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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

Transformed For Good Works...

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

—James 2:14-17 (NRSV)

The sermon series after Easter has been titled, Homegrown Testimony. We've been discussing ways of being effective witnesses to our faith in this world. However, it should be said that words are not the only ways to give a homegrown testimony. Our faith is visible to the world through the things that we choose to do with our time, our treasures, and our talents. This is a consistent message of the scriptures rendered very clear in the book of James. Spending time in the presence of God, following Christ, and listening for the guidance of the Spirit changes us from the inside out. That internal spiritual change, results in external changes. We are upwardly focused in worship, and outwardly focused in service. One without the other is not a vibrant, living faith.

That's all well and good, and many people in our congregation have found opportunities to serve God that are a key part of their faith journey. Yet many people have difficulty imagining what they might do that would be considered "good." For this, I remember John Wesley's admonition about spiritual disciplines in a letter he wrote to someone who was apparently having a difficult time getting started. Wesley wrote, "O, begin! Fix some part of every day for private exercises...It is your life; there is no other way: else you will be a trifler all your days...Do justice to your own soul; give it time and means to grow. Do not starve yourself any longer."



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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

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To be fair, he was writing to this person about their struggles with the personal disciplines of prayer and scripture study. However, for Wesley, the spiritual way of life also included “doing good of every possible sort and as far as possible...” So, begin. Begin by serving someplace as a part of your faith practice, and grow from there over

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There are many opportunities for service through the church, and we are about to make

that more apparent by creating a volunteer opportunity board. You'll see it in the hallway during the week and in Baker Hall on Sundays. It'll list small service opportunities and larger ones. Things to do alone and things to do with others. Things to do in the church and things to do outside the church. Take a look and take the risk of volunteering.

SIGN UP!

We encourage you to watch for our new volunteer board that will be available mid-May. You will find sign up sheets that look like the one shown here. A brief description of the group and their needs will be listed, a space to sign up and tear off slips across the bottom with the contact person's information.



On the flip side, if you are looking for volunteers, this template is available from the office. You can personalize it with your group's information, customize the title box color and add contact information.

When you do it as part of your faith journey, it helps you see you yourself more clearly, make connections with others, and draw nearer to God.

In Christ
Pastor Mary

MISSIONS CORNER

Opportunities for Service

BAKER TEAM VOLUNTEERS IN NEW ORLEANS

This is the 9th year that a team from Baker has served with Habitat For Humanity. The Baker team was in New Orleans April 22-29. Look for the full recap next month!



Betty Erickson spent a day volunteering at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham.

COOKIE BAKERS ARE NEEDED

Josh Fredrickson and Betty Erickson will be part of Kairos Torch 8. This is a prison ministry going into the Illinois Youth Center. As part of the weekend agape, we will give cookies to each inmate. This means approximately 125 dozen cookies are needed.



Any kind of cookie is welcome, there have been no restrictions given. All cookies need to be dropped off by Thursday, May 17.

If baking is not your thing, prayer is always welcomed. You can sign up on the prayer vigil at www.3dayol.org - Prayer Vigil Listings, St. Charles - Illinois Youth Center, May 18-20, 2018.

Of course financial support is also welcome. You can buy a lunch ticket for \$10 and let a young man know they are being thought of and encouraged to change their life.

If you have any questions about this exciting ministry, just ask Josh or Betty.

Children & Family Ministries

SUCCESSFUL YEAR DOWNSTAIRS

I have been blessed this year with our church family who gifted the children by using their specialized skills, talents, and time to teach the Sunday morning Deep Blue Rotation Stations. Our children created art, tasted fun creations in the kitchen, experienced wonder through science, discovered the gift of music, and challenged themselves with stillness in spiritual practices. Our teachers have been the children's parents, grandparents, and new friends too. What a blessing for our children to see that everyone is connected in the family of God.

This past year, our Wednesday night Baker Kids program partnered with the church Caring Ministry. We developed friendships at River Glen of St. Charles. Our group dropped off artwork in the fall, Valentine's Day cards in February, and Easter Eggs filled with Hershey Kisses in March. Betty Erickson shared her passion for people by helping us create homeless mats out of plastic bags. Baker Kids also helped with Kairos Prison Ministry by doing artwork on placemats. What a wonderful lesson to realize that such a simple expression of care can help transform lives. Our artwork will be hung on the walls of the community room throughout the Kairos program to uplift participants. We thank Betty for sharing her passion while demonstrating how to serve others here and near. The Kairos ministry is always looking for a few more hands to bake cookies for Kairos weekends if you would like to get involved!

I am thankful for the Lord blessing our Baker Church family with so many talents and skills. We have had a busy year, and still look forward to a busier summer with VBS. May the Lord continue to help us improve our skills and bless others!



Our Baker Kids program put its artistic skills to good use and decorated placemats for the Kairos Prison Ministry.



AHOY LAND-LUBBERS! PREPARE TO SET SAIL ON OUR VBS ADVENTURE

Our voyage departs on Monday, June 18th-Friday, June 22, 2018 from 9am-12pm for those Pre-K thru 8th grade. Our adventure thru life's storms leave us feeling Shipwrecked! Who will rescue us? Register online or in the office. Cost is \$5 per registrant and those who register by May 6th get a free gift!

Want to join the VBS Crew? We're still in need of a few hardy mates to have some fun with our participants.

Please contact Courtney Fredrickson at 630-632-6878 or courtney.j.fredrickson@gmail.com for more information!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Sunday, May 6 | 9am | **Parent Appreciation Breakfast**
- June 18-22 | 9am-12pm | **VBS: Shipwrecked**

THIS MONTH'S FAMILY BIBLE VERSE

There is profit in hard work, but mere talk leads to poverty.

—Proverbs 14:23 Deep Blue Kid's Bible

Blessings and Joy,

Shelly Stienbarger

Director, Children & Family Ministry

Youth Ministry

RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESS!

Last year around this time, we committed to take on the rummage sale after a hand off from the Missions team. BakerYouth began the month of April with a vague goal, a lot of hope and a few boxes stored near the stairs. By the middle of the month, that small pile of previously owned belongings and hope had blossomed into a downstairs full of donations and serious excitement. The young people and parents gathered on Sunday evening to begin sorting clothes, electronics, shoes, luggage, furniture, toys, games and tools into piles, tables and rooms. It was quite the operation.

By the end of the week, we raised around \$4300, sourced multiple ministries in the church with supplies and connected with many community members. The month of May will be similarly busy with a massive car wash and finalizing details for our 2018 Work Trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin.

In addition, we are hosting the first ever BakerYouth webinar on May 15 from 6:30-8pm, with special guests like Dan Werner and other BakerYouth alum. What will they speak on? Well, if you have questions about: sororities, rent, laundry, food, class schedules, scholarships, last minute



checklists, staying up with family, loss or hardship on campus, picking or not picking a major, sporting events or playing sports, faith, coming home and readjusting during holidays, dating/relationships, we very well may speak on it. If not, show up and stay for the Q&A. We're calling it, Before You Go (A Pre-College Webinar). Are you getting excited? We certainly are!

Grace and peace,
Carl King
Director of Youth Ministry

Young Adult Ministry

TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS THIS MONTH

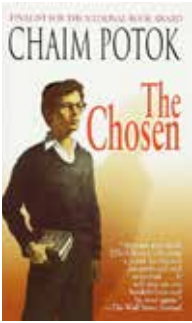
Greetings young adults! Many of you are back from college for the summer and you certainly have stories to tell. Well, I have the perfect audience for you - your peers graduating the BakerYouth this year. We have a good group headed off to college, and maybe even some taking classes or pursuing a career locally. They would benefit immensely from your insight, and on May 15 from 6:30-8:00pm, we intend to host a webinar at Baker Memorial. You can show up in person, or we can stream your message to them from wherever you are. We have already had some sign up, and are eager to get a few more volunteers to share your experiences.

If public speaking is not your bag, but service is, you have the opportunity to join us on the 2018 Work Trip. That's right! You're old enough to go as a mentor, enjoy a

reduced cost trip and reconnect with your friends at Baker Memorial. If you've gone on a work trip with our group before, you know the deeply spiritual and richly communal experience it can be. So join us, and don't delay. We are required to shut down registration by May 15, if you are interested send me a message right away: cking@bakermemorialchurch.org or 630-870-2577.

Finally, there is always an opportunity to serve on the young adult committee forming. We had good responses from last month's carillon and would love to hear from you this month. Let's build something that will reach our city and surrounding areas for Christ.

Blessings,
Carl King
Director of Young Adult Ministry



CHOOSE SUMMER READING

Do you like history? How about fiction? Reading the Bible? What if you could combine all three and read historical fiction along with fellow church members? Plus, it will prepare you for a trek through Revelation in next year's DBTP Bible Study.

The Summer Reading selection is *The Chosen*, by Chaim Potok. *The Chosen* begins in 1944 with a softball game in a Jewish section of Brooklyn, NY between students from two Jewish parochial schools. Can a game change the course of your life? Pick up your copy in mid-May in Baker Hall between services or in the church office. The discussion dates are June 20, July 18 and August 26. If you have questions, contact Paula Hall at 630-363-6566.

FUNERAL PLANNING SEMINAR

Have you ever found yourself having to plan a funeral service that would honor your loved one in the way they would have liked? In the Funeral Planning Seminar, facilitated by Pastor Mary, you can consider what's important to you. You will walk away with a packet of information that will allow you to easily provide written instruction on what would be most meaningful to you. The class will be held Saturday, May 12 at 10am. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/FuneralPlanning2018>

GARGOYLE BRASS & ST CHARLES SINGERS EVENT

A special concert featuring brass, organ and choir will take place on Friday, May 11 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CORNER

2018 YTD Financial Information

April 2018 Financial Information

Operating Fund Balance is a POSITIVE \$ 72,586

The Will Collins Trust balance allotted to the Cedar Ave homes will be partially moved to a longer term account to increase interest received while the project remains in a holding pattern. Pledged income is on schedule through the first quarter of 2018. Expenses do not follow a consistent pattern throughout the year but are mostly within budgetary norms.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- **Wednesday, May 2** | 9am | **UMW Leadership** | Parlor
Note that this is the last meeting of the UMW year.
- **Tuesday, May 8** | 9am | **Phoebe Circle** | The group will do a self-guided walking tour of Geneva. Meet outside the Geneva History Center (113 S. Third Street)
- **Tuesday, May 10** | 7pm | **Priscilla Circle** | Meeting at Panera at 7pm for dinner or dessert to discuss upcoming vacation plans and vacation hacks
- **Tuesday, May 22** | 6:30pm | **Lydia Circle** | Meeting at Deb Batza's home for an end-of-the-year potluck
- **Wednesday, May 23** | 1:30pm | **Sarah-Ruth Circle**
- **Saturday, May 19** | 11am-1pm | **Esther Circle** | Meet at Isie Barclay's home for a social gathering to end off the first half of the year.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

- **Wednesday, May 9** | 5pm | **Wednesday Night Supper**
UMM will be cooking burgers, hot dogs and brats

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER THIS MONTH

- **May 2** | Lemon Garlic Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole, Tossed Salad, Tomato Tortellini Soup and Bread
- **May 9** | UMM will be cooking burgers, hot dogs and brats.
Note: This is the last WNS of the season.

ARE YOU MISSING A SERVING DISH OR PLATTER?

We have acquired a collection of dishes that have been left after some of the recent church events. Stop in Baker Hall to see if your missing dish is waiting for you!

KITCHEN FREEZER & FRIDGE CLEAN OUT

If your ministry area has food stored in the freezer or refrigerator in the church kitchen, please label and date it before May 16. That is the day we will throw all forgotten, unlabeled and mystery foods away.

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 smartphone.



MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children, Middle School & Adult 10am Cherub Choir 10:30am Jazz Worship 10:30am High School & Adult Sunday School	7pm Boy Scouts	11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous	4:30pm Chapel Bells 5pm Chapel Choir 5pm Wesley Singers 5pm Wednesday Night Supper 6pm BakerKids 6pm Chancel Bells 6:30 Chancel Choir	7:30am FaithFriends 11:30am Day Guest Lunch	NOTE: The first row of items occur every week and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)	
		1	2 9am UMW Leadership Meeting 7:00pm Missions	3	4 9am Indoor Farmer's Market	5 8:30am NIC-UMW Leadership
Church Photo Directory: Photos being taken by Lifetouch. Please schedule an appointment.						
6 9am Parent Appreciation Breakfast 12:30pm Melissa Pagano Recital	7 11:30am FaithFriends 1pm One O'Clock Book Club	8 9am Phoebe Circle 3:30pm Lazarus House Cooking 7pm Children & Family Ministry 7pm Finance	9 UMM Cookout for Wed Night Supper 6:30pm Blueprint for Discipleship Class	10 7pm Priscilla Circle	11 9am Indoor Farmer's Market 7:30pm Fox Valley AGO Concert	12 9am Baptism Preparation Class 10am Funeral Planning Seminar
13 Mother's Day Music Sunday <i>No Sunday School</i>	14 9:30am SHIP Help for Seniors 11:30am FaithFriends 7pm Trustees	15 5pm Women's Emmaus 7pm Meeting with City	16 6:30pm Before You Go To College 6:30pm Blueprint for Discipleship Class	17 Torch cookie drop-off day 1pm Woman's Emmaus 7pm Staff Parish	18 9am Indoor Farmer's Market	19 9am-12pm Youth Car Wash
20 Carillon Articles Due for next month 6pm Middle School Fellowship	21 9am NIL Food Bank 11:30am FaithFriends 7pm Church Council	22 7pm Lydia Circle 7pm Youth Council	23 1:30pm Sarah Ruth Circle 7pm Staff Parish		25 9am Indoor Farmer's Market	26
27 <i>No Sunday School</i>	28 Memorial Day Office closed	29	30 6:30pm Young Adult Study	31		

**TICKETS:
\$5/PRE-SALE
\$7/DAY OF**



CAR WASH FUNDRAISER
May 19 & June 16 | 9am-Noon

SUPPORT THE YOUTH SUMMER WORK TRIP!



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307 CEDAR AVE. | ST. CHARLES | 630.584.6680

before you go
a pre-college conversation

An informational webinar to help you plan for the first few weeks of college
Includes guest appearances from some of BakerYouth's very own alumni and recent college graduates!

The webinar will be live streamed through our Young Adult facebook account.
Prior to the event, like our page:
FB [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BAKERYOUNGADULTS](https://www.facebook.com/bakeryoungadults)

MAY 16 | 6:30-8PM



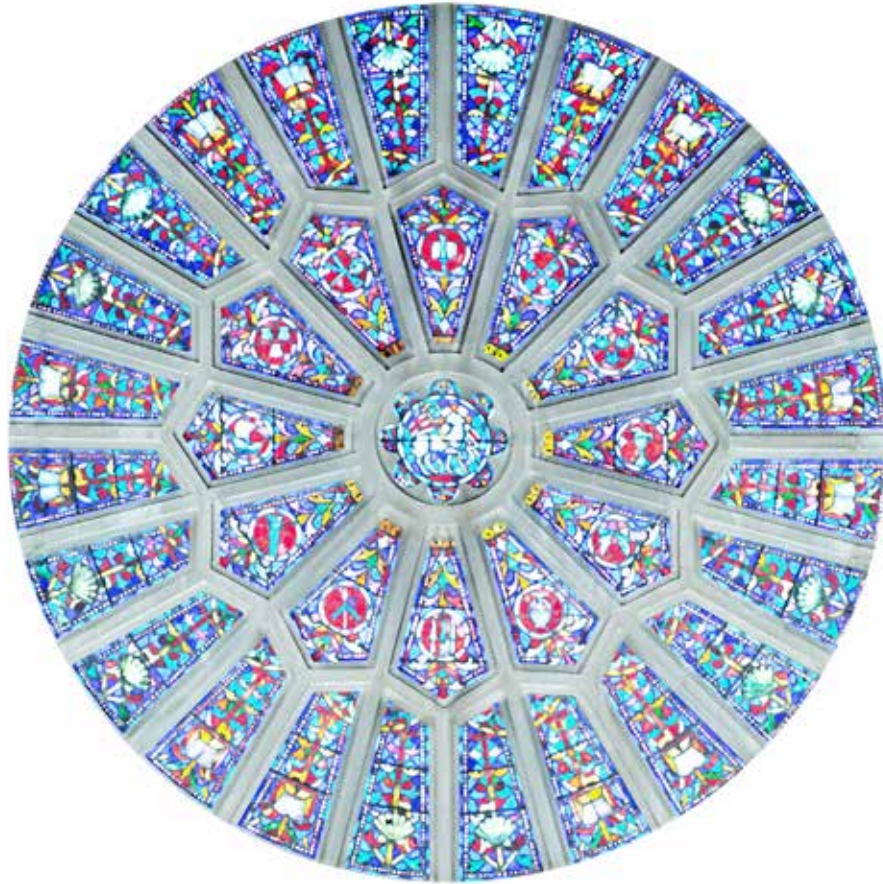
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VBS 2018
JUNE 18-22 | 9-12PM

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