

BAKER ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEKS STARTING JAN. 29, 2012

Scriptures for Feb. 5

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Childcare Available: The Nursery is staffed and supervised at both the **9 and 10:30 a.m. services during the school year and at the 9 a.m. service** during the summer. Children 3 and younger are welcome to play while their parents or guardians worship.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY

8 a.m.	Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
9 a.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE
9 a.m.	Nursery Care for children 3 and under *
10 a.m.	Cherub Choir
10 a.m.	Fellowship Café *
10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m.	Nursery Care for children 3 and under *
10:30 a.m.	Faith Quest Bible Study
11:45 a.m.	Parish Life Committee
2:30 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Fellowship
3 p.m.	Trumpet-Piano Concert *
4 p.m.	Baker Youth Ensemble
4:30 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Fellowship

Faith Quest Adult Sunday School has started up again, with seven weeks' study of the book of Revelations. Our facilitator is Dan Starr.

Sunday Fellowship Café: Each Sunday at 10 a.m.,



one of our ministries or committees hosts the Fellowship time. Please stop by Baker Hall, meet and greet your church family, ask questions of the host group and enjoy a beverage and sweet treat.

Jan. 29-Ruth Circle

Feb. 5-Evangelism

Supper's On: Food and fellowship are on the menu from **5 to 6:30 p.m. most Wednesdays**, in Wiley Hall. As always, the Supper Crew needs the services of Baker bakers, because dessert donations are needed weekly.



Feb. 1: Turkey Breast

Feb. 8: Stuffed Pork Roast

Joys and Concerns:

Joys: Daughter Erica and granddaughters Jennifer and Maddie have moved in with Paul and Debbie Conterato; Charlotte Nelson (4, on Jan. 19) and Chris Nelson (Jan. 14) celebrated birthdays; Opal Harmon, grandmother of Deb Pfaff, celebrated her 95th birthday Jan. 22; Johnny Pfaff placed first (pack) and second overall (den) at the Pinewood Derby Jan. 21; Tally Van Hook received positive results after biopsy/surgery for cancer; Erik and Kate Delp, welcomed Charlotte Grace last weekend.

Concerns: Diane M, decrease in pain, and for healing; prayers for those grieving and for those who have suffered miscarriages.

Health: Trent Hammer; Carol Harris; Orrin Nelson, Dave and Loretta Wilson's grandson; Illinois Sen. Mark Kirk; Rob Murphy; Bud Hoffer; Ralph.

Transition Planning: The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) discussed the elimination of the Associate Pastor/Director of Christian Ed position at its

Jan. 3 meeting. It was decided that Pastor Ronni, representatives of the SPRC and leaders of key program areas affected by the change would meet prior to the SPRC's Feb. 6 meeting to determine the church's short-term and long-range needs, to set the stage for developing plans to ensure continuity of support. Once the needs assessment is conducted, it is anticipated that we will convene a group of church leaders to develop an action plan, including a timeline for moving forward. We will continue to keep people informed as more details are determined. Successful implementation of the action plan will require the support not only of the staff but also volunteers from the congregation. We encourage you to contribute your time and talents to assist with the transition as you are able. Let the staff, the members of the SPRC or other church leaders know of your interests and availability.

Books, CDs Needed: The Missions Committee needs donations of used books, CDs, DVDs and video games for its annual Book Sale. Donations will be accepted at the church through Friday, Feb. 3. The sale is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. Contact Gary Johnson or Jennifer Cerven for more information. Donations should be placed near the piano in Baker Hall.



2012 Envelopes: Envelopes for 2012 may be picked up in Baker Hallway. Those who don't see one for their family, but want envelopes should contact the church office.



Hometouch: Know someone who would love to come to services at Baker UMC but cannot? The *Hometouch* weekly mailing can help keep him or her connected with the church. Contact Beth Bales in the church office, 630-584-6680, or at carillon@bakermemorialchurch.org.

Wednesday Night Nursery: The Wednesday Night Nursery is available for children 5 years old and younger, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for those who participate in the choir and/or Bible study. We still need a volunteer to assist Courtney Fredrickson, who is the attendant. Can you help one night, two nights or more? Please contact Courtney at 630-632-6878, or contact Pastor Bromleigh. Without volunteers, we will not be able to continue to offer this wonderful service. Please pray that people volunteer to help the young parents of the church.

UMW Circles:

- Phoebe Circle is promoting donations through January of Health Kits to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Kits include a hand towel, one washcloth, a large and study comb (not pocket-sized), a nail file or fingernail clippers, a bath-size bar of soap, a toothbrush (single brushes only, in original wrapper) and six adhesive bandage strips. For specifics pick up an information sheet on the credenza under the UMW bulletin board or see <http://new.gbgn-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/health-kit/>.
- Phoebe Circle is making Beef Stew for the Feb. 15 Wednesday Night Supper. This fundraiser for Fox Valley Troop Support replaces a February meeting. This is a cash-only (no tickets) supper night.
- Miriam Circle will sell hand-dyed, colorful silk scarves Sunday, Feb. 5, during Fellowship time. Cost is \$15 for each scarf.

- **Miriam Circle** will meet at 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 (bring your own lunch), followed by a trip (leaving at noon) to go to Color Me Mine in the Geneva Commons to paint goblets with a Miriam/Passover/Seder theme for centerpieces for the Seder Meal tables.

Gather for the Super Bowl! Join the men of the church for football and fellowship, as they gather to enjoy the Super Bowl on the Youth Room's big screen! A light meal will be served for a contribution of \$5. Participants should bring a refreshment for themselves and a snack to share. For more information, contact Tom Warren at 331-223-5674.



Adult Book Club: The Book Club will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, to discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. March's book is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot. April's selection is *Girl* by Lisa See.

Concert is Today, Jan. 29: Trumpeter Mark Baldin and pianist Jon Warfel will perform a program of music for trumpet and piano at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 in the Sanctuary. Music of Schubert, Chopin, Jan Bach, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Mark Lathan, Felix Mendelssohn and Francis Poulenc will be featured. Mark Baldin is principal trumpet with the Rockford Symphony Orchestra and has appeared with the Grant Park Symphony and Lyric Opera. Jon Warfel is organist and choirmaster at First Congregational Church of Elgin, accompanist for the Naperville Chorus and staff accompanist at North Central College. He has soloed with the Grant Park Symphony, Orchestra of Illinois, Fox Valley Symphony and the Illinois Chamber Symphony Orchestra and performs regularly with Carolyn Lloyd. A free-will offering will be taken.



Kairo Prison Ministry Plans Retreat: Kairos #9 is preparing for a retreat, set for Feb. 17-20. The Kairos prison ministry is much like the Emmaus weekend. The group meets from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays (except Jan. 28) at Woodridge Methodist Church. Those interested in becoming involved may contact Betty Erickson at 630-399-6183. Those who don't want to go into a maximum security prison may support the weekend in other ways, via being a prayer warrior, poster creator, letter writer or cookie baker.



Super Subs Coming: Our youth will once again be selling hand-crafted, foot-long sub sandwiches to raise money for the summer mission trip. The tasty creations will be picked up in Baker Hall Sunday, Feb. 5, Super Bowl Sunday. They're perfect for parties or just as a work-free lunch while watching the game. Sandwiches are \$15 each and can be purchased, beginning today, Jan. 15, either in Baker Hall between services on Sundays or by leaving a message for Jim Best at 630-881-4338.



See Bald Eagles: The 50-Uppers group is planning a four-hour bus tour in Galena on Feb. 25 to observe wintering bald eagles along the upper Mississippi River. Stoney Creek Inn in Galena has a special rate of \$79 for overnight stays; the tour will leave from the inn at 8 a.m. Vic Temple is looking into renting a van for those who don't drive. Cost for the tour is \$60. Reservations can be made by calling Vic, 630-377-3110. Tours are by the Eagle Nature Foundation.

Stock the Pantry: Please help Stock the Pantry for Northern Illinois Food Bank. Suggested donations for January are spaghetti and sauce, while February's suggested donation is canned soup.

Weather Cancellations: We've been relatively lucky so far this winter season, weather-wise. But who knows when the snow will fly or how much will pile up? Our church events are canceled whenever St. Charles School District 303 cancels school because of inclement weather. Worship services WILL NOT be canceled.



Lazarus House: Our next date to serve is Tuesday, Feb. 14. Volunteers also are needed to prepare breakfasts and lunches. People also may donate money to the **Lazarus House giving account**, which funds meals. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the office, or during Fellowship Hour on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Call Sandee Staples at (630) 584-5283 to volunteer.

THE WEEK AHEAD at BAKER

For a daily schedule of events during the week, see the Events stand at the Cedar Ave. entrance.

* = More details in Announcements.

MONDAY, Jan. 30

7 p.m. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, Jan. 31

9 a.m. Miriam Circle (moms)

1 p.m. Retired Pastors' Group

1:30 p.m. Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1

9:15 a.m. UMW Mission Team

11:30 a.m. Deborah by the Palm

4:30 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir (Baker Hall)

5 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper *

This week: Turkey Breast

Next week: Stuffed Pork Roast

5 p.m. Chapel Choir

5 p.m. Wesley Singers (Baker Hall)

6 p.m. Deborah by the Palm

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, Feb. 2

7 a.m. Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY, Feb. 3

Afternoon: Book Sale Set-up *

SATURDAY, Feb. 4

8:30 a.m. Book Sale *

SUNDAY, Feb. 5

No YF, as youth will be preparing sub sandwiches

8 a.m. Men's ensemble Rehearsal

8 a.m. Youth sandwich preparation

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Cherub Choir

10 a.m. Sub Sandwich Pickup *

10:30 a.m. Faith Quest Bible Study

4 p.m. Baker Youth Ensemble

5:30 p.m. Football Fellowship—Super Bowl *

Church Staff

Ronni Sue Verboom	Senior Pastor
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