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Children's and Youth Ministry

Our church has the following employment opportunities available:

Bakerstown United Methodist Church is seeking a Children's Ministry Director for 10 to 15 hours a week. All inquiries can be made to Bakerstownumchurch@gmail.com or Bakerstown UMC, Attention: Denise, 5760 William Flynn Highway, Gibsonia, PA 15044.

Bakerstown United Methodist Church is seeking a Youth Ministry Director for 10 to 15 hours a week. All inquiries can be made to Bakerstownumchurch@gmail.com or Bakerstown UMC, Attention: Denise, 5760 William Flynn Highway, Gibsonia, PA 15044.



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Rev. Keith A. Dunn, Senior Pastor
Rev. Matthew Scott, Associate Pastor

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



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 26, 2021

8:30am & 11:00am Worship Service

**As we strive to share Christ's love with those around us, we are asking everyone to wear a mask during worship. The pastors and worship leaders will remove their masks when speaking and singing in order to help with sound. Please respect the needs of others by giving them the room they need to feel safe. You are encouraged to sing as you feel comfortable under your mask.*

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

People: God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Let us praise God that we are received.

People: Let us receive and welcome one another in the name of Jesus.

**Opening Worship*

"Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

#400 ~ 8:30am

"Days of Elijah"

Rhythm of Grace

"Mighty To Save"

Rhythm of Grace

Opening Prayer ~ 8:30am

God, our shepherd, we have strayed like lost sheep, wandering through life, far from home. Often in our wanderings we find ourselves in places we ought not to be. There are times we are trapped and unable to turn ourselves around. Hear our cries of lostness and rescue us. As we worship you today, assure us of your love that seeks us when we are lost. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Hymn

"Open The Eyes, That I May See"

#454 ~ 8:30am

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Music

"Reckless Love"

Rhythm of Grace

Children's Video Time

With Miss Rachel

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-7

Message

"Seeking Sheep"

Pastor Keith, Preaching

Closing Worship

"Freely, Freely"

"Love Came Down"

#389 ~ 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.*

World Communion Sunday—Plans are being made to have communion on Sunday, October 3rd at both services. The sacrament will be offered safely considering Covid-19 guidelines.

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!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Project of Samaritan's Purse

Our church is again participating in this powerful "Shoebox" Ministry that changes lives of children, their families and friends. Shoeboxes open doors for presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ. We demonstrate the love of Jesus by our gifts freely given to children aged 2 - 12 around the world affected by war, poverty, natural disasters or disease.

Between now and Nov. 15 we are collecting items to fill shoeboxes. Place yours in the OCC box in the Narthex. Please remember, anything that will MELT, LEAK, BREAK or WAR-RELATED cannot be accepted. Gift ideas include: Stuffed animals, Personal care items, School supplies, Small toys, Clothing and Accessories, Bibles, Activity paperbacks, Small tools, Crafts. ** Enjoy shopping while being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Other Options: You may wish to write a note inside an envelope, send your photo, send a picture of Jesus to be placed in one of the shoeboxes. Money is also accepted; it pays for transportation or Greatest Journey discipleship workbooks.

PRAY - for the child receiving each shoebox and for the giver.

**Detailed gift list by category is posted on bulletin board near choir room.

We will be taking up an UMCOR offering throughout the month of September to assist those who have been effected by recent hurricane damage. The wonderful thing about UMCOR is that 100% of donations go toward relief efforts. If you would like to make a donation, please write UMCOR in the memo line. Thank you!

Our Day School has the following employment opportunity:

Bakerstown United Methodist Day School is seeking a director. All inquiries can be made to kdunn@bakerstownumc.org or Bakerstown UMC, Attention: Susan, 5760 William Flynn Highway, Gibsonia, PA 15044.

Happy Birthday

09/26 Anne Stevens
09/27 Ashley Mankamyer
09/28 Aaron Stevens

09/29 Terri Murray
09/30 Cynthia Young

Happy Anniversary 10/01 Skip & Joy Lancaster

Children's Church | October 3| Upper Education Wing Katie Lowell has volunteered to run our Children's Church Program during the 11am Worship Service. Children's church will be for any child Kindergarten through old through 3rd grade. We cannot make this program work without your help. If you can help her 1 or 2 weeks, that would be great. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help for a week or 2, please contact Katie Lowell at klowell33@gmail.com

Thank You Rachel!

One of the unexpected blessings of the Covid-19 pandemic has been that we were able to extend Rachel Whipple's time of ministry with us. She was able to remotely provide resources and the weekly children's moments videos for worship since August 2020. As we make the move to offering in person children's ministry, Miss Rachel's ministry with us will come to an end on October 31st. She will assist Katie Lowell in planning for Children's Church during the transition and provide videos for the month. We encourage those who would like to send Rachel expressions of gratitude for her ministry among us to do so at:

Rachel Whipple
2204 14th Street

Beaver Falls, PA 15010

We pray God's richest blessings for Rachel, Luke, and their family. Well done good and faithful servant!

DIGging Deeper s |9:45am| Wesley Room **We are beginning a new study on Romans**

John MacArthur wrote the following about Romans. "Paul's letter to the Romans is an inspired masterpiece of doctrine highlighting God's grace, truth, and redemption. Within its pages, the apostle shares his message of good news and eternal salvation with the church, advises believers on theological truths, gives practical applications for living the Christian life, and shows how God's righteousness comes by grace alone through faith in Christ. The book of Romans underscores that Christianity is far more than just a doctrine—it is an essential road map for daily living."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROUPS - MEETINGS - CLUBS - YOUTH - FELLOWSHIP

Lighthouse Donations: During the month of SEPTEMBER we are collecting boxes of cereal or breakfast bars. Donations can be placed in the wooden bins next to the choir room.

Deuteronomy Bible Study—Tuesday Evening 7:00-8:30 pm | or Wednesday Morning 9:00 -10:30 am | Fellowship Hall-- The Deuteronomy 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. The same class is taught on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

GriefShare Outreach Ministry

Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm till 8:30pm in the Wesley Room. 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 Judy Moore. GriefShare is a drop-in anytime group and open to anyone in the church or community. All are welcome.

The Neighborhood Table | Oct. 7 | 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.

Drive Thru Dinner | Oct. 12 Fellowship Hall

The Mission Team is committed to begin serving a monthly meal for The Lighthouse. Our vision is to be able to serve our neighbors in New Fellowship Hall whenever covid restrictions are lifted. If the Lord is calling you to participate in this new ministry in one capacity or another or if you have questions, please contact Carol Skolnik at cnikskol@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study | 9:00am | Fellowship Hall

Join us for the study Twelve Women of the Bible and learn from some of today's best loved authors and speakers like Lisa Harper and Margaret Feinberg as they look at the spiritual lessons we can learn from twelve Biblical women – women like Priscilla, Deborah, Puah and Shiphrah, Anna, Elizabeth, Mary and Martha, the Shulamite Woman, and more - and what they mean for today's women. Workbooks are \$10.00. We will meet in New Fellowship Hall. Masks and social distancing may be required at this time.

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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