

Baker Memorial United Methodist Church



# Tower Topics

Our Monthly Newsletter

December 2011/January 2012

*"Open hearts, open minds, open doors"*



Pastors: Pastor Dave Derk & Pastor Rick Koch ~ Youth & Family Life Director: Matthew Phipps

## Think About It

I am sitting at my desk thinking about what to write for the December/January newsletter and the first thing that came into my thoughts is that Christmas and the New Year bring us a time to reflect. I think of Mary at the birth of Jesus. In the Gospel of Luke 2:19 it says "Mary stored these things up in her heart, pondering what they might mean". That night when Jesus was born must have been an exciting night for her. For a start the giving birth and holding her child close to her for the first time. There was the memory of the Angel Gabriel, telling her that this child was the very Son of God, and then to confirm it, there came shepherds no doubt sharing stories of how Angels came to them praising God and giving them directions to where the Savior was, the Messiah of the world has been born. Mary, I am sure could have been so easily swept up in the events happening around her that she completely forgot what was really important, but she didn't—as Luke said "She stored these things up in her heart, pondering what they might mean." In other words she looked deeper, beneath the surface and she reflected on what God had done in her life. She set aside time to consider and to understand.

I wonder, do we do that today? Christmas and New Years can be an exciting time for us and it should be. It's an occasion for us to go to parties and celebrations, being with family and friends, for giving and receiving gifts, laughing and eating. And why not? - those things bring some welcome happiness into our lives. Yet, how many of us will take time to pause and think of what this time of the year is all about; to ask ourselves what are we really celebrating and why. That God has given us His most precious gift, His Son Jesus Christ. Make sure you take time for all the fun and celebrations but above all make time to think and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, for then we will truly find something worth getting excited about.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

***In Christ's Name, Dave***

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**January 9th @ 4 pm**

Please email articles to [smcfeely@bakerchurch.org](mailto:smcfeely@bakerchurch.org) or put them in the Tower Topics mailbox in the office.

# Worship Opportunities—Dec 2011

## Regular Sunday Morning

### Worship Schedule

Praise Service @ 8:30 AM  
 Sunday School~ all ages @ 9:30 AM  
 Traditional Worship Service & Junior  
 Church @ 10:45 AM



**December 4th**  
 2nd Sunday of Advent

**December 11th**  
 3rd Sunday in Advent



## One Worship Service @ 10 a.m.

**December 18th**

3rd Sunday in Advent

**Cookie Sunday-10 a.m.**



**December 25th**  
 Christmas Day-10 a.m.



**Mid-Week Advent Worship—**

**Dec 6th @ Alden UMC,**  
**Dec. 14th at Williston UMC**

**Dec. 21st @ St. Nicodemus Lutheran**  
 Fellowship and meal at 6:00 p.m.  
 Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. We invite  
 you to make this time part of your Ad-  
 vent tradition! Everyone is welcome!



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4 p.m.—Family Service

7 p.m.—Service of Carols

10 p.m.—Organ Music by Jeff Thompson

11 p.m.—Traditional Service



Jeffrey Thompson will offer a recital of  
 Christmas organ music at 10pm on  
 Christmas Eve. This time of meditation  
 and reflection is a gift to Baker and to the community  
 as we celebrate this holy season.



**Saturday, Dec. 3rd @ 7:30 PM**



The Baker Band will perform after the  
 combined service on December 18. If  
 you play an instrument and are inter-  
 ested in playing in the band, please see  
 Jeff Thompson. We will rehearse on Thursday,  
 December 15 at 5:30pm and before the service.



A Christmas Service of  
 Remembrance

will be held on Sunday,  
 December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00  
 p.m. with the Bells of Baker shar-  
 ing their beautiful music. This is  
 a special service when we re-  
 member those who are no longer  
 with us to celebrate Christmas,  
 but we celebrate that they have  
 gone to be with our Lord.



**Cookie Sunday is December 18<sup>th</sup>!**

We will have one service at 10:00 AM  
 celebrating the Christmas Season.  
 We will sing Christmas carols and have lots for  
 cookies to eat while the Baker Band performs!  
 Each family is asked to bring 2 dozen cookies to  
 share. Everyone is welcome to join us!

# Worship Opportunities - Jan 2012



**January 1st**  
New Year's Day Service @ 10 a.m.



Epiphany Sunday ~ Communion ~ John Wesley Covenant

New Year's Day  
WORSHIP SERVICE



## Regular Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Praise Service @ 8:30 AM

Sunday School ~ all ages @ 9:30 AM

Traditional Worship Service & Junior Church @ 10:45 AM

**January 8th**

1st Sunday after the Epiphany

**January 22nd**

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany  
Ecumenical Sunday/UMW Sunday

**January 15th**

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany  
Communion



**January 29th**

4th Sunday after the Epiphany



On January 1st we will be celebrating the John Wesley Covenant. It is our first worship of the New Year. It was a traditional service that John Wesley, our church founder, celebrated each New Year to lead people into renewing their commitment to God.



Saturday, Jan. 28th @ 6 p.m.

ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH WE GATHER TOGETHER AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY FOR A TIME OF PRAYER & REFLECTION FOLLOWED BY A PIZZA LUNCH IN THE CHAPEL.  
**DEC 21ST, 2011 & JAN 18TH, 2012**



The United Methodist Women will be selling Baker church notecards, plates, tiles and Christmas cards, The Cat's

Meow of Baker Church, and Rada Cutlery on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> after each service in the chapel. Remaining bags of baking pecans will also be sold at a cost of \$10 per 1 lb. bag.



The Grace Dean Memorial Concert Series presents organist Abigail Rockwood in concert on Friday, January 20, 2012 at 7:30pm. Ms. Rockwood is assistant organist at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo and coordinates their Friday concert series.



## Upcoming Events/Community Outreach

### Community Outreach



**Baker Church will be hosting a Free Movie** for the community on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Aurora Theater featuring **"A Charlie Brown Christmas" & "Polar Express"** at 11:30 a.m. You are also encouraged to participate in our mission project for Cornerstone Manor which is a shelter for women and children. We are collecting diapers (size 5-6) and pajamas for children.



Friends of Baker Lunch

**Friends of Baker Lunch** will be on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Brother's Grill & Bar (corner of Main/Pine). Call Frieda 655-1033 for details. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board by Chapel.



**Organ Recital** In celebration of 10 years as organist at Baker Memorial, **Jeffrey Thompson** will perform an organ recital on Sunday, February 12 at 2pm. There will be a reception immediately following the program.



### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

If you have not done so already, please remember to return your 2012 Pledge Cards. You can place it in the offering plates or mail it to the office. If you would like Offering Envelopes for 2012 please call the office at 652-0500.

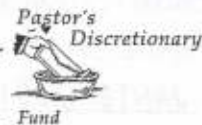


### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank You to everyone who helped with shoeboxes this year—from the Hands & Hearts elves who wrapped, to those who filled shoeboxes, provided financial support or assisted in checking and delivery. We'd like to thank Katie Huber who organized Baker's shoebox effort at SUNY Brockport. The Jesus "who came down at Christmas" gives us His presence and love, so we can "give them away."

*God bless the children and all of you—*  
Lynn Nowak and Connie Tsujimoto

**Giving this Holy Season...** From time to time our pastor is called upon to render help to a deserving family or individual in need ~ a father may be out of work, a mother may be ill, children may require special care or clothing, a family may need occasional help in meeting bills... just to name a few. In such cases of dire need many people are reluctant to accept public charity, but would be grateful for private assistance. To meet situations of the matter, please consider giving to the **Pastor's Discretionary Fund**. "Love Offering" envelopes can be found in pew pockets or simply make the notation on your offering envelope. There is also a container in the So All May Enter entrance for your donations.



**Glory to God in the Highest**

## MEETINGS, SUPPORT GROUPS & MISCELLANEOUS

Administrative Council ~ Mon, Dec. 5th @ 7:00 pm    S.P.R.C. Meeting ~ Wed, Jan. 11th @ 6:30 pm  
 S.P.R.C. Meeting ~ Tues, Dec. 6th @ 6:30 pm    Communication Team ~ Thurs, Jan 12th @ 7 pm  
 Trustees Meeting ~ Tues, Dec. 13th @ 7:00 pm    Trustees Meeting ~ Tues, Jan 17th @ 7:00 pm  
 Finance Meeting ~ Wed, Dec. 21st @ 7:00 pm    Finance Meeting ~ Wed, Jan 18th @ 7:00 pm

**DIVORCE Care** *Divorce Care* meets each Mon. evening from 6:30-8:30pm in the Parlor. We welcome anyone who is experiencing the hurt of separation or divorce to join us. Here you will find understanding & support as you meet new friends.

**All Are Welcome!**

No meeting on Dec. 26th. For more information — contact Marion Robert at 652-4627.



Encourage one another and build up each other...

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NIV



### GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share Meets on Wednesdays every other week @ 4 pm in the Parlor. They will meet December 14th, and January 11th. This group is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one or friend. Call Sue-Toft @ 652-9549 for more info.



**Knitting Group** *Baker's Knitters* meet Monday evenings @ 7:00 pm. Our current project is bed socks for Hospice patients. All are welcome! We will provide yarn and patterns if needed.

Tops gift cards may be purchased between services (in the coffee hour area) or in the church office. Please be sure to make checks payable to: **Baker United Methodist Women**



### Greeting Card Sale



**Prayer Chain Ministry** ~ Prayers move God to change. You may not understand the mystery of prayer. You don't need to, but this much is clear: actions in heaven begin when someone prays on earth. What an amazing thought! If you or someone you know needs prayers, we have folks willing to pray. Please contact our email prayer chain by contacting Kathie: [swiny0@gmail.com](mailto:swiny0@gmail.com); or our phone prayer chain by calling Sue: 652-2570 or Sandy: 585-655-4737.

**Faith and Friendship Circle** is selling a variety of recycled greeting cards which have been made at our fall meetings. Each card will cost \$1.00 or a donation (honor system) and will be on display between services or in the So All May Enter entrance. Any monies will be added to our treasury and designated for a specific church-related purpose.

# MISSIONS Near & Far

*Thank You*

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WAYS IN WHICH YOU GAVE TO OTHERS THROUGHOUT THIS LAST YEAR. OUR FOOD DRIVE IN OCTOBER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND IT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE FOLKS AT FISH. PEOPLE ARE THEIR MOST GENEROUS AROUND THE HOLIDAYS AND TRADITIONALLY THE GIVING SLIPS A BIT AFTERWARDS..... YET THE NEEDS ARE OFTEN EVEN GREATER AFTER THE START OF THE NEW YEAR.



WITH THAT IN MIND WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO BECOME GOOD SHOPPERS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. USE SOME OF THE COUPONS AND OTHER DEALS TO MAXIMIZE OUR ABILITY TO GIVE FOOD ITEMS TO FISH DURING JANUARY 2012. YOU CAN FIND HANDS4NY SHOPPING BAGS AT EITHER ENTRANCE TO THE SANCTUARY. PERHAPS YOU CAN MAKE IT A REGULAR THING TO ADD TO YOUR GROCERY CART ---- MAKE IT A FAMILY PROJECT ----- LET'S SEE IF WE CAN COLLECT EVEN MORE THAN WE DID THE LAST TIME. BE CREATIVE ..... GET OTHERS INVOLVED .....BE THE CHURCH

~ *Pastor Rick*



## LOOKING AHEAD :

Following the General Conference this Spring (2012), we will be hosting several of our friends from the Congo. We are working with Bishop Ntambo ... So more information will be forthcoming.

DO you have a group that might want to meet with our visitors? This could be a great opportunity to introduce others to some of the mission projects that we are involved with.

## PARAGUAY 2012 :

Dates are to be arranged for this Summer 'Adventure'. We are looking to find some folks who might be interested in traveling with us...and that means that the door has been opened for you to talk to some of our previous team members—Do some **PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION** and watch for meeting dates and times.



# SENECA STREET/POINSETTIA FORM

*Seneca Street needs our help this holiday season! See if there is a place where you might give us a hand!*

### Christmas Shoppe Needs:

Gifts for Kids to get and wrap for their families, especially for teens. Ideas could be Gift cards for teens (McDonald's or Target are great) Items such as Cologne, shaving cream, jewelry, mugs, gloves, hats, scarves etc. for Moms & Dads.

Also need people to help wrap gifts from 1-6 pm. Contact Carol Weaver for dates to see if you are able to help.



### Angel Tree

This year we hope to "give" 12 kids 6 or 8 gifts each. We have 72-96 "Stars" on our tree in the chapel. Please return the item with the star. Thanks for your generosity! Call Carol Weaver with #'s 681-8250.



**Need warm new or nearly new coats—extra large, 2x and 3x sizes needed!**



COATS for  
SENECA STREET



We need some 'Elves' to help with the kids **Christmas party on December 17th** from 1-3 pm.

Help is needed to shepherd kids, serve food etc.

### FISH of EAST AURORA

Can you help our local food pantry by donating the following items? **December:** Vegetables **January:** Tuna

A collection box is in the So All May Enter Entrance.

"Generous hands are blessed because they give bread to the poor" Proverbs 22:9



## POINSETTIA PLANT ORDER FORM

The poinsettia plant(s) you order will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 18th to help us celebrate the joyous Christmas season.

Your order form with payment must be in the church office by **Tuesday, December 6th at noon.**

Checks should be made payable to **Baker Memorial UMC** with Poinsettias noted on your check.

**Cost:** \$6.00 per plant (6 1/2" pot)

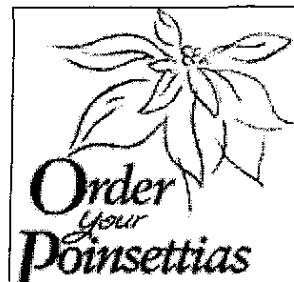
**Color Choices:** Red, White, Pink or Marble

**Suggested Inscriptions:** In loving memory of; In honor of; To the glory of God; For blessings received OR your choice.

Quantity	Color	Inscription
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

(Exactly as you wish printed in the bulletin ~ please print clearly)



## ADULT FORMATION STUDIES

### Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 a.m. and.....



The *'Through the Bible'* Class led by Bonnie Smeal is continuing their study on the Book of Acts. Did you ever wonder how the Christian faith grew from a disorganized group of eleven grief-stricken disciples mourning the death of their Lord to one of the three major Abrahamic religions? The Book of Acts describes how the transformation began! How did an ashamed Peter who denied knowing Jesus three times become a leader of the early church? What turned the quiet, introspective John into the gospel writer whose words have led millions of people to become followers of Christ? And where did Paul come from??? He wasn't even one of the original disciples at all! All of these answers and many more are contained in "The Acts of the Apostles". Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor as we unpack and discuss the beginnings of the Christian Church.



A New study led by Pastor Derk will begin at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings in the library. The book being studied is "Surprised by Hope" by N.T. Wright. Wonderful is the promise of heaven, a glorious hereafter is just part of what salvation is about today. Our lives here are of tremendous consequence and what we do now is all about the future and have a direct impact of how we live in the present. Books are available in the office for a cost of \$11.

### .... And During the Week.

**Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study** meets the 3rd Wednesday each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Dinette.

Pastor Dave will be leading a book discussion using the book "The Reason for God" by Timothy Keller. This study addresses doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, real life experiences and the Bible, we will explore the truth of Christianity and learn how to respond to those objections. Please read Chapter 2 for December 21st. Watch bulletin for reading for the January 18th session.

### The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac and

**Jacob :Ladies Study meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.** We are doing a Beth Moore Study meeting in the parlor. Everyone is welcome to join this 20 week study. For more information call Dawn: 652-7109 or Doris: 652-2049.

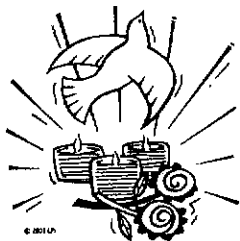
### Tuesday Morning Bible Study—

Pastor Dave will begin a new bible study at 10 a.m. Watch bulletin for details.



**Men's Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. in the dinette. All men are welcome to join this discussion group.

## A NEW YEARS PRAYER



Holy Father,

God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.

We praise You for Your unequaled greatness.

Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.

Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.

To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.

To teach others to love by loving them.

Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.

So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.

That we could share Love with others.

Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,

in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,

in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.

Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,

so that we may know You better and better.

We rejoice in the world You loved into being.

Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.

Forgive us for falling short this past year.

We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the unknown new year knowing You will go with us.

We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us do exactly what You want..

I say it again, we rejoice!

In Jesus name,

Amen.

**foundations youth ministry**  
.....of baker church

Baker Youth: *Through relationships and drinking deeply of the things of God we long to see the young people in our community be world changers.*



Youth group dates for  
December 2011 and January 2012

Youth group runs from 6:30pm – 8:30pm unless informed otherwise and is for 6 -12<sup>th</sup> grades.

December

4<sup>th</sup>: the parable of the ten minas, pastor rick Koch

11<sup>th</sup>: caroling visitation to church congregation

17<sup>th</sup>: visit to Seneca street Christmas party

18<sup>th</sup>: youth group Christmas party

25<sup>th</sup>: no youth group. Happy Christmas

January

1<sup>st</sup>: no youth group. Happy New Year

8<sup>th</sup>: 2012 kick off. Grades 9 -12 find out the location of summer mission trip

15<sup>th</sup>: parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10: 25-37

22<sup>nd</sup>: parable of the mustard seed and yeast  
Matthew 13: 31 -35

29<sup>th</sup>: parable of the net Matthew 13: 47 -52



Caroling Visitation

Caroling visitation, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

On the 11<sup>th</sup> youth group will be normal time but we will be visiting our Church members who are home-bound to sing carols. Please arrive at 6:15pm to leave prompt at 6: 30. We will be back in time for normal youth group ending

Seneca Street Christmas Party, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> we will be heading to Seneca Street UMC to help with their Children's/Youth Christmas Party. We will be leaving Baker at 11:30am and returning at 4:30pm. We need both student and parents to help. Please contact Matt if you can be there. Blessings.



Youth group Christmas party, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

Youth group will be at normal time please use this event as a chance to invite friends

WINTER RETREAT 2012

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> will be this year's winter retreat for grades 9-12. Please see Matt for more details. *You will want to be there.* It will be seriously cool not just literally



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

There will be no youth group Dec 25<sup>th</sup> or Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Have a safe and wonderful holiday. We will see you back at YG Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

2012 kick off, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

Youth group starts back. Grades 9-12 if you want to know where we are going this summer for mission trip you need to be there

Youth & Family Life Director: Matt Phipps can be contacted at 652-0500 ext. 103 or email him at [mphipps@bakerchurch.org](mailto:mphipps@bakerchurch.org)

# EMERGE 18—40

*Emerge 18-40 is a ministry of Baker Church focused on Young Adults. It is a new and growing ministry with exciting possibilities ahead. It is for all those ages 18 and left college and up to 40. Please be aware for upcoming social events.*

## Emerge Homebuilders group:

**Meets every other Thursday 7-8:30pm in the Parlor**

If you are a married couple in the Emerge age range we would love to invite you to our Homebuilder's group at Baker Church

If you are interested you can call Matt Phipps at 652 0500 or email at [mphipp@bakerchurch.org](mailto:mphipp@bakerchurch.org)

This is a 9 week study and will be focused on building a lasting marriage. Child care will be provided.

## Homebuilder's dates for December, and January

Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>

Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>

Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>

Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>

## Open to Ideas

As this is a new emerging group we are open to ideas that you may have on what you would like your Emerge Ministry to offer. Also if you are interested in getting involved with organizing events or growing vision please talk to Matt or Joe & Lindsey Peters.



Thanks ~ Your Emerge team.

For more information on Emerge please talk to Matt and Deborah Phipps or Joe and Lindsey Peters.

You can also email [mphipp@bakerchurch.org](mailto:mphipp@bakerchurch.org)

## 2012 Socials

During 2012 we will aim to have socials every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each Month. Please see below for the first 6 events of 2012

Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>: Game night

Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>: Bowling night

Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>: Wii night

Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>: Holy Grail movie night

Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>: Bonfire night

Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>: Geo Caching night

## 2012 Kick off:

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 7 -9pm

We will be having a game night at Matt's house. We hope you can make it for an informal night of just socializing and fellowship. Matt's house is in the Church parking lot in case you did not know.

# HAPPENINGS OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN...NOVEMBER 2011



**General Interest Christmas Luncheon** will be held on Monday, Dec. 12th @ 12 noon.



*Women's  
Circles*

**Hands & Hearts** will have their annual Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec 6th @ 6:30 pm. We will be at Donna Learn's home (1360 Sweet Rd). Please bring an unwrapped gift for a teenager for FISH, an appetizer and a white elephant gift for our annual gift exchange

"A little child will lead them."  
Isaiah 54:13, NIV



**Faith & Friendship Circle** will have its Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 7, at Noon, at TONY ROME'S GLOBE HOTEL & RESTAURANT. Due to parking, we will meet in the Church parking lot at 11:45 to carpool. If you have not already made your reservation, please contact Margaret Sproul (662-4055). Also, on Monday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m., we will have a greeting card work session in the downstairs dinette. No formal meeting or refreshments.



**A Christmas Thank You Luncheon** will be held for members of the UMW Executive Committee on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel. This luncheon is in gratitude for the committee's support and commitment to the ministry of the United Methodist Women.

Watch the Bulletin for details on the following January 2012:

**Hands & Hearts** will meet  
Tuesday, Jan 10th @ 7 pm

**General Interest Group** meets on  
Monday, January 30th @ 12 noon



The **UMW Executive Committee** will meet on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Dinette.



The Lord  
is near  
to All who  
call on  
Him.  
Psalm 145:18

# WORDS OF THANKS

*Thank You!* 

**SHARE THE HARVEST**—the garden foods collection for the Seneca Babcock community was a big success thanks to many of you! Pastor Brian Rotach of Seneca Street Methodist Church was very happy to see people adding vegetables to their diets with this pilot project. Many tried foods they had never eaten before. It was wonderful to see the vast array of good foods each week. Five local farms and members of First Presbyterian church were also generous givers, Thank You for sharing the harvest with those in need.

~ Darcy Sowyrda

Thank you to Al and Mimi Burdick along with Joshua Muntain, Barb Stucke & Lynn Davis on the beautiful brochure on the Baker's Christ Ministry. These brochures will be distributed throughout the community in sharing the Baker community.  
*Job Well Done!*



**Thank you to everyone who helped with the Chicken BBQ!** Our church family had a great time working together! Thanks to our dessert bakers, dessert slicers, coleslaw preparers, servers, take-out crew, dining room crew, cleanup crew, ticket sales, advertising and our "walking chicken"! Thanks to all of your efforts we were able to raise funds in the amount of \$2,506.18.

~ Dawn Hoeh and Sharon Kettner

On behalf of Aurora Adult Day Services, I would like to thank the members of Baker Memorial UMC for your generous donation of \$300.

We are so grateful to you for helping us as we provide services to the frail elderly and their caregivers in our community.

Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our clients.

~ Judi Beebe, Board Member

Thank you to our **Scripture Readers** for the month of November: Melanie Hulton, Aaron Bachman, Cliff Mason, Connie Tsujimoto, Mary Doyle, Doug Dedrick, Mary Jane Bartlett & Rita Babcock



Acolytes

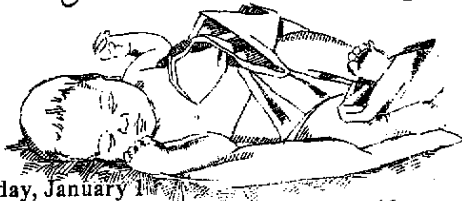
**Thank You to our Acolytes** in November—Isabella Koch, Amy McFeely, Leah Stucke and Bridget Zagrobelny

**Thank you to our communion stewards for November:**

Rita Babcock, Ethel & Stan Bird, Doug Dedrick, Dave & Carol Weaver, Donna Derk, Kris Logel, Kelly Thompson, Mary Huber, Eric & Becky Naber.



*And he will be their peace*



**Sunday, January 1**  
*Communion Sunday*

*Nicah 5:5*

# January 2012

**Wednesday, January 11**

- 7:30 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 4
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Baker Ladies Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. ~ Abigail's
- 4:00 p.m. ~ Grief Share
- 6:30 p.m. ~ SPRC

**Thursday, January 12**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 3 / Playgroup
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Communications Team
- 7:30 p.m. ~ Chancel Choir

**Friday, January 13**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 3 / Playgroup

**Saturday, January 14**

- 10:00 a.m. ~ Praise Team

**Sunday, January 15**

- Communion Sunday*
- 8:30 a.m. ~ Worship
- 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School/Fellowship
- 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship / Junior Church
- 5:30 p.m. ~ Confirmation Class
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Foundations Youth Ministry

**Monday, January 16**

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
- Church office closed*
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Cub Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Divorce Care

**Tuesday, January 17**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 3
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Beth Moore Study
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Cub Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Board of Trustees

**Wednesday, January 18**

- 7:30 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 4
- 9:30 a.m. ~ Ladies Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. ~ "Prayer and Pizza"  
*A time of prayer followed by a pizza lunch*
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Girl Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Finance Meeting



**Thursday, January 19**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 3 / Playgroup
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Cub Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. ~ EmERGE 18-40  
Home Builders Group
- 7:30 p.m. ~ Chancel Choir

**Friday, January 20**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 4 / Playgroup

**Saturday, January 21**

- 10:00 a.m. ~ Praise Team

**Sunday, January 22**

- 8:30 a.m. ~ Worship
- 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School/Fellowship
- 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship / Junior Church
- 5:30 p.m. ~ Confirmation Class
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Foundations Youth Ministry

**Monday, January 23**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 4
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, January 24**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 3
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Beth Moore Study
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Cub Scouts

**Wednesday, January 25**

- 7:30 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 4
- 9:30 a.m. ~ Abigail's
- 10:00 a.m. ~ Tower Topics Collating
- 4:00 p.m. ~ Grief Share

**Thursday, January 26**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 3 / Playgroup
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Bell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. ~ Chancel Choir

**Friday, January 27**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 4 / Playgroup

**Saturday, January 28**

- 10:00 a.m. ~ Praise Team
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Evening Worship



**Sunday, January 29**

- 8:30 a.m. ~ Worship
- 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School/Fellowship
- 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship / Junior Church
- 5:30 p.m. ~ Confirmation Class
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Foundations Youth Ministry

**Monday, January 30**

- No Preschool*
- 12:00 p.m. ~ General Interest
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, January 31**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 3
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Beth Moore Study
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Cub Scouts



**New Year's Day**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**

at 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, January 2**

*Church office closed*

**Tuesday, January 3**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 3
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Beth Moore Study
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Cub Scouts

**Wednesday, January 4**

- 7:30 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 4
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Girl Scouts

**Thursday, January 5**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 3 / Playgroup
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Cub Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. ~ EmERGE 18-40  
Home Builders Group
- 7:30 p.m. ~ Chancel Choir

**Friday, January 6**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 4 / Playgroup
- 9:30 a.m. ~ UMW

**Saturday, January 7**

- 10:00 a.m. ~ Praise Team

**Sunday, January 8**

- 8:30 a.m. ~ Worship
- 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School/Fellowship
- 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship / Junior Church
- 5:30 p.m. ~ Confirmation Class
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Foundations Youth Ministry

**Monday, January 9**

- Towers Topics Deadline*
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 4
- 9:30 a.m. ~ Faith & Friendship
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Cub Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. ~ East Aurora Crafters

**Tuesday, January 10**

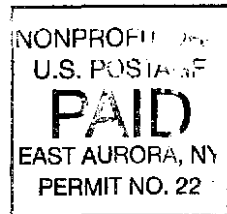
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Preschool 3
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Beth Moore Study
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Cub Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Hands & Hearts

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## Our Church Family

### Birthday Blessings to:

- ◇ Eugenia Wood on 12/24
- ◇ Janet Schonblom on 12/25
- ◇ Else Edward on 12/13
- ◇ Donna Anderson on 12/18
- ◇ Beverly Loyst on 12/24

- ◇ Joe Adamczak on 1/2
- ◇ Jean Moore on 1/11
- ◇ Ruth Hall on 1/11
- ◇ Mary Rosenberg on 1/25
- ◇ Donald Hall 1/25



\*\*\*We would like to extend birthday greetings to anyone in our Baker Family over the age of 75. Please contact the church office to make sure we have your birthday information.



We offer our prayerful sympathy to Pat Donaldson and her family on the death of her daughter Kim Ansari on 11/17. Kim leaves behind her husband and two teenage children.