



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 19, 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

Rev. David Aslesen, Pastor

PRELUDE

"Jesus Lives! Anton Leupold, Stephen Uhl, organ

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Chandra Gravit, Liturgist

One: We walked with fear & darkness...

All: then Easter happened!

One: We walked in a hard & merciless land...

All: then Easter happened!

One: We walked in the mystery of death...

All: then Easter happened!

One: Praise God for the Resurrection of Jesus!

* HYMN 318 "Christ is Alive"

* PRAYER FOR EASTERTIDE

Where shattered hearts are made whole, where wounded souls are healed, where life is stronger than death: there, the stone has been rolled away. Where the lonely become our friends, where a stranger is welcomed home, where hope is stronger than despair, there, we find Jesus walking. Where closed minds are opened, where the

anxious find serenity, where love is stronger than hate: there, Jesus is opening our eyes. Holy God, roll away the stone and open our lives to receive the blessing of Christ our companion on the journey of faith. All these things and more we pray saying...
ALLELUIA! AMEN.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.*

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM “Children of the Heavenly Father,” Chancel Bell Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

for the people of this congregation...

for those who are sick, those who suffer and those in trouble...

for our health and wellness, minds, bodies and spirits...

for the concerns of this local community...

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal: leaders, members and mission...

for the communion of the saints....

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER *Adapted from a poem by Herbert Brokering*

Holy Companion on our Journey, stay with us, till night has come. “Speak with us,” our spirits sigh. Hear when our weary souls cry. Walk with us, the road will bend with humankind’s weeping made to end. Talk with us, till we behold a joyful life you will unfold. Stay with us, till day is done; no tears or dark shall dim the sun.

Jesus, be our great surprise, take us to your side, lift the heavy cross, take us to the light, bring eternal life. In praise and thanks we pray, saying together...

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 Luke 24:13-35, New Testament, pg. 90, pew Bible
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “Traveling Companions” Rev. David Aslesen

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP: ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Offertory, "Lord of All Hopefulness," Joselyn Hagen, Chancel Choir

Doxology, Sung response, Doxology, Hymnal, pg. 94

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

* HYMN 671 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

* BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

* POSTLUDE "Thine Be the Glory!" Emily Maxson Porter, Stephen Uhl, organ

Join together for fellowship and refreshments in Baker Hall.

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: Allan & Jayne Scales; Ushers: Debbie & Paul Conterato, Gary Johnson, Geoff Hardwick;
Liturgist: Chandra Gravit; Livestream Tech: Rob Hale

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 class, led by 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.

SUNDAY FUNDAY, TODAY 10:30 AM: SUPERHERO!

Who is your fav. super hero? Visit Baker Hall to see Bible hero's projects that the Sunday School kids made.

BAKER CONCERT SERIES: SPRING AWAKENINGS, TODAY, 3-4 PM, IN THE SANCTUARY

The Northside Brass Quintet will perform "Spring Awakenings"; 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](https://www.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.

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](https://www.chambermusiconthefox.org)

UPCOMING FIRE DRILL

At the conclusion of worship on Sunday, April 26, the Trustees, ushers and church staff will conduct a fire drill (weather permitting). It will occur immediately after the offering. Please be in attendance for worship on 4/26 for this important safety event.

STEPHEN UHL RECITAL, MAY 3, 3:30PM

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. Concert attendees may donate to the general fund.

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, 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 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

MONDAY, April 20

- 9am Food Bank Gang
- 6:15pm Finance Review
- 7pm Chamber Music on the Fox Concert
- 7pm S&A Meeting

TUESDAY, April 21

- 11am Women's Emmaus
- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 6pm Lydia Circle
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

WEDNESDAY, April 15

- 9am Phoebe Circle
- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes
- 5:30pm Confirmation – Batavia UMC
- 6pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
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- 6:30pm Confirmation- UMC Geneva
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

FRIDAY, April 17

- 9am Farmers Market

SATURDAY, April 18

- 3:30am Hesed House
- 2pm Gwen Nika Senior Recital

SUNDAY, April 19

- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am AdultEd: Neurodiversity
- 10:45am AdultEd: *Faith in the News*
- 12pm Andrew Hix Recital
- 5pm St. Charles Singers Rehearsal



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

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.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, May 5 at 9 am

Drop in for casual coffee & conversation at Maple Leaf Coffee House 1 West Illinois St.

Faith Food & Fun

A night for all ages!
Wednesday, May 6
from 5:30 to 7 pm
*Picnic Potluck: Bring a salad and we'll supply the rest.
Sign up on the app or website*

Picnic Potluck

MAY 10

9:30AM SERVICE

MUSIC SUNDAY

CELEBRATE OUR MUSIC GROUPS WITH US!