

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 27, 2020

8:30am & 11:00am Worship Service

**We remind you today that while music will continue as part of our worship, we have been advised to refrain from corporate singing within the sanctuary. Singing has been shown to be an easy way to spread viruses. The Spirit still speaks through music, even when we can't sing, so we invite you to listen – not just for the notes but for the voice of God singing through them.*

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Call To Worship ~8:30am

Leader: Come let us worship God, who has done great things for us.
People: **God is faithful to those who follow him.**

**Opening Hymn*

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #127 ~ 8:30am
"Good Good Father" Rhythm of Grace
"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" Rhythm of Grace

Opening Prayer ~ 8:30am

Lord, we often come to you in prayer as a last resort about situations where only a miracle could make a difference. When you intervene, we rejoice in your power and goodness. We confess that we allow circumstances to quickly exchange that joy for our doubting ways. Forgive us, Lord and give us wisdom to trust you with our every need. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Ministry of Music

"Come Christians Join to Sing"
"Great Are You Lord"

Denise Grier ~ Piano
Rhythm of Grace

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

Message

"The Root of Complaints"
Pastor Keith, Preaching

**Closing Hymn*

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
"How He Loves"

#400 ~ 8:30am
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.*

Masks are to be worn at all times. If you cannot wear a mask because of a medical condition only remove it when you are 6 feet or more from others.

Pastor Keith will remove his mask while leading worship and preaching when there is no one in the chancel area. This is to help in communicating.

*The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of
Frank Sutton's birthday, love his family*

The Book of Acts Bible Study—Tuesday Evening 7:00-8:30 pm | or Wednesday Morning 9:00 -10:30 am | **New Fellowship Hall-- Starting September 8th and 9th**

The Acts study will be led by John Brumberg and be a verse by verse look at this book of the Bible.

Any questions call the church office at 724-443-3184. **We are asking everyone to please wear a mask and we will be social distancing.** The same class is taught on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

GriefShare | Wednesday's | 7:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Will continue through December 9th, Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm till 8:30pm in New Fellowship Hall (**note new location!). Masks and safe distancing will be required.

If you or someone you know is experiencing the loss of a loved one, we encourage you to please accept this as your personal invitation to join with us. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences so that you don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Our GriefShare program is co-led by Rev. Bill Dambach, Marcia Shipley, Marge Kirkpatrick and Janet Pagniello. GriefShare is a drop-in anytime group and open to anyone in the church or community. All are welcome.

Operation Christmas Child: A project of Samaritan's Purse

OCC helps children aged 2-12 who are suffering due to disease, war, famine or natural disasters where they live. Our donations show these children as well as their families, friends and neighbors the joy of the love of God.

Toys, school supplies, small tools, small toys, clothing, accessories, paper back books (that will fit in a shoe box), and personal care items make great gifts. As these are freely given and received many lives are changed.

You can bring your gifts and place them in the designated OCC box in the Narthex. Blessings, Verna Feather

Coupons: We are still collecting coupons to send to our troops. We need your help collecting, sorting and cutting. Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Koval, 412-327-8890

Happy Birthday

09/27 Ashley Mankamyer
09/28 Aaron Stevens
09/29 Terri Murray
09/30 Cynthia Young
10/03 Abriella Stewart

Happy Anniversary

10/01/2005 Skip & Joy Lancaster
10/03/1992 Paul & Marie Edinger

The Neighborhood Table | Oct. 1st | 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.

World Communion Sunday—Plans are being made to have communion on Sunday, October 4th at both services. The sacrament will be offered safely considering Covid-19 guidelines. Please bear with us, as we will be using a new method.

Jesus told his followers: *“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”*

These words inspire those for whom the journey is made easier by generous United Methodists. In United Methodist Churches around the world, a special offering is collected on World Communion Sunday to fund scholarships for seminarians. One half of the proceeds is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. “Our lives should be our offering,” he asserts. Please give generously on World Communion Sunday. Your gift makes a world of difference! Thank you!

Mark your calendars for the annual Church Conference on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00pm via Zoom. All members of the church are encouraged and invited to attend this meeting with District Superintendent Dawn Hand, presiding. At this meeting everyone has a voice to vote. I will be sending a link to the entire congregation via email on Monday, October 12th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROUPS - MEETINGS - CLUBS - YOUTH - FELLOWSHIP

Drive-Thru Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, October 17th

Current conditions are preventing the BUMC Men from hosting the usual Pancake Breakfast, so on October 17th, we will be hosting a "Drive-Thru Pancake Breakfast".

Come to BUMC any time between 8:00 am and 10:00 and take home a great breakfast. Each breakfast will contain bacon, eggs, sausage, home-fries and your choice of blueberry, buckwheat, chocolate chip or plain pancakes. All of this for only \$5.00. Pull in, give your order to a smiling man and park and wait for the meal(s) to be delivered to your car. It cannot be any easier!

Although not required, in order to help us gauge how much food to prepare, you can send your name and number of breakfasts you think you will be ordering to "bakerstownumm@gmail.com".

If you do email your order in, it is not binding! You can change it to whatever you want! Since this is the first time we are attempting this, we are not advertising it to the community at large, but if you have friends from outside BUMC that are regular breakfast attenders, please feel free to let them know.



If you would like to purchase Giant Eagle grocery cards, we will have them available by **PRE-SALE ONLY!**

You must call or email the church office with the amount you need and I will place them in a bag with your name on them and you can pick them up on Sunday morning and pay then.

I will also sell them during the week, when I am in the office. I can set up contactless pick up if you like.

A Stitch and a Prayer Saturday, October 17th |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.

Mission News:

Our first Drive Thru Dinner for the Lighthouse was a huge success! The mission team served 119 meals and I'm not sure who enjoyed it more, the folks who prepared and facilitated the pick-up of the meals, the volunteers who prayed with the recipients, or the folks who received the meals. I think I speak on behalf of all of the volunteers - it just felt *so* good to be back at work serving our community in the name of Christ after so many months of quarantine. We have received several messages of appreciation for the meals and the prayers from those who passed through our parking lot. This effort could not have been made without the faithful and generous financial support of the congregation. Your gifts are providing not only food, but also hope and comfort to those experiencing difficult times. Thank you so much!

Our next **Drive Thru Dinner is planned for Tuesday, October 20.** If you are able to help in the kitchen or help with the pick-up, please email Carol Skolnik at cnikskol@gmail.com. If you are willing to bake a dessert, please contact Heather Brown at hldab@hotmail.com. Thanks once again for your faithfulness!

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