



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026, 9:30 AM
SERVICE of WORD, SONG and PRAYER

BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GREETING

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

WELCOME

Rev. David Aslesen, Pastor

...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; each person a beloved child of God worthy of love, respect and blessing.

PRELUDE

Hymn arrangement on "Jesus, We want to Meet," Sam Wyatt

CENTERING THOUGHT

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another." Jesus, John 13:34-35

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Hefferin, Liturgist

One: "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

All: We enter this sanctuary with thanksgiving and praise!

One: Household of God: worship in spirit and in truth!

All: This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice!

* HYMN 100 "God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us"

* OPENING PRAYER: "Glad in the House of the Lord" *from Literature and Liturgy*

Creator God, this IS the Sabbath Day that You have made!

Make us glad to be in the House of the Lord. Remove from us our distractions, our worries, our to-dos and should-haves and all the constant stress & strain.

And in its place, O God, give us more of You. Here in your House, fill our hearts with peace, our mouths with laughter, our tongues with shouts of joy, our lives with love.

We are glad, yes, we are glad indeed, to be together in the House of the Lord!

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.



TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sunday school returns Sunday, Sept. 20. Children's busy bags with a variety of fun and learning activities can be found at either entrance.

PSALTER READING

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40, pg. 510

HYMN “Sanctuary” 2x

The Faith We Sing, J. Thompson, R. Scruggs



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayers.**

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 6:27-36, N.T., pg. 64, pew Bible

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

MESSAGE

“Show Generous Love”

Rev. David Aslesen

LITANY OF CONFESSION *by J. Moltmann, from “Revolutionary Love of our Enemies”*

Heavenly Creator, we call upon you in Jesus’ name. We have not been able to love our enemies. As a rule we have never even seen them. We have avoided them. We confess they are not welcome in either our hearts or homes. When we saw them, we felt only fear and anger. So we come to you, to be mature in faith, that we may be show generous love as Jesus did to our enemies.

Jesus said “Bless those who curse you; do good to those who hate you.” Forgive us for what we have failed to do for our enemies. Lead us out of the confines of fear, out of the prison of hate, into the wide space of your household of freedom. Let us see your sun, which rises upon the evil and the good. Let us rejoice in its warmth, together with our enemies.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Jesus, the just, we are invited into forgiveness.

Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP: ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Offertory, “In the Sweet By and By,” Mary Hunt LeCuyer

* 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 111 “How Can We Name a Love”

* BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

“In Thee is Gladness,” Wayne Wold, Stephen Uhl



HOUSE RULES 5: SHOW GENEROUS LOVE

The gospel writers telling the story of Jesus make it clear that Christ’s love is at the heart of Christian hospitality. We are accountable to love one another – and not just the BFF or the family member but the enemy, too: is the enemy the bully, the badly behaved boss, the obnoxious neighbor, those who bring out the worst in human nature? In relation to enemy, how does love rule your spiritual house and the household of faith? “Churches aspiring to Radical Hospitality must regularly ask: How can we offer the love we see in the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Christ? And how can we do better?”

BAKER MEMORIAL CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. David P. Aslesen, Director of Music Ministries: Jeff Hunt, Director of Children & Family Ministries: Shelly Stienbarger, Director of Admin. & Finance: Steven Wilhelm, Maintenance Manager: Karl Lescelius, Communications: Michele Claney, Organist: Stephen Uhl, Children’s Music: Kathy Olivarez, Pianist: Sam Wyatt, Treasurer: Lita Jimenez, Wedding Coord.: Judy Schlarb, Livestream: Rob Hale, Organist Emeritus: Mark Edwards.

FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION:

Speak with our pastor or staff. Call 630.584.6680.

info@bakermemorialchurch.org. bakermemorialchurch.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

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: Jon & Andrea Zenker (Cedar Ave), Alan & Sheila McCurdy (4th Ave); Ushers: Greg Pratt, Jane Fanslow, John Stumpf, Steve Hunt; Liturgist: Linda Hefferin; Livestream Tech: Rob Hale

ADULT ED: PASTOR'S STUDY: BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY, STARTS SEPT. 1

Join us for a 4-session study on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., running September 1–22 (register by August 30). Books are available through the church office for \$13. This hope-filled resource shares global stories of courage to counter rising authoritarianism with beloved community.

LYDIA CIRCLE, SEPTEMBER 1, 7PM, BAKER HALL

All women welcome to Lydia Circle meeting. We will plan our year, play a fun game, and eat snacks.

FAITH FOOD AND FUN BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2: LOVE, LASAGNA & LEGOS!

Our first intergenerational monthly gathering is coming up soon! All are welcome. A free-will donation is requested for the meal. We begin at 5:30 PM and wrap up by 6:45 PM. Register on the church app.

JAZZ FEST WEEKEND: CONCERT & WORSHIP AT BAKER MEMORIAL CHURCH

+ **Sam Wyatt Quartet, Saturday, September 12 • 3pm;** Join us for a celebration of Miles Davis and John Coltrane centennial birthdays. The quartet includes Sam Wyatt, piano; Andy Schlinder, tenor saxophone; Mary Halm, bass and Steve Hunt, drums.

+ **Jazz in Worship, Sunday, September 13 • 9:30am;** Pre-worship music will begin at 9 a.m. Invite your jazz-lovin' family members, friends, neighbors to this special service.

MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST, SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

Gather for food and fellowship with Baker Memorial UMC's Men's Group at 8:30 AM at Colonial Cafe, 1625 East Main Street, St. Charles; contact Dave Wilson and Tom Warren for more details.

NEW MEMBER INQUIRY SESSIONS: SEPTEMBER 13 & 27

Pastor David will hold two sessions - pick one to attend - after worship in Wesley Hall - on Sundays: 9/13 & 9/27, 10:45 AM. No registration needed.

ACOLYTES: SIGN UP WITH PASTOR DAVID

3rd grade students and older are invited to serve as acolytes for worship. Training is available.

ROSTER OF ONGOING & NEW LEADERSHIP AUGUST 2026 – JULY 2027

The recruiting team gives thanks for the continuing and new leadership. A copy of the roster is available outside the church office or by emailing: info@bakermemorialchurch.org.

UMCOR: IN URGENT MINISTRY: HERE, NEAR AND FAR AWAY

Join together in prayer and financial support for domestic and international relief through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

- Checks: make payable to BMUMC, memo: UMCOR; Cash: use the pew envelope, designate: UMCOR
- Online: use the Church App.

UPPER ROOM FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Devotionals are available on the literature rack outside the sanctuary and on the rack right outside the church office.

This Week

AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, August 30

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Social Justice: Postcard Rally
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 5pm St. Charles Singers Rehearsal

TUESDAY, September 1

- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 7pm Lydia Circle
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

WEDNESDAY, September 2

- 11:30am UWF Board Meeting
- 5:30pm Faith, Food, & Fun
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

THURSDAY, September 3

- 6pm Trustees Meeting

SUNDAY, September 6

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45am Social Justice Committee
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News

Information about all of
our events can be
found on our
church app



BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERIES

How is the church called to be an agent of transformation, a witness to Christ's love, and a builder of beloved community?

September 6: What God Has Created

September 13: Who Are the Beloved

September 20: Where Is Our Community

September 27: How Are We to Build

Faith
Food
& Fun

A night for all ages!

Wednesday, September 2
from 5:30 to 7 pm

Love, Lasagna & Legos
Sign up on the app or website

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A NEW SEASON
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20

Children begin worship with their family and
go to the classroom after the children's message
bakermemorialchurch.org/bakerkids

CHECK OUT OUR CONCERT SERIES!

Our concert series features our church staff, area musicians, ensembles and special presentations. These music events are open to the community and sponsored or hosted by Baker Memorial Church.

bakermemorialchurch.org/concert-series