STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, NOV. 1, 2026, 9:30 AM

ALL SAINTS SERVICE of WORD, SONG, PRAYER and the SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GREETING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Rev. David Aslesen, Pastor

…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; each person a beloved child of God worthy of love, respect and blessing.

PRELUDE "Behold the Host Arrayed in Heaven," John Ferguson, Stephen Uhl, organ

* CALL TO WORSHIP Amanda Hale, Liturgist

One: Beloved, in deep gratitude we come to worship God.
All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.
One: Beloved, unimagined blessings come from the Spirit of God.
All: We worship with grateful hearts for all that God is.

* HYMN 88 "Maker, in Whom We Live"

* OPENING PRAYER *inspired by Ephesians 3:20-21*

God of great gifts, we thank you for the many ways you provide more than we could ask or imagine. You have so richly blessed us with life, love and joy, with hope in the midst of despair. Like the saints, help us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world: gratefully, graciously and generously. In Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. **AMEN.**

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.*

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 723 "Shall We Gather at the River" vs. 1-2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Holy God of our living, dying and eternal life, we thank you for the saints who have been baptized in the spirit and whom you have justified by grace and faith. We rejoice that their faithfulness has paved the way for our lives to follow. Thank you for the saints we name and the unnamed faithful who have given us love and care and challenge:

The saints of Baker Memorial United Methodist Church
The saints: family, friends, mentors, community, country, world

We give thanks for the beloved saints. Let the church say: **AMEN.**

HYMN 723 "Shall We Gather at the River" vs. 3-4

* GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12, N.T., pg. 4, pew Bible
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Abundantly Grateful" Rev. David Aslesen

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE And let the church say…**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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 & the glory, forever. AMEN.

Anthem, "His Eye is on the Sparrow," Mary LeCuyer, Sam Wyatt

STEWARDSHIP: OPPORTUNITIES & OFFERINGS FOR MINISTRY
Offertory, "Blessed Assurance," Chancel Choir, Mary LeCuyer, soloist
* Doxology, Hymnal, pg. 94

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 / STEWARDSHIP SEASON

* HYMN 702 "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" vs. 1-2, 4

* BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE "Lead On, O King Eternal," Sam Wyatt

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STEWARDSHIP SEASON OCTOBER 18-NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Imagine the blessings of a vibrant future at Baker Memorial United Methodist Church made possible NOW through your generous financial support: your stewardship of God's abundance. Being a faithful steward of God's blessings is the call of every Christian. What blessings of God have you received? **As God is abundantly gracious, we can respond by being abundantly grateful and generous.** With your financial resources, you can share in supporting the operations, programs, staffing, missions and outreach of Baker Memorial United Methodist Church. **Stewardship pledge information is located at either entrace and www.bakermemorialchurch.org.**

BAKER MEMORIAL CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David P. Aslesen, Director of Music Ministries: Jeff Hunt, Director of Children & Family Ministries: Shelly Stienbarger, Director of Administration & Finance: Steven Wilhelm, Building Maintenance Manager: Karl Lescelius, Creative/Communications Director: Michele Claney, Organist: Stephen Uhl, Director of Children's Music: Kathy Olivarez, Pianist: Sam Wyatt, Livestream Tech: Rob Hale, Treasurer: Lita Jimenez, Wedding Coordinator: Judy Schlarb, Organist Emeritus: Mark Edwards.

FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Speak with our staff or pastor. Call 630.584.6680. 10AM-3 PM Mon.-Fri.
Email: info@bakermemorialchurch.org. Go to bakermemorialchurch.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY:

Greeters: Julie & Mae Masterman & Cheryl Dolezal; Ushers: Bob Crutchfield, Cheryl Freiberger, Curt Barrett, Nel Lemmenes; Liturgist: Mandy Hale; Livestream Tech: Rob Hale

SUNDAY SCHOOL: NOVEMBER: RUN THE RACE - GOD HELPS US

For student's pre-K-5th grade, after the children's message, students are invited to learn how God helps us face challenges. Bible stories featured include Joshua, Ruth, and Daniel with learning about having faith in hard times.

ABUNDANTLY! STEWARDSHIP SEASON: OCTOBER 18-NOVEMBER 1

Every Christian is called to be a faithful steward of God's blessings, responding to God's abundant grace with gratitude and generosity. Stewardship brochures—including the 2027 preliminary budget, financial pledge card, and more—are available at each entrance and online at www.bakermemorialchurch.org.

WESLEY SINGERS & CHAPEL CHIMES: WEDNESDAYS IN BAKER HALL

The Wesley Singers (grades 1–8) rehearse from 4:30–5:00 p.m., to sing in worship monthly. Following at 5:00–5:30 p.m., Chapel Chimes (grades 2–8) rehearses to perform monthly. No prior experience is needed. Weekly rehearsal commitment is required.

WORK BEGINS ON 3RD AVENUE PARKING SPACES / 3RD AVE. ENTRANCE

Due to the installation of new parking spaces, the 3rd Avenue building entrance will remain inaccessible through November 20, 2026. Please use the Cedar Avenue entrance.

ONE O'CLOCK BOOK GROUP, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1PM

The group meets monthly on first Mondays in the parlor. All are welcome. The book for November is *The Irish Goodbye* by Aimee O'Neill. For more info, contact Shelley Campbell at sscbooks@sbcglobal.net.

NIL FOOD BANK GANG, MONDAY, NOV. 9, 9 AM - NOON

A team of church volunteers heads to the NIL Food Bank the second Monday of every month. Want more information? Contact Betty Erickson at n9yfc@aol.com.

SUNDAY FUNDAY, NOV. 15, 10:30 AM: CARDS AND COOKIES

Join us in Baker Hall after worship at 10:30 am for an intergenerational and caring event where we will assemble seasonal gift bags for shut-in, homebound members and those living in retirement or nursing homes.

UWF DROP-IN COFFEE, MONDAY, NOV. 16, 9 AM

Drop-In Coffee at Maple Leaf Coffee House Drop by for third Mondays casual gathering for coffee and conversation. There's no agenda or need to sign up—just show up. Location: 1 Illinois Street, St. Charles. Find the full UWF fall schedule here.

GRATEFUL & THANKFUL PIE & GIFT JAR SALE, SUNDAY, NOV. 22, 10:30 AM

Get ready for the holidays with the United Women in Faith Sale; proceeds will go to missions. Whole pies and pieces will be for sale as will gift jars with soup or cookie mix, holiday planters and Nativity scenes, too.

GRATITUDE CONCERT, MONDAY, NOV. 23, 7 PM

Featuring Stephen Uhl, organist, and local musicians, the concert includes Violin Concerto in a minor BWV 1041 by J.S. Bach and Piano Quintet No. 2 in A Major Op. 81 by Antonín Dvořák. It will be complemented by poetry reading and audience participation. A free will offering will be received.

VOTING AS UNITED METHODIST CITIZENS: OUR RESPONSIBILITY

"The strength of a political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens." (United Methodist Social Principles, ¶164.B) Voting can be an act of faith.
https://www.umcjustice.org/what-we-care-about/civil-and-human-rights/free-and-fair-elections.

This Week
AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, November 1
- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 10:45am Social Justice Committee
- 10:45am Facilitator's Meeting
- 12pm Piano Recital
- 5pm St Charles Singers Rehearsal

MONDAY, November 2
- 1pm One O'clock Book Club
- 7pm Scout Troop 1

TUESDAY, November 3
- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 6pm AdultEd: WholehheARTedly Workshop
- 7pm Lydia Circle
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

WEDNESDAY, November 4
- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes
- 5:30pm Faith, Food, & Fun
- 6:00pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

THURSDAY, November 5
- 9:30am First Aid/CPR
- 4pm Abraham/Ramasharma Rehearsal
- 6pm Trustees Meeting

FRIDAY, November 6
- 9am Indoors Farmers Market
- 2pm Abraham/Ramasharma Wedding

SUNDAY, November 8
- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am AdultEd: Faith in the News
- 5pm St Charles Singers Rehearsal

Information about all of our events can be found on our church app

PROVIDE HOSPITALITY TO COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: SIGN UP!

Help us host Sunday hospitality and refreshment in Baker Hall at 10:30 AM after worship. Sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/umxm4spm or on the website.