

CHILDREN'S SABBATH SUNDAY, OCT. 11, 2026, 9:30 AM

SERVICE of WORD, SONG and SACRAMENT of HOLY BAPTISM

BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP — Rev. David Aslesen, Pastor

We believe God's grace is a gift to everyone; each person a beloved child of God worthy of love, respect and blessing.

PRELUDE — "The Morning Trumpet," arr. Michael Richardson, Men's Ensemble

CENTERING THOUGHT

"We have the trees, and water, and sun, and our children."—Audre Lorde

* CALL TO WORSHIP — Benjamin Whittenhall, Liturgist

One: The Lord is merciful and the Lord is wonderful and great!
All: For we have been called to be children of the living God.
One: Jesus said, Let the children come to me.
All: We come, each of us a child of God.
One: Come, let us worship God!

* HYMN 144 "This Is My Father's World"

* PRAYER FOR CHILDREN'S SABBATH SUNDAY

Loving God, you have blessed us with children and called us to be a blessing.
In Christ, who came to bring good news to the poor and welcomed children, you have shown us your intention for justice and compassion. Strengthen us to do your work in this world. May we faithfully serve you through the work of our hands that your children will be lifted up for generations yet to come. In Jesus' name we pray. **AMEN.**

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
Candidate: Ella Marie Gliniewicz, child of Gregory & Andrea Gliniewicz
Congregational Response:

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 to faithfully 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. AMEN.

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Students pre-K to 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school on the lower level. Students will return to the sanctuary for Holy Communion.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Unity," Rev. Freddy Washington, Chancel Choir

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.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING I Samuel 2:18-21, O.T., pg. 246, pew Bible

* GOSPEL READING Matthew 19:13-15, N.T., pg. 21, pew Bible
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "God Bless the Child" Rev. David Aslesen

HYMN 191 "Jesus Loves Me"

STEWARDSHIP: OPPORTUNITIES AND OFFERINGS FOR MINISTRY
Your generosity of time, talents and financial resources is greatly appreciated.
Offertory, Marybeth Kurnat and 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 664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

* BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE "If You Trust God to Guide You," J.S.Bach, Stephen Uhl

Today's liturgy is from the Children's Sabbath Service by Ebenezer UMC, Sykesville, MD



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

In a sacrament, God uses common elements -- in this case, water -- as means or tools of divine grace. Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, blessed by the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and announced as God's beloved. Baptism is the act of God through the grace of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. The sacrament is administered by the church as the Body of Christ as an act of initiation and incorporation into the universal church of Jesus Christ, The United Methodist Church, and the local congregation.

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: Benjamin Whittenhall; Acolyte: Caroline Whittenhall; Livestream Tech: Rob Hale

SUNDAY SCHOOL: OCTOBER: WARM & COZY - GOD CARES FOR US

Sunday School for children pre-K to 5th grade begins immediately after the Children's Message
+Oct. 11 God's Awesome Care
+Oct. 18 God's Instruction and Care & Sunday Funday: Pumpkin Palooza at 10:30 a.m.
+Oct. 25 God Cares for Us Always & Trunk-or-Treat 12:30-2 p.m.

SNACKS FOR STAMPS / VOTER POSTCARDS AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to everyone writing voter postcards! We now need stamps to finish the project, so today's Fellowship Hour is "Snacks for Stamps." Your support is greatly appreciated.

ABUNDANTLY! STEWARDSHIP SEASON: OCTOBER 18-NOVEMBER 1

Every Christian is called to be a faithful steward of God's blessings, responding to His abundant grace with gratitude and generosity. Stewardship brochures—including the 2027 preliminary budget, financial pledge card, and more—are available at each entrance and online at www.bakermemorialchurch.org.

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 each month. No prior experience is needed. Weekly rehearsal commitment is required.

ADULT ED: "SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK & WHITE," SUNDAY MORNINGS

Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a 4-session study authored by Rev. Adam Hamilton on modeling faithful conversations in a politically polarized country. Meets in the Wesley Room at through Oct 25th.

NIL FOOD BANK GANG, OCTOBER 12, 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, OCT. 17, 8:30AM

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

MISSIONS: STUFF THE TURKEY / SALVATION ARMY, OCT. 18-NOV. 8

It's that time of year to help support Salvation Army in providing Thanksgiving Meals to local families in need. Monetary donations can be made via cash (use the pew envelope, note: Stuff the Turkey), check (made payable to Baker Memorial UMC; memo: Stuff the Turkey) or via the QR code in the bulletin or online. Help our Mission Teams help our local community. Contact Loretta Wilson at 630.975.5455 with any questions.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 21, 7 PM, BAKER HALL

All members are welcome. The agenda includes formal approval of the leadership roster, sharing ministries of hope and pastoral compensation report. SPRC will meet at 6:30 PM in the Wesley Room.

ADULT ED: "WHOLEHEARTDLY BECOMING" WORKSHOP, OCT. 27 & NOV. 3, 6-7:30 PM

Led by Cheri Hunt & Christine McMinn, the two-session workshop includes guided art-making, thoughtful journaling, and meaningful conversation as participants explore living from God's abundance rather than their own striving. No artistic experience is necessary—only a willing heart and a desire to encounter God's Word in a creative, encouraging environment. Register at the website or use the App.

This Week
AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 11
- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 10:45am AdultEd: Seeing Gray

MONDAY, October 12
- 9am NIL Food Bank Gang
- 9:30am PGC Meeting

TUESDAY, October 13
- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 1:45pm Kitchen Angels
- 4pm Lazarus House Cooking
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

WEDNESDAY, October 14
- 9am Phoebe Circle
- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes
- 6:00pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

FRIDAY, October 16
- 10:30am Windy City Dulicmer
- 6pm UWF – Movie Night

SATURDAY, October 17
- 8:30am Men's Breakfast (Colonial Café)
- 11am UWF – Cottages in the Woods

SUNDAY, October 18
- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:30am Sunday Funday – Pumpkin Palooza
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 10:45am AdultEd: Seeing Gray
- 12pm Simone Tingley Recital
- 2pm UWF - Bunco

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







PROVIDE HOSPITALITY TO COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: SIGN UP!

Help us host Sunday hospitality and refreshment in Baker Hall at 10:30 AM after worship. Sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/umxm4spm or on the website.