

Shavertown United Methodist Church

August 7-8, 2021

40 Days of Purpose

Week 1 "What on Earth Am I Here For?"

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

Saturday: "It Is Well"

By B. Bliss Arr. K. Barker

Piano Solo: Sharon Bartolini

Sunday: "My Tribute"

By Andrae Crouch

Piano Solo: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Meditation:

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible, and invisible . . .
everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. Colossians 1:16 (Message)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellie (Sat)/ Sheri (Sun)

Something so big

We can't hold it.

Something so deep

We can't reach it.

Yet it beckons.

It has many names.

God.

Love.

Truth.

Community.

God is in all of it,

And God draws us here together.

To feel some light.

To dwell in some peace.

To experience some love.

To find true joy as we discover our purpose.

*OPENING HYMN

"My Life Is in You, Lord"

#2032

*OPENING PRAYER

Ellie (Sat)/ Sheri (Sun)

O Lord, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

#2158

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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, and the glory forever. Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Where Children Belong"

#2233

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You are a great and generous God, and we thank you for all your gifts. Humble us. Let us know that with this little we offer, you can do a lot. Keep us mindful of your ways in the world. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC

Saturday: "Everlasting Love" By J. Mountain Arr. R. Mauldin
Piano Solo: Sharon Bartolini

Sunday: "Make Me a Blessing" By Ira Wilson/G.Schuler
Soloist: Glenda Shepherd

WORD OF GOD

Ephesians 1:3-9 Ellie (Sat)/ Sheri (Sun)
NRSV

MESSAGE

"What on Earth am I Here For?" Pastor Jon

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Sun. 8/8 (See Insert)

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

"Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah" #127
(Vs. 1-2)

***BENEDICTION**

O God, as we leave this place of worship, help us to continue to grow in grace and find our purpose in you.

***POSTLUDE**

Saturday: "Benediction" By Peter Christian Lutkin
Piano Solo: Sharon Bartolini
Sunday: "Fanfare of Praise" By Jason W. Krug
Organ Solo: Nancy Evans



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SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
LEVI JOHN SHULTZ
SON OF: ASHLEY AND TYRONE SHULTZ
GODPARENTS: JODI SHULTZ AND RYAN MOSS
SPONSOR: AMY WALL

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

TO THE CHILD'S PARENTS AND SPONSORS

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of evil of this world and repent of you sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Do you intend this child to be His disciple, to obey His word and show His love?

I do.

Will you endeavor to keep this child under the ministry and guidance of Christ's holy church until he/she by the power of God shall accept for himself the gift of salvation, and be confirmed as a full and responsible member of Christ's holy church?

I will.

TO THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

Congregation: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child, Levi, before you in your care?

Congregation: With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will embody faith, hope and love so that Levi will grow up learning to trust God and to live Love's service in the world. We will pray for Levi on his journey of discipleship.

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Most Holy God, throughout history as recorded in the scriptures you have used water in creative, cleansing and saving ways to demonstrate your faithfulness and love. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, who was nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit to make disciples. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this gift of water. Let your baptismal touch bring this child into your holy circle and tender embrace.

May all glory and honor be yours, now and forever. Amen!

BAPTISM

Levi John Shultz
I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit
you may grow to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Brothers and sisters of the household of faith, we commend to your love and care this child, Levi, whom this day we recognize as a member of the family of God.

We are grateful for the gift of this child who delights us and reminds us that God has not yet given up on his human family. We welcome Levi into the family of God and pray that he may grow in strength to love God and all our neighbors.

See what love the Father has given us that he should be called a child of God!
And so he is! Amen!

WELCOMING AND LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

Let your light so shine that others, seeing your good works,
may glorify your Father in heaven.
Amen!



CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

LEVI JOHN SHULTZ

**SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AUGUST 8, 2021**

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, Diana, Bill Runner, Diana, Mark & Tom 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

2nd 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.

2nd LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, Utah

Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves

Lt. Mary Ketchner, Silverdale, Wa

1st Lt. Allen Carson, 109th US Army Reserves, Phila.

Rick Hodle III, US Army

LCPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves

2nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD: Mary Ellen Pajor and Joan Roskos

LITURGIST: Weekend of August 7/8: Ellie Hottenstein (Saturday) Sheri Harvatine (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

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| Sun. Aug. 8 | Worship 9:30am with Baptism
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 |

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

THINK OF THIS FRIEND (with cards and prayers)
Anne Jewell, 52 W. Center St., Shavertown, Pa. 18708

COMING UP AUGUST 14 THROUGH AUGUST 21

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD: Mary Ellen Pajor and Joan Roskos

LITURGIST: Weekend of August 14/15: TBD (Saturday) TBD (Sunday)

USHERS: Mary Ellen Pajor (Saturday) Gary & Jenny Young (Sunday)

GREETER: Mary Ellen Pajor (Saturday) Gary & Jenny Young (Sunday)

ACOLYTE: Maggie

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15: John Nicks

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Ken Kirk & in honor of Pat Kirk who would have celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary given by their best man Clinton "Pat" Spiegel

Sun. Aug. 15	Worship 9:30am Meet & Greet with Pastor Jon 10:30am Lounge
Mon. Aug. 16	Bible Study 1-3pm in Lounge Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
Tues. Aug. 17	Coffee & Conversation 10am McDonald's Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom
Wed. Aug. 18	Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom AA meeting 7pm Social Hall
Thurs. Aug. 19	Study Group 7pm H.S. Sunday School Room
Fri. Aug. 20	Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. Aug. 21	Worship 5:30pm Meet & Greet with Pastor Jon 6:30pm Lounge

Faithfulness in Worship Attendance: 130

On-Line Worship: 60

July 31/August 1: \$8,155

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,214

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

NEW WORSHIP SERIES: 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.

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!

MEET & GREET: Sign-up sheets are 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: Would you like to share the love of God with the children of SUMC? There are several Sunday School teaching positions open for the fall. Substitute teachers are also needed. Please contact Brenda Kopalek at kadec23@hotmail.com if interested.

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. Enjoy a beautiful day on the course and get into the swing!

Our church picnic along with the Ministry Fair will be back this year on September 12 after worship. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. Consider giving of your time by joining one of our SUMC ministries!