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## PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

### Saying "Yes" to Service

*"You give them something to eat." —Mark 6:37, Luke 9:13*

Where did Christians ever get the idea that ministry was somebody else's job? I don't think it was from Jesus. When the disciples are confronted with 5000 hungry people in the wilderness they ask Jesus how this problem is going to be solved. His response couldn't be clearer, "You give them something to eat." Unfortunately we don't get to see the expressions on their faces. I doubt they looked very happy.

Where did Christians ever get the idea that ministry was something that we have to do completely on our own? Again, I don't think it was from Jesus. Just after handing them the responsibility to feed the crowd of 5000, Jesus tells them how to get it done. They are to have everyone sit down, then they are to bring the 5 loaves and 2 fishes that they have gathered to Jesus. The amazing thing is that they trusted him enough to give it a real try. They followed instructions, the loaves and fishes were blessed and shared, and there was more than enough. What an miracle of the Spirit they witnessed as a result.



It's easier to assume that someone else is either more equipped or more available to do the work of being the Body of Christ, than it is for us to learn how to do something new. It's also easier to just jump in and start doing something than it is to stop and pray to understand how Jesus would have us do the work. Sadly, taking the easier approaches means that we are likely to miss opportunities to grow through service, and we rarely get to experience what it means to depend on God to get us through.

The church is full of service opportunities. We could have any number of additional mission trip opportunities, homeless/struggling person's ministries, or spiritual growth activities. The thing we're short of, is people ready to make these opportunities their own.

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## PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

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Please don't assume someone else will do it. Please don't assume someone else would do it better than you would. Please don't assume you won't like it. Instead, try it. If you try enough things eventually you'll discover where your spiritual gifts lie, and on the way you'll meet a lot of people in the congregation so that you become more connected. If you are willing to try some new things, the whole church family will benefit as more service opportunities can be created. Changing our assumptions from what is easiest, to what is helpful for us as individuals and us as a congregation, will build up our faithfulness, trust, and connection to each other. We will become a more vital, vibrant church.

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Starting this summer, you'll hear about short term service opportunities on a regular basis. I ask everyone to find at least two a year that you can do. Most won't take a lot of time or resources, after all, the Disciples probably completed feeding the people in an hour. However, every service opportunity is an opportunity to grow in understanding of ourselves and trust in God. Please be ready to say "yes" when we start these short term service opportunities!

Peace in Christ –  
Pastor Mary

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***Together, we spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States and globally***

## Peace With Justice Sunday

In Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and sold against their will.

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.

Although you, and possibly even your congregation, may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace.

When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world.

### Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities

- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue
  - Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad
- These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give.

### Your Giving Makes Possible the Proclamation of Christ's Peace

Will you continue to support Peace with Justice Sunday? Will you empower local Christians—in Pennsylvania and Arizona and Liberia—to build the kingdom of peace that Jesus ushered in?

In Jesus' inaugural address, standing in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he detailed his game plan,

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)*

Through your giving good news is proclaimed to—and experienced by—the poor.

Thanks be to God! —[umc/giving.org](http://umc/giving.org)



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► Peace For Justice Sunday at Baker Memorial UMC is Sunday, June 16. Special offering envelopes will be available that day.

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# Children & Family Ministries



## GET ACTIVE! HAVE FUN! CREATE SUMMER MEMORIES!

Dear Parents, Grandparents, & Friends,

It can be challenging to plan summer activities, since the weather has been so unpredictable. We have had snow in April. One day it is rainy and cold with the next day sunny and hot. Don't get me started about our shorter summer break. Most of our children are getting out of school on June 7th and the first day of school is August 14th. Then on August 7th, we have a middle school "walk through day." Most of my July is a black out month at work, which means I cannot use any paid time off. My family also has two households, which means I have to plan for two more weeks my children are away from me. So, no matter whom you are or what is going on in life, it is essential for every family to schedule family time into their calendars.

I have already decided I am going to have the best summer ever. My family and I made a pact that we were going to be more active, have fun, and create summer memories. We were blessed with the gift of bikes this spring. We now ride them on Sundays to the local area parks. We love our outdoor walking adventures too. These remind us of our hikes in Hawaii. My children also love, love their pools. We decided to start a new tradition of family play dates with our church family.

I would love for everyone to join my family this summer for family play dates in the St. Charles parks Tuesday mornings 9-10:30am. Pack your bag with bug spray, sun block, water, closed toe shoes, and byoc (coffee). Please email or text me to be added to the Tuesday Friends @ the Park contact list. Each week we are going to meet at a different park in the St. Charles area. This way we can take

a walk through Delnor Woods Park, relax by the Fox River at Pottawatomie Park, look at the new sculptures at Mount St. Mary Park, etc. Please join us and feel free to invite your friends too.

## FAMILY BIBLE VERSE

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them." –Matthew 18:20, *Deep Blue Kid's Bible*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Tuesday Friends @ the Park** | June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & August 6 | 9-10:30am
- **Sunday School** | June 2, 9, 16, & 30 | 9-10am  
Courageous Queen (Book of Esther) | Anchor Point: God gives me courage.

## VBS DATES: ATTENDING & VOLUNTEERING

**Athens VBS** | June 17-21 | 9-11:30am

**Athens VBS Work Days:**

- Wednesday, June 5 & 12 | 5:30-7pm
- Saturday, June 15 | 9am-12pm
- Saturday, June 22 | 9am-12pm (take down)

## THANK YOU!

- **Teachers:** Toni Peck
- **Shepherds:** Beth Ann Fitzgerald & Courtney Fredrickson
- **Nursery:** Catherine Rosenquist, Danni Killian, Dave & Loretta Wilson
- **Praise & Worship:** Melissa Arndt & Brooke Bayless

Blessings & Joy,

*Shelly Stienbarger*

*Director, Children & Family Ministry*

## SUMMER TEACHERS & SHEPHERDS NEEDED

The Sunday school children need your help this summer to volunteer either as a teacher or a shepherd. It could be one time this summer or once a month. Parents, please use this schedule to mark in your calendars when there are no Sunday school days.

- ▶ To see the schedule and/or sign up. Go to:  
<http://bit.ly/bakerteachersignup>

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# Youth Ministry

**Parenting for Faith Formation** | June 5 | 6:30-8pm  
**High School Graduation Celebration** | June 9 | 9am  
**Youth VBS** | June 17-21  
**Youth Car Wash** | June 29 | 9am-12pm  
**Work Trip** | July 7-13

**D**id you know we have a youth VBS component for middle schoolers with outings, games, teaching and music? Well, this month is youth VBS time beginning Monday, June 17 and going through the end of the week. Last year we served at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Lazarus House and much more. Hopefully your young person and their friends are signed up for the adventure. Also this month is the final youth car wash fundraiser happening Saturday, June 29. We had a good turn out to the one in May and encourage you to bring your vehicle and some elbow grease from 9am-12pm. There will be music, food and plenty of laughs while we raise funds for the work trip.

Speaking of Work Trips, we have one happening in just a few weeks! Fifteen people are signed up and we are headed to Rushville, Indiana this year. This will be the ninth or tenth year that we have participated in a Group Mission

Trip work camp and everyone is getting excited about all of the details. Who will be in my group? What project will we get assigned? Will any of my friends from the last few years be there? Will I know the music? Well, we cannot help you with most of those questions, but for that last one, there is a whole song playlist on Spotify that you can listen to as you prepare your bags, hammer, paintbrush and everything else you'll need. Here's the link: <http://bit.ly/groupsongs>. And if you wish to give a gift to support the work of these young people and the youth program, we certainly appreciate your donation.

Finally, June is the month we choose to celebrate our graduates. High school is such an investment of time and energy, so we honor those who make it through these formative years and into the next stage of their lives. We also have young adults graduating from college and want to laud their diligence and determination. Join us on June 9 at the 9am service and stay for the fellowship afterwards. We're proud of you!

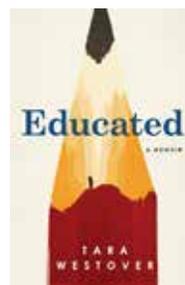
In Christ,  
*Carl King*  
Director of Youth Ministry

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# Young Adult Ministry

**H**ey, Young Adults! Hopefully you got your B.G. Gross scholarship application in by May 26. If so, the submissions are being reviewed and the recipients will be notified via the contact information in your entry. On June 9 award receivers will be given their scholarship. In other news, we had to postpone our baseball game event due to last minute changes, but are rescheduling the Thirsty Thursdays event at the Kane County Cougars for June 13. Come and bring your team colors and a few bucks for food as we hang out under the stars. Looks like there will be fireworks after the game, too.

As you return from school, we invite you to join our book reading at Arcadium on Tuesday nights from 6-7pm. After experimenting with the John Grisham novel, *The Testament*, we decided on reading *Educated* by Tara Westover. The book "*is an account of the struggle for self-*



*invention. It is a tale of fierce family loyalty and of the grief that comes with severing the closest of ties."*

According to reviewers the story, "*gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes and the will to change it.*" This is a particularly valuable discussion for young adults exiting high school, working through college and entering the workforce. You don't need to RSVP, but it helps so we can save you space at the table.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our young adult events in June and at services on Sunday.

God bless,  
*Carl King*  
Director of Young Adult Ministry

# MISSIONS CORNER

## Opportunities for Service

### JOIN US AT THE NIL FOOD BANK THIS MONTH

The next Northern Illinois Foodbank volunteer date is June 17 from 9am-Noon. Every third Monday a team meets at the food bank at 273 Dearborn Ct. in Geneva to package food for those in need. It's a rewarding and fun mission to be involved in.

If you would like to join the team or get more information contact Betty Erickson at [N9FYC@aol.com](mailto:N9FYC@aol.com).

### SUMMER OFFERING FOR OUR MISSIONARY

Our M&M Summer Fundraiser for our missionary in Cambodia is about to begin! There will be three Sundays to participate in financially supporting *our* missionary in Cambodia, Clara Biswas. We had the pleasure of meeting Clara last summer when she visited and heard about her ministry! Last month (in the May Carillon) Clara's Newsletter was attached as a link, so check it out if you missed it!

On June 16, each family will be given a M&M container as they leave the sanctuary. We ask that you take home the container, eat the M&M's, pray as a family and fill with cash or a check to support Clara's ministry. The following Sunday you can place the container in the offering plate. The process will be repeated on Sunday, July 21st and again on Sunday, August 18th. The funds collected will go a long way in helping the street kids of Cambodia and their families! Contact Chris Stumpf with any questions at [cstumpf0308@gmail.com](mailto:cstumpf0308@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your generosity!



### FMS SERVICE OUTING FOR THOSE FAR AWAY

Part of our Food Bank Team went to Feed My Starving Children on Monday, May 20th. We joined a lot of school children and together packed 104 boxes of meals, feeding 62 children for a year. Nicaragua is where the boxes we filled will be going. We had a very enjoyable noisy morning. Highlights included one of the school children praying over the boxes before being shipped and seeing and feeling the excitement of everyone here, doing something for those in need far away.

—Betty Erickson

### MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER TRIP

Looking for a mission opportunity this summer? Join the team heading to Chatham, Illinois Wednesday, June 12th. Midwest Mission provides disaster relief, health and education supplies locally, nationally and internationally *and* provides a place for people to show God's love. We will leave church at 5am, drive on down and return when the work day is over at 4pm. There is a \$12 fee for day volunteers to keep the lights and water flowing.

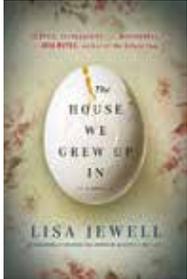
If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Betty Erickson at [n9yfc@aol.com](mailto:n9yfc@aol.com) or (630) 701-5672.

• Summer Offering •  
**GIVE & PRAY**  
An offering for missionary Clara Biswas  
**BEGINS: SUNDAY, JUNE 16!**

## Let's Celebrate Our Volunteers!

Make sure to get to either the 9:00 or 10:30am worship service next week to join in celebrating the skills and talents of our many volunteers!

## One O'Clock Book Group for June



This book discussion group meets in the Parlor at 1pm on the first Monday of each month. The selection for June 3 is *The House We Grew Up In* by Lisa Jewell. Jewell's tale of a fractured family spans 30 years of Easter Sundays in the idyllic English Cotswolds. Copies are available on the book club shelves at the St.

Charles Public Library. All are invited to join in the lively discussion. For information, contact Shelley Campbell at [sscbooks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sscbooks@sbcglobal.net).

## Survey Response Status

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the special survey regarding issues of human sexuality. We received 133 responses, many with deeply considered responses. Due to individual schedules, we were unable to meet to discuss the results until May 30. Please watch for announcements about ways to engage further in this topic, as well as an overview of the survey results in the next couple of weeks.



## Desserts for Dad

Stop by Baker Hall on Father's Day, June 16 and pick up a delicious homemade dessert for the special men in your life. Sarah Ruth Circle will be sponsoring this event and all proceeds will go to a local mission.

## Summer Reading Book Announced

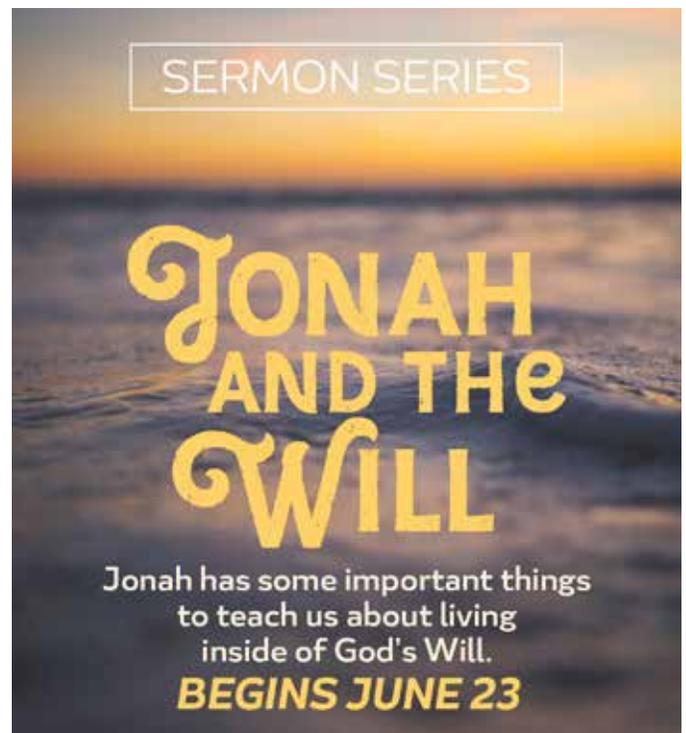
This year's summer reading selection is *The Testament* by John Grisham. Book discussions will be held June 26 and July 24 at 6pm in the Parlor. A limited number of books will be available in the office. Or, check out a copy from the library, get an eBook or purchase your own copy.

## Graduating Students

Do you have a student graduating from High School or College? Our Caring Team would like to send them a card. Please send their name, address and future plans (if you know them) to Judy Schlarb at [jschlarb@bakermemorialchurch.org](mailto:jschlarb@bakermemorialchurch.org) or write the information on your attendance slip.

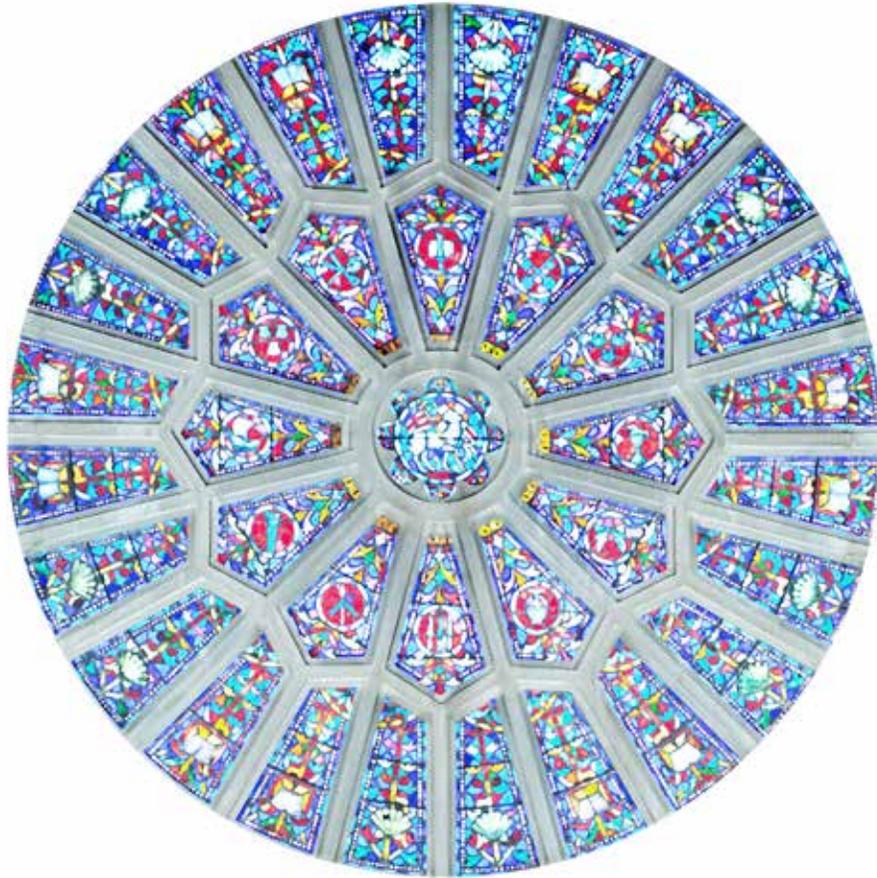
## Credit Card & Paypal Donation Options

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



# JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children 10:30am Jazz Worship	11:30am FaithFriends 7pm Boy Scouts	11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous		7:30am FaithFriends 1:30am Day Guest Lunch	<b>NOTE: The first row of items occur every week and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Northern Illinois Conference	<b>3</b> 1pm One O'Clock Book Club	<b>4</b> 6pm Young Adult Study @Arcedium	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Missions <i>offsite</i>	<b>6</b> 8am Red Cross	<b>7</b> 8am Farmer's Market	<b>8</b> 8:30am Pre- Marriage Workshop
<b>9</b> Volunteer Appreciation	<b>10</b> 7pm Staff Parish 7pm Spiritual Formation & Discipleship	<b>11</b> 6pm Young Adult Study @Arcedium 7pm Finance	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b> Young Adult Cougar game	<b>14</b> 8am Farmer's Market	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Peace with Justice Sunday</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 10am Desserts for Dad Bake Sale	<b>17</b> 9am NIL Food Bank 7pm Strategy & Administration Team	<b>18</b> 3:30pm Lazarus House Cooking 5pm Woman's Emmaus <i>offsite</i> 6pm Young Adult Study @Arcedium	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Carillon Articles Due</b> 1pm Women's Emmaus	<b>21</b> 8am Farmer's Market	<b>22</b> 9am Baptism Class
<b>VBS: Athens 9-11:30am</b>						
<b>23</b> 9am Worship & VBS Celebration	<b>24</b> 7pm Church Council	<b>25</b> 6pm Young Adult Study @Arcedium	<b>26</b> 6pm Summer Reading Discussion	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8am Farmer's Market	<b>29</b> 9am-12pm Baker Youth Car Wash
<b>30</b>						



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