

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

September 4-5, 2021

40 Days of Purpose

**Purpose #4 Ministry: You Were Shaped for Serving God**

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

Sunday: "Light of the Living God"

by David Paxton

Organ: Nancy

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Centering Meditation:

"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rich

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

**that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.**

Let us join together to praise our God of infinite love who calls us to serve.

## \*OPENING HYMN

"Together We Serve"

#2175

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat)/Rich Oley (Sun)

**O God of love, you have called us into the church. We thank you for opportunities to grow in understanding and concern for one another. May our congregation be an incarnation of your love within and beyond these church doors, wherever there is loneliness, injustice, or misunderstanding; through Christ our Head, and the Holy Spirit our Strength. 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.*

## 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

## 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

Rich

**Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.**

## GIFT OF MUSIC

"How Beautiful"

by Twila Paris  
Vocal Solo: Barbara

## WORD OF GOD

Romans 12:4-8 & 1 Peter 4:10

Rich

NRSV

## MESSAGE

"You Were Shaped for Serving God"

Pastor Jon

## \*HYMN

"Make me a Servant"

#2176

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Invitation**

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

**HYMN OF GOING FORTH:**

“Freely, Freely”

#389

**\*BENEDICTION**

Serve your God with patience and passion.

Be deliberate in enacting your faith.

Be steadfast in celebrating the Spirit's power.

And may peace be your way in the world. **Amen.**

(Gene E. Rainsley, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Cent.)

**\*POSTLUDE:**

“Go Now in Peace”

by Natalie Sleeth

Organ



**September 4 & 5, 2021**

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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11**

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)

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, family of Sharon Davis, John Nicks, Puterbaugh family, Meth family, Nixon family, John Chapple, Cindy Biesecker, Jimmy Tigue, 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT

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

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*

**SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Nancy Burkel and Phyllis Bullock

**LITURGIST: Weekend of September 4/5:** Mary Ellen Pajor (Saturday) Rich Oley (Sunday)

**USHERS:** Marilyn and Fred Wesley (Saturday) Bob Wagner (Sunday)

**GREETER:** Marilyn and Fred Wesley (Saturday) Charlie Kishbaugh (Sunday)

**ACOLYTE:** Stephanie

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER:** Joe Gutierrez

Sun. Sept. 5      Worship 9:30am

Mon. Sept. 6      Labor Day – Office closed

Tues. Sept. 7      Coffee & Conversation 10am McDonald's  
Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom

Wed. Sep. 8      Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom  
AA meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm – 8:45pm

Thurs. Sep. 9      Lay Leadership 6:30pm Lounge  
Study Group 7pm H.S. Sunday School Room

Fri. Sep. 10      Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Sep. 11      Worship 5:30pm at the Pavilion  
Ministry Fair following worship

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

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

*Dorothy Lawson, Village at Greenbriar, 4244 Memorial Hwy., Rm.120, Dallas, Pa. 18612*

**COMING UP SEPTEMBER 11 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18**

**SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Nancy Burkel and Phyllis Bullock

**LITURGIST: Weekend of September 11/12:** Becky Gilbert (Saturday) Nick Michalisin (Sunday)

**USHERS:** TBD (Saturday) Harold Stout (Sunday)

**GREETER:** TBD (Saturday) All greet one another at the picnic (Sunday)

**ACOLYTE:**

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12:** Fred Wesley

**Altar Flowers:** In memory of Greg Runner by Bill and Joann Runner

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| Sun. Sept. 12  | Worship 9:30am at the Pavilion<br>Ministry Fair and Church Picnic following Worship<br>Youth Group Pool Party 5:00pm  |
| Mon. Sept. 13  | Women's Bible Study 12:30pm<br>Praise Band Concert 7pm  |
| Tues. Sept. 14 | Coffee & Conversation 10am McDonald's<br>Staff Meeting 11am<br>Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom<br>Trustee Meeting 7pm  |
| Wed. Sep. 15   | Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom<br>SPPRC meeting 6:30pm<br>AA meeting 7pm Social Hall   |
| Thurs. Sep. 16 | Grief Share Meeting 6:30pm Lounge<br>Study Group 7pm H.S. Sunday School Room<br>Golf Tournament meeting 7pm Choir Room<br>Congregational Care Team Meeting 7:30pm Social Hall |
| Fri. Sep. 17   | Community Care Cabinet 10am   |
| Sat. Sep. 18   | Worship 5:30pm  |

**Faithfulness in Worship Attendance: 102**

**On-Line Worship: 20**

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**August 28/29: \$4,281 – Weekly financial Goal: \$6,214**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP & MINISTRY FAIR:** We will be having our Ministry Fair next week on September 11 & 12 after worship at the pavilion. Please consider giving of your time by joining one of our SUMC ministries!

**CHURCH PICNIC:** Our church picnic will be next week on September 12 after worship in the pavilion. Come and enjoy good food, fellowship, and the ministry fair. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for needed food.

**CONFIRMATION:** Youth in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 will begin Thursday, Sept.16 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are excited to announce that Sunday School classes will be starting on September 19! Please come to the Ministry Fair September 11 & 12 to register and meet the teachers!

**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Our annual golf tournament is back! It will be held September 20, 2021 at the Huntsville Golf Club. It's a 4-person captain & crew with a shotgun start at 10am. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 ea. 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!

**SHOE COLLECTION:** During September, Dallas UMC is collecting new and gently used shoes. They will be given to Mission Central and then distributed to individuals in developing countries to help them start a business with the shoes. This will allow them to learn business skills, sustain their families, and put money back into their community. A box for the shoes is located in the Narthex. Please put the shoes in a bag or somehow secure them together so they do not get separated from their mate.

**RIDE NEEDED:** A recently widowed parishioner needs a ride to work 3 times a week on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday to Misericordia University. She works from 7am until 2:30pm. Please contact the office for further information. Let those wheels roll for God's work!

**LIVE NATIVITY:** Our live nativity will be December 3 & 4 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds from 6-8pm. Much help is needed! Many hands make light work!