

Shavertown United Methodist Church

September 25-26, 2021

18th 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

Saturday Worship Musician: Ed Pall

Sunday: "Praeludium"

By Johann Sebastian Bach

Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara (Sat)/ Ron (Sun)

We gather in this holy place:

Hoping a song touches our hearts,

Looking for strength to endure,

Willing a prayer to reach heaven,

Longing for peace to well up within,

Listening for a word that comforts,

Waiting for the children to explode with joy,

Desiring an outpouring of God's Spirit.

We gather together, in holy anticipation,

And God welcomes us and meets us here, so let us welcome all

to share the same experience.

*OPENING PRAYER

Barbara (Sat)/ Ron (Sun)

Gracious God, we come desiring to know true joy. We long to love and to be loved; to dare to hope again; to feel our hearts quicken with anticipation of truly living. We thank you that you welcome us as you gather us in and you renew us by your Spirit. Lead us in ways of love, help us to welcome others that we will bear the fruits of a life with you.

In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

#2236

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

#2193

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

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.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

"Where Children Belong"

#2233

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

GIFT OF MUSIC

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**

Barbara (Sat)/ Ron (Sun)

Welcoming God, there are many who need your welcome,
Who yearn for a taste of your love
And drink of your living water.
Help us give of ourselves and our gifts with the same
Generous spirit you have shown us,
In our giving, may we welcome as we have been welcomed.
In our sharing, may we love as we have been loved.
In these gifts, may even the little ones know your loving welcome.

WORD OF GOD

Genesis 18:1-14
Hebrews 13:1-2
Matthew 9:35-38

Barbara (Sat)/ Ron (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Entertaining Angels”

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

#664

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



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PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25 THROUGH OCTOBER 9

Please contact Pastor Jon Buxton or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery, 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, civilian and military families of the Afghan crisis, victims of Hurricane Ida, 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.

JOYS: Kelly (off ventilator, home recuperating), Diana (cancer free), Brandi Craycraft (negative cancer test results) John Nicks (positive test outcome)

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Joseph Kanjorski, Linda Wallace, Lou Rabel, Joyce Kishpaugh, Marilyn, Richard Williams Family, Wheeler Family, Bill Runner, Gilroy family, family of Sharon Davis, John Nicks, Meth Family, Cindy Biesecker, Jimmy Tighe, Robert W., Carole B.

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, KS

Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, TX

Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan

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

Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico, VA

Rick Hodle, Jr., US Navy

Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force

Specialist Charles Yavorski, FT. Bragg, NC

2nd LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT

Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves

Lt. Mary Ketchner, Silverdale, WA

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

Rick Hodle III, US Army

CPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves

Jackson Rogers, US Marines, Okinawa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD: Donna Kachmar & Marsha Paczewski

LITURGIST: Weekend of Sept 25/26: Barbara Buxton (Saturday) Ron Prutzman (Sunday)

USHERS: Christine Koerwer (Saturday) Charlie Kishbaugh (Sunday)

GREETER: Christine Koerwer (Saturday) Wilson Family (Sunday)

ACOLYTE: Jack

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26: Dave Kelly

Sun. Sept. 26 Worship 9:30am
Sunday School 10:30am
Fine Arts Meeting 10:30am
God's Handful Rehearsal 11:30 am
Youth Group 4-6pm Social Hall
Venturing Crew Pavilion 6:30pm

Mon. Sept. 27 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm
Lay Leadership meeting 6:30pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
PEO meeting 7pm

Tues. Sept. 28 Coffee & Conversation 10am McDonald's
Choir practices 4:30, 5 & 6pm
Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom
Finance Meeting 7pm

Wed. Sept. 29 Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom
AA meeting 7pm Social Hall
Confirmation Mentor Training 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Thurs. Sep. 30 Cherub Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm
Grief Share Meeting 6:30pm Lounge
Connected in Christ Study Group 7pm

Fri. Oct. 1 Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. Oct. 2 Worship 5:30

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

COMING UP OCTOBER 2 THROUGH OCTOBER 9

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD: Donna Kachmar & Marsha Paczewski

LITURGIST: Weekend of Oct 2/3 John Bunney (Saturday) Margie Esopi (Sunday)

USHERS: Ray & Debbie Poremba (Saturday) Bob Wagner (Sunday)

GREETER: Ray & Debbie Poremba (Saturday) Barbara Buxton (Sunday)

ACOLYTE: Adriana

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3: Kim Donlin

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Emma Morris by Lori & Mark Kucewicz

Sun. Oct. 3 Worship 9:30am with Communion
Sunday School & Acolyte Training 10:30am
God's Handful Rehearsal 11:30am
Confirmation Kick Off 6pm Social Hall

Mon. Oct. 4 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
Church Council Meeting 7pm

Tues. Oct. 5 Coffee & Conversation 10am McDonald's
Staff Meeting 11am
Choir practices 4:30, 5 & 6pm
Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom
Annual Conference Special Session 7pm on Zoom

Wed. Oct. 6 Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom
Mission & Outreach 6:30pm
AA meeting 7pm Social Hall
Endowment Committee meeting 7:15 Pastor's Office
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thurs. Oct. 7 Cherub Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm
Praise Ringers Rehearsal 6pm
Grief Share Meeting 6:30pm Lounge
Connected in Christ Study Group 7pm

Fri. Oct. 8 Community Care Cabinet 10am
American Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6pm

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

Sat. Oct. 9 Worship 5:30pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children attending Sunday School should go to the Social Hall after worship. Please plan to pick-up children at 11:30am from their classroom. The Sunday school offering is going towards shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse.

YOUTH GROUP: We will be having our first meeting of the fall on Sunday, September 26 from 4-6pm in the Social Hall.

ACOLYTE TRAINING: We will have acolyte training on October 3 during Sunday school for all children 2nd grade and up who are interested in becoming acolytes. We will also retrain all current acolytes to review and discuss changes in procedures. Parent are invited to stay during training to learn about this special children's ministry.

COMMUNITY CARE CABINET: We are looking for volunteers to help hand out pre-packaged supplies on Fridays. Please contact the church office if interested.

CONFIRMATION: Youth in 8th-12th grade interested in being in the 2021/2022 Confirmation class, should contact the church office to be added to our list of confirmands.

GRIEF SHARE: Our grief share group has begun and will be meeting on Thursdays, at 6:30pm in the lounge. If you or anyone you know is looking for help or encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend, this 13-week program will offer coping information and fellowship.

SHOE COLLECTION: During September, Dallas UMC is collecting new and gently used shoes for Mission Central and then distributed to individuals in developing countries to help them start a business with the shoes. A bin for the shoes is located in our Narthex.

BISHOP'S DISTRICT VISIT: Meet our 2 new bishops on Sunday, Sept. 26 from 3 to 5pm at Countryside Community Church UMC. To register, please go to <https://susumc.org/bishops-district-gatherings/>. For further information, check out swbdistrict.org.

FALL FESTIVAL: Tunkhannock UMC Fall Festival is October 2, 10 -2pm. Enjoy the many festivities (and treats!) that are happening such as their homemade quilt display.

Faithfulness in Worship Attendance:144

On-Line Worship: 36

Financial Goal: \$6,214 Weekly September 18/19: \$5,272

Think of this friend (with cards and prayers)

Marilyn & Fred Ostrum, 97 E. Franklin St., Shavertown, Pa. 18708