



United  
Women  
in Faith



**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 12, 2026, 9:30 AM**  
**SERVICE of WORD, SONG and PRAYER**  
**BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

...a multigenerational congregation filled with the joy of faith, hospitality towards everyone and hope for the future. We believe God's grace is a gift to everyone, making every person a beloved individual & child of God worthy of love, respect & blessing.



GREETING

Christ is Risen. **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

WELCOME

Kim Starr, President, United Women in Faith

PRELUDE

"This Eastertide Was Bright With Joy," Diane Bish, Stephen Uhl

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Betty Erickson

One: The stone has been rolled away.

**ALL: The grave clothes are lying in a heap.**

One: The body is gone.

**ALL: Mary's weeping is halted by the man's questions:**

One: Why are you crying?

**ALL: Who is it you are looking for?**

One: Let us proclaim with Mary:

**ALL: We have seen the risen Lord!**

One: Christ is Risen!

**ALL: Christ is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah! Amen.**

\* HYMN 168 “At The Name of Jesus”

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Ginny Swiatek

We live fractured lives, and God seeks not to punish us for those faults & fault lines, but to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God’s grace & mercy, let us then make our confession together, first in silent prayer.

\* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don’t know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen**

\* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – UWF PIN PRESENTATION

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“Ave Maria,” Camille Saint-Saëns, Women’s Ensemble  
Laura Johnson, Director

SCRIPTURE READING

Lamentations 3:21-24, Old Testament, pg. 766, Denise Berry

PRAYERS & INTERCESSIONS

Response: **Hear our prayers**

Nel Lemmenes

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

\* GOSPEL READING                      John 20:15-29, New Testament, pg. 115, Linda Hefferin  
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                                      “Hope”                                      Erica McIntosh

PRAYER

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – UWF PIN PRESENTATION

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP: ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Offertory, “The Blessing,” Kari Job, Mary Hunt LeCuyer

\*Doxology, #94, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow***

***Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\* Prayer of Dedication

Chandra Gravit

\* HYMN 310 “He Lives”

\* BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

\* POSTLUDE                                      “Easter People Raise Your Voices,” Sam Wyatt, piano

## UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AT BAKER CHURCH

Information about all of our events can be found on our church app  
and at [BakerMemorialChurch.org/Whats-Happening](https://www.bakermemorialchurch.org/Whats-Happening).  
Don't have our app? Scan the QR code to download!



### WORSHIP ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY:

Greeters: Wendy Jensen & Virginia Kammerer; Ushers: Judy Schlarb, Holly Coon, Andrea Zenker, Kristine Torio; Livestream Tech: Rob Hale

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION

"We're a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation. Driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, we work to improve the lives of women, children and youth. Every day, we show up. We take action. We get it done. And we invite you to join us." Speak with any UWF member serving in worship today or [uwfaith.org/](http://uwfaith.org/)

### NEW CLASS: NEURODIVERSITY: GOD'S GOOD DESIGN

Sunday April 12, 19, 26 @ 10:45 AM & Saturday May 2 time TBD. All are welcome to join this intergenerational class, led by church member and seminarian Mandy Hale, which introduces neurodiversity (autism spectrum, ADHD) and the church's witness of inclusion. Register via the church app or website by Monday, April 6. See Mandy to help & for more info.

### SUNDAY FUNDAY, APRIL 19 10:30 AM

The theme this month is Super Hero! Who is your favorite super hero? Come to Baker Hall and see Bible hero's projects that the Sunday School kids made.

### BAKER CONCERT SERIES: SPRING AWAKENINGS, SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 3-4 PM

The Northside Brass Quintet will perform "Spring Awakenings" at Baker Memorial Church. This uplifting April concert features vibrant brass music by Paul Dukas, Duke Ellington, and John Calvert. To reserve your tickets, go to <https://www.northsidebrass.com/public-concerts>. Concert series info at [bakermemorialchurch.org](http://bakermemorialchurch.org).

### NIL FOOD BANK GANG, APRIL 20, 9 AM

Join the Illinois Food Bank gang! A team of volunteers heads to the NIL Food Bank every month. Our shift runs from 9 a.m. until Noon. Want more information? Contact Betty Erickson [n9yfc@aol.com](mailto:n9yfc@aol.com).

### BAKER CONCERT SERIES: CHAMBER MUSIC ON THE FOX APRIL 20 7:30 PM

Chamber Music on the Fox presents *Sounds of the Earth: Music and Nature in Harmony*. Ticketed event. Find more info at [chambermusiconthefox.org](http://chambermusiconthefox.org)

### FAITH, FOOD & FUN WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 5:30PM

Join us for the all-ages event on the first Wednesday of each month (Sept.-May) from 5:30-7 PM for dinner, faith, and an activity. Free will offering. Sign up for the next FFF on your church app or website. Bring a salad of choice to share at the picnic and stay to learn about the church's summer Midwest Mission trip in July 27-30.

### SAVE THE DATE: VBS @ BAKER MEMORIAL, JUNE 22-25.

Children and youth in pre-K through 8th grade are invited to **CAMP HOPE** Vacation Bible School, Monday, June 22-Thursday, June 25, mornings from 9-11 AM. Music, art, science and other fun activities will be part of the camp!

### SUMMER MISSION TRIP: JULY 27-30, 2026

Save the date as we again head to Midwest Mission in Pawnee, IL (near Springfield). This is a great opportunity for all ages to participate in service and fellowship. More info to come out in late spring.



Baker Memorial United Methodist Church



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# This Week

AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## SUNDAY, April 12

- 9:30am Worship - UWF Sunday
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am AdultEd: Neurodiversity
- 10:45am AdultEd: *Faith in the News*

## MONDAY, April 13

- 9:30am PGC Meeting
- 7pm SPRC Meeting

## TUESDAY, April 14

- 10am Northside Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 1:45pm Kitchen Angels
- 4pm Lazarus House Cooking
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

## WEDNESDAY, April 15

- 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry
- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes
- 5:30pm Confirmation – Batavia UMC
- 6pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

## THURSDAY, April 16

- 6pm Trustees

## FRIDAY, April 17

- 9am Farmers Market
- 10am Northside Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
- 10:30am Windy City Dulcimer Society

## SATURDAY, April 18

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast at Colonial Café
- 9am Administer Justice

## SUNDAY, April 19

- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:30am Sunday Funday – Super Hero Day
- 10:45am AdultEd: Neurodiversity
- 10:45am AdultEd: *Faith in the News*
- 3pm Northside Brass Ensemble Concert



## Neurodiversity God's Good Design

This class is designed to introduce people to the topic of neurodiversity, specifically autism and ADHD.

Learn about different conditions, how God uses these gifts, see how we can help create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

GET INFO & SIGN UP ON APP OR WEBSITE

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 18

Time: 8:30 am

Place: Colonial Cafe

Just show up and join us for breakfast & fellowship!

Contact person: Tom Warren



## Spring Music Event

### Stephen Uhl Recital

3-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 3

Come join Stephen as he performs on piano and harpsichord a variety of music by Fanny Hensel, Joseph Bologne Chevalier St. Georges, J.S. Bach, and Ludwig van Beethoven in our beautiful sanctuary.

Free will offering for the general fund.



## Save the date!

### Summer Mission Trip

Join the trip to Midwest Mission July 27-30

Lodging and volunteering for 20 participants will be on the Midwest's grounds in Pawnee, IL

This is a great opportunity for all ages to participate in service and fellowship!

Look for more info to come out late spring