

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 18 THROUGH DECEMBER 25

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, victims of the recent tornado, 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

JOYS: Jane Ketchner positive results, Donna Carpenter improvement

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Pat Kirk, Danielle, Betty Prutzman, Mark Kucewicz, Morse Family, Nancy Roberts, Puterbaugh Family, Fred & Judy Gribble, Nancy Hann, Ally Rome, Donna Carpenter, Jane Ketchner, Ashley, Amanda, Zia, Family of David Daniels, D.J. Mikulka, 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
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

Financial Goal: \$6,214 Weekly December 11/12: \$7,220

Faithfulness in Person Worship Attendance: 153 On-line Worship 36

Think of this friend (with cards and prayers)

Ruth Mary Corcoran, The Meadows Manor, 200 Lake St., Rm 215, Dallas, Pa. 18612

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge
LITURGIST: Weekend of Dec. 18/19: Cathy Nicks (Sat) Michelle Jackubowski (Sun)
LITURGIST: Wendy Shaffer (Dec. 24 @ 7pm) Cathy Berkey (Dec. 24 @ 10pm)
USHERS: Sarah & Donna Church (Saturday) Charlie Kishbaugh (Sunday)
GREETER: Sarah & Donna Church (Saturday) TBD (Sunday)
TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19: John Nicks
ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Rev. Robert D. Yost by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Paczewski
ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS: Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) Chris & Jen Ostrowski & Family (Sun) Gary & Tina Navestad & Family (Dec. 24@ 7pm) Joe & Brenda Kopalek & Family (Dec. 24@ 10pm)
ACOLYTE: Landon & Makayla (Dec. 24 @ 7pm) Katerina & Adriana (Dec. 24 @ 10pm)

Sun. Dec.19 Worship 9:30am featuring Carol & The Belles Children's Musical
Cast Party 11am Social Hall
Youth Group Christmas Party 4-6pm

Mon. Dec.20 Girl Scout Meeting 6:30 - 8:30pm Social Hall

Tues. Dec.21 Coffee & Conversation 10am Lounge
Choir Practice: COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom
Blue Christmas Service 7pm

Wed. Dec.22 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thurs. Dec.23 Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House
Cherub Choir Rehearsal 5-5:30PM

Fri. Dec.24 Christmas Eve Worship 7 & 10 pm

Sat. Dec. 25 Christmas Day – Celebrating the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ -No Service

COMING UP DECEMBER 25 THROUGH JANUARY 1

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

LITURGIST: Nick Michalisin

USHERS: Bob Wagner

GREETER:

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27: Bob Wagner

ALTAR FLOWERS: In Memory of John Chapple Sr. by the Chapple Family

ACOLYTE: TBD

Sun. Dec.26 Worship 9:30am

Mon. Dec.27

Tues. Dec.28 Coffee & Conversation 10am Lounge
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom

Wed. Dec.29 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Choir Party 6pm At the Oley's House

Thurs. Dec.30 Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House

Fri. Dec.31

Sat. Jan. 1 Happy New Year!

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

SUNDAY SCHOOL – There will be no Sunday School on Dec. 19 and 26. We look forward to seeing everyone back in class on January 2 in the New Year!

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY – We will be having a Christmas Party for all youth, grades 6 through 12, on Sunday, Dec. 19, 4:00 – 6:00pm in the Social Hall. Please join us as we celebrate Christmas with fun, food, and faith! Don't forget to wear your Christmas pajamas and bring a \$10.00 gift for Secret Santa.

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

TORNADO DISASTER RESPONSE: We pray for all those who have been affected by the recent tornado that devastated 200 miles of parts of our country. Many are struggling with loss of life, loss of homes, and loss of community. UMCOR Disaster Relief is accepting donations to assist in the laborious recovery. You can donate to SUMC referring to Advance #901670 and the funds will be forwarded to UMCOR. Thank you!!!

THANK YOU! Judy Gribble would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have sent cards and prayers to her family in this difficult time.

OTHER MISSIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MUSICAL EVENTS: St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre, will be hosting a series of musical events throughout December thru July 2022. Please check the bulletin board for dates and times and any further information. Join them for an evening of music and song.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Loyalville UMC, 602 Loyalville Rd., Harverys Lake, Pa. 18618 will be hosting a Christmas dinner, Sat., Dec. 25 at noon. A free will offering will be accepted. Please RSVP 570-430-3602. Come to enjoy good food, fellowship, and the celebration of the birth of our savior Jesus Christ.

Shavertown United Methodist Church

December 18-19, 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

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

“Gesù Bambino”

Arr. Bill Wolaver
Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Michah 5: 2, 4-5a NRSV

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat)
Chris & Jen Ostrowski & Family (Sun)

God is making the final preparations for an amazing thing! Now is the Advent of the long-awaited Messiah, our bringer of hope, our Prince of Peace, the one who fills our hearts with joy, our leader of love,

We celebrate the coming of Christ with the lighting of the Advent candles. We are a people of hope, a people of peace, a people of joy, a people of love.

At first there was a frail light of a single candle of hope, daring to pierce through the darkness of despair and sin,

Then there was the candle of peace, the gentle persistent fire, the one that calls out the violent forces and lests in God’s deep and tranquil spirit.

Then we lit the candle of joy, remembering that we can sing again with joy for the God of justice comes to restore our fortunes and bring equity to our world.

Today we light the candle of love. No other word so adequately captures the spirit and goal of our faith.

No other word so completely describes what we know of our God.

For God so loved the world . . .

For God so loved the world that a child was given. A savior was made in the form of Love Incarnate. And Love was allowed to live on . . .

We gather, then, in Christian Love.

We give thanks for a love that passes all understanding, and we await the dawning of God’s pervasive and enduring love once more this Christmas season.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF LOVE

Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat)
Chris & Jen Ostrowski & Family (Sun)

*OPENING HYMN

“Love Came Down at Christmas” Vs. 1 & 3

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*OPENING PRAYER

Cathy Nicks (Sat)/ Michelle Jackubowski (Sun)

O living Christ, the light and hope of the world, we need your love today to shine in the dark corners of our world where loneliness and hatred, war and suffering, greed and lust destroy. Come to us and shine in our lives, that we may more perfectly love you and reflect your love on earth. Amen.

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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

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*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

Cathy Nicks (Sat)/ Michelle Jackubowski (Sun)

**Mighty God, magnify these gifts, even as we magnify
your name with praise. May the gifts we give and the lives we lead
be abundant reflections of your glory and love.**

HYMN

“Sing We Now of Christmas”
Vs. 1 & 2

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MESSAGE

Children’s Musical
SUMC Children & Youth
“Carol and the Belles”



***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Traditional
Piano: Nancy Evans



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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage