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Sunday School Classes (9:45-10:45am)

All are welcome!

Adult Small Groups

Women at the Well | *Library*

Digging Deeper | *Wesley Room*

Jr. High/Sr. High | *Lower Education Wing*

Upper Elementary | *Lower Education Wing*

Lower Elementary & Preschool | *Upper Education Wing*

Nursery (available both services and Sunday School hour | *Upper Education Wing*

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

Children's Church | is held during the 11am service for any child Pre-K (4 years)– 2nd grade. Children will be dismissed after the children's moment.

Welcome! We appreciate you joining us for Sunday worship at Bakerstown United Methodist. As our church family celebrates the Birth of the Savior, we hope you experience God's presence and love in our midst. If it is your first time here, please let us know. We have a small gift to give you as a welcome to our church.

December 1, 2019 8:30am & 11:00am Worship Service

Readers: 8:30am - Gregg Platt 11:00am - Andy Detar

Prelude

Call To Worship

Leader: The time is coming when the Lord shall pour his most special blessing on the earth.

People: We want to be ready for that time. What should we do?

Leader: Be vigilant. Keep your hearts, minds, and spirits open to God's word.

People: Help us, O Lord, to be aware of your blessings.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate God's love for us.

People: Make our hearts ready to receive your Gift of Love, O Lord.

**Opening Worship*

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, as the Advent season reminds us of your imminent return, we also see the many places in our lives where we have been too careless in our ways. We confess before you that we have chosen to walk in paths you would not want us to travel. Forgive us, Lord, and lead us in your way of righteousness for all to see. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Time with Children and Advent Candle Lighting

The Offertory

Offering of Our Tithes, Time and Lives

"The Redeemer Will Come" Sanctuary Choir

**The Doxology & Prayer of Dedication*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Hymn

"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" #206

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Music

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Message

"Advent is About Time"

Pastor Keith, Preaching

A Service of Word and Table III #15

**Closing Hymn*

"Now Let Us From This Table Rise" #634

**Dismissal with Blessing*

**Postlude*

*The advent bulletin covers are given in honor of Cathy Dambach,
by Your Thursday Morning Bible Study Friends*

*The advent candles we are using this season are in loving memory
of Mickey Sworden, by Patti & Shannon Sworden*

There will be NO children's Sunday School today. We will return on Sunday, December 8th.

Lighthouse Toybank Drive 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 8th**

We will be hosting the Lighthouse Toy Bank on Saturday, December 14th 9:00 am—1:00 pm. Your donations are greatly appreciated. It allows families in need to receive presents for Christmas for their children.

If you would like to volunteer on Saturday, please contact Heather Brown at 724-687-7187 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!

Do you shop online at Amazon for Christmas?

Choose smile.amazon.com instead! At Amazon Smile you can opt to have your purchases support the Bakerstown UMC Mission Team. Just use the search feature to locate and select ***Bakerstown United Methodist Church*** as your charity.

You can find the same products, prices, and shopping features you enjoy with your current Amazon account, and 0.5% of your purchase of eligible items will support our mission team!

Remember that only purchases made at smile.amazon.com will generate support.

Bookmark the site today! If you order on your mobile device add smile.amazon.com to your home screen and use it instead of the Amazon app. Thank you for your generous support!

Special Advent and Christmas Bulletins are available to purchase and sponsor. Please contact the Church Office at 724-443-3184.

December 15..... \$21

December 29 \$17

Epiphany-January 5 \$21

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

To the Glory of God: _____

By _____



NEWSLETTER

**Now available in the
Narthex & South
Entrance**



*All Women of the Church are Invited to
The Women's Annual Christmas Party*

*Christmas Hors D'oeuvres and Dessert Party —
Tuesday, December 10th*

~Appetizers at 6:30 pm~ ~Fun & Entertainment at 7:30 pm~

**The Greater Harmony Chorus —
a FUN group of women who like to perform singing a cappella**

**RSVP by December 6th to the church office at
724-443-3184 or sign up in the Narthex**

Please bring an appetizer or dessert that serves 6 to 8 to share.

And bring a friend or family member along to enjoy the fun as well!

Child care will be available

We are also collecting items for Operation Troop Appreciation:

Men's or women's body wash, deodorant, triple blade razors,
granola bars, energy bars, trail mix, beef jerky & beef sticks.



From the Office

I will be out of the office December 20th - January 1st.. I will return to the office on Thursday, January 2nd. **If you would like anything in the January newsletter, please have it to me by December 16th.** Bulletin articles for December 22nd and December 29th are due Tuesday, December 17th. Thank you. Lora Stafura ~ Office Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROUPS - MEETINGS - CLUBS - YOUTH - FELLOWSHIP

Women at the Well – A New Advent Study beginning Sunday, Dec. 1st!!
Come join us at the Women at the Well Discussion Group as we travel through the Old Testament during the month of December where the Christmas Story really began. We will be using the study guide A Look at Advent Through the Old Testament! Join us as we read of the prophets Jeremiah, Malachi, Zephaniah, and Micah, who all proclaimed the Christ that was to come. Sunday mornings in the Library from 10am to 10:50am. Bring your coffee or tea and join in the discussion with us as we prepare for Christmas.

Digging Deeper — It's a Wonderful Life — Come along with DIGGING Deeper this Advent as we take a closer look at, what for many people, is a favorite Christmas movie, It's A Wonderful Life. It's a Wonderful Life Study Guide examines this beloved holiday classic and reminds us how easily we can become distracted from what is truly meaningful in life. This five-week Bible study experience comes complete with discussion questions for each session, Scripture references, detailed character sketches, movie summary, and related commentary. We will watch short video clips from the movie then discuss questions from the study guide as we dig deeper into the meaningful things in life. Should you wish to purchase the study guide, it is available at Amazon and at brownchairbooks.com

Let's Go Caroling! Join us on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00pm, at Concordia at Rebecca Residence, 3746 Cedar Ridge Road, Allison Park, to sing Christmas Carols for the residents. Anyone that wants to attend that needs a ride, meet at the church at 6:30pm and we will carpool over. Joy Lancaster will be playing for us that night and there will be sheet music available. **This is for people of all ages, young kids, teens, young adults with/without kids, empty nesters ETC!**

The Neighborhood Table | Dec. 5 | N.F. 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.



Cookie Walk| Friday, December 6, 2019| 3:30p to 5:00pm & 6:00pm to 7:30pm |New Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite container and come shop a wide assortment of delicious, Christmas cookies ♥ hand made with love♥ by our Bakerstown Women.

Cookies are \$7.00 a dozen & Specialty cookies \$9.00 a dozen

Prison Ministry opportunity: Wings Family Day, **Sunday, December 8** at the Noble Correctional Institute in Caldwell, Ohio. See Carol Skolnik for details.

The Bakerstown United Methodist Men --Grub & Stuff | Dec. 9 & 23 | 6:30-8:00pm | New Fellowship Hall

All Men (and boys) of BUMC are welcome to attend the Grub-n-Stuff dinner and Bible Study events that return to action on Monday, September 9th.

No homework or studying needed. Just bring your appetite, a dish to share (if able), and plan to join in whatever we choose to discuss that night.

Dinner starts at 6:30 and we will have you out the door at 8:00 pm.

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 8:30am Worship NO Children's Sunday School 10:00am Small Groups 11:00am Worship NO Ignite	2 6:30pm Wreath Making Workshop	3 7:00pm Jeremiah Bible Study 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	4 8:00am Morning Prayer 9:00am Jeremiah Bible Study 6:30pm Safety Committee Meeting 7:00pm Griefshare Caroling at Concordia Rebecca Res.	5 2:30pm The Neighborhood Table Prep 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir 7:00pm Rhythm of Grace	6 3:30-5pm Cookie Walk 6-7:30pm Cookie Walk 6-8pm Day School Book Fair	7 8:30am Body and Soul	8 8:30am Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Small Groups 11:00am Worship 6:30pm Ignite