

April 2026

BAKER NEWS

Living God's will to love, welcome, and share Christ with all.



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Worship Service on
Sunday mornings at 10:00am

Live-stream Sunday worship
through bakerchurch.org and
YouTube at


<https://www.youtube.com/@eastaurora-bakerchurch8572/streams>


Church Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs ~ 8 am - 2 pm
Tues ~ 8 am - 1 pm
Friday ~ CLOSED

*If you have a **pastoral emergency** outside of regular office hours and need to reach Pastor Robyn, you may call her at (315) 430-4262*

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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

The birds are singing! Spring is coming! Easter is almost upon us! I'm beginning to see crocuses and daffodils poking up through the soil. The days are getting longer, and soon even the giant snow pile in the parking lot will melt into memory.

The seasons are turning and soon our thoughts will soon be turning to the spring jumble sale and **the strawberry festival!** Soon we will be counting the days until Shakespeare in the Park, and all the festivals which delight and entertain folks in East Aurora.

Sometimes amid all the community happenings, it can feel as if we ought to be doing more to spread the message of God's love. We haven't had any big tent revival (like our neighbors) or mission project to a foreign land recently. Instead, we continue to quietly feed people through FISH; we offer dinners with fellowship at Table 4 All; and we host quarterly family friendly outreach programs in our neighborhood; and give space in our church for Southtowns Connexions to meet.

And I believe these small ministries are what God calls us to do. Honestly, it is not the exciting big ministries that spreads God's message of unconditional love across the world, instead, it is the little continuous acts of love and generosity. It is unwavering politeness to people who are busy and sometimes rude. It is the picking up of litter along main street. It is planting the flowers that bloom for the delight of everyone who walks past our church building and parsonage. It is shoveling snow or mowing the lawn for a neighbor who is hurting or who can no longer keep up with their yardwork. These small acts are how we live God's message of love in the world.

I know the big mission trips and rallies for Jesus sound exciting, and they are, but when everyone goes home, and the rally is over, or the mission project is completed, it is the everyday people who stay and continue to love their neighbors that bring the kingdom of God into being. It is nice to have the 'big thing' to look to, but it is the small acts of love that hold our community together.

Happy Spring!

Your Sibling in Christ,
Robyn

Worship in April

Apr. 01 Discipline – Eucharist/Communion/Sacraments – Ann (St Matthias)

Apr. 02 Maundy Thursday 7pm

Scripture: John 13:1-17, 31b-35; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Apr. 03 Good Friday – Stations of the Cross @ St. Matthias Episcopal 3pm

Apr. 05 Easter - Communion

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Message: Do Not Be Afraid

Apr. 12 Second Sunday of Easter Hymn Sing

Apr. 19 Third Sunday of Easter Stories that Matter/Communion

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Message: Meetings Along the Way

Apr. 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter Stories that Matter

Scripture: John 10:1-10; Psalm 23

Message: Did You Hear That?

Prayer Changes Things

To add your prayer requests to the Baker Prayer Chain, please email Sue McFeely at: smcfeely@live.com or call at 716-870-1972.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Deadline for the May 2026 issue of Baker News is Wednesday, April 22.



FISH of East Aurora

The food item for April is:

COLD CEREAL

Please leave your donations on the shelf at the SAME entrance to be delivered to FISH.



Meditation and Yoga as Christian Spiritual Practice

Breathe, stretch, and reflect. Mind, body, and spirit come together in meditation and yoga as Christian spiritual practice.

The group will meet in April on the first and third Thursdays, April 2nd & April 16th. We will meet in the Youth Room at 10am.

TABLE FOR ALL
Monthly Community Dinner



Our next "Table for All" will be on Thursday, **April 16th** from 6-6:45pm. The menu will be Rigatoni, salad, bread and peach cobbler for dessert. Join us for food and fellowship! Please sign up to volunteer for set-up, wrapping silverware, cooking, serving and lots of other areas on the sign-up board in the Chapel. Invite your neighbors and friends!!! Contact Mary Ann Kopp if you have any questions.



Coffee Hour

Coffee & Fellowship hour prior to worship at 9am in the Chapel each Sunday unless there is a special event. Come join us! Also, join us immediately following worship for "Coffee with Pastor Robyn" to gather and discuss the message from the day's worship service. Each Sunday unless otherwise noted.

United Women in Faith (UWF) News

UWF Executive Committee will meet on **Friday, April 3** at 9:30am in the chapel.

District "Gift Day" will be held on Saturday, April 25 at Attica UMC. Please see the UWF bulletin board for more information.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Church World Service "Blanket Offering" on Sunday, February 22. We received **\$660.51** for this worthy ministry.

Interest Groups

Hands & Hearts will have a get-together on Monday, April 13 at Alton's at 10am. Please RSVP to the church office or Bonnie Chaney so an accurate count can be provided to the restaurant. All are welcome to join us for this morning of fellowship.

Hands & Hearts group is still collecting your bottles and cans with the proceeds going toward the new oven/stove we are buying for the kitchen. Please place glass bottles in the basket marked "glass." Please ensure your items are stamped with \$.05 NY to classify them as "returnable."

We are also collecting BJ's coupons for Bisquick and Berkley & Jensen paper bowls if you are a member. Please speak with Wendy Mix if you have questions. These items will be used for the 2026 Strawberry Festival.

Team Leader meeting for the Strawberry Festival will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30pm.

Ladies Wednesday Bible Study Pastor Robyn will be on vacation the second Wednesday in April so we will be meeting the third Wednesday, April 15 at 9:30am. We are to read Days 67, 68, and 69, from "*THE BLESSED LIFE*" by Kelly Minter.

Miscellaneous Items for Sale

Frozen Apple Pies ~ There are still a few large 9" (\$20) and small 6" (\$8) pies available for purchase. Check with the church office if you would like one. We currently have 7 small pies and 1 large pie remaining.

Rada Cutlery (various prices) is available to purchase through the church office. We will not be ordering any more cutlery so once we sell what we have on hand, this project will end.

Tops Gift Cards can be purchased during Sunday morning coffee hour from 9-10am or through the church office during the week. Various amounts are available. ~ *Sales benefit Tiffany Window Restoration Fund*

THANK YOU

Our heartfelt thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and meals that were showered on our family in the months of John's battle with cancer. Thank you to Pastor Robyn for the beautiful committal service and to Pastor John Loeser for his part in John's celebration of life and to Tammy for putting together (and making changes at the last minute) the bulletins. Many thanks to Mimi and the women of the church who not only provided delicious food but also the beautiful display. Everything was so beautiful!!

We could feel the love poured on us during John's illness and through his passing. Love and God Bless you all! The John Baker family ~ Karen, Kelly, Stacy and Lisa.

City Mission News

Still collecting clothing for boys and girls, sizes 4T to size 7. Often the children that arrive with their moms at the Women's shelter only have the clothes on their backs. Please help us to provide clothing for those in need. New and slightly used clothing can be placed in the wooden City Mission box at the bottom of the stairs at the SAME entrance. You also can order clothing from the City Mission website online and it will be delivered right to the shelter. Thank you for all your generosity and concern for others.

PLEASE LETS TRY TO FILL UP THE DONATION BOX TO OVERFLOWING TO HELP THESE KIDS IN NEED!! WE WILL GATHER THE ITEMS THROUGH THE END OF APRIL, PLEASE HELP IF YOU ARE ABLE.

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to place flowers at the front of the sanctuary for Sunday morning, you may sign up on the flower chart in the SAME entrance. Please let the church office know if you would like a dedication added to the Happenings Page by Wednesday of the week you are scheduled

Country Crossroads of Marilla has generously offered free delivery on any flowers ordered for Baker Church. Phone number: (716) 937-4407

Jumble Sale

The Jumble Sale 2026 will be on Saturday, May 2. Sale from 9-Noon, bag sale (\$5 to fill a bag), noon-1pm. Drop-off times:

Tuesday, 4/28 - 6-8pm

Wednesday, 4/29 – 10am-8pm

Thursday, 4/30 – 10am-6pm

NOT ACCEPTING: sporting goods, computers/printers, baby/infant items, records, CD's, cassette tapes, Christmas lights & stuffed animals.



NEW this year, we are accepting books to sell (please no reference, textbooks, or cookbooks). You may drop off books beginning March 23, please leave them in basement room B-4 across from the kitchen. Any questions, please see Wendy Mix.

Table Assignments for Jumble Sale

Basket, tins	Becky Popiel
Books	Peggy Holmes
Crafts	Ginny Pendleton
Electrical (lamps, sm. appliances)	Lowell Sylwester
Frames, pictures	Mary Huber
Glassware /	
Kitchenware	Karen B., Bonnie C.
Holiday	Donna L, Wendy M.
Jewelry, accessories	Carol Weaver

Linens
Odds & Ends
Special Treasures
Toys & Games

Mimi B, Barb W.
Ruth Bauda
Georgia, F., Deb H.
Deb S., Janie W.

Gardening

Calling all gardeners: We will be weeding around the Church and parsonage starting on Wednesday, May 25 at 9am. Come when you can, stay as long as you can. Any and all help is appreciated. We will continue this throughout the summer on the first & third Wednesday mornings unless otherwise announced.

Current Prayer list

Prayer Requests: Long Term Illness – Bob, Nancy, Julie, Clay, Connor, Cathy, Edison.

Health & Healing – Margaret Kuhl, Don, Angela, Liza, Linda Z, Luke W, Lou R, Karen S, Mary, Maeve, Paul, Brian D, Craig E, Michelle, Caroline M., Kelly C., Bill, Cathy, Carol M, Gary, Lindsay T, Charlie, Chris, Ellen H, Cami L& Amy L, Tim F, Sarah, Bridget, Dave W, Janet G., Shannon, Barbara S, Dana Lynn Wood, Larry D, Melissa.