



BAKER MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICE of WORD, SONG and
SACRAMENT of HOLY BAPTISM

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026, 9:30 AM

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 & blessing.



PRELUDE

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit," Adolphus Hailstork III, Stephen Uhl

🔥 CALL TO WORSHIP

Mandy Hale, Liturgist

One: Blow upon us, Holy Spirit,

All: Wind of God and Breath of Life.

One: Speak to us, Holy Spirit,

All: Our Advocate and Counselor.

One: Inspire us, Holy Spirit,

All: Holy Wisdom, Divine Artist.

One: Come and bless us, Holy Spirit.

All: May we receive your gifts. Bless the church at worship!

🔥 HYMN 539 "O Spirit of the Living God"

🔥 PRAYER FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

For the gift of Your Spirit we praise You, our God. We have come to You by the Spirit's conviction. We have new life through the Spirit's indwelling. We are made Your children by the Spirit's adoption. We witness and serve by the Spirit's empowerment.

And we yearn to be more like Christ because of the Spirit's urgings. Continue, we pray, Your gracious work, so that we may walk in this world free from the bondage of sin, and free to do Your will in the glorious liberty of Your children through Your Holy Spirit. AMEN.

🔥 THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.



TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sunday school is on summer break. Busy bags with activities for children can be found at either entrance. A place space is located in the south narthex area.

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 12:3b-13, N.T., pg. 174, pew Bible

HYMN 393 "Spirit of the Living God" 2x

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM, Hymnal pg. 39-43

Candidate: Connor William Gravit, child of Michelle & Kurt Gravit

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.

HYMN 333 "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" vs. 1-2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our 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.

HYMN 333 "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" vs. 3-4

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-13, N.T., pg. 119, pew Bible

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"Strange Fire"

Rev. David Aslesen

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP: ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Offertory, "Lux Aeterna," Sarah Quartel, Marybeth Kurnat, Stephen Uhl

🔥 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 558 “We Are the Church”

🔥 BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

🔥 POSTLUDE

“Come, Holy Spirit,” Johann Pachelbel, Stephen Uhl

Call to Worship adapted from Re: Worship; Prayer for Pentecost written by J.M. Drescher, in Prayers for All Seasons.

The Blessing of the Holy Spirit be yours! Go in peace!



SEASON OF HOPE BEGINS JUNE 7

Throughout the month of June, we will honor God's gift of hope for every season. I Peter 1:3-9: "God has given us a new birth into a living hope!" Worship will explore living hope, practicing hope and lifesaving hope. On Sunday, June 28, we will celebrate with our **CAMP HOPE** VBS kids!

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.

Info@bakermemorialchurch.org. Go to www.bakermemorialchurch.org.

Check us out on YouTube, Facebook & Instagram. Traveling? Worship Online!



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: John & Heide Hughes; Ushers: Greg Pratt, Jane Fanslow, John Stumpf, Steve Hunt; Liturgist: Mandy Hale; Livestream Tech: Rob Hale

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VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DAY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, MAY 25, 7:30-10 AM

St. Charles VFW Post 5036 Fundraising Breakfast at Baker Memorial Church. \$5/person.

PARSONAGE WORK DAY NEEDS YOU! SATURDAY, MAY 30, 9-NOON

Scheduled projects include removing chain-link fencing, removing basement steps carpet, and weeding and maintaining flower beds. Please contact Mike Millette, Trustees chairperson, or any of our trustees regarding your time and ability to assist with projects.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. PHIL DRIPPS, JUNE 6, 10:30am

Our former associate pastor passed away on April 15. Phil was 91.

CELEBRATE PRIDE 2026: ST. CHARLES PRIDE FEST SUNDAY JUNE 7, 11AM – 3PM

Located at St. Mary's Park, stop by after church to enjoy some music, grab lunch from a food truck, and shop the vendor tables! Baker Memorial's Social Justice Committee will be participating, stop by and say hi! Support PFLAG at various parades and festivals throughout June, sign up at <https://signup.com/group/105307113201>

BLOOD DRIVE, JUNE 11, 2:30PM-630PM, SAVE A LIFE!

Versiti Blood Center will be onsite! Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/34nvd4ys>. Please Come Visit!

GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS

Send your graduate's information to the church office by email or phone call. We'd love to acknowledge their accomplishments and future plans in an upcoming edition of the Weekly Word.

APRIL 2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

The following financial update represents only operating income and expenses, including pledged and unpledged income, and income from invested funds, building usage, weddings and events. Donations to capital or designated funds (e.g., Memorials) and related expenditures are not included.

	April	Year to Date	Annual Expected
Operating income	\$ 43,500	\$ 215,638	\$ 593,138
Operating expenses	\$ 50,674	\$ 222,047	\$ 642,241
Net Church Operations	\$ (7,173)	\$ (6,408)	\$ (49,103)

Generous giving this year has exceeded 2025 giving by 27% and operating expenses are 14% below 2025. Personnel expenses represented 57% of operating expenses and building expenses were 26% of operating expenses year-to-date. We are optimistic that the expected shortfall in income vs. expenses will be significantly reduced throughout this year.

This Week

AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 24

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45am AdultEd: *Faith in the News*
- 1pm Andrea James Recital
- 5pm St. Charles Singers Rehearsal

MONDAY, May 25

- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 7am VFW Memorial Day Breakfast

TUESDAY, May 26

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

WEDNESDAY, May 27

- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

THURSDAY, May 28

- 3pm Kaneland HS Rehearsal
- 7pm Kaneland HS Concert

FRIDAY, May 29

- 9am Farmers Market

SUNDAY, May 31

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



**BAKERKIDS
CAMP HOPE
SUMMER VBS**

**JUNE 22-25
9-11 AM**
music • art • science
fun activities

Come to learn about
the seed of hope growing in
our hearts to share
with the world!

For children & youth
in pre-K through 8th

Sign up on app or website
bakermemorialchurch.org

SIGN UP NOW!



**BAKERKIDS
CAMP HOPE
SUMMER VBS**

**SIGN UP TO
VOLUNTEER!**

June 22-25 • 9 to 11 a.m.
We need volunteers to make
our VBS a big success.
Please visit our sign up
page to view volunteer
roles and donation wishlist.
Go to app, website, or scan QR.

bakermemorialchurch.org



**Women's
MOVIE
Night**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5
AT 6PM IN WILEY HALL**

Come for fellowship,
pizza & salad dinner,
watch the movie
Eleanor the Great,
and discuss the movie.

SIGN UP ON THE CHURCH APP
OR THE WEBSITE
bakermemorialchurch.org
Sponsored by United Women in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Coffee & Conversation

Wednesday, June 3 at 9 am

Drop in for casual
coffee & conversation
at Maple Leaf
Coffee House
1 West Illinois St.



Sign up now!

Summer Mission Trip

Join our group at Midwest Mission July 27-30
Lodging and volunteering for 20 participants
will be on the Midwest's grounds in Pawnee, IL

This is a great opportunity for all ages
to participate in service and fellowship!

Contact Pastor David or Chris Stumpf to sign up.



PETE HOLMES
**BLOOD
DRIVE**



**THURSDAY
JUNE 11
2:30-6:30 PM**

**SIGN UP TO
DONATE TODAY
& SAVE A LIFE!**

Make an appointment
on the church app or website
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