

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 3, 2026, 9:30 AM
SERVICE of WORD, CONFIRMATION & COMMUNION
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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME

Rev. David Aslesen, Pastor

PRELUDE

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart,” Sam Wyatt, Piano

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Justin Masterman, Lay Leader

One: On the first day of our creation, God whispered...

All: “I have called you by name. You are mine!”

One: On the day of our baptism, God was heard...

All: “I have called you by name. You are mine!”

One: On all our days to come, God will say...

All: “I have called you by name. You are mine!”

One: This is the day God has made! Let us rejoice!

* HYMN 92 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of

the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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



TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Students pre-K-5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school with our teachers in the Children’s Center on the lower level. Children will return to the sanctuary for communion with their families.

HYMN 405 “Seek Ye First”

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

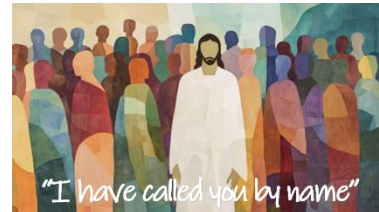
Introduction to the Service - Pastor

Siblings in Christ: Through baptism we are welcomed into Christ’s holy Church, and given new birth through water and spirit. Through confirmation, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ’s holy Church.

Presentation of Candidates – Lay Leader

I present the following candidates for confirmation:

- Brody Bockstadter
- Amelia Skipper
- Ian Zenker



On behalf of the whole Church, I ask these historical questions of our faith.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? If so, say I do.

Confirmands: **I do.**

Do you confess that Jesus is your Savior, put your trust in him, and promise to serve him with the Church that he has made open to all people? If so, say I do.

Confirmands: **I do.**

According to the grace that God has given you, will you be a faithful member of Christ’s holy Church and serve as a representative of Jesus in the world? If so, say I will.

Confirmands: **I will.**

To the family:

Will you, the family of these confirmands, continue to nurture and love your youth, to be there when they have questions, to help them grow in their faith, and to encourage them to be active participants in our community and in the world? If so, say we will.

Family: **We will.**

To congregation:

Will you, members of the congregation, nurture these persons, hold them in your care and do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love? If so, say we will.

We will. With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these youth, our youth, with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them and walk with them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Reception Into The United Methodist Church

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? If so, say I will.

Confirmands: **I will.**

Reception Into Baker Memorial United Methodist Church

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness? If so, say I will.

Confirmands: **I will.**

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, perfect them in love, and walk with them on the journey to be like Jesus.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

New Testament, pg. 233, pew Bible

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**



MESSAGE

“Rejected? Chosen!”

Rev. David Aslesen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table and Feast of Christ

Great Thanksgiving, Hymnal pgs. 13-15

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

Communion Anthem, "Morning Song," David Van Kampen, Marybeth Kurnat, Sam Wyatt

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP: ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Offertory, "Prayer for Shalom," Kyle Pederson, 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 593 "Here I Am, Lord"

* BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

* POSTLUDE "Crashing Waters of Creation," David McCarthy, Stephen Uhl, organ

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.
Don't have our app? Scan the QR code to download!



WORSHIP ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY:

Greeters: Julie, Grace, & Mae Masterman; Ushers: Bob Crutchfield, Cheryl Freiberger, Curt Barrett, Nel Lemmenes;
Livestream Tech: Rob Hale

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, TODAY!

Come and celebrate our students making their professions of faith. We give thanks for God's presence in the lives of Ian Zenker, Amelia Skipper and Brody Bockstadter. Shower our students with cards and congratulations!

STEPHEN UHL RECITAL, TODAY, 3-4PM

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 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.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN, THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2 PM

Volunteer to pack meals and discover how much good you can do in just under two hours! Register to work at the Aurora location: 555 Exchange Ct, Aurora; space is limited. Contact Betty Erickson for details: n9yfc@aol.com.

MUSIC SUNDAY, MAY 10, 9:30AM

We're all excited to share music with our congregation in celebration of Mother's Day and Music Sunday. All our music ensembles have worked hard all year and this is a time when we are able to come together sharing music to the glory of God and with grateful hearts.

WOMEN'S MOVIE NIGHT, FRIDAY JUNE 5, 6PM

Join us for dinner and a movie! Enjoy a night out with pizza and salad meal, fellowship, watch Eleanor the Great, and have a short discussion about the movie. Please sign up on app

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. PHIL DRIPPS, JUNE 6

Our former associate pastor passed away on April 15. Phil was 91. Notes of sympathy can be sent to his family: Maria Dripps-Paulson, 42W545 Seavey Road, Sugar Grove, IL 60554. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM, Saturday, June 6 in the sanctuary.

BLOOD DRIVE, JUNE 11, 2:30PM

Save a life and donate blood at our next Blood Drive! Versiti Blood Center will be on site taking your donations from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/34nvd4ys>. Walk-ins are welcome.

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.



This Week

AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 3

- 9:30am Worship – Confirmation Sunday
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Social Justice Committee
- 10:45am AdultEd: *Faith in the News*
- 3pm Stephen Uhl Recital
- 5pm St. Charles Singers Rehearsal

MONDAY, May 4

- 1pm One O’Clock Book Club
- 7pm Scout Troop 1
- 7pm SF&D Meeting

TUESDAY, May 5

- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

WEDNESDAY, May 6

- 11:30am UWF Board Meeting
- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes
- 5:30pm Faith, Food, & Fun
- 6pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
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- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

THURSDAY, May 7

- 9:30am First Aid/CPR
- 2pm Feed My Starving Children
- 6pm Trustees Meeting

FRIDAY, May 8

- 9am PEO Ch OB
- 9am Farmers Market

SATURDAY, May 9

- 10:30am Jacquelyn J. Dick Funeral
- 11:30am Jacquelyn J. Dick Reception

SUNDAY, May 10

- 9:30am Worship – Music Sunday
- 10:45am AdultEd: *Faith in the News*
- 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
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9:30AM
SERVICE



MUSIC SUNDAY

CELEBRATE OUR
MUSIC GROUPS
WITH US!



2026
BISHOP'S APPEAL
Giving Abundantly, Generosity Overflowing

Education for Central Conferences

Every year, the Northern Illinois Conference United Methodists raise funds for a project of the area bishop's choosing and brings the money raised to the Annual Conference session in June. Together, we join our resources and bring hope to the world.

This year, we will raise money for one fund, to be divided equally between two education-related projects. We'll invest in the futures of young people as they discover their gifts and in equipping leaders to be wise, knowledgeable, and compassionate guides of faith communities. This year's recipients are:



High School Construction in Tanzania

Led by United Methodist missionary Rev. Christina Kim, a clergy member of the Northern Illinois Conference

Council of Bishops' Endowment Fund for Theological Education in Central Conferences

Supporting theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.

How to help:

- Pray for students, teachers, and church leaders in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines
- Give online umcnic.org/2026BishopsAppeal or scan QR code
- Give to your church's special offering

