

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

August 1, 2021

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

## PRELUDE

Worship Musician: Ed Pall

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Centering Meditation:

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Eph. 6:10 NRSV

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adriana

Bright eyes, full of wonder,  
**A ready smile and laughter's face,**  
Boisterous songs sung from a joyful heart,  
**Boundless energy and contagious zest,**  
All are gifts from God -  
**Planted in the young**  
And meant to flower each day throughout our lives.  
**Praise God for the gift,**

**Thank God for the reminders – the precious children in our midst. And thanks be to God for learning and growing in faith with them.**

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Adriana

**Creator God, we place ourselves before you as children eager to learn of your marvelous works. Breathe into us the refreshment of your Word, as we once again recall your sacred history. Teach us how to be strong in you as we face the future in hope. Recall for us that we are all children of your love. Amen.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”  
Stanzas 1, 2 & 3

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### CALL TO OFFERING

By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

**This is our spiritual worship.** (Rom. 12:1)

### \*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

**Let us laugh so much, O God, that we become Laughter,  
Let us sing so much that we become Song –  
Let us give so much that we become the Gift. Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

Ephesians 6:10-18a  
NRSV

Adriana

## TIME WITH ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

VBS Presentation: Knights of the North Castle

Rebecca & Kids

## THE MESSAGE

“Armor Up and Stick Together”

Pastor Jon

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

See Insert

### \*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”  
Stanzas 1 & 5

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### \*BENEDICTION

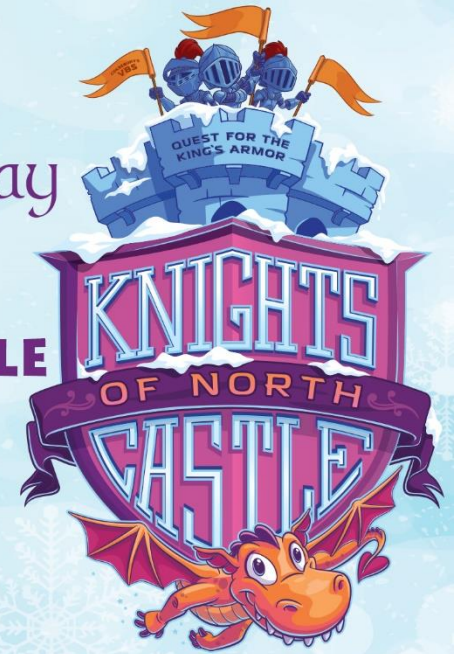
### \*POSTLUDE

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VBS Celebration Sunday  
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**KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE**  
Quest for the King's Armor



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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**

## PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 1 THROUGH AUGUST 7

Please contact Pastor Jon Buxton 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

**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, Bill Runner, Diana, Mark K., Brandi Craycraft, Ron Kopalek, Family of Joyce Sheldon, Donna Kachmar, Lee, Mike, Kelly, Greta, Judy Loeffler, Jack, Jane Ketchner, Bonnie Brader, Sandy Richardson, Cindy Biesecker, Lane, Christopher Cousin, Robert W, Lloyd & Bonnie Ryman, Jimmy Cefalo, Ken.  
Names will be kept on the list for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise. Thank You & may God bless!

### 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Elijah Geise, U.S. Marines  
Jackson Rogers, US Marines, Okinawa

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.  
2<sup>nd</sup> LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, Utah  
Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves  
Lt. Mary Ketchner, Silverdale, Wa  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Allen Carson, 109<sup>th</sup> US Army Reserves, Phila.  
Rick Hodle III, US Army  
LCPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR UNUSED BULLETINS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE RECYCLING BASKET LOCATED BY THE DOOR IN THE NARTHEX  
THANK YOU!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you this morning!

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

**AUGUST ALTAR GUILD:** Mary Ellen Pajor and Joan Roskos  
**LITURGIST: Weekend of July 31/August 1:** Carol Folk (Saturday) Adriana Sep (Sunday)  
**USHERS:** Mary Lou Grant (Saturday) Robert Wagner (Sunday)  
**GREETER:** Mary Lou Grant (Saturday) TBD (Sunday)  
**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1:** Kim Donlin  
**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of Beatrice Chapple by the Chapple family

Sun. Aug. 1      Worship 9:30am – VBS Celebration Sunday!  
VBS undecorating 10:30am

Mon. Aug. 2      Bible Study 1-3pm in Lounge  
Church Council meeting 7pm Social Hall

Tues. Aug 3      Coffee & Conversation 10am McDonald's  
Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom  
Golf Tournament meeting 7pm

Wed. Aug. 4      Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom  
Mission & Outreach meeting 6:30pm Lounge  
AA meeting 7pm Social Hall

Thurs. Aug. 5

Fri. Aug. 6      Community Care Cabinet 10am  
Rail Riders Faith & Family night 7pm Montage Stadium

Sat. Aug. 7      Fellowship meal give-away noon  
Worship 5:30pm  
Meet & Greet with Pastor Jon 6:30pm Lounge

*THINK OF THIS FRIEND (with cards and prayers)*

*Mabel Jenkins, Meadows Nursing Home, Rm. 211W, 4 E. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, Pa. 18612*

COMING UP AUGUST 7 THROUGH AUGUST 14

**AUGUST ALTAR GUILD:** Mary Ellen [Pajor](#) and Joan [Roskos](#)

**LITURGIST: Weekend of August 7/8:** Ellie [Hottenstein](#) (Saturday) TBD (Sunday)

**USHERS:** Donna & Sarah Church (Saturday) Harold Stout (Sunday)

**GREETER:** Donna & Sarah Church (Saturday) TBD (Sunday)

**ACOLYTE:** Maggie

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8:** Chris Ostrowski

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Celebrating 38 yrs. Of marriage Bob & Paula [Glicini](#)

Sun. Aug. 8      Worship 9:30am  
Meet & Greet with Pastor Jon 10:30am Lounge

Mon. Aug. 9      Bible Study 1-3pm in Lounge

Tues. Aug 10      Coffee & Conversation 10am McDonald's  
Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom

Wed. Aug. 11      Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom  
AA meeting 7pm Social Hall

Thurs. Aug. 12      Study Group 7pm H.S. Sunday School Room

Fri. Aug. 13      Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Aug. 14      Back 2 School Bash 10am Drive-up  
Worship 5:30pm  
Meet & Greet with Pastor Jon 6:30pm Lounge

**Faithfulness in Worship Attendance: 83**

**On-Line Worship: 53**

**July 25: \$3,012**

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,214**

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

**NEW WORSHIP SERIES:** Starting August 8 we will be sharing a 40-day church wide spiritual growth campaign based on *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. Together we will be looking at answering the question... What is my purpose in life? On Sundays, we invite you to join us as we focus on the themes of each week. We encourage you to participate by reading the book and joining in small group discussions. For further information, please see insert.

**GAME NIGHT AT THE STADIUM:** August 6 @ 7:05pm will be Faith & Family Night at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Rail Riders Stadium. Order tickets at [offer.fevo.com](https://offer.fevo.com) or directly at the stadium. Call the church office for information at 570-675-3616. Cost is \$10 per ticket. Our choir will be singing the National Anthem. Come and enjoy a night of fellowship and an awesome fireworks display.

**BACK MOUNTAIN LIBRARY AUCTION:** Volunteers needed for their annual auction this year. Set up begins Sunday August 8th at noon at the library grounds. Volunteers will be needed throughout the week for set up as well as auction nights Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday August 12th through the 15th. This is an ideal situation for anyone needing service hours. Please contact Wayne Williams at 570-696-1587 for more information or to volunteer.

**BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH:** We will be accepting donations for the Back-to-School give-a-way on August 14 at 10am. Items still needed are colored pencils, loose leaf paper & binders. Items may be dropped off in the narthex. Help a child get ready for back to school!

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Silk altar flower arrangements have purchased for worship when no one has requested flowers for that weekend. We have purchased spring and summer arrangements. We will be ordering for fall and winter. Any donation to cover the cost is greatly appreciated.

**MEET & GREET:** Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex for a meet & greet with Pastor Jon in the month of August. Meetings will be limited to 8-12 people to help facilitate conversation. Please list all family members individually – one name per line.

**COMING SOON:** Our annual golf tournament is back! It will be held September 20, 2021 at the Huntsville Golf Club. For more information, please contact Nick [Michalisin](#) at [nick1969@epix.net](mailto:nick1969@epix.net). Enjoy a beautiful day on the course and get into the swing!