



*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026, 9:30 AM & 11 AM**  
**SERVICE of WORD, SONG and HOLY COMMUNION**  
**BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

...a multigenerational congregation filled with the joy of faith, hospitality towards everyone and hope for the future. We believe God's grace is a gift to everyone, making every person a beloved individual & child of God worthy of love, respect & blessing.



EASTER GREETING

Christ is Risen. **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

WELCOME

Rev. David Aslesen

PRELUDE "Prayer from 'Hansel & Gretel,'" Humperdinck, Northside Brass Quintet

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mandy Hale, Liturgist

One: We have arrived at the garden of love and delight!

**All: The tomb is empty! Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Open your hearts and let the Son shine in!

**All: Church and world rejoice! Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 302 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" vs. 1-4

\*PRAYER FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Holy God, with praise and thanksgiving, we celebrate your gracious work to bring forth the gift of eternal life from the grip of death. Reveal Christ Jesus to us that we may know resurrection, too!

Make us to be like the first shoots of spring emerging from winter slumber.

**Bring our hearts to glorious re-birth by the fulfillment of this promise: Christ is alive! Let the church rejoice: Alleluia! Amen!**

\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.*

## TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“The Strife Is O’er,” arr. Robert Powell,  
Choir, Organ, Northside Brass Quintet

\*GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Eden in Easter Bloom!”

Rev. David Aslesen

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION 307 “Christ is Risen”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table and Feast of Christ  
Great Thanksgiving, Hymnal pgs. 13-15



THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

Communion Anthem, “Panis Angelicus,” Northside Brass, Organ

STEWARDSHIP: OFFERINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

Offertory, “Simple Gifts,” Traditional, Northside Brass

\*Doxology, #94, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow***

***Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\*Prayer of Dedication



\*HYMN 312 “Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise”

\*BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God,” Northside Brass, Organ

# This Week

AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## SUNDAY, April 5

- 9:30am Easter Worship
- 11am Easter Worship

## MONDAY, April 6

- **Office Closed/Easter Monday**
- 1pm One O'Clock Book Club

## TUESDAY, April 7

- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 6pm Fox Valley Rising Meeting
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

## WEDNESDAY, April 8

- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes
- 6pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

## THURSDAY, April 9

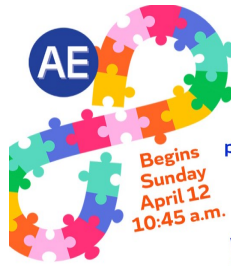
- 6pm Fox Valley Rising Crafting
- 7pm PEO NN

## FRIDAY, April 10

- 9am PEO Ch OB
- 9am Farmers Market

## SUNDAY, April 12

- 9:30am Worship - UWF Sunday
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am AdultEd: Neurodiversity
- 10:45am AdultEd: *Faith in the News*



## Neurodiversity God's Good Design

This class is designed to introduce people to the topic of neurodiversity, specifically autism and ADHD.

Learn about different conditions, how God uses these gifts, see how we can help create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

GET INFO & SIGN UP ON APP OR WEBSITE



United  
Women  
in Faith

## UWFaith Sunday

April 12 Worship led by UWF  
With special guest Erica McIntosh  
preaching on the theme of hope



**Save the date!**

## Summer Mission Trip

Join the trip to Midwest Mission July 27-30  
Lodging and volunteering for 20 participants  
will be on the Midwest's grounds in Pawnee, IL

This is a great opportunity for all ages  
to participate in service and fellowship!

Look for more info to come out late spring



## CHECK OUT OUR CONCERT SERIES

We have a wonderful line up planned!  
Our concert series features our church staff,  
area musicians, ensembles and special  
presentations. These music events  
are open to the community sponsored  
or hosted by Baker Memorial Church.

Find printed schedules at church entrances  
or information on the website

## UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AT BAKER CHURCH

Information about all of our events can be found on our church app  
and at [BakerMemorialChurch.org/Whats-Happening](https://www.bakermemorialchurch.org/Whats-Happening).  
Don't have our app? Scan the QR code to download!



### **WORSHIP ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY:**

Greeters: Julie, Grace, & Mae Masterman; **9:30am Ushers:** Bob Crutchfield, Cliff Bottiglierio, Curt Barrett, Nel Lemmenes, Bill Brownsey, John Stumpf; **11am Ushers** Greg Pratt, Jane Fanslow, Geoff & Sarah Hardwick; Livestream Tech: Rob Hale; Liturgist: Mandy Hale

### **ONE O'CLOCK BOOK GROUP, APRIL 6, 1 PM**

The group meets monthly on first Mondays in the parlor. All are welcome to join in this reading fellowship. The book for April is *Queens of Crime* by Marie Benedict. For more info, contact Shelley Campbell at [sscbooks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sscbooks@sbcglobal.net).

### **NEW CLASS: NEURODIVERSITY: GOD'S GOOD DESIGN**

Sunday April 12, 19, 26 @ 10:45 AM & Saturday May 2 time TBD. All are welcome to join this intergenerational class, led by church member and seminarian Mandy Hale, which introduces neurodiversity (autism spectrum, ADHD) and the church's witness of inclusion. Register via the church app or website by Monday, April 6. See Mandy to help & for more info.

### **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY, APRIL 12: HOPE**

Erica McIntosh, a certified lay speaker and Chair of Stewardship and Finance at St. Andrew UMC in Carol Stream, will be preaching. The UWF will lead, sing, and serve throughout this special service.

### **SUNDAY FUNDAY, APRIL 19 10:30 AM**

The theme this month is Super Hero! Who is your favorite super hero? Come to Baker Hall and see Bible hero's projects that the Sunday School kids made.

### **BAKER CONCERT SERIES: SPRING AWAKENINGS, SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 3-4 PM**

The Northside Brass Quintet will perform "Spring Awakenings" at Baker Memorial Church. This uplifting April concert features vibrant brass music by Paul Dukas, Duke Ellington, and John Calvert. To reserve your tickets, go to <https://www.northsidebrass.com/public-concerts>. Concert series info at [bakermemorialchurch.org](https://www.bakermemorialchurch.org).

### **NIL FOOD BANK GANG, APRIL 20, 9 AM**

Join the Illinois Food Bank gang! A team of volunteers heads to the NIL Food Bank every month. Our shift runs from 9 a.m. until Noon. Want more information? Contact Betty Erickson [n9yfc@aol.com](mailto:n9yfc@aol.com).

### **BAKER CONCERT SERIES: CHAMBER MUSIC ON THE FOX APRIL 20 7:30 PM**

Chamber Music on the Fox presents *Sounds of the Earth: Music and Nature in Harmony*. Ticketed event. Find more info at [chambermusiconthefox.org](https://www.chambermusiconthefox.org)

### **SAVE THE DATE: VBS @ BAKER MEMORIAL, JUNE 22-25.**

Children and youth in pre-K through 8th grade are invited to **CAMP HOPE** Vacation Bible School, Monday, June 22-Thursday, June 25, mornings from 9-11 AM. Music, art, science and other fun activities will be part of the camp!

### **SUMMER MISSION TRIP: JULY 27-30, 2026**

Save the date as we again head to Midwest Mission in Pawnee, IL (near Springfield). This is a great opportunity for all ages to participate in service and fellowship. More info to come out in late spring.



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