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PASTOR MARY’S MESSAGE

The Results Are In

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

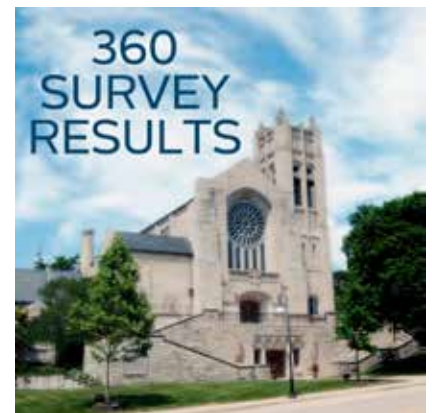
Acts 2:46-47 (NRSV)

First a word of thanks to everyone that filled out the “Readiness360” survey in March and April, and especially to those who assisted in getting the survey process completed. The results are in and have been reviewed by the Church Council. The good news is that over the last 2 ½ years we have seen small growth in all four of the areas that the survey measures. We are also pleased that the first areas to focus for further growth over the coming year are clear.

The Readiness360 survey looks at four dimensions to measure how ready a church is to reach new people for Christ. The dimensions are as follows:

- **Spiritual Intensity:** A measure of how strongly we as individuals and as a congregation rely on God on a daily basis. This is our strongest area in the survey, yet we still have a need to grow in this area. Deep trust in God is the very essence of a vibrant faith and a growing congregation. Our faith needs to be rock solid in order to pass it on to others. Our first focus in this area will be to learn to rely on the spiritual gifts that God gives each of us.
- **Dynamic Relationships:** This dimension measures our individual and congregational ability to form relationships with new people. Clearly, in order to reach new people for Christ, we need to be able to form relationships with them. The feedback is that we need to show more commitment to doing things in ways that are oriented to guests and visitors. Some of these things are simple, like wearing name tags and parking away from the building so nearby spaces can be open for new people. Other changes are more

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challenging, like trying to find ways to connect with people just moving into the area and figuring out how to graciously reach out to people who do not know Christ.

- **Missional Alignment:** A measure of how much we consider the overall mission of the church as we choose where to invest our time and resources. One of the key measures is how much risk we are willing to take to invest in the mission of the church. With a capital campaign planned for the fall of 2018, I anticipate that we will have meaningful conversations on this subject in the coming months.



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QUESTIONS
GOD ASKS US
SUMMER SERMON SERIES
JOIN US FOR THIS 10-WEEK SERIES!

- **Cultural Openness:** This dimension measures the congregation's capacity to embrace change. For example, when new people join the congregation are they expected to value what exists and fit in, or is there room for change as their gifts and skills are added to the mix? This is the dimension where we grew the most since the last survey. However, it is still an area where we need to continue to focus for further growth.

When I think about our mission statement, *"To be a traditional church for a modern world; serving Christ here, near, and far-away."* I think of the scripture printed at the beginning of this article. We are not trying to do things exactly the way that the early church did them. We live in a different culture, with different blessings and new challenges. What we are asking God to help us become is a church that is spiritually vibrant and deeply committed to trusting God, excited to reach out and connect with new people, aligned around decision making that focuses on advancing Christ's mission, and willing to celebrate that God brings an amazingly diverse group of people to trust in Christ's grace. These are characteristics of the church as it existed in the very beginning when the Spirit of Christ was poured out and the world was forever changed. These are characteristics of vital faith communities today as well.

The good news is that over the last 2 ½ years we have seen small growth in all four of the areas that the survey measures.

God has helped us move a few steps forward over the last 2½ years, please pray that God will be with us as we seek to walk more steadily and then to run, so that the people around us may come to know the Lord we love.

In Christ
Pastor Mary

WHAT IS THE READINESS 360 ?

A web-based tool used by people in your congregation and potential stakeholders to provide input about your church from their vantage point. The resulting report provides feedback to the leadership of your congregation about its current capacity to bear fruit and multiply.

—readiness360.org

Children & Family Ministries

VOLUNTEERING AS A FAMILY

Over the past few months, my articles have been about celebrating as a family, creating as a family, success as a family, and now it is time to volunteer as a family. We need to celebrate volunteers, too! I just wanted to say the two words we don't always say enough; thank you. We are going into the summer mode of Sunday school, which means I have been serving this ministry for a year. Thank you to everyone! Your prayers and the giving you do has been a blessing to me, the children, and Baker Church.

I know in the summer we might not see our church family every week. However, we can still find opportunities to serve as a family for someone in need. Offer to provide a meal for our day guests on Tuesday or Thursday mornings at Baker. Call a local nursing home to see if you could provide a feeling of home for the residents by running an activity. Recently, my family volunteered at a nursing home and was greeted by their dog. We now have a favorite, favorite nursing home. It could be passing out granola bars or water bottles from your car to someone who might be in need. Being a volunteer might be simply spreading joy and compassion with a smile or conversation. Summer is a time when our routine changes; but keep your eyes and ears open to make a difference. If you need ideas about who might need a helping hand, please look for our new volunteer board that hangs on the wall in Baker Hall.

PARENT APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

I want to thank all the parents, Children and Family Committee, Karl Lescelius, Jayne Fanslow, Kristen Nobel, Karen Bargiel, and the children who all made another successful event. All of their labor of love for the children here at Baker Church are truly blessed. Your willingness to volunteer your gifts and abilities has strengthened our children's ministry. We had 11 families join us and had to add chairs. The celebration was completed with the children singing with Melissa Arndt's encouragement and praise.

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.

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!

- June 3, 10, 17 | 9am | **One classroom Sunday School**
- June 18-22 | 9am-12pm | **Vacation Bible School**
- June 24 | 9am Service | **VBS Celebration**

THANK YOU'S!

- **May Shepherds & Helpers:** Courtney Fredrickson, Toni Peck and Rob Hale
- **Baker Kid's:** Ken Barclay, Betty Erickson, Greg Pratt and Toni & Joel Peck
- **Nursery:** Catherine Rosenquist, Eleanor Sams, Chrissy Farley, Jayne Scales, Sara Swiatek, Toni Peck and Rob Hale
- **Helping Hands:** Jane Fanslow, Kristen Noble, Karen Bargiel and Jayne Scales

THIS MONTH'S FAMILY BIBLE VERSE

Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people. You know that you will receive an inheritance as a reward. You serve the Lord Christ. —Colossians 3:23-24
Deep Blue Kid's Bible

Blessings and Joy,

Shelly Stienbarger

Director, Children & Family Ministry



Youth Ministry

THIS IS THE BIG MONTH!

On June 24-30 we're taking a group of 24 youth and adults to Green Bay, Wisconsin for our annual work trip. We have spent close to a year planning, fundraising, remembering last year and anticipating this year's trip.

The adults have met and formulated a plan. We have drivers, tools, sleeping bags and snacks.

At this point, we need two things to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip:

- 1. FUNDS** With a trip of this magnitude and with this amount of people, there is a great deal of expenses.
 - a. You may have noticed the big board in Baker Hall with vivid colors and small envelopes. Grab an envelope or three, write a check for that amount, place it in the offering basket and it will go to support our work trip or...
 - b. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/2018virtualworktrip> and take part in our virtual work trip. You will receive a handwritten card from our young people, along with a photo of the group. In addition, you can join us online as we host a live broadcast on Facebook and Instagram of our team, Wednesday evening.

- 2. PRAYERS** We really need you to pray for many things about this trip.
 - a. Adults will drive the young people to our destination

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE

- No Middle or High School Sunday School for the month of June. We'll recommence July 8, 2018.
- **Sunday, June 3** | D303 Graduation Day
- **Saturday, June 16** | 9am-12pm | Car Wash
- **June 24-30** | 9am-12pm | Summer Work Trip



- and we want to be alert and focused on the trip
- b. The workcamp to which we're going offers a lot of opportunities to get bumps and even more serious injuries. We'll be on rooftops, rebuilding homes, removing debris and painting.
 - c. With a large group, there are many personalities, likes and dislikes. Pray that we can be united in the goals of helping others and growing closer to Christ and one another.
- Thank you everyone who has been responsible for getting us this far. It has truly been a team effort. Thank you in advance for your prayers and financial support.

Grace and peace,
Carl King
Director of Youth Ministry



Young Adult Ministry

AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMBINE SERVICE AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Young adults in our congregation love service projects. In fact, many of them are involved in activities that positively impact the world through their employers and personally. My goal and desire has been to bring something to them that we could all do together and make a big difference. Our group has also discussed doing something short-term that would allow us to focus on our spiritual growth. Of course, it would be ideal to put both of those needs and goals together. Thankfully, I think we've found just the adventure.

In late July, on a Thursday night, we will head down to the Midwest Distribution Center in Pawnee, IL (not the home of Leslie Knope). God connected the dots. As we were searching for just this type of event, Betty Erickson

Join us on this adventure and be a blessing to the many who receive help around the world from the Midwest Mission

was looking for volunteers to accompany her on a trip to the center to work. So put the dates in your calendar—July 26-28, leaving Thursday evening after work and returning Saturday evening. This

will be a time of connection, work, prayer and study and we want you to come along. If you missed the annual Work Trip because of the length or cost, please join us on this adventure and be a blessing to the many who receive help around the world from the Midwest Mission.

Additionally, last month we were blessed to sit in on a presentation from the city and its representatives as they discussed the plans for improvement and expansion within the city limits. It was startling to discover about one thousand new apartment and condominium units are going to be built over the next five years. Those are the ones we know about. There may be a demographic shift accompanying this new construction that our church can welcome—more seniors and more young adults.

We already have a good group of young adults connected at Baker Memorial and are excited about what's next for this growing group. For the summer months we are putting the semi-weekly Bible study group on hold for vacations and work. However we will have monthly house meetings with food and lots of fun. Be on the lookout for emails



about times, dates and the location of each gathering.

Finally, many young adults are headed to college for the first time at the end of summer, working new jobs, seeking careers and guidance, navigating relationships and exploring their faith. This is a time of great change and major decisions for so many of us. Let's be in prayer for one another! The Lord knows we all need it. :)

Grace and peace,

Carl King

Director of Young Adult Ministry

► Visit midwestmission.org to learn more about the work done through this United Methodist Church hub.

B.G. GROSS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Applications are being accepted for the B.G. Gross Scholarship, which offers financial assistance to active members of Baker Memorial United Methodist Church who are enrolled in institutions of higher learning. The scholarship is named for a longtime Baker principal organist and choir director.

A typewritten letter of application must explain the applicant's involvement in church and community activities, scholastic record or aptitude and plans and goals for use of the scholarship. Applications must be received in the church office by Sunday, July 22 (There are no exceptions to this deadline.) Additional information may be required, in the event of multiple requests.

MISSIONS CORNER

Opportunities for Service



COMMUNICATION HAS BEGUN WITH OUR MISSIONARY CLARA BISWAS IN CAMBODIA

Mission Outreach sent the Messiah program and pictures to Clara telling her about the fundraiser for her ministry. Below is her response...

Greetings from Cambodia. Thank you so much for your email and information.

Thank you so much for raising money for my ministry which I need so much to continue ongoing program. I do appreciate your hard work so much. I want to inform you that next June and July I will be visiting USA for Itineration. I do not know if we meet or visit your church? Let's hope and pray about it? Thank you so much for your prayer and support, hope we will work together 2018.

*Blessing,
Clara*

When a missionary visits the USA every three years their itinerary calendar depends on a variety of circumstances. As Clara indicates, we must pray that she will indeed be in our area and be able to visit us! Look for a connection to the Cambodia Ministry at Vacation Bible School this year, involving our children in our church wide ministry! God is good!

LAZARUS MEALS...

Do you have some spare time this summer? The Lazarus dinner team is cooking Beef Brisket Sandwiches in June and Chicken Vesuvio in July. We cook on the second Tuesday of each month and would be happy to have you join us! Contact Chris at cstumpf0308@gmail.com to join the team to cook or donate.

ADULT MISSION TEAM TRIP SERVED WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY!

Our jobs this year consisted of installing the joists that are the foundation for the flooring of the home. Much measuring, cutting and nailing were required, not to mention the up and down movements it took to squeeze between the joists. The team of nine were challenged the first day with all the heavy wood we had to move from place to place, so we were very happy to see a team of high school carpentry students and their teacher from Norway arrive on day 2!

JOIN US FOR OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY TRIP WITH HABITAT

The team stays at Camp Hope. They are planning to celebrate our 10th year of service in 2019! Camp Hope is the ministry of The Gathering a church in Arabi. They have only 30-50 members that manage to register, house and feed the thousands that stay at the facility yearly! The accommodations are adequate and the food and hospitality are amazing (for \$29 a day)! The Gathering is committed to housing all the people from the many organizations that help re-build New Orleans and are launching their own home repair ministry as well. The Gathering is a remarkable church community that cares for God's people and is an excellent example of how a church (even if small) can make an enormous impact!

Check out the following sites for more information

- Habitat for Humanity: habitat-nola.org/
- Camp Hope: thegatheringcc.com/information

Please prayerfully consider joining us in 2019 for the 10th trip! Contact Chris Stumpf at cstumpf0308@gmail.com



Photo Directory Make Up Date

If you weren't able to have your picture taken for the directory, you can still sign up and have it taken on June 6. Go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y9nn39qm/> to schedule your appointment time or call Judy Schlarb at 630-584-6680.

Childcare Help Needed for Conference

There is still a need for help with childcare for pastors' children during the United Methodist Northern Illinois Conference Annual Meeting on June 3-5. All work will be done at United Methodist Church of Geneva. Sign up at bit.ly/conferencechildcare

Women's Retreat Registration is Open

The Women's retreat is October 12-13 at Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon, Illinois. Come explore the mystery of God and your part in the family. Pastor Mary is our leader. Fliers with registration forms are available on the kiosk outside the office. They will be passed out at coffee hour. A \$25 deposit is due when you sign up. The total cost \$65. After September 16, the fee is \$70.

Summer Reading Discussion Group

Join us for a discussion of *The Chosen* by Chaim Potoc on Wednesday, June 20 at 6pm in the parlor. This classic novel is about the unlikely friendship that develops between two boys in 1940s Brooklyn. Reuven, a secular Jew with an intellectual Zionist father; and Danny, the brilliant rightful heir to a Hasidic rebbe. Together they navigate the emotional terrain of adolescence and the demands of family, and a crisis of faith when stories of the Holocaust begin to emerge on the shores of America. Come to share your thoughts!

Note that the next two discussion dates are July 18 and August 29. Call Paula Hall with questions 630-363-6566.

Are you a UMW Recognition Recipient?

In order to update records, United Methodist Women is in the processes of compiling a list of those who have received a UMW Special Recognition pin. If you have been recognized in the past, please notify Pam Stare at starep@comcast.net

UMM Work Day Planned

On June 16, United Methodist Men will be painting the hallway near the church office from 8am-12pm. Please contact Tom Warren at 224-605-8121, if you can help.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CORNER

2018 YTD Financial Information

May 2018 Financial Information

Operating Fund Balance is a POSITIVE \$ 62,487

We are in the process of consolidating checking accounts to more effectively manage posting and reconciliation. Thank you all for your generous Easter giving which exceeded our 2018 budget for that line item. Overall income is trending above the four month threshold, which is typical given the change during summer months. Expenses are trending high given a number of maintenance items and issues thus far in 2018.

Baker Walkers Summer Program Begins

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 9am this summer, starting June 6, as we get together for exercise and fellowship! We will be meeting at the Norris Woods Nature Preserve parking lot, located at Johnor and 3rd Avenue in St. Charles. The parking lot is directly across the street from the rear of Bethlehem Lutheran church and 3rd Avenue is the street that runs along the west side of Baker. Just follow it north and you'll find the parking lot on the left side of the street. We welcome men and women of all walking abilities. We plan to organize into several groups to accommodate all walking speeds and distances. All walkers will start at 9am, but some groups may choose not to walk the full hour. If you choose to walk the whole distance it will be about three miles and take approximately one hour.

The Norris Woods path is a beautiful shaded walk that winds along the Fox River, bordered by wild flowers and the occasional deer. It's serene beauty is truly nourishment for the soul! Please consider joining us this summer. For more information contact Kristin Fischer at alpha_kristin@hotmail.com or 630-235-6019.

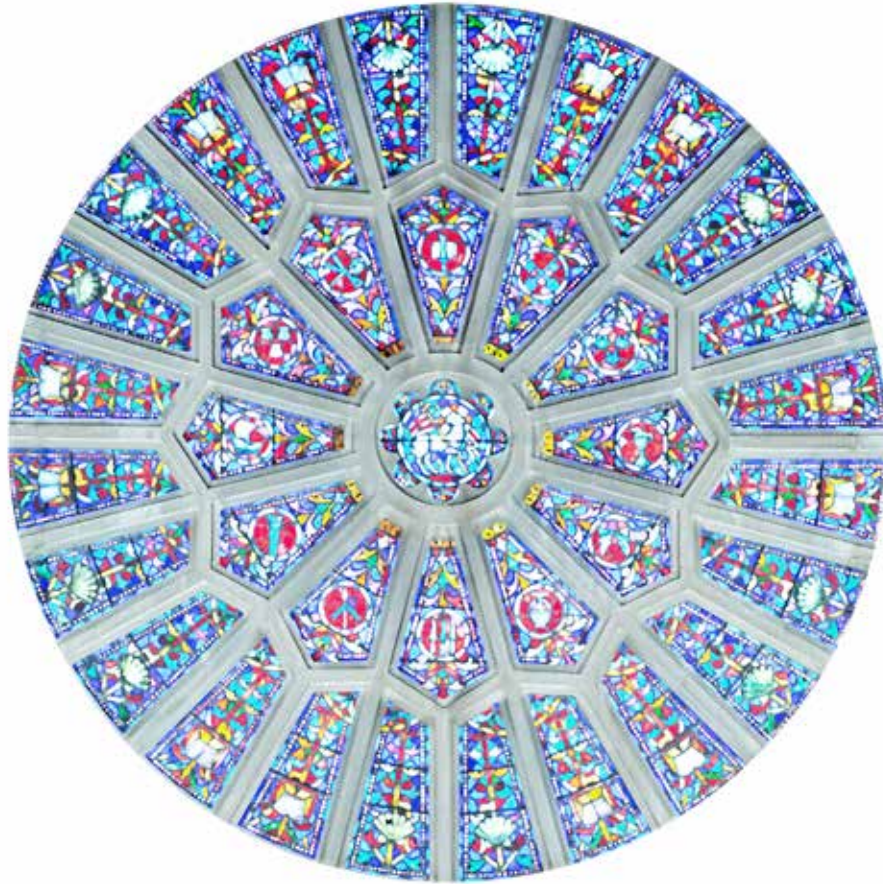
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JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children 10:30am Jazz Worship	11:30am FaithFriends	11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous		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 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market	2
3	4 1pm One O'Clock Book Club 7pm Boy Scouts	5 3pm Memorial Meeting 6pm VBS Teen Training	6 Lifetouch picture makeup day	7 6pm VBS Volunteer Training	8 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market 7pm Kaneland HS Concert	
10	11 9:30am SHIP Help for Seniors 7pm Trustees	12 3:30pm Lazarus House 7pm Children & Family Ministry 7pm Finance	13	14	15 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market 9am VBS Set-Up	16 9am-12pm Youth Car Wash 8am UMM Painting Day 9am VBS Set-Up
17 Father's Day 	18 9am NIL Food Bank 7pm Church Council <div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> 9AM-12pm VBS Week! </div>	19 5pm Women's Emmaus, off site	20 Carillon Articles Due 6pm Summer Reading	21 1pm Women's Emmaus	22 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market	23
24 12pm Have-A-Look Membership Class	25 7pm Worship/ Spiritual Growth	26	27	28	29 8:30am Red Cross Class 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market	30
BakerYouth Work Trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin						



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