

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.*

November 22, 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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;**

Leader: Come into his presence with singing.

People: **Know that the Lord is God.**

**Opening Hymn*

"We Gather Together"

"Holy Spirit"

#131 ~ 8:30am

Rhythm of Grace

Opening Prayer ~ 8:30am

Lord, we confess that we are not ready for your return. We have too often heard the cries of the hungry and not fed them. We have heard the pleas of the needy and walked past them. We have not cared for the sick and the imprisoned. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to openly share your love with all we meet. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Music

"To God Be The Glory"

"Goodness of God"

"How Great Is Our God"

Piano Duet~ 8:30am

Rhythm of Grace

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Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Message

"The Unknown Recipient"

Pastor Keith, Preaching

**Closing Hymn*

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

"Everlasting God"

#581 ~ 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.

There are still special advent bulletin covers available.
Please contact the church office for available dates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROUPS - MEETINGS - CLUBS - YOUTH - FELLOWSHIP

The Redemption of the Grinch – and Us!
An Advent Bible Study
Sundays at 9:45 A.M. in the Large Fellowship Hall
November 29; December 6, 13 and 20, 2020

If you have not heard yet, Pastor Alyce loves the Grinch! Since she was a little girl, “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” has been her favorite Christmas special. Someone once asked her how such a nice person could love the mean, old Grinch. Her answer was, “It’s the end of the story that matters. We all want to be judged by the end of our story and not the beginning!”

She is inviting you to explore with her important biblical/faith themes that arise in the beloved story:

November 29: Bitterness
December 6: Revenge/Sin
December 13: Forgiveness/Transformation
December 20: Reconciliation

Of course, we’ll watch some clips from the original classic – and Pastor Alyce is planning to wear some of her Grinch attire to inspire you to love the Grinch, too!

Prepare your hearts for Christmas and join in this fun and enlightening Bible Study! All are welcome!

Hanging of the Greens, Friday, November 27th at 4:00pm We would like to welcome everyone to help trim the church for the coming Christmas season. We need men to assemble the trees and others who enjoy decorating. Come on out and have fun decorating and fellowshiping with others.

Cry Room Update: beginning, Sunday, November 8th the cry room will be open during each service for one family to use on a first come first served basis.

In order to use it, you **MUST** contact the church office, by 10am on Thursday, lstafura@bakerstownumc.org or 724-443-3184, with the time you want for that Sunday. I will place a note with the family name and time on the outside of the door for that week. You are responsible for bringing your own toys, books etc. as we have taken everything out of there.

Happy Birthday

11/22 Anastasia Vulhop
11/23 Corey Stevens
11/23 Nicole Edinger
11/23 Becky Rinker
11/24 Joshua Knochel
11/25 Gregg Platt
11/25 Bradley McLeister

11/25 Zachary Szelc
11/26 Nathaniel Swisher
11/26 Barbara Williams
11/28 Andy Edinger

Happy Anniversary

11/22/2008 Joe & Barbara Beri

11/27/1971 Jim & Carol Skolnik

Local Mission News: Times are hard for many of our neighbors. The Neighborhood Table at the Roots of Faith ministry in Sharpsburg has seen increased demand. For the first time, our team did not have enough food prepared to meet the demand in November. The response to the Drive Thru Dinners we have sponsored for The Lighthouse has also revealed a great need in our community. In addition to continuing our support of TNT in Sharpsburg, the mission team is committed to serving a monthly meal for The Lighthouse beginning in January. Funds for the first year of this ministry will come from The New Endeavor Fund. What we need is a committed team (kitchen crew, clean-up crew, servers) for the DTD that can work in conjunction with TNT team. Our most significant need is someone to head up the kitchen crew. If the Lord is calling you to this new ministry in one capacity or another, please contact Carol Skolnik at cnikskol@gmail.com. As always, Thank you for your support!

Lighthouse Toy Bank 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 6th**

The Toy Bank will be a little different this year! We will be hosting the Lighthouse Toy Bank on Saturday, December 12th 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00pm-5pm and on Monday, December 14th from 9:00am—12:00pm and 1:00pm—4:00pm. Your donations are greatly appreciated. It allows families in need to receive presents for Christmas for their children. ***Look for the angel tree before Thanksgiving*** 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 teen**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Wednesday, November 25th at 7:30pm

Come and give thanks to God for his Goodness!

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service will look a little different this year. While there will be no distribution of apples or choir singing, we will have our Praise Band and our Bell Choir presenting music.

We will be following the same COVID-19 guidelines.



Church council has decided that we will have bulletins available during the Advent and Christmas Season.

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

November 29.....	\$15
December 6.....	\$15
December 13.....	\$15
December 27	\$17
Epiphany-January 3	\$17

O In Honor of: _____

O In Memory of: _____

O To the Glory of God: _____

By _____

Poinsettia Order Form—Deadline Dec. 6

YOU can help decorate the church for the Advent Season, and enjoy your flowers for Christmas! Consider your purchase in memory of a loved one, to honor someone, or simply to the Glory of God this joyous season.

Fill out the form below, and include with your payment. Place in the offering plate during worship service or give to the church office. You may also mail in your order form through **December 6th**. Checks should be made payable to Bakerstown UMC with Poinsettia in the memo line

COST—\$8.00 each, 6 inch pots, with five to eight flowers

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please complete below **how you would like it to appear** in the bulletins on December 20th and 24th.

Please order me: *(mark the amount on the line)*

___ **Red** x 8.00 = _____

___ **White** x 8.00 = _____

___ **Marble** x 8.00 = _____

☐ Given in loving memory of... _____

☐ *Given in honor of... _____

☐ *Given to the Glory of God _____

By _____