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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

Do Not Be Afraid

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

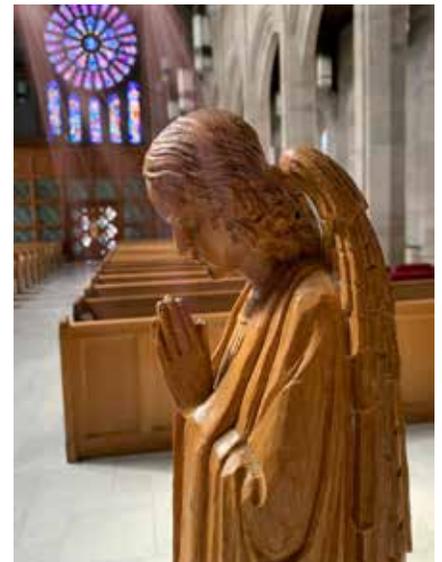
Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV)

With Christmas just behind us, my ears are still ringing with the words of the angels in the Christmas scriptures, “do not be afraid.” This phrase is not the traditional New Year greeting, however these are good words to remember as 2020 begins. As people of faith we follow our God who always has plans for thriving. In Christ we always have a future with hope no matter where we stand today. 2020 will likely be a challenging year as the United Methodist Church discerns the most faithful way to respond to our deep seated differences regarding sexuality. Do not be afraid, God has plans for our welfare. There is a future with hope if we seek and follow Christ's lead.

Here's a little background for those who are not aware of what is happening in our denomination.

The United Methodist Church was formed in 1968 by the merging of two denominations, the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist Episcopal Church. A foundational understanding in that union was that the Body of Christ is intended to be one body made up of all Christians. Thus the move toward more and more denominations that view themselves as more right or righteous than another is sinful. Denominationalism breaks Christ's Body (the Church universal) into pieces. It goes against God's vision of unity articulated in the Bible. The United Methodist Church formed to seek unity in our diversity.

Sadly it appears that the United Methodist Church has come to a point where we cannot find unity on the subject of human sexuality. We are deeply divided on whether same-



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gender couples can be blessed in Christian marriage, and whether God would call persons who seek or are in same-gender relationships as clergy. The depth of our division became very clear at a Special Session of General Conference called in February 2019. New legislation to strictly enforce prohibition of same-gender marriages in United Methodist church buildings or by United Methodist clergy was passed. New legislation passed that mandated clergy be suspended or removed from clergy membership if they engaged in officiating same-gender marriages or were themselves dating or married to a same-gender partner. These were all narrowly passed by simple majority vote leaving a deep division within the United Methodist body. These new policies went into full effect on January 1, 2020.

“Do not be afraid.” These are good words to remember. God has a future with hope for all of us. Ours is to faithfully seek to walk toward that future.

A lot has happened since last February. Perhaps most significant is that people have started to admit that we are not likely to be able to stay united in our current global structure. Many proposals have been made over the last year. Some would split the denomination into multiple denominations. Some preserve unity in mission work and the bulk of our theology while allowing differences in understanding of human sexuality. Some simply allow those who disagree with the new United Methodist position to form new denominations more easily. All of this will be debated and hopefully decided at the next regular session of General Conference in May 2020. In the meantime, “do not be afraid.”

There are good reasons for remaining calm. First is that as a congregation we have a good idea of where we stand on this subject. A survey last spring indicated that the strong majority of the congregation does not agree with the new legislation. This self-understanding will help our leadership teams know how to proceed as the way forward becomes clear.

A second reason to remain calm is that things are unlikely to change in any discernable way in our Conference even though the new legislation is in place.

Our Bishop has committed to ordain all candidates approved by our Board of Ordained Ministry, and our Board of Ordained Ministry has been bold in stating that their work is to discern calling and readiness to serve the church rather than sexuality. In addition, our conference voted to remove funding for the “trials” that would be needed to enforce the new legislation so there is currently no way for it to be strictly enforced in 2020.

A third reason to remain calm is that there really aren't any decisions to be made until the General Conference discerns the way forward in May. I can honestly say that I have no idea which way it will go. As of now, it looks likely that the denomination will split and the current legislation will be suspended as that split is implemented. However, the truth is that no one knows the future.

Do not be afraid, but do be prayerful. Do not be afraid, rather step forward and build this congregation up so we can be strong and faithful in every possible scenario to come. It is time to look forward with hope and work hard to build that strong future for Baker Memorial United Methodist Church.

Do not hesitate to come and talk to me if you have any questions or want to register your feelings about our future. It's okay if we do not agree in full, we are brothers and sisters in this Christ formed family.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Mary



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT BAKER!

Wednesday Night Supper | 5-6pm
Wednesday Worship | 6-6:25pm | Chapel
Faith Friends | 6:30pm | Searching for Sunday
Baker Kids | 6-7:30pm | Children's Center
Baker Kids: **Family First Wednesdays**

Children & Family Ministries

CELEBRATE WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

► **Family Bible Verse:** *All things are from him and through him and for him. May the glory be to him forever. Amen.* — Romans 11:36 Deep Blue Kid's Bible CEB

Happy New Year! Let's continue to celebrate the Good News with others and each other. Please come to our Wednesday night Baker Kids from 6-7:30pm. This program is designed for Pre-K (potty trained) through 5th grade. Each week the children will be engaging a relationship with God's word through scripture, activities, crafts, games, and interactive video from our curriculum Deep Blue Connects.

Remember to save the date for our Family First Nights on the first Wednesday of every month. The next one will be February 5. Last month we made waterless snow globes, ornaments, and microwave fudge. Children & Family Ministries will pick up your dinner tab from Wednesday Night Supper, if you are attending the Family First program. We are bringing back family time! Invite your friends and neighbors to come.

It's back! Don't wait to RSVP for the Family Skate Date. It's going to be great. We invite you to attend this family favorite on Sunday, January 19 from 12-4pm at Funway in Batavia. It's *free*, but please RSVP Shelly to register your family number at sstienbarger@bakermemorialchurch.org or text me 808-489-7709.

Breakfast with Santa was December 7. I would like to thank everyone who attended our annual Santa Breakfast. Thank you to all the volunteers in the kitchen, Santa helpers serving the families, and our incredible Confirmation group who were a blessing with their extra helping hands during clean up. A special thank you to Santa who was able to add Baker Memorial as one of his stops by for a quick visit with our families. We had 61 attendees of all ages and everyone had a wonderful time. The children enjoyed pancakes and sausage prepared by UMM and listened to *The First Christmas Night* written by Keith Christopher. They also decorated holiday crafts and wrote a letter to Santa. Each child and their extended family were able to capture their moments with Santa.

If you haven't been to this magical event, you need to put in your calendar for 2020. Not only is it a great way to kick off the Christmas season, but a festive Baker Memorial tradition too.

Follow the Star: A Simple Christmas Musical for Children created by Susie Williams, Luke Gambill and David Ebensberger was joyfully sung by 19 Sunday school children during the 10:30am service on December 8. 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 & Joy,
Shelly Stienbarger
Director, Children & Family Ministry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **3-7 years** | *Jesus Leads the Community* | Mark 1:9-11; 6:7-13 & Luke 4:14-30; 5:27-32 | 9am
- **8-12 years** | *Calling* | Matthew 4:19 | 9am
- **Wednesday Night Baker Kids** | 6-7:30pm
- **January Curriculum** | *Jesus and the Children* | Matthew 19:13-15 | 9am
- **Sunday, January 19** | Family Skate Date | 12-4pm
- **Saturday, February 15** | Kid's Movie Night In & Parent's Date Night Out | 6-8:30pm

THANK YOU!

- **December Teachers:** Kristine Torio, Andrea Zenker, Chrissy Farley, Renee Whittenhall, Kim Masters, & Ginny Swiatek
- **Nursery:** Danni Killian, Catherine & Jade Rosenquist
- **Pageant:** Melissa Arndt & Brooke Bayless
- **Santa Breakfast:** Tom Warren, Gary Steele, Steve Wright, Pete Vargulich, Chuck Freiburger, Rick Spiers, Steve Coons, Allan McCurdy, Gary Van Kempema, Dave & Becky Crow, Isie Barclay, Amanda Richardson, Steve Pagano, Taya Phetsisouk, Carl King and the 2020 Confirmation Class.
- **Special Thank You:** Jayne Scales

Children & Family Christmas Gallery



December was busy for the Children & Family Ministry! It was a month filled with faith, fun, food, friends and family.

Youth Ministry

This month we head off to Lake Geneva for a two day spiritual retreat on the 10th through the 12th that promises to be a blast. That may be why they are calling it the *Arctic Blast*. :) Pray for cooler temperatures so we can go tubing and play some broomball outside! Pray for our young people that this will be an impactful experience that grows their faith practices and leads them to a deeper connection with what God is doing here at Baker Memorial.

We also have a high school lock-in planned for the end of the month. We'll rent out a gym, blast some music, play card games and run until we're ragged. Make sure your young person packs something comfortable and brings enough snacks to share. Prior to this lock-in, middle school students are going to Funway in Batavia for roller skating, video games and bowling on January 19. It's going to be a fun time.

With the commencement of the New Year, it's only right to take one last glance back at 2019 and say *thank you* to:

- all of the teachers in middle school and high school Sunday school who gave their time, heart, faith and wisdom to leading our young people closer to Christ.
- the confirmation mentors, teachers, planners, facilitators.
- the service project leaders that took us to FMSC in Aurora, the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Lazarus House, and Midwest Mission.
- the adults who chaperoned on our work trip in the summer to Rushville, Indiana.
- every adult volunteer who made our fundraisers like the rummage sale, the St. Patrick's Day parade, the Electric

- Light parade and the car wash a success.
- the youth fellowship leaders, the adults who stayed overnight at retreat and the adults who help our acolytes make it to where they belong.
- every leader getting young people involved in our music at Baker Memorial and to every adult who gave above and beyond to help sponsor young people so that no one feels excluded because of financial strain. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Just from that list above, it should be quite clear how busy we were last year in youth ministry. This year we do not intend to let up on the intensity or focus on building young people for a life of Christian faith and service. We have some exciting new adventures planned alongside our regular programming. If you have not gotten involved in youth ministry in any capacity, here is your invitation to join us in the work. There is so much more to do and so many more to reach.

Blessings to you,
Carl King
Director of Youth Ministry

JANUARY DATES

- **Friday-Sunday, January 10-12** | Winter Retreat: *Arctic Blast* | Lake Geneva
- **Sunday, January 5 & 19** | 4pm | High School Fellowship
- **Sunday, January 26** | 4pm | Middle School Fellowship
- **Friday, January 31** | High School Lock-In



2019 was a very good year! We can't wait to see what this year brings. There are exciting new adventures planned along with our regular programming.

Young Adult Ministry

In just a few days, the organization known as Eclipse must be stopped from their attempt at a takeover of planet Earth. You are our only hope to stop Dark Core from this nefarious plan. Hopefully you've received an invitation to attend the top-secret mystery party at the Scales' house as we attempt to figure out who Dark Core is and foil the plot.

Before you take the paragraph above too seriously, just know we're having a murder mystery dinner in the near future. (Note: January 3 date is postponed.) All young adults are invited to attend and dress the part of the theme, "Saints & Sinners." Our murder mystery dinners are always a super fun time and we have a lot of people around here who really get into character. Who said church and cosplay was too far apart? Not me. RSVP at info@bakermemorialchurch.org, as you won't want to miss this.

If you cannot make it, have no fear. We are meeting at 100 Grapes again on the 11th at 4pm. Have you joined us at 100 Grapes yet? Let me just say, if not, you're missing a good time. If you are averse to alcohol but 21 and over, show up and we'll share a club soda or lemonade and a snack. This

is a great opportunity to get outside of the church and have conversations about faith practice, life struggles and even goal setting. We've done a little of all of it. Join our meetup group here: <https://www.meetup.com/StC-Young-Adult-Meetup-Group/events/zqtslryzqbsb/>

Finally, we're going to get back into Bible study at Arcadium on Tuesday or Wednesday nights. Message cking@bakermemorialchurch.org to indicate what day and time works best for you. We will try to coordinate the best time, for the most people and begin meeting regularly in February.

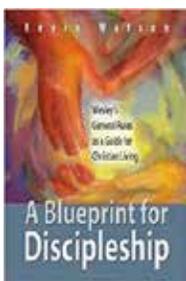
Bring a jacket or two for the coat drive. We'll wrap it up in February.

In Christ,
Carl King
Director of Young Adult Ministry

JANUARY DATES

- **Friday, January 3** *Postponed* | 6:30pm | Mystery Party
- **Saturday, January 11** | 4pm | YA Meetup at 100 Grapes

Blueprint for Discipleship Class Offered



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 15-February 19 at 6:30pm in the Adult Study Room. Books are available in the office for \$10 each. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/BlueprintJan2020> or contact the office at (630) 584-6680.

YA Winter Coat & Glove Drive

Baker Young Adults is sponsoring a winter coat and gloves drive. Nothing will warm your heart more than helping to warm another. Please consider donating new or gently used coats and gloves before January 31. The collection box is in the hallway outside Baker Hall.

Immerse: Kingdoms Begins in March

The next session of Immerse begins in March. *Kingdoms* is the third installment of the six volume Immerse program. *Kingdoms* tells the story of Israel from the time of its conquest of Canaan (Joshua) through its struggle to settle

the land (Judges, Ruth) and the establishment of Israel's kingdom, which ends in a forced exile (Samuel-Kings). Look for more information about groups and signing later this winter!

Women's Retreat Registration Begins

Here & Now | Friday & Saturday, February 21-22
All women are invited to attend the 2020 Women's Retreat. We'll be gathering at the beautiful Wesley Woods Camp near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin for just about 23 hours of time together with God and each other. Pastor Mary will be leading us as we search for ways to connect with God in all the moments of our days and seasons of our lives. If you've never been on a retreat before, please try this one. It's short enough to take the time away, it will be deeply renewing in body and soul, and you'll be in the company of new friends. The retreat begins at 5:30pm on Friday and will conclude by 4pm on Saturday. Registrations completed prior to January 31, 2020 are \$80.

To learn more about the women's retreat or to register go to bit.ly/bakerwomensretreat2020, or pick up a retreat flyer at the church.

MISSIONS CORNER

Opportunities to Serve or Contribute

SIGN UP TO DONATE BLOOD ON THE 22ND

Our next blood drive is scheduled for January 22 in the back of Wiley Hall anytime from 3:30-7pm. Come for Wednesday night dinner and make a night of it! New donors are very much needed. Please consider saving a life! Contact Pete Holmes with any questions or to sign up at 630-377-2183. Walk ins are always welcomed.



JOIN US AT THE FOOD BANK THIS MONTH

The next NIL Food Bank volunteer date is January 21 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. This is 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

COOKING FOR LAZARUS HOUSE

Lazarus House cooking has been a long-standing tradition on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the church kitchen. We cook for 60 men, women and children each month.

A Special Wednesday Night Supper Fundraiser

FIESTA PARA LOS NINOS

CHANGING OUR WORLD AND TIMES

Wednesday, January 29 | Serving from 5-6:30pm

Join the women of Lydia Circle as we aim to bring change to two very important missions over the coming year. 100% of your free will donation will be used to provide medical and dental services to the indigent in Guatemala, and clothing, school supplies and living expenses to orphaned children in Mexico.

Cost: A Free Will Offering will be collected

All proceeds will go to: Healing Hands Medical Mission to Guatemala and All Our Kids

Websites: <https://healinghandsmission.com>
<https://www.allourkids.net/>

Hosts: Lydia Circle (Contact: Isie Barclay 630-232-0921)

Menu: Guacamole & Chips, Taco Salad, Ropa Vieja (Pulled

If this is a ministry that interests you, contact Chris at cstumpf0308@gmail.com You can cook in the kitchen any month that works for you or simply donate food items for the cooks! New helpers and donors are always appreciated. Join us in the kitchen sometime!

DECEMBER MISSION TEAM WRAP UP

The Mission Team was busy the whole month of December with Bell Ringing, Christmas Wrapping, Angel Tree collections and more! We made \$454 for our missionary Clara from our gift wrapping service. Many thanks go out to all those that volunteered—especially first timers! The efforts of all helped to bring joy to others and fill a need!

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE RECAP

Christmas tree sales again helped to support ministry as well as bring beautiful trees into many homes. A tree also adorned our front lawn and served as the Community Prayer Tree! Thank you to Dave and Loretta for their generous donation!

SUITCASES, BACKPACKS & GIFT CARDS FOR CASA

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) will be supported again this year. In March, we will collect suitcases, backpacks and gift cards for CASA for children that must leave their homes. More information and details to follow in February. Until then, take advantage of the holiday sales and be put them to good use.

pork with Bell Peppers and Onions), Black Beans and Saffron Rice, Plantains and Assorted Desserts

On Site Silent Auction—A Time for All Seasons

You are cordially invited to participate in our silent auction for a dinner party in honor of your contribution. Your mystery hosts (Lydia Circle members) will provide a delicious meal in their home for you and your guest. Bidding will be open during fellowship hour on Sunday, January 19 and 26. Drawing will be on the night of the fundraiser. (Winners need not be present. Winners will coordinate dinner date and time with their hosts prior to the event). Four wonderful meal packages will be made available for bid:

- The Winter Package: *A Royal Feast*
- The Spring Package: *Hope Springs Forth*
- The Summer Package: *Eat, Pray, Peace*
- The Autumn Package: *Bountiful Harvest*

Phone Tree Support Group to Form

Do you live alone? Do you have anyone checking on you daily? If you don't, how about joining a phone tree where you text every morning by 10am that you are *up* and *okay*. This can give all of us who care about each other an easy way to know that all is well. If interested in joining a group like this, contact Betty Erickson at (630)701-5672. You will need a cell phone, as this is a text only, not a long phone conversation.

Day Guest Program News

Many thanks to those who have assisted with the Day Guest Program over the course of 2019! We appreciate all of the prepared meals for the lunch program, the donations of food and clothing, and the assistance of the Mid Valley Special Education Cooperative. The program serves 12-15 adults in the community with donations of food and clothing.

We are excited to work with Katie Swenson over her winter break as an intern assisting in the continued development of this program. Katie is a sophomore at DePauw University and is hoping to work in the community development field in the future.

As the winter months are before us, we ask for your continued help. We would appreciate any warm clothes, coats, boots, socks (size L, XL, XXL). A meal train can be found on our church website to sign up for preparing meals and donations of nonperishable items would be appreciated. We are looking for transportation for our guests for appointments or evening housing. Lastly, if you would like to make a monetary gift or to pay for a Wednesday Night Supper Meal, please place your donation in the Sunday Offering or bring it into the church office clearly marked for the Day Guest Ministry. Thank you!

-Judy Schlarb, Caring Ministry and Katie Swenson

One O'Clock Book Group This Month



This book discussion group meets in the Parlor at 1pm on the first Monday of each month (except Labor Day). The selection for February 3 is *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan. With the atmosphere of a noir thriller, Egan's first historical novel, named one of the Best Books of the Year in 2017, follows the life of one of the first female divers to repair ships during WWII into a world populated by gangsters, sailors, divers, bankers, and union men. *Manhattan Beach* is a dazzling, propulsive exploration

of a transformative moment in the lives and identities of women and men, of America and the world. 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.

What Goes Up Must Come Down

It has been a beautiful Advent season and as lovely as our church looks dressed up for the holidays, we must prepare for a new year. As we enter a new worship season, it is time to take down decorations. Clean-up will occur on Sunday, January 5 after the second service. All are encouraged to participate! Contact John Clarke at (630) 877-0829 or jclarke414@gmail.com, if you have questions.

UMW January Meetings

- **UMW Leadership Team** meets on Friday, January 3 at 9am in the Parlor. Note meeting day change!
- **Phoebe Circle** meets on Wednesday, January 8 at 9am
- **Sarah Ruth Circle** meets on January 22 at 1pm
- **Esther Circle** meets Saturday, January 25 at 8:30am
- **Lydia Circle** meets on Tuesday, January 28 at 6pm *and* their WNS fundraiser is the 29th. See details on page 6.

UMW Special Recognition Award

Each year United Methodist Women present the Special Recognition Award to an individual whose contributions to the church are noteworthy. This year's recipient was Tom Warren who cheerfully does so much for Baker including opening the church each Sunday, making coffee, singing in the choir, ushering, cooking for day guests and cheerfully saying yes to anything he's asked to do.

UMM Events

- **Sunday, January 19** | 7:30am | UMW Men's Breakfast
 - **Sunday, February 2** | 5pm | Superbowl Sunday Party
- UMM invites all men and women to watch the Super Bowl in the church parlor. Pizza will be provided for a \$5 donation. Feel free to bring a favorite snack to share!

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.



An Important Update About Church Finances

The celebration of Christmas and the beginning of the New Year are seasons of great joy. They are also a time when we take stock and decide if we need to make any changes going forward. We are in the midst of making those decisions for Baker Memorial Church finances for 2020.

Taking stock, we can say that 2019 went about as we planned. Unfortunately, that plan included spending a part of our operating fund reserves (i.e. spending slightly more than we received in offerings). We don't have the final numbers for 2019 as of this writing, but it looks like our projections were accurate.

Looking forward, we are working to finalize the 2020 budget. As of this writing, we have received \$424,470 in pledges for 2020. While we know that this is not complete as some people who plan to pledge have not yet turned in their commitments, we are also pretty certain that the pledged amount will be lower than 2019. There are a number of reasons for this; we have had long and strong members pass away, we have had members move when they retired, and we have had a small number of

members decide to stop pledging pending decisions at the denominational level.

While there is no cause for alarm, the financial team members of the Strategy and Administration Leadership Team at the church have made some adjustments to the budget everyone needs to be aware of.

1. No staff members received any salary increase for 2020,
2. Two part-time staff positions became volunteer positions,
3. The 10:30 service music ensemble has been reduced from four musicians to two (pianist and vocalist), and
4. While we had been hoping to be able to set aside reserves for future technology replacement needs, this has been removed from 2020 spending.

As we seek to fulfill the church's mission, we remain hopeful. We ask you our congregation to help. Please pledge if you haven't already. Please consider an increased amount if you can do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Molly Bolz, Kristin Fischer, or Peter Helland.



Capital Campaign News

The construction committee is meeting regularly with our local architect, Martin Serena. We are making steady progress honing in on costs and direction. The repair or replacement of the doors is our number one priority because they are poorly sealed and difficult to open, close and lock. The cost to address this issue is quite significant. Four potential suppliers have submitted estimates. The lowest estimates are for wood doors which would require significant regular maintenance. Aluminum anodized doors would cost about the same as wood. The repair of our existing doors would cost double the cost of wood or aluminum replacement doors. Our committee would love to hear your thoughts on the doors. Please seek us out to discuss. Two potential expenses that are being investigated are installation of a sprinkler system and upgrade of our electrical service. Both of these would be costly and will only be pursued if found to be necessary due to code requirements or safety issues. Mr. Serena continues to

research our other priorities. Our committee hopes to offer more detailed information in the next month or two. We appreciate your continued patience as we get close to beginning some actual visible improvements as a result of the Capital Campaign.

Our copper gutters and flashing were damaged in a hail storm some time ago. The repair work will be covered by insurance and is currently planned to begin in March. Another upcoming project is to install underground drainage for our gutters along Cedar Street. This work should take place in the next month (weather permitting).

If, you have questions, please seek us out to ask questions and supply your input.

Jayne Beck, *Trustees, Strategy and Administration*

Judy Schlarb, *Chair of Phase One Construction*

Heidi Hughes, Jean McCabe, Peter Vargulich, Peter Wintersteen, and Jon Sauser

Wishing you Blessings of the season, Jayne

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children, Middle & High School 10:30am Jazz Worship 10:30am Confirmation	7pm Scout Troop 14	11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous	5pm Wednesday Night Supper 5pm Chapel Choir & Wesley Singers 6pm Wednesday Worship 6pm Chancel Bells 6:30pm Chancel Choir	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 New Year's Day	2 7:30am Thursday Morning Faith Friends	3 8am Farmer's Market 9am UMW Leadership Meeting	4
5 10:30am Adult Sunday School 12pm Take down Christmas decor 4pm HS Fellowship	6 11:30am Monday Faith Friends 1pm One O'Clock Book Club 7pm Spiritual Formation & Discipleship	7	8 9am Phoebe Circle 6pm Baker Kids 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Faith Friends	9 7:30am Thursday Morning Faith Friends	10 8am Farmer's Market	11 4pm Young Adults @100 Grapes
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12 10:30am Adult Sunday School	13 9am NIL Food Bank 11:30am Monday Faith Friends	14 3:30pm Laz House Cooking	15 6pm Baker Kids 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Faith Friends 6:30pm Blueprint for Discipleship	16 7:30am Thursday Morning Faith Friends 1pm Women's Emmaus	17 8am Farmer's Market	18 9am Baptism Class
19 7:30pm UMM Men's Breakfast 10:30am Adult Sunday School 12pm Family Skate Date @Funway 4pm HS Fellowship	20 Carillon articles due 9am NIL Food Bank 11:30am Monday Faith Friends 7pm Strategy & Admin Team	21 5pm Women's Emmaus <i>off-site</i>	22 1pm Sara-Ruth Circle 3pm Blood Drive 6pm Baker Kids 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Faith Friends 6:30pm Blueprint for Discipleship	23 7:30am Thursday Morning Faith Friends	24 8am Farmer's Market	25 8:30am Esther Circle
26 4pm MS Fellowship	27 11:30am Monday Faith Friends	28 6pm Lydia Circle	29 5pm Lydia Circle WNS Fundraiser 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Faith Friends 6:30pm Blueprint for Discipleship	30 7:30am Thursday Morning Faith Friends	31 8am Farmer's Market	
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Baker Kids is Back!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT BAKER

Baker Kids | 6-7:30pm

For kids Pre-K (potty trained) through 5th grade

NEW! Family First Wednesdays

6-7:30pm | 9/11, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4, 2/5, 3/4 & 5/6

Bringing back family time!

Activities like Olympics, talent show, cookie decorating, etc.



A Children & Family Event



FAMILY SKATE DATE

January 19 | 12pm

At Funway in Batavia

RSVP to sstienbarger@bakerumc.org

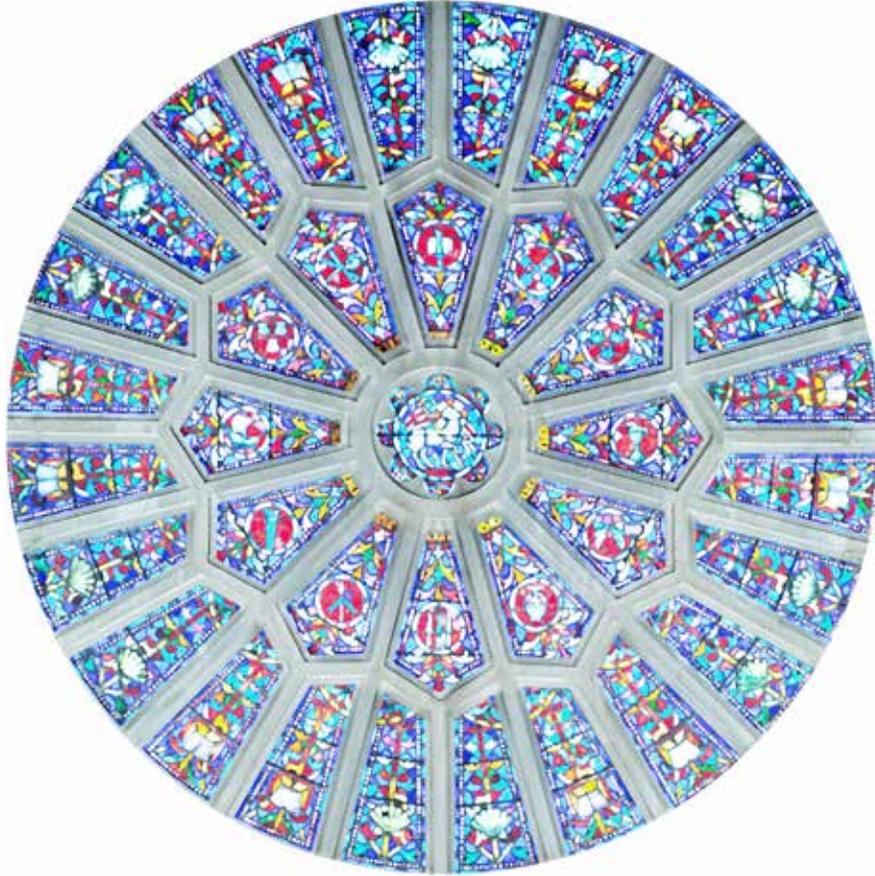
WINTER COAT & GLOVE DRIVE

Baker Young Adults are collecting new or gently used Winter coats and gloves through January 31 for those in need. Leave donations in the designated box.



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY PARTY FEBRUARY 2 | 5PM

UMM invites all men and women to watch the Super Bowl in the Church Parlor — PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A \$5 DONATION — Feel free to bring a favorite snack or soft drink to share! We'll gather at 5pm & the game kicks off at 5:30.



STAFF

Rev. Mary Zajac | *Senior Pastor*

Jeffery Hunt | *Director, Music Ministry*

Mark Edwards | *Organist*

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