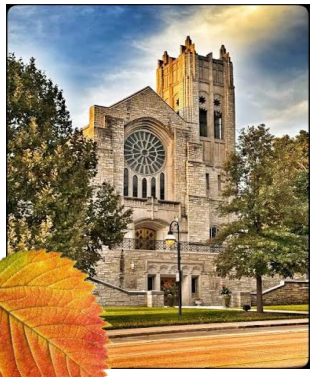


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026, 9:30 AM

SERVICE of WORD, SONG and PRAYER

BAKER MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WELCOME to WORSHIP

- An asterisk (*) invites everyone to rise in spirit & stand as able.
- Join in the liturgy with the **boldfaced** responses.
- Listening devices & large print hymnals are found at the Cedar Ave. entrance.
- Restrooms are located on the Main Level and Lower Levels; use Cedar Ave. entrance.

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP — Kim Starr, Lay Speaker

PRELUDE — "For the Fruit of All Creation," F. Stoldt, Stephen Uhl

* CALL TO WORSHIP — Sandie Benhart, Liturgist

One: Come, all who are created in the image of God. Let us take our place in God's story of love and redemption.

All: The One who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus!

One: Therefore, in this chapter of our lives, we commit ourselves anew to being a part of God's wonderful story.

All: We come to worship our faithful God, who calls us to live in love and faithfulness.

One: Take our lives, and let us be, consecrated Lord to thee.

All: Take my moments, and my days, let them flow in endless praise.

* HYMN 89 "Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee"

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION *United Methodist Hymnal #705*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your Holy Name, and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

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



TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Students pre-K to 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school on the lower level. Students can be picked up in the Children's Center, lower level.

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

Use the Prayer Card in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate.

For the church of Jesus Christ, its peoples, leaders and mission…
For the leaders of our country and all nations, and for all in authority…
For our communities, and for those who live in them…
For the good earth which God has given us, and our stewardship of it…
For the aged and lonely, the sick and suffering, the addicted and friendless…
For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them…
For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection…

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER FOR REMEMBERING *United Methodist Book of Worship #518*

Strong Covenant Making God, save us from being self-centered in our prayers, and teach us to remember to pray for others. May we be so bound up in love with those for whom we pray that we may feel their needs as acutely as our own, interceding for them with sensitivity, with understanding and with grace. This we ask in Christ's name who taught us to pray saying…

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.

ANTHEM "Jesu, The Very Thought of Thee," E. Bairstow, Chancel Choir

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 31:15a & Psalm 145:4

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 4:8-11, N.T., pg. 235, pew Bible
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "What Am I Doing with My Dash?" Rev. Mike Ebersohl

PASTORAL PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP: OPPORTUNITIES AND OFFERINGS FOR MINISTRY

Your generosity of time, talents and financial resources is greatly appreciated.

Mission Moment: Betty Erickson, Administer Justice, administerjustice.org

Offertory, "Psalm 104, Oh Rejoice In All Your Works," Wendell Kimbrough
AnDrea James, Sam Wyatt

* 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 419 “I Am Thine, O Lord”



* BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE “Go Forth for God,” Sam Wyatt

VOLUNTEER WITH ADMINISTER JUSTICE / MISSIONS & SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Legal issues are often the root of poverty and homelessness. While 20% of Americans qualify for legal aid with housing, employment, and healthcare, less than half will find that help. Be part of making a difference by joining the (AJ) team who empowers vulnerable neighbors with the help of a lawyer and the hope of God’s love on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There is a training for each position. Contact Betty Erickson at 630.701.5672 with questions and which position you would like trained in. To volunteer go to www.bakermemorialchurch.org.



STEWARDSHIP: RETURN YOUR PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

The Finance Committee reminds all members to return a pledge of financial commitment card as soon as possible. Budgeting is made easier by every member and household’s estimate of giving to the church’s mission in the new year. The QR code will take you to the church’s website and Donation page – OR – pick up a pledge brochure at either entrance. Thank you for your ***abundant*** generosity. *Thank you to all who have returned their pledges, too!*

BAKER MEMORIAL CHURCH STAFF

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

FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Speak with our staff or pastor. Call 630.584.6680. 10AM-3 PM Mon.-Fri.
Email: info@bakermemorialchurch.org. Go to bakermemorialchurch.org.
Check us out on YouTube, Facebook & Instagram.

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: Virginia Kammerer & Wendy Jensen; Ushers: Bill Brownsey, Cliff Bottigliero, Geoff & Sarah Hardwick; Liturgist: Sandie Benhart; Livestream Tech: Rob Hale

SUNDAY SCHOOL: NOVEMBER: RUN THE RACE - GOD HELPS US

For student's pre-K-5th grade, after the children's message, students are invited to learn how God helps us face challenges. Bible stories featured include Joshua, Ruth, and Daniel with learning about having faith in hard times.

ABUNDANTLY! STEWARDSHIP 22027: RETURN YOUR PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

The Finance Committee encourages all households to return a pledge of financial commitment card as soon as possible via online, email or mail. Why pledge? Pledges enable more accurate budgeting by comparing estimated income to expected expenses. Pick up a pledge brochure at either entrance or use the pledge card in the pew. Thank you to those who have returned a 2027 estimate of giving. Your abundant generosity is greatly appreciated.

WESLEY SINGERS & CHAPEL CHIMES: WEDNESDAYS IN BAKER HALL

The Wesley Singers (grades 1–8) rehearse from 4:30–5:00 p.m., to sing in worship monthly. Following at 5:00–5:30 p.m., Chapel Chimes (grades 2–8) rehearses to perform monthly. No prior experience is needed. Weekly rehearsal commitment is required.

WORK BEGINS ON 3RD AVENUE PARKING SPACES / 3RD AVE. ENTRANCE

Due to the installation of new parking spaces, the 3rd Avenue building entrance will remain inaccessible through November 20, 2026. Please use the Cedar Avenue entrance.

NIL FOOD BANK GANG, NOVEMBER 9, 9AM

Join the Illinois Food Bank gang! A team of volunteers' heads to the NIL Food Bank the second Monday of every month. Our shift runs from 9 a.m. until Noon. Contact Betty Erickson at n9yfc@aol.com.

MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST, SATURDAY, NOV. 14, 8:30AM

Gather for food and fellowship at Colonial Cafe, 1625 East Main Street, St. Charles; contact Dave Wilson or Tom Warren for details.

SUNDAY FUNDAY, NOV. 15, 10:30 AM: CARDS AND COOKIES

Join us in Baker Hall after worship at 10:30 am for an intergenerational and caring event where we will assemble seasonal gift bags for shut-in, homebound members and those living in retirement or nursing homes.

UWF DROP-IN COFFEE, MONDAY, NOV. 16, 9 AM/ MAPLE LEAF

Drop-In Coffee at Maple Leaf Coffee House Drop by on the third Mondays. Casual gathering of coffee and conversation. There's no agenda or need to sign up—just show up. Location: 1 Illinois Street, St. Charles.

GRATEFUL & THANKFUL PIE & GIFT JAR SALE, SUNDAY, NOV. 22, 10:30 AM

Get ready for the holidays with the United Women in Faith Sale; proceeds will go to missions. Whole pies and pieces will be for sale as will gift jars with soup or cookie mix, holiday planters and Nativity scenes, too.

GRATITUDE CONCERT, MONDAY, NOV. 23, 7 PM

Featuring Stephen Uhl, organist, and local musicians, the concert includes Violin Concerto in a minor BWV 1041 by J.S. Bach and Piano Quintet No. 2 in A Major Op. 81 by Antonín Dvořák. It will be complemented by poetry reading and audience participation. A free will offering will be received.

NEED HELP WITH THE SHELBY APP?

Steven Wilhelm will be available this Sunday, Nov. 8th immediately following worship in Baker Hall to assist anyone who needs help setting up, navigating, or troubleshooting the Shelby App. Whether you need a quick walk-through, have questions about giving and directories, or just want general assistance getting started, feel free to stop by!

This Week
AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, November 8
- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 5pm St Charles Singers Rehearsal

MONDAY, November 9
- 9:30am PGC Meeting
- 7pm SPRC Meeting

TUESDAY, November 10
- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 1:45pm Kitchen Angels
- 4pm Lazarus House Cooking
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

WEDNESDAY, November 11
- 9am Phoebe Circle
- 10am PEO Round Table Meeting
- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes
- 6:00pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

THURSDAY, November 12
- 11:30am Feed My Starving Children
- 7pm PEO NN

FRIDAY, November 13
- 9am Indoors Farmers Market
- 9am PEO Ch OB
- 5pm Malnar Wedding Rehearsal

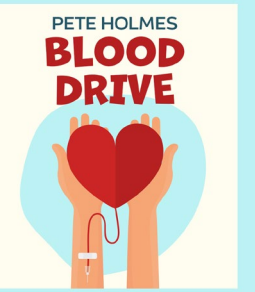
SATURDAY, November 14
- 8:30am Men's Breakfast (Colonial Café)
- 3pm Malnar Wedding

SUNDAY, November 15
- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:30am Sunday Funday – Cards & Cookies
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 1pm Andrew Hix Recital
- 5pm St Charles Singers Rehearsal

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



SUNDAY FUNDAY
December 6 | 10:30 am
Join us in Baker Hall after worship for an all ages Christmas celebration!



THURSDAY DECEMBER 3 2:30-6:30 PM
SIGN UP TO DONATE TODAY & SAVE A LIFE!
Make an appointment on the app, QR or website bakermemorialchurch.org



PROVIDE HOSPITALITY FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: SIGN UP!

Thanks to Lydia Circle for hosting today! Sign up for future Sundays in Baker Hall: https://tinyurl.com/umxm4spm or via the website.