

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.*

August 16, 2020

10:00am Streaming 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

Leader: God has made his love available to all people.

People: We have experienced God's mercy and thank him for our salvation!

**Opening Hymn*

"There's A Wideness In God's Mercy"

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Opening Prayer

Merciful God, your love for us is beyond what we can comprehend. You knew us before we were born. You knew the sin that lies within us and yet you reached out to us that we might know your love. Remind us of your mercy today by the power of your Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Ministry of Music

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Romans 11:29-32

Message

"The Romans Road to Mercy"

Pastor Keith, Preaching

**Closing Hymn*

"Depth of Mercy"

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**Dismissal with Blessing*

**Postlude*

In accordance to the current orders from the governor and state health department, we are suspending in person worship and offering a live streaming service at 10am, until further notice. We are doing this in order to care for the health of all of our members and friends.

Thank you to everyone that has continued to faithfully support our church through your bank, electronic giving as well as mailing in your offering. We are so blessed as you continue to support us.

Newsletter deadline: Monday, August 17th.

NEW! Women's 6-week Bible Study beginning Thursday morning September 10th at 9:00am in New Fellowship Hall (**Please note new location): The Names of God by Melissa Spoelstra.

Sometimes God feels so far away and it can be hard to make sense of the injustice and suffering in the world. Other times His instructions in Scripture seem confusing to us and we have so many questions about Him and for Him. How can we know God better?

One of the ways God makes Himself known to us is through His names in the Bible. Our names help identify and distinguish us. God's names go a step further: *they reveal God to us*. Studying God's names helps us grow in our understanding of His character, gives us a more complete view of Him, and grow closer to Him. In *The Names of God* Bible study, Melissa Spoelstra leads women on an exploration of the many names of our God—from El and Elohim to Yahweh and its many combinations to names such as Abba, Jesus, and Holy Spirit.

As we study the names of God, our ideas about God will become more grounded in what His names tell us, and thus more personal, allowing a greater trust in Him to share the details of our lives. Whether having walked with God for many years or just starting out in a relationship with Him, by the end of this study we will not only know more about God but will know Him better—because through the discovery of God's names, we will discover Him! Along the way, we will also learn about the lives of women from history, like Susanna Wesley, Harriet Tubman, Catherine Marshall, Amy Carmichael and others who trusted in and leaned on these names of God and what they meant.

**Please contact the Church Office or Cathy Dambach to register so that we can prepare and sanitize the room safely and order workbooks. Workbooks are \$13.00 (not necessary, but strongly encouraged). Masks and safe distancing will be required. Hope to see you there!

Moving help needed on August 25th—Pastor Matt will be moving the rest of their belongs here, on Tuesday, August 25th. Most of the items will be heavy furniture, like couches, dressers etc. If you can stop by and lend a hand, it would greatly be appreciated. I will let you know as soon as I know a time. Thank you!



I will be selling Giant Eagle cards throughout the week from the office.

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 the information center and pay then.

Operation Christmas Child: A project of Samaritan's Purse

During recent conversations with Samaritan's Purse headquartered in the Carolinas I was informed that this Children's Ministry will proceed this year as usual.

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.

So, as we are once again able to be out shopping, let's think of these children. Now that the church is now open, you can bring your gifts and place them in the designated OCC box in the Narthex.
Blessings, Verna Feather

GriefShare Outreach Ministry 2020 Fall Schedule

NEW weekly meetings begin September 9th and 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 Pagnello. GriefShare is a drop-in anytime group and open to anyone in the church or community. All are welcome.