

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

October 2 & 3, 2021

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

World Communion Weekend

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** "Communion Meditation" By Victor C. Johnson  
Let Us Break Bread Together/Bread of the World in Mercy Broken  
Organ: Nancy Evans

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

"God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it." Mark 10:14b-15

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** John (Sat)/ Margi (Sun)

We meet in different buildings, in different towns.

**We speak different languages and sing different hymns.**

We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

**Yet, as we gather together for worship on Sundays,**

**we become one body, one family in Christ.**

We join together on one journey,

**the journey to unite with the Risen Christ.**

We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes

and as God's will is done.

**Let us join with all our brothers and sisters in worship**

**And true communion with God this day. Amen.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** John (Sat)/ Margi (Sun)

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church: we rejoice that you have formed your people into one body comprised of believers of every race and nation. Your salvation has reached to the ends of the earth and to all generations. We praise and thank you that your gospel has reached us and that our voices will join those of many languages this day to proclaim your praise. Accept our praise, purify our hearts, instruct us in your word, feed us at your table, and visit us with your Spirit that we may follow in the ways of faith, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "We Are Called" #2172

**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.*

## 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

### 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** John (Sat)/ Margi (Sun)  
**Holy Giver of all that we need, you have filled our hearts with joy  
and our hands with overflowing abundance.  
With thanks and joy, we bring these gifts,  
offering ourselves in communion with you and with all creation. Amen.**

**WORD OF GOD** Philippians 2: 1-13 John (Sat)/ Margi (Sun)  
Mark 10: 13-16

**MESSAGE** "Table Manners & Hospitality" Pastor Jon

**HYMN:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" #618  
Vs 1 & 2

**COMMUNION: See insert**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

“Come and Eat This Bread”

By Hal H. Hopson  
Chancel Choir

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and wine, giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and servanthood, that your name may be praised in all the earth. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“In Christ There is No East or West”  
Vs 1 & 2

#548

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Lamb of God”

By Twila Paris  
Piano Solo



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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**

**A LITURGY FOR WORLD COMMUNION**  
(adapted from R. C. Duck, *Bread for the Journey*)

**THE INVITATION**

Come people of God, out of your separateness, to enter into unity with one another, and with all those who seek the presence of Jesus Christ, through the breaking of bread and the sharing of wine. Come, confessing the sin that separates you from God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our human sisters and brothers as we begin this celebration of unity in Christ. We have closed our ears to voices of pain, and of wisdom, when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign are as surely your children as we are. Our sensibilities are jarred even by the way our nearest neighbors express their faith in Christ. We cling to the pride of nation and denomination as if we had a special claim on truth and leadership.

Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ, and enable us to incarnate Christ's love, so that we may worthily partake in the body of Christ and the wine of the new covenant. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON**

The good news in Christ is that God is more willing to forgive our sins than we are to acknowledge them. The God of peace be with you all, keeping you in unity with Christ's people everywhere.

**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.

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**REQUEST TO HELP BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH**

Dear Congregation:

As we all know it has been a challenging time with the ongoing issues of the pandemic. The Shavertown United Methodist Community including members, staff and volunteers have done an amazing job of coming together and getting through the past year and a half. One of the things that has been overlooked over that time has been the landscaping around the Church and the Parsonage. Many people, including myself feel that the appearance of the Church is a representation of the Church. It has gone past the point of a few people pulling weeds and planting flowers.

There are several areas with trees growing into the Central Air units. The Prayer Garden is overrun by weeds, there are several plants and bushes that are dead and should be removed and the flower beds where there was once mulch is overrun by weeds and grass.

Over the next couple of weeks, I will have a signup sheet in the Narthex for people who are willing to volunteer and who can provide the tools and equipment needed to overhaul the landscaping before we put out the funds to hire someone. I obtained a quote on what this would cost and it came in at about \$5000 if we hire someone.

Starting this week, we will have a signup sheet in the Narthex with time slots for October 16 for those willing to lend a helping hand. There will also be a signup sheet for the tools and equipment needed to complete the work.

Respectfully,  
David Kelly  
Trustee Chairman

**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, Gary, Glenn (health concerns), John McCabe (surgery), 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 Dzurly 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

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR UNWANTED 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 today!**

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

**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 12:30-3pm  
Church Council Meeting 7pm

Tues. Oct. 5      Coffee & Conversation 10am McDonald's  
Staff Meeting 11am  
Choir Practice: COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, Good News Ringers 6pm  
Men's Bible Study 7pm 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  
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

Sat. Oct. 9      Worship 5:30pm

**COMING UP OCTOBER 8 THROUGH OCTOBER 15**

**OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD:** Donna Kachmar & Marsha Paczewski

**LITURGIST:** Weekend of Oct 9/10: Mary Ellen Pajor (Saturday) Edie Graziano (Sunday)

**USHERS:** Amy & Trevor Wall (Saturday) Jenny & Gary Young (Sunday)

**GREETER:** Amy & Trevor Wall (Saturday) Bev Bunny (Sunday)

**ACOLYTE:**

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10:** Chris Ostrowski

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of Clarence & Esther Laidler by Sandy Valenti

Sun. Oct. 10	Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am God's Handful Rehearsal 11:30am Youth Group 4-6pm Venturing Crew 6:30pm Pavilion
Mon. Oct. 11	Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Praise Band Concert 7pm
Tues. Oct. 12	Coffee & Conversation 10am McDonald's Choir Practice: COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm Good, New Ringers 6pm Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom
Wed. Oct. 13	Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom AA meeting 7pm Social Hall Chancel Choir 7:30pm
Thurs. Oct. 14	Cherub Choir Rehearsal 5pm Grief Share Meeting 6:30pm Lounge Connected in Christ Study Group 7pm
Fri. Oct. 15	Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. Oct. 16	Worship 5:30pm

**Faithfulness in Worship Attendance:122**

**On-Line Worship: 36**

**Financial Goal: \$6,214 Weekly September 25/26: \$5,279**

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**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.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING:** We will have acolyte training today, October 3, during Sunday school for all children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up who are interested in becoming acolytes. We will also retrain all current acolytes to review and discuss changes in procedures. Parents 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.

**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.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** We will be hosting the American Red Cross blood drive on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-6pm. Please give and save a life.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Our trunk or treat will be October 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. Much scary candy is needed! Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex.

**SPECIAL CONCERT:** Come and enjoy an evening of music by Pastor Gideon Gaetano on October 24 at 7pm with a reception to follow.

**OTHER MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** Bring your special pet to the Blessing of the Animals at Lehman-Idetown UMC on October 3 at 3pm.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER:** Orange UMC is hosting the Rise Against Hunger Project on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am until 1pm. You can donate or volunteer for this event by going on the Rise Against Hunger link website at <https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000002Kq2AQAS>. Any questions, you can call Orange UMC at 570-333-4269 or Kay Love at 570-675-1513.

**Think of this friend** (with cards and prayers)  
Carolyn Purvin, 68 W. Mount Airy Rd., Shavertown, Pa. 18708