

Shavertown United Methodist Church

2nd Weekend of Easter

Holy Humor Weekend

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world!*

PRELUDE

"Sing the Glad Song"

by Franklin Ritter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Meditation:

*"...a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance..."*

Ecclesiastes 3:4 NRSV

***CALL TO WORSHIP** by Rev. Robert M. Thompson

John/TBD, Liturgists

We believe in God, who made us in His image.

We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator - He is our joy!

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God of Resurrection Joy, bless our time of fellowship and worship today. May we embrace laughter as a sign of your victory over sin and death. And, may we leave worship lighter in Spirit than when we came. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Christ Is Risen"

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Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

HUMOR INTERLUDE #1

A GIFT OF MUSIC

"Rain Down" Arr. by John Carter

God's Handful

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S (DISCIPLE'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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

A GIFT OF MUSIC

"I Just Wanna Be A Sheep"

Arr. by Larry Haron

Children of Light

HUMOR INTERLUDE #2

CALL TO OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

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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, who power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

With joy in our hearts, we give our tithes and offerings to you, O Lord. Take and bless our gifts to your glory. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

A GIFT OF MUSIC

"Every Valley Needs A Lily"
Chancel Choir

Arr. by Stacey Nordmeyer

**THE WORD OF GOD
THE MESSAGE**

John 20:19-31 NRSV
In Defense of Doubt

Pastor Robin

HUMOR INTERLUDE #3

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. [Refrain]

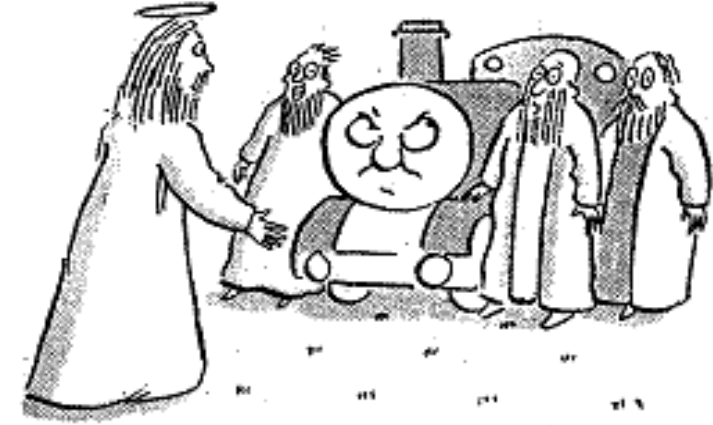
***BENEDICTION** to the tune of *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

**Hark the Herald Angel said,
Why seek Jesus with the dead?
He's not here, as you can see,
Gravecloths lie where he would be.
On your way now, tell the others,
Jesus will be with his brothers.
Sisters, too, he wants to see
on the hills of Galilee.
Hark the Herald Angel said,
He is risen from the dead.**

***POSTLUDE**

"Without Seeing You"

by David Haas



Doubting Thomas

Belong, Behave, Believe

Second Weekend of April, 2021

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PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 4 THROUGH APRIL 10

Please contact Pastor Robin at 570-220-1138 or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery or in need of pastoral care or prayer. Prayer requests can be included on the e-mail prayer chain by contacting the church office at shavertownumc@susumc.org or by calling 570-675-3616.

OUR PRAYER LIST: The United Methodist Church; victims of violence; those persecuted for their faith; men & women in Law Enforcement; caregivers; those in difficult relationships; children & teens at risk; those incarcerated; those with hatred in their hearts; marriages in trouble, cancer and Covid 19 victims.

Concerns: Our homebound friends, Kevin Kear, Peggy Evans, Jim & Elaine Laubach, Jimmy Tighe, Randy, Bernie, Tom Kucewicz, Bill Chapple, Shawn, Bernice, Judy Loeffler, Jack, Jane Ketchner, Bonnie Brader, George & Jean Parris, Tammy Wahl, Sandy Richardson, John Nicks, John Bunney, Randy Jones, Nancy, Heidi Wagner, David, Martha Kanjorski, Paula, Carol Foreman, Cindy Biesecker, Deb, Iris Smith, Newark Legg, Charlie Duddek, Mary Ellen Pajor

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Maj. Shannon Dzury Dawson, US Air Force
LCDR John W. Gilligan, US Navy
Sgt. Scott Kocher
Lt. Col. Stephen C. Phillips
Todd Mark, US Army, South Korea
Col. P.J. Perrone Jr., Fort Belvoir, VA
Major Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA
Specialist Alex Barilla, US Army, Kansas
Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, Texas
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan
2nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
Elijah Geise, U.S. Marines

Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico, VA
Rick Hodle, Jr., US Navy
Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force
Specialist Charles Yavorski, FT. Bragg, N.C.
2nd LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, Utah
Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves
Lt. Mary Ketchner, Silverdate, Wa
1st Lt. Allen Carson, 109th US Army Reserves, Phila.
Rick Hodle III, US Army
Pfc. Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves
Jackson Rogers, US Marines, Okinawa
Raphael Zbysheski, U.S. Marine Corp., Hawaii

Welcome To Worship

We are so glad to worship with you this morning!

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm

ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

LITURGIST: Weekend of April 10/11: John Nicks (Saturday) TBD 9am (Sunday)

USHERS: Jen & Gary Young (Sunday)

GREETER: Alice Newell (Saturday)

ACOLYTE: 9:30am-Ella

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11: John Nicks

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Sun. Apr. 11	Worship 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am God's Handful 11:45-12:45 Confirmation 4-6pm
Mon. Apr. 12	Women's Bible Study 1pm on Zoom Praise Band Concert 7pm
Tues. Apr. 13	Children of Light 4:30-5 Chancel Choir 5-5:30 Good News Ringers 6-6:45 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom
Wed. Apr. 14	Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom Music Rehearsal 7:30pm
Thurs. Apr. 15	Grief Share 6:30pm in the Lounge Special Topic Study Group 7pm in Sunday school room
Fri. Apr. 16	Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. Apr. 17	Worship 5:30pm

THINK OF THIS FRIEND (with cards and prayers)

Richard & Joan Williams, 35 Harford Ave., Shavertown, Pa. 18708

COMING UP APRIL 18 THROUGH APRIL 24

ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

LITURGIST: Weekend of April 17/18: TBD (Saturday) TBD 9am (Sunday)

USHERS: Aaron Harvatine(Sunday)

GREETER: Alice Newell (Saturday)

ACOLYTE: 9:30am-Maggie

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18: Bob Wagner

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Sun. Apr. 18	Worship 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am VBS meeting 11:30am God's Handful 11:45-12:45 Youth Group 4-6pm
Mon. Apr.19	Women's Bible Study 1pm on Zoom Praise Band Concert 7pm
Tues. Apr. 20	Children of Light 4:30-5 Chancel Choir 5-5:30 Good News Ringers 6-6:45 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom
Wed. Apr. 21	Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom Music Rehearsal 7:30pm
Thurs. Apr. 22	Grief Share 6:30pm in the Lounge Special Topic Study Group 7pm in Sunday school room
Fri. Apr. 23	Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. Apr. 24	Worship 5:30pm Fellowship meal @ Noon

Faithfulness in Worship Attendance: 229

On Line Worship: 114

April 4: \$10,247

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,214

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

GERANIUM SALE: Cindy Biesecker and Morgan are selling geraniums for \$3 to benefit the Community Care Cabinet. Orders are due by April 25. Order forms are in the narthex or by calling the church office at 570-675-3616.

COMMUNITY CARE CABINET: Donations are accepted throughout the year and can be placed in a container located in the Narthex. The Community Care Cabinet is open for clients here at SUMC Fridays from 10:00 to 10:30am. For more information contact Sue Holdredge at sue.holdredge1@gmail.com.

MENS'S BIBLE STUDY: Men's bible study is Tuesdays at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Anyone who wishes to join, please contact the church office at 570-675-3616.

LITURGISTS, GREETERS, AND USHERS: We are in desperate need of volunteers in these areas. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping.

VBS MEETING: We will be having a meeting on April 18 after Sunday School to plan VBS 2021! Anyone interested in helping with this exciting program for children are encouraged to attend.

SPECIAL TOPICS STUDY GROUP: We are starting a 5-week study by Max Lucado called *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*. We will meet on Thursdays at 7:00pm, starting April 15. If interested in joining the group, please contact Brenda Kopalek at kadec23@hotmail.com.

ALIMA FUND: Alima is back to School in Dakar. Tuition, room and board is \$1075. There is only \$625 remaining in her fund, leaving us \$450 short of covering her costs. If you are able, please place a donation in an envelope label Alima Fund in the offering plate.

BLOOD DRIVE: The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on April 30 from 11am until 4pm in the social hall. Please consider donating to this very worthy cause that could make a big difference in the lives of others.

CHICKEN BBQ: The Trucksville United Methodist Church will be hosting their "Drive thru" BBQ on Friday, May 7 and Saturday May 9 from 4:30 until 7pm. Cost is \$10. Call 570-696-3897, Mon thru Thurs from 9am until noon to make your dinner reservation.

WELCOME

If you are new to our church, please visit our welcome table in the Narthex for a small gift and information about our ministries for both adults and children.

We have many exciting things going on throughout the year here at SUMC!