

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

November 14, 2021

25<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

Saturday: "America, the Beautiful" By S.A. Ward

Piano Solo: Sharon Bartolini

Sunday: "Patriotic Medley" By A.L. Page & J.A. Shafferman

Children of Light & Cherubs

## \*HONOR GUARD PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Members of American Legion Post #672

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. John 15:12-13 ESV

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellie Hottenstein (Sat)

Dr. Richard Oley, Veteran of the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps (Sun)

Come, holy and gracious God

**Place your story of love next to the worn fabric of our lives.**

Come, enter our hearts and bring peace.

**Bring restored hope, renewed energy and revived joy.**

Come to our troubled world.

**Lift the fallen, feed the children, set us to doing the things that make for peace.**

Teach us to sing and serve, care and rejoice.

**Teach us your way of sacrificial love and in your presence may we always sing your praise.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

"God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us"

#100

Vs. 1-3

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Ellie (Sat)/ Richard (Sun)

**Righteous God, you rule the nations. Guard brave men and women in military service. Give them compassion for those who confront them as enemies. Keep our children from hate that hardens, or from scorekeeping with human lives. Though for a season they must be a people of war, let them live for peace, as eager for agreement as for victory.**

**Encourage them as they encourage one another, and never let hard duty separate them from loyalty to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Presbyterian Worship Book, USA, 20<sup>th</sup> Cent. Alt.)

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### 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.**

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

(Saturday)

The Baptismal Covenant I - UM Hymnal p. 33

We welcome Edith Jones into our family of faith at Shavertown UMC.

## 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

"Prayer for Heroes"

Arr. by Tom Eggleston

Chancel Choir & Trumpet: Kevin Bowman

## CALL TO OFFERING

## \*DOXOLOGY

#95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Ellie (Sat)/ Richard (Sun)

**Almighty God, you gave us your commandments and asked us to live according to your holy will. As part of your design for honorable living, we participate in this simple act of giving.**

**We dedicate ourselves to living lives of honesty and peace. Amen.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

Saturday: "Oh Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Arr. V. Courtney

Piano Solo: Sharon

Sunday: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

By D. E. Wagner

Good News Ringers

**WORD OF GOD**

John 15:9-17; John 3:16-17

Ellie (Sat)/ Richard (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

"Sacrificial Love"

Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

#717

Vs. 1 & 4

**\*BENEDICTION**

**And now, may we follow God's path of love and faithfulness and strive for peace, that we may know his grace, mercy and peace forever. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Saturday: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

By J. Dykes

Piano Solo: Sharon

Sunday: "Armed Forces Tribute"

By Greg Gilpin

God's Handful Choir, Chancel Choir &

Trumpet: Kevin Bowman

There will be a Free Will Offering collected after service in the Narthex to benefit the Lt. Michael J. Cleary Fund which aids Veteran's and their families.

Thank you to all the Veterans here with us and the ones that have passed on and current Service Men and Women who have bravely served and are serving our country. May God richly bless you for your service!



**November 13-14, 2021**

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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**

## PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13 THROUGH NOVEMBER 20

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](mailto: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, families dealing with Alzheimers

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, Marilyn Klick, Ashley, Duane Dicker, Michelle Jacoboski, Amanda, Zia, Steve, Family of David Daniels, John Nicks, Family of Dick Williams, Aiden Shultz, Joann, Joe H., Amanda, Michael, Levi, D.J. Mikulka, Family of Carol Thomas, Lou Rabel, Jimmy Tighe  
*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

**Think of this friend** (with cards and prayers)  
Albert Billings, 19 Old Grandview Ave. Dallas, Pa. 18612

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

**NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Cathy Nicks & Susan Roese  
**LITURGIST:** Weekend of Nov 13/14: Ellie Hottenstein (Saturday) Rich Oley (Sunday)  
**USHERS:** TBD (Saturday) Danny & Alice Peters (Sunday)  
**GREETER:** TBD (Saturday) Danny & Alice Peters (Sunday)  
**ACOLYTE:** Anna  
**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14:** Fred Wesley

Sun. Nov. 14      Veteran's Worship Service 9:30am  
Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30am  
God's Handful 11:30am – 12:30pm  
Education Committee Meeting 11:30 am

Mon. Nov.15      Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

Tues. Nov. 16      Coffee & Conversation 10am Lounge  
Choir Practice: COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, Good News Ringers 6pm  
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom  
Connected in Christ 7pm in H.S. Sunday School Room  
Finance Meeting 7pm

Wed. Nov. 17      Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom  
Women's Bible Study 1-3 pm Lounge  
SPPRC Meeting 6:30 pm  
AA meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Chancel Choir practice 7:30pm

Thurs. Nov. 18      Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House  
Cherub Choir Rehearsal 5pm  
Grief Share Meeting 6:30pm Lounge  
Church Conference 6:30 pm

Fri. Nov. 19      Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Nov. 20      Practice for Children's Musical 10am Social Hall  
Worship 5:30pm

## COMING UP NOVEMBER 20 THROUGH NOVEMBER 27

**NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Cathy Nicks & Susan Roese

**LITURGIST:** Weekend of Nov 20/21: Cathy Nicks (Saturday) Ava (Sunday)

**USHERS:** TBD (Saturday) Lori Schuler (Sunday)

**GREETER:** Edie Graziano (Saturday) TBD (Sunday)

**ACOLYTE:** Kaitlyn

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21:** Tom Ketchner

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of Carole Chapple by Kenneth Chapple

Sun. Nov. 21	Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30am Hanging of the Greens 11:30am God's Handful 11:30am – 12:30pm Youth Group 4-6pm
Mon. Nov.22	Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm PEO Meeting 7pm Lounge
Tues. Nov. 23	Coffee & Conversation 10am Lounge Choir Practice: COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, Good News Ringers 6pm Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom Worship Team 7:30pm
Wed. Nov. 24	Prayer 9am on Zoom AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Thurs. Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Fri. Nov. 26	Office Closed
Sat. Nov. 27	Worship 5:30pm

## MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

**CHURCH CONFERENCE:** Our church conference will be held Thursday, November 18 at 6:30pm in the social hall. All are encouraged to attend this important annual church meeting. Our church leaders will be presenting some new ministry ideas for the new year based on a recent visioning workshop.

**ANGEL TREE:** Monetary donations or a \$25 gift card to Walmart is greatly appreciated to help children in need. Donations due to the church by November 21.

**MITTEN TREE** – The Youth Group are doing a Mission Project during the month of November, they are collecting mittens and hats for children in Luzerne County. Donations can be placed on the Mitten Tree in the Narthex November 1 -21.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE** – Our Sunday School classes are having a Thanksgiving Food Drive during the month of November. Their goal is to collect 200 non-perishable food items from Nov. 1-21 for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Donations can be placed under the Mitten Tree in the Narthex. Feel free to help the kids reach their goal by donating needed food items!

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** The Hanging of the Greens will be November 21 at 11:30am. Children will have an opportunity to make Christmas ornaments in the social hall while the adults help decorate. Please come and join us in decorating the church.

**POINSETTIAS:** Our poinsettia sale will be happening once again this year to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas worship. Please look for an envelope and order form in the narthex. All orders will be due into the office by Monday, November 29.

**LIVE NATIVITY:** Volunteers needed for December 3 and 4 from 6:00-8:00pm. Please fill out the green form located in the Narthex.

**BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE:** We collected 28 units of blood at our October 8 blood drive which will help save the lives of 84 people. What a blessing!

**MEN'S ECUMENICAL GROUP:** All are invited to participate in the Men's Ecumenical Meeting every Thursday, 8am, at KB'S Coffee House in Shavertown. There will be a speaker at each meeting. Come and enjoy fellowship and good food!

**Financial Goal: \$6,214 Weekly November 6/7: \$9,212**  
**Faithfulness in Person Worship Attendance:127 On-Line Worship: 36**