



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026, 9:30 AM
SERVICE of WORD, SONG and PRAYER
JAZZ FEST / JAZZ SUNDAY

BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRE-SERVICE SPECIAL MUSIC

Jazz Quartet

We are blessed by Sam Wyatt, piano, Mary Hunt LeCuyer, vocals, Mary Halm, bass, Jack Macklin, guitar and Steve Hunt, drums

GREETING

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

Jazz Quartet

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Chandra Gravit, Liturgist

One: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: The Lord has done this; it is marvelous in our eyes!

One: God in Christ is building us into beloved community.

All: Create us anew, O Lord, for your glory. Come, let us worship!

*** HYMN 368 "My Hope Is Built"**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE**

Loving God, in your image you have made all people to be your children and citizens of your kingdom on earth. Yet our sins diminish our potential to fully live into the power of your love. Take away any jealousy, prejudice, arrogance, and selfish pride and increase our capacity for sympathy, respect and goodwill. By our grace, save us that we may grow into Christ's vision and mission of beloved community you would have us to know and to practice, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. **AMEN.**

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.



TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-9, N.T., pg. 198

HYMN OF PRAYER 2158 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

1. I am weak, but thou art strong;
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 time for me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Refrain
 Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,
 dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WORDS: Anon. (James 4:8)
 MUSIC: Anon.

CLOSER WALK
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

For those who are poor in spirit, health and bank account...
 For those who are grieving and those who are reaching out...
 For those who hunger and thirst in body, mind or soul...
 For those who are merciful and just, those who make peace...
 For those who are pure in heart and seeking truth...
 For those who seek our forgiveness and those who we have wronged...
 For those who faithfully believe and live in the power of love...

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

Matthew 5:1-12, N.T., pg. 4, pew Bible

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

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 394 "Something Beautiful"

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP: ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Use the QR code or pew envelopes for your gift to the mission and ministry of Baker Memorial Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory, "God Bless the Child," Billy Holiday. Mary Hunt LeCuyer

* Jazz Doxology, Sung response, Hymnal, pg. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication



* HYMN 2155 "Blest Are They"



1. Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
2. Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
3. Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
5. Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -



king-dom of God. _____ Blest are they,
her - it the earth. _____ Blest are they who
shall be theirs. _____ Blest are they, the
chil-dren of God. _____ Blest are they who
cause of me. _____ Re - joice and be glad,



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled. ____
hun-ger and thirst; they shall have their fill. ____
pure of heart; they shall see God! ____
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs. ____
yours is the king-dom. Shine for all to see. ____

Refrain



Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____ Bless-ed are



you, ho - ly are you. Re - joice _____ and be glad! ____



____ Yours is the king-dom of God! _____

WORDS: David Haas (Matt. 5:3-16)

MUSIC: David Haas

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BLEST ARE THEY
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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERIES: BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY



How is the church called to be an agent of transformation, a witness to Christ's love, and a builder of beloved community in a time of struggle for justice and peace? Our series utilizes resources published by The UMC's Council of Bishops and General Commission on Religion and Race and "The Beloved Community: The Building Blocks of a Love-Filled Life" by Rev.

Jasmine Rose Smothers. May we find faithful responses to local, national and global challenges through this four part series.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Land acknowledgments are used by local congregations as acts of confession, repentance, and truth-telling regarding historical complicity in the colonization and displacement of Indigenous peoples. Baker Memorial UMC, St. Charles, Kane County, is situated on the ancestral, traditional, and unceded (*never legally signed away, surrendered, or given up*) homelands of the Council of the Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi Nations.

BAKER MEMORIAL CHURCH STAFF:

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

FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION:

Speak with our pastor or staff. Call 630.584.6680.

Email: info@bakermemorialchurch.org.

Go to www.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 (Cedar Ave), Wendy Jensen (4th Ave); Ushers: Bill Brownsey, Cliff Bottigliero, Geoff & Sarah Hardwick; Liturgist: Chandra Gravit; Livestream Tech: Rob Hale

NEW MEMBER INQUIRY SESSIONS: SEPTEMBER 13 & 27

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

NIL FOOD BANK GANG, SEPTEMBER 14, 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.

ONE O'CLOCK BOOK GROUP, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1PM

All are welcome to join in this reading fellowship. The book for September is *Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick. For more info, contact Shelley Campbell at sscbooks@sbcglobal.net.

NORTHSIDE BRASS IN CONCERT: AUTUMN BRASS, SUNDAY, SEPT. 20, 3-4:30 PM

Baker Memorial Church's resident ensemble the "Northside Brass Quintet" celebrates fall through an inspiring program featuring a blend of classical masterworks, stirring fanfares, American favorites, and contemporary works. For tickets: <https://www.northsidebrass.com/public-concerts>

UWF DROP-IN COFFEE, SEPTEMBER 21, 9AM

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

BLOOD DRIVE, OCTOBER 1, 2:30PM

Save a life and donate blood at the Pete Holmes Blood Drive! Versiti Blood Center will be on site taking your donations from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. Sign up via <https://tinyurl.com/yc53xtpj>

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 available on the table under the monitor near Cedar Ave.

RESTOCK OUR BAKER FOOD AND CARE PANTRY

Non-perishable, non-expired and portable food items: pop-tab cans of soup or stew or pasta; peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, beef sticks; and canned tuna & chicken. (Granola & protein bars are not needed at this time.) Drop items off at the blue container outside the church office.

This Week

AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, September 13

- 9:30am Worship – Jazz in Worship
- 10:45am New Member Inquiry Session
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 5pm St. Charles Singers Rehearsal

MONDAY, September 14

- 9am NIL Food Bank Gang
- 9:30am PGC Meeting
- 1pm One O'clock Book Club
- 7pm SF&D Meeting
- 7pm SPRC Meeting

TUESDAY, September 15

- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11am Women's Emmaus
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 7pm AdultEd Study
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

WEDNESDAY, September 16

- 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry
- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

THURSDAY, September 17

- 11:30am Feed My Starving Children

FRIDAY, September 18

- 10:30am Windy City Dulcimer
- 5pm Rozsypal/Bronski Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, September 19

- 9am Administer Justice
- 3pm Rozsypal/Bronski Wedding

SUNDAY, September 20

- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:30am Sunday Funday – Happy Camper
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 3pm Northside Brass Concert
- 5pm St. Charles Singers Rehearsal

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our events can be
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BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERIES

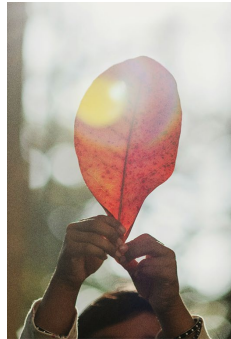
How is the church called to be an agent of transformation, a witness to Christ's love, and a builder of beloved community?

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



HAPPY CAMPER SUNDAY FUNDAY

September 20 at 10:30 am

The theme this month is *Happy Campers!*
Gather after worship at 10:30 am
in Baker Hall for intergenerational
refreshment, fellowship and
faith fun about appreciating nature.

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US!



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

NEW NAMETAGS

New nametags are now available on the table
in the narthex next to the 4th Ave door!
Please pick yours up before the service to
help welcome our guests. If your tag is
missing, please email Steven Wilhelm at
swilhelm@bakermemorialchurch.org