like to join the church or have any questions.

Men Doing Stuff Returns

After a long and well-deserved **Summer Recess** (because even men who do stuff occasionally need to sit around and do nothing), **Men Doing Stuff (MDS) is back in action!** We'll be gathering at **6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 5, and Monday, November 2** to reconnect, enjoy some fellowship, and, of course, make plans to actually do some stuff. And naturally, no evening of MDS would be complete without dessert! We'll enjoy a sweet treat together before getting started on our evening tasks—because every good project begins with dessert.

And we're wasting no time getting busy. Coming up on the MDS calendar are opportunities to help with **Drive Thru Dinner Dessert Prep** and the **Shoe Box Ministry**. There will be desserts to prepare, boxes to fill, and plenty of opportunities to prove that "Men Doing Stuff" is more than just a clever name. So mark your calendar, bring your willingness to help and come join us this fall! **For more information, please reach out to Paul McLeister at 412-913-0455.**

Drive Thru Dinner | Oct. 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 other questions, please contact Carol Skolnik at cniskol@gmail.com.

Circle Saturday, October 17th on your calendar for the ever popular "Polkas and Pancakes" day!

Members of the Western Pa Button Box Club will once again be entertaining the pancake breakfast crowd with traditional Slovenian style Polkas and Waltzes.

Come enjoy the music while eating at the pancake breakfast where for the low, low price of \$8.00 for adults, you get an all-you-can eat breakfast of Pancakes (choice of plain, blueberry, chocolate chip or buckwheat), eggs, homefries, bacon, sausage and beverages. This deal cannot be beat! Breakfast hours are 8:00 am - 11:00 am.

A Stitch and a Prayer | Saturday, Oct. 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.

Bakerstown Methodist Women's Third Annual "Sleep In Your Own Bed" Retreat!

Ladies – Please join with us on **Friday night October 23rd from 6:30pm to 9:00pm** and again on Saturday October 24th from 8:30am to 2:30pm in New Fellowship Hall. The wonderful Rev. Alyce Weaver Dunn will again be leading this retreat for us and her message to us will be **"The Psalms: Echoes of the Heart"**. 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 October 16th. Hope to see you there!!!!!!!!!!

Griefshare | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Wesley Room.

We will continue through December 9th. **NO meeting November 25th (Thanksgiving Eve.)** GriefShare is a special support group designed to offer you help and encouragement after losing a loved one. Please feel free to call the church office at 724-443-3184 if you have any questions or would like more information about GriefShare. GriefShare is a drop-in anytime group and open to anyone in the church or community. All are welcome.

November Happenings...



Daylight savings time ends on November 1st. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

All Saints Sunday, November 1st at both services. We will be honoring all the members of Bakerstown UMC that passed away between -November 2, 2025-November 1, 2026.

The Neighborhood Table | Nov. 5 | Fellowship Hall
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Men's Weekend | Wesley Woods camp is hosting a Men's Weekend on Friday thru Sunday, November 6th - 8th.
The weekend will start with dinner on Friday evening and conclude after Sunday morning breakfast.
The cost is \$120 if you register before the end of September, or \$150 if you register after the end of September.
The UMM will reimburse attendees the first \$75, so your out of pocket expense will either be \$45 or \$75 depending on when you register. (We will not be registering as a group. You can register online at: www.wesleywoods.com)
You can find more information about the retreat on the Wesley Woods website. For those that wish to attend, we can carpool. Let Roger Cramer know if you do decide to attend. 724-355-4851.

Drive Thru Dinner Nov. 10 | Fellowship Hall

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The Bakerstown Book Club will meet on Wednesday, November 11th, at 1:00pm in the Church Library. The books that are being suggested to read for discussion are: A Lady's Handbook to Gadgets and Guile by Angela Bell; In a Word, Yes by Kit Tosello; The Undercover Bookshop by Katherine Reay; or The Lost Story of Via Belle By Melanie Dobson. Or - bring along a book you've read and enjoyed this Fall - and join us for a fun discussion of the books. There's ALWAYS chocolate!!

GriefShare's "Surviving the Holi- days" Seminar— Nov.18 at 7pm

All are invited to a special GriefShare Surviving the Holidays Seminar, on Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00pm in the Wesley Room. This evening will offer practical strategies 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. Feel free to drop in GriefShare is open to anyone in the community looking for help and healing as they walk through a season of grief.

All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast! |Saturday, Nov. 21 | 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.

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Thanksgiving Service! We will continue our tradition of an online only Thanksgiving worship service this year. The service will be recorded prior to the week of November 22nd. It will be available on our website and YouTube channel on Wednesday, November 25th. Whether you join us on Thanksgiving Eve, after you feast with families on Thursday, or during Black Friday, we hope you will worship with us as we thank God for the many blessings we have received.

Ladies! LOOKING AHEAD: Please mark your calendars for the Women's Annual Christmas Brunch on Saturday December 5th at 9:00am. The Christmas Message will be provided by Pastor Alyce Weaver Dunn. Food provided by Chef Kevin McGrath!! Entertainment by Dawn Conroy and her BUMC Women's Drama Team!! Other details coming soon. 🎄

Children's Ministry and Youth Group News...



Children's Ministry News

We have a wonderful autumn ahead in our Children's Ministry! Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and service opportunities.

October

October Event (Sunday, October 18th): Our October Children's Ministry event takes place on **Sunday, October 18th** following the 11:00 AM service. 12-15-1:45pm in New Fellowship Hall.

This is a **drop-off event**, and lunch will be provided! Volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested in helping out, please let Ms. Jennie know.

Register your child [here](#).

November

Monthly Event Note: There will be **no extra Children's Ministry event in November**. Instead, all families are warmly invited to join the mission team's **Friendsgiving** event!

Holiday Schedule: Please note that there will be **no Junior Church on Sunday, November 29th** due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Our Youth Ministry is in full swing this fall! Here is what you need to know:

Weekly Meetings: Youth Group continues every week from **6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**.

Halloween Party (October 25th): Join us during our regular Youth Group time on **October 25th** for our annual Halloween Party! We will feature a **candy apple bar** for snack.

Holiday Schedule: There will be **no Youth Group on Sunday, November 29th** due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



We Need Volunteers!

We genuinely **cannot run our Children's or Youth Ministries without your support and hands-on help!**

Junior Church Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to assist with Junior Church on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 AM service. **No lesson preparation is required**—just bring a welcoming heart!

Youth Group Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to help with Youth Ministry on Sunday evenings from **6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**.

No preparation necessary!

If we get enough volunteers, we can set up a rotation so you would only serve **1–2 Sundays a month**.

Get Involved: Whether you are interested in serving with Junior Church, monthly events, or Youth Group, please [fill out our volunteer form](#).

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/02 Al Kolbe
10/02 Grace Brumberg
10/04 Gavin Howard
10/05 Janet Creeks
10/09 Peter Sasada
10/09 Lake Barrett
10/11 Marcia Shipley
10/13 Gayle Santillo
10/13 Josh Werkmeister
10/13 Andrew Detar
10/14 Bill Shepherd

10/15 Mike Leasure
10/15 Jackie Smith
10/16 Luke Rinker
10/16 Julie DeVore
10/16 Leah Swineford
10/19 Eliza Khambatta
10/23 Janet Swift
10/26 Devney Amick
10/29 John Brumberg, Jr.

10/01 Skip & Joy Lancaster
10/03 Paul & Marie Edinger
10/03 Matt & Leanne Walker
10/04 Tracey & Michele Rossi
10/06 Wes & Nancy Shipley
10/06 Jim & Denise Kelvington
10/13 Bruce & Barbara Williams
10/14 Bill & Paula Shepherd
10/23 Ray & Mary Ann Wilson
10/29 Mark & Lora Stafura

Mission Team News....

Volunteer Appreciation Day

Have you prayed for the mission team or financially supported its work? Did you help with the Junque Sale or participate in the Sleep in Your Own Bed Mission Trip last summer? Perhaps you baked desserts for the Drive Thru Dinner or The Neighborhood Table, or volunteered your time in the kitchen. Possibly you bought boxes of Girl Scout cookies for distribution to our DTD friends. Maybe you helped pack the DTD bags and carry them to cars. It may be that you served meals in Sharpsburg, or delivered meals to a church family member. Possibly you helped with the summer cookout or Friendsgiving. It could be that you contributed to the Blessing Bags given out at Christmas last year. If you did any of these things or any of the other countless jobs around the church, then you are a volunteer! None of what the mission team does could happen without you, so put **Sunday, October 18** on your calendar. It's **Volunteer Appreciation Day!** Make plans to come and enjoy a treat and some fellowship between worship services that day. We appreciate you!

One of the highlights of the year is our annual **Friendsgiving Dinner**. The date this year is **Tuesday, November 17**. Lots of volunteers are needed, so stay tuned for more information.

Meals for The Lighthouse Faith and Finance classes In July, The Lighthouse reached out to the organizations that help support their ministry asking if any would be willing to provide meals for the attendees of the Faith and Finance program. This was a new ministry start-up for them. The program was being held every Thursday evening into September. Since BUMC was already committed to preparing meals for 120 people on the first Thursday of the month for the Roots of Faith ministry in Sharpsburg, the Mission Team decided to add 20 meals to that total to give to The Lighthouse for their August and September dinners. Below is the Thank You we received from The Lighthouse for these meals.

Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for providing a meal for our recent **Faith & Finance** classes. Your generosity and support played an important role in making this new opportunity such a success.

We are excited to share that this was one of the best-attended classes we have hosted. The meals you provided were greatly appreciated by participants and helped create a warm, welcoming environment where meaningful conversations and connections could take place.

Thank you for sharing your time, resources, and servant hearts to support this ministry. Because of partners like you, we are able to offer programs that encourage, equip, and strengthen members of our community.

We are truly grateful for your contribution and for helping make this new endeavor such a positive experience for everyone involved. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity.



The Lighthouse has started their collection for Thanksgiving, below are the items they are in need of:

Boxes of instant and scalloped potatoes
Mac & Cheese
Cranberry sauce
Applesauce
Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
Stuffing
Breadcrumbs
Crispy fried onions
Muffin/cake/brownie mix

Cooking oil
Canned Fruit (especially pumpkin and pineapple)
Cans of Soup (cream based)
Cans of yams
Bottles of juice
Can openers
Pineapple corers / apple corers
New reusable grocery bags

From the Prayer Corner – Listening for God’s Voice

Do you know God’s voice? You will find it is not accusing or shaming. It’s not condescending or condemning. It doesn’t tempt or lie. It doesn’t point out your sins that He’s already forgiven and released you from. It will never say you’re unlovable or inadequate or call you a failure or say you’re nothing special.

He calls you His favorite! He calls you lovely and loved. He reminds you that He made you wonderfully and marvelously, that He delights in every detail of His design. No, you’re not flawless, but you’re totally and amazingly accepted. The Father’s voice builds you up, speaks truth over you, and calls you into life with Him. His voice tells you to live into bravery, virtue, and the purpose He made you for.

But like Jesus’s disciples who did life with Him every day so many years ago, you will need to come close every day too so you can hear Him better. He will keep speaking, and you will learn to know His voice. He tells us things like “Do not be afraid. Have courage. I am here. Do not be anxious. I will help you overcome. I love you. I will never leave you. I’ve got you.”

There was a national bestseller over 10 years ago written by Bob Beaudine entitled “2 Chairs: The Secret That Changes Everything” (a copy of the book is in the church Library). It’s about spending one-on-one time with God and listening to hear His voice. You simply sit down for a time of prayer – but then pull up a second chair for Him to sit in – invite Him to join you – and after you have worked through the current issues of your life with Him, then look at that other chair and invite Him to speak to you. Be quiet. Be still. Listen to what He has to say.

When Bob Beaudine was going through a very tough time, his mom suggested he try this. She said “Bob, if there was a one percent chance that God would meet you, would you set up the 2 Chairs and meet with Him there?” And Bob thought “What could I possibly have to lose by trying?” And it totally changed his life. So, what do you have to lose by setting up two chairs, then sitting down for a time of prayer, imagining God sitting in the other chair with you, and then listen to what He might have to say to you. Psalm 27:8 NLT says: My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.” And my heart responds, “Lord, I am coming.”

(Portions taken from a Carrie Marrs devotion)

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” - 1 Samuel 3:9

November Birthday’s and Anniversaries

11/03 Diane Semler	11/23 Corey Stevens	11/02 James & Pam Holcomb
11/03 Laurie McLeister	11/23 Nicole Edinger	11/11 Dave & Kathleen Meuschke
11/05 James Holcomb	11/23 Becky Rinker	11/14 Dean & Ellen Kelley
11/08 Barbara Beri	11/25 Gregg Platt	11/15 Michael & Penny Fischetti
11/10 Donald Allaman Sr.	11/25 Bradley McLeister	11/22 Joe & Barbara Beri
11/11 Leanne Walker	11/25 Zachary Szele	11/27 Jim & Carol Skolnik
11/13 Jim Skolnik	11/26 Barbara Williams	11/28 Jay & Connie Martin
11/14 Nancy Shipley	11/28 Andy Edinger	
11/15 J.J. Edwards		
11/15 Katie Howard		
11/17 Patti Sworden		
11/19 Julie Cramer		
11/21 Larry Halliwell		

Trustees Corner..

The Trustees remain busy addressing the physical needs of the church building and its properties. As summer comes to a close, and the cooler weather of fall approaches, the Trustees are active with several projects in and around the church.

The Day School Kindergarten Room received a fresh coat of paint, prior to the start of the new school year. A big thanks goes out to Peggy Hill and Nancy Hollinger for a job well done. The room is brighter and fresher with this new coat of paint. Thank you to Shawn Mankamyer for putting in new baseboards in there too.

Trustees arranged for the floor in New Fellowship Hall to be stripped and waxed. This operation took place near the end of August and lasted about a week. We are pleased with the appearance of New Fellowship Hall with the cleaner and more polished look of the newly refurbished floor tile.

Some of you may have noticed activity back by the Chapel in the Woods. Matt Lancaster, a member of our church, recently completed his Eagle Scout project for the Boy Scouts in this location. Matt constructed a new Gaga Pit in the grassy area within the Chapel in the Woods. This feature will now serve as a play area for the youth and provide opportunities for the children and youth to remain active during their play times at BUMC.

Unfortunately, the church experienced some problems with the sewage ejection pump in late August. It was determined that the cost to repair the pump would result in a higher cost than to install a new sewage ejection pump. Thus, Trustees opted for the new pump. The cost of this pump was significant and was funded by the Major Projects Fund, with a generous contribution from the United Methodist Men. The Trustees would like to thank the UMM for their participation in this equipment replacement.

The Trustees has hired a new cleaning service for the church which started on September 1, 2026. Their name is Calculated Cleaning. Early reports on the new cleaning service are positive, and we are looking forward to improved cleaning as their work expands into many areas of the church.

In early September, the ceiling in the Junior Church Sunday School room was refurbished. The existing ceiling was about 50 years old and was showing signs of its age. We now have a new ceiling thanks to the efforts of Kevin McGrath, Mike Perriello, Ray Wilson, Rick Hill, Paul McLeister and Roger Cramer. The new ceiling is done. It brings new life to the area where Day School classes are held during the week, and children's ministry takes place on Sunday Morning. Thanks go to the Day School for funding this project.

Trustees have contracted with Carl Stevens to have the exterior doors at the North Entrance to be refinished. The existing doors are weathered and distressed. The refurbishment effort on these doors is expected to occur in October.

BUMC experienced some flooding problems in the Kindergarten Room in late August and early September. There are several factors contributing to this flooding. The Trustees are obtaining pricing to remedy these problems. We are hopeful this solution will help the drainage of the roof area in the southeast corner of the Education Wing, above the Kindergarten Room Entrance Canopy. It is hoped that this work will also be completed sometime in October. Lastly, as many of you may be aware, Pastor Amanda moved out of the Lee Road parsonage in June. The Trustees are evaluating many options pertaining to the future of the Lee Road Parsonage. Trustees are continuing their investigations and hope to be making recommendations to the Finance Committee and Church Council on the future of the Lee Road parsonage.

We look forward to the above improvements throughout our facility in the coming months as plans are finalized and funding becomes available. We will keep the congregation informed as these plans are set into action.

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Lighthouse Toy Shoppe at Bakerstown UMC—
Pick a paper ornament from the Christmas tree in
the Narthex. Bring back an unwrapped gift back
under the tree, with your paper tag attached **by**
December 6th.

We will be hosting the Lighthouse Toy Shoppe on
Saturday, December 12th 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
coming soon*** **If you would like to volunteer
on Saturday, please contact the Lighthouse
724-903- 0064.** 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 13-18 this year, so if you would
like to donate one, they'd appreciate it.****
Thank you so much for all of your support!

Note of appreciation:

UPDATE 9-16 ~ First of all, I want to thank everyone again for the cards, well wishes and especially all of the prayers. A special thank you to all the ladies (A Stitch & Prayer) for the most beautiful quilt. I am now going into my 5th month after my expiration time! My last scan was on 8/4, oncologist on 8/10 and PCP on the 12th. The scan showed my cancer is NOT spreading but my tumor is growing. I am very very tired all the time with NO energy. I have no appetite or desire to eat. I have chosen not to drive any longer. I do not want to drift into any other lane and hurt anyone. I am doing this so everyone can see and hear from me what's going on. You are hearing it directly from me.

THANK YOU all again..... Gary W. Torick

Financial News....

	July 2026	August 2026	YTD Aug. 2026	YTD Aug. 2025
Current Fund Giving	\$33,475.96	\$31,640.40	\$308,544.09	\$298,372.31
Current Fund Expenses	\$34,246.14	\$51,544.41	\$336,178.64	\$326,796.99

Hello Church Family....By the time you get this is could be cooling off a bit. Maybe. As you can see August was a very heavy expense month, with property taxes paid as well as a three payroll month for our staff. We were still able to pay our commitment to the trustees and the major project fund. September will have the quarterly insurance payment of a little over \$4,000.00. The trustees had to pay for a grinder pump that needed repair in August also.

I hope to see you in church as programming is starting for the youth...bible studies during the day and in the evening. Kay Cramer, financial secretary 724-443-2847