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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

Gifts For Jesus

When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. —Matthew 2:10-11 (CEB)

The Magi travel across the desert to greet the Christ child and bring him gifts. It's a beautiful example of how the birth of Christ breaks down cultural and geological barriers, as well as moves individuals to give of themselves to Christ. They came and gave gifts fit for a King. Most of us don't have those kinds of gifts to give, so we bring gifts of time, talents, and treasures.

As 2018 ends and 2019 begins, it is a good time thank everyone for the gifts they have brought to Christ's service over the last year while encouraging you to consider what you have to bring in 2019. There are too many people to list by name in giving thanks so I'll just mention some of the gifts people brought. Several people have brought their time to help out in the office during the week. One checks those offering slips of our attendance, and enters people into our database. Another helps assembling the bulletins. Another straightens the sanctuary and sorts through the recycle baskets so we don't end up recycling things like unused prayer cards. Another helps by sitting at the front desk directing people and calls so the staff can focus on their work uninterrupted for a few hours at a time. There are more who come when we have a large mailing or a specific task that needs to be done. I just want to say thank-you for putting your gifts to work at the church.

There are so many more to mention. We have the Wednesday evening cooking team, and the people who serve dinners, bring desserts, and help set up the day before or clean up afterwards. We have people who bring and serve food for our day guest program, as well as those who help people out who are struggling by bringing clothing, food, and sometimes

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rides. We have the people who have rung the bell for the Salvation Army, as well as helped out in the library. We have leaders of adult Bible studies, as well as Sunday School for all ages. We have the folks who decorate the sanctuary, or greet at the door, or usher on Sunday mornings. We have the men who help out on several Saturdays during the year,

Thank you to everyone who has brought their gifts to Christ's service just like the magi did so long ago.

the garden angels, and the women who hold bake sales and other events. We have the choirs, and all the volunteer musicians who enliven our worship, and all of those who volunteer to be liturgists and

communion servers. Every week different people bring treats for fellowship, while others shepherd our children during Sunday school. We have a volunteer who helps

reach out to people who want to become members and get them acquainted with the church, and a gentleman who shows up early every Sunday morning to help unlock the church building. We have many who serve on committees helping plan worship, manage the properties, staff, and finances, grow our Sunday School, youth, young adult, and adult programs, and oversee the work of the church.

Even after having listed all of these roles, I know I have missed mentioning many. Thank you to everyone who has brought their gifts to Christ's service just like the magi did so long ago. This is the crux of what it means to be a disciple. We are called to see the signs, follow the star, find the child, and remain connected in prayer, study, community, and service. Every Christian has gifts to bring and the church has opportunities for everyone.

Happy New Year!

In Christ,
Pastor Mary



OPENING NEW DOORS

Capital Campaign Update

As we start a new year, I thought I would take a moment to thank everyone for the generous pledges we have received to date. And, to those who are still prayerfully considering their pledge, I encourage you to participate.

The Opening New Doors Capital Campaign has hit its first milestone!

We have received pledges totaling over \$1,000,000. God is with us!

I would like to address a few of the questions that have been asked by members as the campaign has progressed.

The first dollars available for use will be dedicated to restoring the church to its best operating condition. No frills here, just common sense good use of our money. Please look to your brochures to see some of the things that will be accomplished first.

If we are fortunate and we raise the \$4,000,000, we will be able to begin work on remodeling the church. So far, we have concepts and ideas for what might happen first. No decisions have been made.

We will not be starting any remodeling of the church without both the direct input of the members and then an all church vote on the priorities to be addressed first.

Baker Memorial United Methodist Church is a church moving forward. I am excited by the discussions and decisions being made in the church. We are talking. We are committing. We are alive as a congregation.

May God bless our effort to realize and reimagine how we can further Christ's work here, near, and far away.

My best to you all,
Allan Scales
Opening New Doors campaign chair

Everyone who was excited and eager to participate brought the LORD's gift offerings to be used for building the meeting tent and all its furnishings and for the holy clothes. Exodus 35:21-29 (CEB)

Children & Family Ministries

FOCUS: 2019: CONTINUE FAMILY CELEBRATIONS!

THIS MONTH'S FAMILY BIBLE VERSE: *No doubt about it: children are a gift from the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a divine reward. The children born when one is young are like arrows in the hand of a warrior. The person who fills a quiver full with them is truly happy! They won't be ashamed when arguing with their enemies in the gate. —Psalm 127:3-5*
Deep Blue Kid's Bible

Our Baker children have been busy in December with Santa breakfast, Christmas Pageant, and celebrating Jesus' birth. December is always a busy month with festive family fun countdown to Christmas, and let's continue to celebrate the New Year with our family. Schedule time in your calendar for family togetherness each month to forge your family bonds and memories. This is a necessity in my life to make sure I live a balanced life with many obligations and only so much time in each day. I could easily get burned out, but having God as my center helps me to continue to love. It so happens that the Children and Family Ministry Team have a Family Skate Date event at Batavia's Funway on January 20th, from 12-4pm. It is going to be great! It's **free**, but please RSVP Shelly to register your family number at [sstienbarger@bakermemorialchurch.org](mailto:ssstienbarger@bakermemorialchurch.org).

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA.

Thank you to all the volunteers and helpers who made our Annual Santa Breakfast on December 1st a great success. A special thank you to Jaime Sjogren, who organized all the details for this special event. We had 58 of all ages who attended, and everyone had a wonderful time. The children enjoy pancakes and sausage for breakfast prepared by the UMM, and listened to the Christmas story with Melissa Arndt. The children decorated holiday crafts, wrote their letter to Santa as they waited for anticipation of Santa Claus. Each child was able to capture their moment with



Santa from the help of Michele Claney and Alex Claney Photography. If you haven't been to this magical event, you need to put in your calendar for 2019.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT. *Sing A Song of Christmas: A Simple Christmas Musical for Kids* created by Ed Kee and Rhonda Frazier was joyfully sung by 19 Sunday school children during the 10:30am Service on December 9th. Their musical contained both familiar carols and a narration to celebrate the birth of Christ for the congregation. A special thank you to Melissa Arndt who was the director and our pianist, Brooke Bayless. It was truly a blessing to witness the children's musical gifts.

Blessings and Joy,
Shelly Stienbarger
Director, Children & Family Ministry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **January Curriculum** | Jesus and the Children
Matthew 19:13-15 | 9am
- **Sunday, January 20** | Family Skate Date | Noon-4pm

THANK YOU'S!

- **December Teachers:** Chrissy Farley & Marti Tarmichael
- **December Shepherds:** Courtney Fredrickson, Mitzi Babka & Toni Peck
- **Nursery:** Catherine Rosenquist & Danni Killian
- **Pageant:** Melissa Arndt & Brooke Bayless
- **Santa Breakfast:** Tom Warren, Greg Holt, Gary Steele, Josh & Charlie Fredrickson, Steve Wright, Pete Vargulich, Allan & Jayne Scales, Alex & Michele Claney, John Clarke, Katie Crow, Jaime Sjogren, Meg Bingham, Alyce Williams, Melissa Arndt and Steve Pagano
- **Special Thank You:** Debi Batza & Gary Steele



Youth Ministry

KICKING OFF A NEW YEAR

As the new year gets started, we anticipate a number of events focused on high school and middle school youth. No doubt you are already familiar with Miriam Circle and Joseph Fellowship. Through these groups, we are taking the fun up a notch and inviting all middle school youth together to bowl at St. Charles Bowl on January 27 at 12:30pm. The event will be hosted by Miriam Circle, but they are letting the guys show up and I want to make sure you are aware of the opportunity.

Another great event that is coming up is our annual Winter Retreat. This year's theme is *Snowball* and we will share a time of spiritual growth, prayer, reflect and ski (which is a not-so-secret favorite among the attendees). We already have about 10 signed up and still have space for more. We will leave the church at 4:30pm on January 18 and return the next day in the evening. Every year, it has been a blast and we expect an even greater time this year.

Finally, our church has been blessed with amazing young people and volunteers to lead them. If you see someone who leads Sunday school, a youth group or is a mentor to a young person, share a word of thanks and encouragement. If you wish to volunteer to co-lead a program or group event, let me know and we can discuss where you might be the best asset.

Blessings,
Carl King
Director of Youth Ministry

P.S. The rummage sale is coming quickly! The sale is Thursday, April 11 through Saturday, April 13, 2019. If you have items from your home or if someone you know needs to empty their house, let us know. We have space set aside to welcome your wares!

Young Adult Ministry

We wrapped up last year with two tremendous events for two completely different demographics and had a blast both times. In early December, the young adults gathered over at our home for a potluck brunch—if that is a thing. We had some delicious food, shared needs, met new members and enjoyed a good game of catch a phrase.

Then, a few days after Christmas, the college-aged young adults met at Northern Illinois Food Bank for a time of service and catching up. We sorted and repacked enough for about 3,500 meals over this next year. To the right are some pictures of the event.

In mid-January, we plan to go to an Escape Room and dinner, so keep your ears open for the updates via email and text.

Happy New Year!
Carl King
Director of Young Adult Ministry



How United Methodists Understand Epiphany and Three Kings Day

Epiphany is the day Christians remember the coming of the Magi to visit Jesus, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

It occurs on January 6 every year, the 13th day of the Christmas season. The word “epiphany,” from the Greek word *epiphania*, means appearance or manifestation.

The arrival of these visitors was a sign that the incarnation of God in Christ had been made known and was recognized by the heavens to the whole world, so that even Gentile wise men from the East came to pay him homage. This is an observance of great majesty, solemnity and awe.

An even more ancient Christian celebration than Christmas, Epiphany originally focused on the nativity, God’s incarnation (God made flesh) in the birth of Jesus Christ, and Christ’s baptism. After the late fourth century, as Advent developed as a season of baptismal preparation in addition to Lent, Epiphany became associated with baptism. This is why we see images of the three Magi on many older baptismal fonts.

In many Hispanic cultures, Epiphany is a day of great rejoicing and celebration, often kicked off by a parade the night before in which people dressed as the three kings or carrying statues of the three kings pass through the towns and villages throwing out candy and small gifts to all around. Families and children alike look forward to *Día de Los Tres Reyes* (Three Kings Day) as a time for presents, feasting and celebration. Attending church services that include the celebration of communion is also common in many of these cultures, even for those who may not attend worship regularly.

In England and some other European cultures, January 5 is known as Twelfth Night, the culmination of the 12 days of Christmas feasting and partying. On Twelfth Night, many families gather in homes to celebrate with friends, food, singing and gifts. It is at these Twelfth Night celebrations that “Chalking the Door,” asking God’s blessing on those dwellings and upon all who live there, is most often observed.

In New Orleans, Twelfth Night begins another season of celebrations that comes to fulfillment at Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday). Epiphany itself, January 6, becomes the kickoff day for that season, but is also often observed with a full celebration in church, complete with incense, elaborate processions, choral celebrations, and Eucharist.

Some United Methodists in the United States, who are



Image courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

The Adoration of the Magi tapestry dating from 1894 from the Manchester Metropolitan University, England.

not part of these rich traditions, tend to recognize Epiphany on the Sunday nearest January 6. There may be a pageant of the three kings as part of worship that day and a small party afterward.

In celebrating Epiphany this year, consider partnering with a Hispanic, Latino or other congregation to find new ways to joyously celebrate Epiphany/Tres Reyes. In whatever ways you decide to celebrate it, remember at the heart of your celebration are the Magi kneeling, worshipping and offering gifts to Jesus, Messiah for all people.

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Seasons Cleanings

We have enjoyed the Advent and Christmas decorations and it will soon be time to take them down. Clean-up commences on Sunday, January 6, 2019 after the second service. All are invited to help out, and pizza will be provided. Contact John Clarke at (630) 877-0829 if you have any questions.

Blueprint for Discipleship Study

All new members are encouraged to take this class as well as anyone who would like to learn about Methodism. The class is on Wednesdays, January 9-February 13 at 6:30pm in the Adult Study Room. Books are available in the office for \$10 each. Sign up online at <https://bit.ly/BlueprintJan2019> or contact the office at 630-584-6680.

Women's Retreat Reunion

Remember the Connections retreat back in October? Remember the letter you wrote to Jesus? Remember breathe prayers and the altar representing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

We are gathering for dinner on January 9 at 5pm. We will have dinner at the church. The Wednesday Night Supper crew will be serving Lemon Garlic Chicken, roasted potatoes and broccoli. Soup, salad and bread are provided as well as dessert choices. Small appetites pay \$4 for the meal and large appetites pay \$6. Plan to join us at the tables near the back of Wiley hall.

Let's catch up with each other! Share how your new faith practices are growing or how you want them to grow in the new year. We'd also like to discuss the retreat plans for 2020! From all your survey responses, it looks like this group would really like to have another retreat, so the date has been set for February 21-22, 2020. Please come and share your ideas to help us build a wonderful experience for all our sisters in Christ.

Please RSVP to Kimberlyannstarr@gmail.com or text 630-341-1762 by January 4.

Revelation for Everyone

Engage the imagination and awaken the intellect to the vitality and relevance of the last words on scripture, Christ, church, worship, prayer, evil, witness, politics and heaven. Do it in the circle of friends who are navigating this poetic book—it is refreshing and alive!

Class begins with a sweeping review on January 8th and meets every Tuesday in the Parlor. Two class times: 11:30am (women's study) and 6:30pm (all). Call/text or email Paula Hall with questions: paulamorrishall3@gmail.com or 630-363-6566.

Sisterhood DBTP

Sisterhood DBTP Bible Study for High School Girls will meet January 13 and 27 from 4-5:30pm in the Youth Center. We'll continue our study of the Book of Revelation. Friends are welcome! Questions? Contact Jennifer Swenson 630-621-8362 or Paula Hall 630-363-6566.

Credit Card & Paypal Donation Options



If you would like to donate to Baker Memorial UMC using a credit card or Paypal, go to BakerMemorialChurch.org and click on the donate button or you can scan our QR code, shown here, to give with your smart phone.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CORNER

2018 YTD Financial Information

Finance continues to encourage anyone who hasn't pledged yet for 2019 to prayerfully consider making that commitment of faith as we look to solidify the budget for the church in January. We look forward to helping shepherd the capital campaign wherever needed as we move in to the new year.

Charge Conference Report

At the charge conference held on December 18, 2018 at 7pm two resolutions were passed. The two resolutions voted on were:

Resolution #1: The Board of Trustees of Baker Memorial United Methodist Church moves that we sell the parcel bounded by North Avenue, 3rd Avenue, and Cedar Avenue, at no less than 90% of the appraised value (\$1,275,000 or \$1,050,000, depending on the City's allowances to the potential buyer to remove the 217 Cedar residence). Any potential sale would require a guaranteed provision of equivalent parking on Sunday mornings, as well approval of the type of development that is being proposed. The trustees will market the sale directly until July 1, 2019. After that period, a broker may be engaged. If, by January 1, 2021, no viable buyer has been found or no deal is being negotiated, another church conference will be convened in order for the congregation to consider what course of action should be taken at that time. This passed with a vote of 79 in favor and 9 opposed.

Resolution #2: The Board of Trustees of Baker Memorial United Methodist Church moves that we sell the parcel bounded by Cedar Avenue, 3rd Avenue, and State Avenue (the "North Parking Lot"), only if it should become a key element to the overall development plan for the parcels listed in Resolution #1. The sale price would be at no less than 100% of the appraised value (\$550,000). Any potential sale would require a guaranteed provision of equivalent parking on Sunday mornings, as well approval of the type of development that is being proposed. This passed with a vote of 66 in favor, 21 opposed and one abstained.

Thank you to all who participated!

United Methodist Women Thank You

Thanks to all who helped make our bake sale a success! All monetary donations support women, children and youth.

MISSIONS CORNER

Opportunities for Service

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Mission Outreach is grateful to our congregation for their outpouring of love and generosity in 2018! We were able to support many organizations Here, Near & Far Away in 2018! Our team of volunteers on Mission Outreach who implemented all the programs in 2018 were Mitzi Babka, Isie Barclay, Ken Barclay, Beth Bayless, Jennifer Cervan, Michele Claney, Betty Erickson, Kathy Fleming, Pete Holmes, Marge Meanger, Chris Stumpf, John Stumpf, Dave Wilson and Loretta Wilson! If you are interested in joining the mission team contact Chris at cstumpf0308@gmail.com. Please thank those listed above for their service and join us in mission in 2019.

Yes, 2019 brings more opportunities to serve...our Heartland Blood Drive is January 23 in Wiley Hall from 3:30-7:30pm. Consider saving a life!

IT'S A WRAP!

The Mission Outreach Committee earned \$415 for Rainbow Covenant Ministries when we wrapped presents as a fundraiser this holiday season! If you missed it, you will get a chance next year as we will continue and expand the tradition. Thank you for all who wrapped and donated!

NIL WINTER DATES

Here are some opportunities to volunteer this winter at the Northern Illinois Food Bank (273 Dearborn Ct., Geneva).



There's even an evening date, for those who are not available earlier in the day. Please consider joining us.

- Monday, January 21 | 9am-noon
- Tuesday, February 12 | 6-pm
- Monday, February 18 | 9am-noon

A NOTE ABOUT MEALS ON WHEELS

Did you know that Baker Memorial has eleven regular drivers that volunteer to deliver meals once a month through Kane County Senior Council? There are two routes traveled. One is St. Charles East and the other St. Charles Carroll Towers. The drivers are Ellen Smith, Jayne Scales, Cheryl Ledbetter, Pat DeHart, Jane Anderson, Karen Bargiel, Loretta Wilson, Jim and Lynn Casey, and Tim and Pat Nelson. The substitutes are so valuable because they fill in when a month has five Tuesdays or a driver is unable to

LOOKING BACK AT MISSION RENTAL HOUSE MINISTRIES

It is with much sentiment that Mission Outreach members remember the ministries that benefited others over the years. We remember the Section 9 rental families that were blessed with the savings in rent! It made a difference to them. We expanded our Welcome to America program through World Relief to offer low income housing to refugee families for many years. It made a difference to them! We expanded even further when many of the congregation became involved in the tutoring of their children, rides to sports, music, doctors and just fellowship! These families attended church with us and became a part of our church family! Years later that ministry expanded to their community holding their church services in our chapel on Sunday afternoons! It made a difference to them and their faith! The next tenants were single moms from Lazarus house that were helped by our congregation as well. We included the families in our Angel Tree giving and presented gift baskets at Christmas! These ministries, and some I may have neglected to mention, enriched our lives and enabled us to serve God's people in a unique way! It made a difference to us and our faith!

An enormous thank you is extended to all that participated in the rental house ministries over the years! As we look forward to the new possibilities the passing of the recent resolutions may bring, we are excited to see what God has in store for us! What connections we will make with the community and what ministries God will call us to next!

Lovingly submitted by Chris Stumpf, Chair of Mission Outreach

take their day. Our subs are: Debbie Batza, Mitzi Babka, John and Chris Stumpf, Debbie Norris and Dave Wilson.

Marge Meanger is our longtime volunteer coordinator and is always looking for new volunteers because situations change and new volunteers are needed. A loving thank you goes out to longtime past volunteers Vic Temple, Jane Norris, Jim and Marian Emmett, Don and Kay Muehling, Art Raeder, Dick Griffith Lowell DeHart and Don Johnson!

If you would like to join this team, email Marge at marjorieme@att.net.





A Message From Our Missionary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

We thank God for all the blessings bestowed upon us, even the privilege of working and serving our sisters and brothers and children in Cambodia—especially the vulnerable ones. To God be the glory.

Blessing Season: All the members of our team worked very efficiently throughout the year. Here are their achievements. It has been a blessing year with some sad news because we lost two HIV patients. Our caring practitioners are well prepared for anything that our children in Cambodia needed. Thank God you are here. You will be the best of Christmas greetings.

Christmas Program At CLCA Orphanage: Now is the time to again reflect on happenings during the last twelve months. Let us raise a loving cup for peace on earth, goodwill to all of our children and people of the community. We celebrated joyfully and everyone helped in the cleaning and washing up. Thank you for your prayers and support. We hope everyone is celebrating with happiness as we prepare for the start of a brand new and exciting year ahead.

On December 2, 2018, we celebrated with a Christmas program with one of our projects— L'Association Development~ Enfance Cambodia (KKC).

On December 10th, we celebrated Christmas at the CLCA orphanage. Children from each project had a group song, which we do every year. They perform dances and act the Christmas Play depicting the birth of Jesus.

Andrew Lee, UMC missionary, VIM & GBGM visitor attended and enjoyed the program. Pastors from different churches, NGOs, and the community we are working with attended the program also. Pastor Kosal led the worship and gave a sermon about Christmas. Christmas is a season worth celebrating for all the children and community. They were so happy to fellowship and celebrate together. The best

part is that children from different projects enjoyed getting together and sharing a Christmas meal together.

Baptism Results: Our children and adult Sunday School after school, bible study, worship and fellowship motivated some to receive Jesus Christ. On November 7, 2018, twelve of them were baptized by Pastor Kosal and Rev. Andrew Lee. GBGM auditor and missionary and VIM also attended the ceremony. Children and adults were very happy to attend the worship and twelve of them received a Bible as a gift. Please remember them in your prayers.

Peace of Christmas be with you all through the year. You are the treasures of the present that become the golden memories of tomorrow.

I sincerely appreciate your continued moral, spiritual and financial support for the success of all these activities in the different project areas. I hope you will continue to support our Ministry 2019 and be a partner in mission with the Street Children Ministry in Cambodia .

We Wish you merry Christmas and happy New Year.





Clara Biswas

Clara is a missionary commissioned to Cambodia by the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. She works with Street Children Ministries to reach out to the children affected by extreme poverty in Phnom Penh.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS?

We are excited to continue working in six areas of focus: Daem Kor Village (Kien Kleang Orphanage), Dumpsite Community, Bording & Basac Resettlement Community In New Phnom Penh, Boeng Kok UMC and Street Children Orphanage (CLCA). We provide English, computer, art, sports & games, Dance and music & Sunday school classes. Medical care for HIV/AIDs and sick patients.

JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children, Middle School & Adult 10:30am Jazz Worship 10:30am High School Sunday School</p>	<p>11:30am FaithFriends 7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>4:30pm Chapel Bells 5pm Wednesday Night Supper 5pm Wesley Singers 5pm Chapel Choir 6pm Chancel Bells 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7:30am FaithFriends 11:30am Day Guest Lunch</p>	<p>NOTE: The first row of items occur every week and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)</p>	
		<p>1 New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9am Indoor Farmer's Market</p>	<p>5</p> 
<p>6 11:30am Remove Advent Decorations</p>	<p>7 1pm One O'Clock Book Club 7pm Staff Parish</p>	<p>8 11:30am DBTP 3:30pm Lazarus House Cooking 6:30pm DBTP 6:30pm Children & Family</p>	<p>9 9am Phoebe Circle 5pm Connection Retreat Gathering 6:30pm A Blueprint for Discipleship</p>	<p>10 6pm Cap Camp Steering Comm 7pm Priscilla Circle</p>	<p>11 9am Indoor Farmer's Market</p>	<p>12 8:30am Pre Marriage Workshop</p>
<p>13 12pm Have A Look Membership Class 4pm Sisterhood 6:30pm Brotherhood</p>	<p>14 7pm Trustees</p>	<p>15 11:30am DBTP 5pm Women's Emmaus (offsite) 6:30pm DBTP</p>	<p>16 6pm Mindful Moments 6:30pm A Blueprint for Discipleship</p>	<p>17 1pm Women's Emmaus 6pm Cap Camp Steering Comm</p>	<p>18 9am Indoor Farmer's Market</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;">BakerYouth Winter Retreat</p>	<p>19 9am Baptism Class</p>
<p>20 Carillon articles due for next month 12pm C&F Family Skate Date</p>	<p>21 9am NIL Food Bank 7pm Church Council</p>	<p>22 11:30am DBTP 6:30pm DBTP 6:30pm Lydia Circle 6:30pm Youth Council Meeting</p>	<p>23 1:30pm Sarah-Ruth 3:30-7:30pm Blood Drive 6:30pm A Blueprint for Discipleship</p>	<p>24 6pm Cap Camp Steering Comm</p>	<p>25 9am Indoor Farmer's Market</p>	<p>29</p> 
<p>27 12:30pm Miriam Circle & Joseph Bowling Outing 4pm Sisterhood 6:30pm Brotherhood</p>	<p>28 7pm Worship/ Spiritual Growth</p>	<p>29 11:30am DBTP 6:30pm DBTP</p>	<p>30 6:30pm A Blueprint for Discipleship</p>	<p>31 6pm Cap Camp Steering Comm</p>		

A Blueprint for Discipleship

*Wesley's General Rules
for Christian Living*

**Wednesdays, Jan 9-Feb 13
6:30pm | Adult Study Room**

New members are encouraged to take this class as well as anyone who would like to learn about Methodism

Books are available in the office for \$10 each
Sign up at <http://bit.ly/BlueprintJan2019>
or contact the church office at 630-584-6680

A CHILDREN & FAMILY EVENT



FAMILY SKATE DATE

January 20 | 12-4pm

At Funway in Batavia

1335 South River Street (Route 25), Batavia

RSVP to sstienbarger@bakermemorialchurch.org

When Life Hurts

**January 13-
February 17**

Virtually everyone goes through difficult periods in their life. It's common to wonder how a loving God could allow such pain. In this series, we will explore how Christianity understands suffering and how our faith sustains us.

SERMON SERIES

Join us this program year for a group for boys 4th-8th grade

JOSEPH FELLOWSHIP

January 27 | 12:30pm | Bowling
(with Miriam Circle)

February 10 | 11:30am | Laser Tag

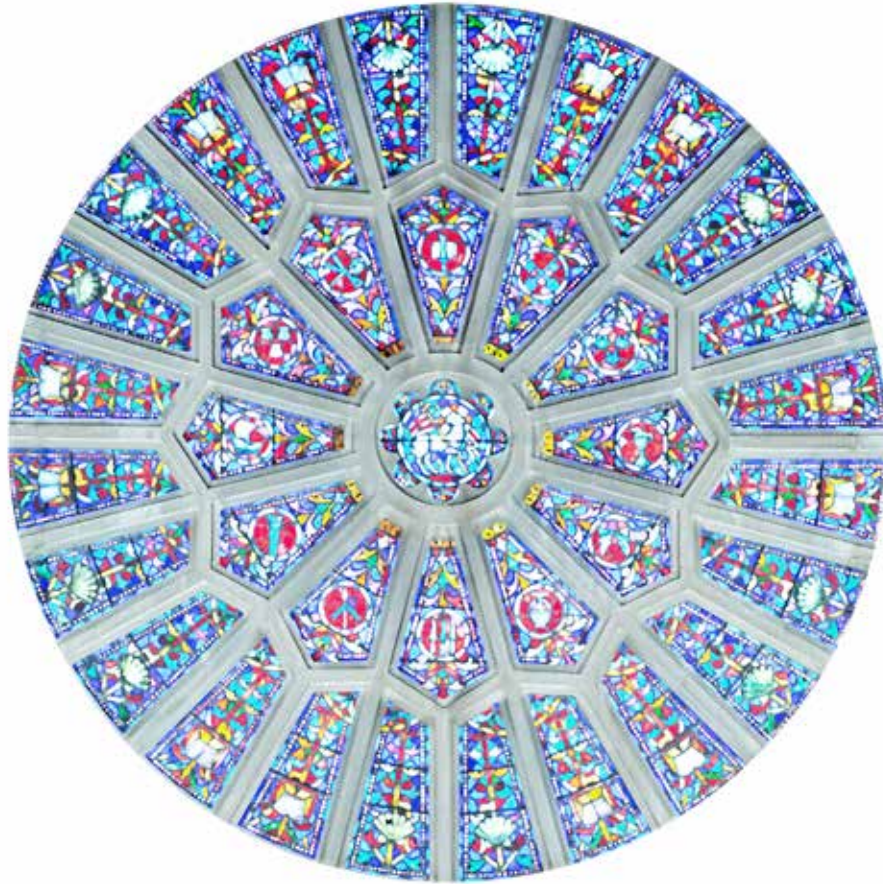
March 10 | 11:30am | Scavenger Hunt

April 14 | 11:30am | Top Golf

**In case of inclement weather, we will still have an event.
Reach out to a friend or Joseph Fellowship leaders for details.*

JOSEPH FELLOWSHIP LEADERS:

Carl King cking@bakermemorialchurch.org
or Greg Pratt gregpratt@yahoo.com



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