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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 15, 2019 8:30am & 11:00am Worship Service

Readers: 8:30am - Carol Fereday 11:00am - Jane Ditmore

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: Let all who love the Lord gather for worship until the Lord returns.

People: But it has been a long time and we are growing weary as we wait.

Leader: The promises of God are true and Christ's return is at hand.

People: Let us hold to our faith and not lift our voices to complain.

Leader: Instead, we will praise the wonders of God's mercy and grace..

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

**Opening Worship*

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211 ~ 8:30am

"Ancient of Days" Rhythm of Grace

"O Come Emmanuel" Rhythm of Grace

Opening Prayer

Lord, as we face the temptations of the world around us, help us to endure and to be patient as we wait upon your return. Enable us to bring honor to your name as Christians. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Time with Children and Advent Candle Lighting

The Offertory

Offering of Our Tithes, Time and Lives

"Not That Far from Bethlehem"

Sanctuary Choir/Rhythm of Grace ~ 11:00am

**The Doxology & Prayer of Dedication*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Hymn

"People, Look East"

#202

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Music

"He Shall Be Called"

Sanctuary Choir /Rhythm of Grace ~ 11:00am

Scripture Reading

James 5:7-10

Message

"Advent is About Patience"

Pastor Keith, Preaching

**Closing Hymn*

"All The Earth is Waiting"

#210 ~ 8:30am

"This Is Our God"

Rhythm of Grace

**Dismissal with Blessing*

**Postlude*

The advent bulletin covers are given to the Glory of God,

by Gregg & Sharon Platt

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

The Neighborhood Table | Jan. 2 | 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.

GriefShare Outreach Ministry 2020 Winter/Spring Schedule

We will meet once a month this winter - January 15th and February 19th at 7pm.

NEW weekly meetings begin March 4th through May 27th, 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 Janet Pagnello. GriefShare is a drop-in anytime group and open to anyone in the church or community. All are welcome.

Ministry Opportunities

Staying active, making new friends and serving others are all new year's resolutions that can be easily achieved by participating in one of the many ministries here at the church.

- * The hospitality committee is always looking for people to bake for Sunday morning refreshments - no Martha Stewart experience necessary.
- * If you like to talk and brighten someone's day, consider visiting our shut-ins. Visitation calls are a wonderful way to keep our church family connected - no pastor experience required.
- * If you enjoy sharing a dinner with new people, give the Sharpsburg/Roots of Faith outreach a try – no strained relative conversations here.

These are just a few suggestions to start 2020 with renewed purpose and possibilities. Any questions? Our pastors or a quick call to the church office for all the details will get you started.

Happy Birthday

12/17 Jeff Reynolds
12/17 Jay Deer
12/17 Annie Haselrig
12/17 Matthew Sarver
12/17 Todd Mankamyer
12/19 Jonathan Ometz



Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th

Family Service—4:30pm This 45 minute worship service is engaging for families of all ages. We will celebrate the birth of our Messiah by: singing familiar Christmas hymns, meeting some of the characters of the Nativity and hearing a short Christmas message. There are interactive activities for the children to participate in during the worship service so it is a great option for families with younger children.

Carols & Candlelight—7:30pm & 9:30pm

Both services are a celebration of Christ's birth with joyful singing of carols and the beauty of candlelight. Enjoy the surrounding beauty and the warmth of God's love during this special time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROUPS - MEETINGS - CLUBS - YOUTH - FELLOWSHIP

Bible study for parents with young children| Tuesday, Dec. 17 |6:15-7:30 pm | Wesley Room Come join us bi-weekly for fellowship, encouragement and small group discussion at our new Bible study geared toward parents of young children. There is no time commitment- come as you are and as you can. Childcare will be provided. If you are interested in attending or have any questions please contact Katie Lowell at klowell33@gmail.com or 412-760-2682.



Offering Envelopes

Once again we are going to have the offering envelopes for 2020 available in the narthex. If you have any questions, you can always call me. Kay Cramer, Financial Secretary 724-443-2847.

***This is a reminder from Financial Secretary, Kay Cramer: *** Contributions for the year 2019 will be accepted until Sunday, January 5, 2020. All checks must be dated for 2019 and in Kay Cramer's hand by Sunday, January 5, 2020. If you have any questions, please give Kay a call at 724-443-2847. ***

There will be no Grub & Stuff on Monday, December 23rd. We will return, Monday, January 13th.

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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

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Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
15 8:30am Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Small Groups 11:00am Worship	16	17 6:15pm Parent's Bible Study 7:00pm Jeremiah Bible Study	18 8:00am Morning Prayer 9:00am Jeremiah Bible Study 7:00pm Body and Soul	19 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir 7:00pm Rhythm of Grace	20	21 8:30am Body and Soul	22 8:30am Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Small Groups 11:00am Worship