

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27 THROUGH MARCH 5**

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 email prayer chain by contacting the church office at shavertownumc@susumc.org.

**OUR PRAYER LIST:** The United Methodist Church, 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 Alzheimer’s

**JOYS:** Generosity for Alima and the Community Care Cabinet, Friend Sunday Visitors

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Gary, Len Buxton, Phyllis Bullock, LaBar Family, Virginia Major, Mark Kucewicz, Risch Family, Mannier Family, Steve, The Family of Dave Thomas, Jennie Hill, Adele, The Laubach’s

*Names remain 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	Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico, VA
LCDR John W. Gilligan, US Navy	Rick Hodle, Jr., US Navy
Sgt. Scott Kocher	Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force
Lt. Col. Stephen C. Phillips	Specialist Charles Yavorski, FT. Bragg, NC
Todd Mark, US Army, South Korea	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT
Col. P.J. Perrone Jr., Fort Belvoir, VA	Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves
Major Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA	Specialist Alex Barilla, US Army, KS
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Allen Carson, 109 <sup>th</sup> US Army Reserves, Phila.	Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, TX
Rick Hodle III, US Army	Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan
CPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force

**Think of this Friend** (with cards and prayers)

Paul & Romaine Kunkle, 2292 W. Eighth St., Dallas, Pa. 18612

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450**                      **Week of February 19/20: \$2,850**  
**Faithfulness in Attendance Feb. 19/20: In Person Worship 103, Online Worship 35**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

**MARCH ALTAR GUILD:** Nan Boswell & Carter  
**LITURGIST:** Ellie Hottenstein (Sat.) Ava (Sun.)  
**USHERS/GREETERS:** Sarah & Donna Church (Sat.) Harold Stout (Sun.)  
**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1:** Bob Bullock  
**ACOLYTE:** Anna

Sun. Feb. 27      Worship 9:30am Friend Sunday  
Sunday School 10:30am  
Fine Arts Meeting 10:30am  
God’s Handful 11:30am  
Winter Fun Day at Montage 1:30-4pm

Mon. Feb. 28      Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

Tue. Mar. 1      Children of Light 4:30pm  
Chapel Chimes 5pm  
Good News Ringers 6pm  
Men’s Bible Study 7pm on Zoom

Wed. Mar. 2      Prayer 9am on Zoom  
Disposition of Ashes Noon-1:00pm  
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Joint Cluster Ash Wednesday Service Dallas UMC 7pm  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thu. Mar. 3      Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB’S Coffee House  
Cherubs 5pm  
Connected in Christ Movie Night – Risen 6:30pm

Fri. Mar. 4      Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Mar. 5      Worship 5:30pm  
Game Night with Silent Auction 6:30-8:30pm

## COMING UP MARCH 5 THROUGH MARCH 12

**MARCH ALTAR GUILD:** Nan Boswell & Carter

**LITURGIST:** Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat.) Nick Michalisin (Sun.)

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Alice Newell (Sat.) Kate Jenkins (Sun.)

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7:** TBD

**ACOLYTE:** Isabella

Sun. Mar. 6      Worship 9:30am  
Sunday School 10:30am  
God's Handful 11:30am  
Easter Eggstravaganza Planning Meeting 11:30am  
Confirmation 4 – 6pm Social Hall  
Laity/Clergy Listening Session 7pm

Mon. Mar. 7      Women's Bible Study 1 – 3pm  
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

Tue. Mar. 8      Staff Meeting 11am  
Children of Light 4:30pm  
Chapel Chimes 5pm  
Good News Ringers 6pm  
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom  
Trustee Meeting 7pm

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

Thu. Mar. 10      Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House  
Cherubs 5pm  
Connected in Christ 7:00pm

Fri. Mar. 11      Community Care Cabinet 10am  
Girl Scout Cookie Drive Thru 5-7pm Church Parking Lot

### VISITING OUR CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME

Welcome! We are so happy you are joining us for worship today. Please fill out a connection card found in the pew and put it in the collection plate. We invite you to visit our welcome table in the Narthex for a gift and information on the many ministries our church has to offer.

We hope you will join us again soon!

## MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

**WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY:** Please plan to meet at the ticket booth at Montage Mountain on Feb. 27 at 1:30pm. Brenda Kopalek will be handing out the pre-purchased tubing tickets (\$35.00 each) once we are all together and then we will be tubing 2 – 4pm.

**COMMUNITY CARE CABINET:** We service 15 families a week supplying items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. For 5 weeks we are requesting a different product to be donated. For the week of Feb. 26, please donate only paper towels. Thank you & God bless!

**ALIMA:** Our Sunday School classes are doing a collection for Alima, a young deaf girl from Dakar, Senegal that our church sponsors. Alima attends the New Birth School for the Deaf and your donations will help to pay for her tuition, room, and board. A collection jug can be found in the Narthex or the Social Hall. Please help our children in this mission project!

**GAME NIGHT/SILENT AUCTION:** Join us for Game Night on March 5 in the Social Hall, 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your own game or just come to play. Fun for all ages! There will also be a silent auction with proceeds going toward Greta Ketchner's support for St. Baldrick's Foundation which funds research on childhood cancer. The silent auction will also be available in the Narthex on March 6.

**CHURCH BOOKKEEPER POSITION NEEDED:** Are you looking to use your financial talents to help SUMC keep our financial books in order? This position requires approximately 5-8 hours weekly. For more information or to send in a resume, please call the church office at 570-675-3616 or email Ron Rogers at rogers13@frontiernet.net.

**GRIEF SHARE:** If you or anyone you know is struggling with the loss of someone in their life, our grief share group meets 6:30 -8pm every Thursday to offer support and encouragement to those in need. You are not alone.

**COMING SOON:** Spring and Easter are just around the corner so be on the lookout for Easter flower orders. We will be offering lilies, daffodils, and tulips. Spring has sprung!

**LAITY/CLERGY LISTENING SESSION:** Our District is "REBOOT"ing! All are invited to meet with Judy Walker on Sunday, March 6, at 7pm in the Social Hall. Three questions will be asked: What does your congregation need to effectively fulfill the mission of the Church? What do you need to be trained and equipped to make disciples? What can our District do to help you better understand our connection in the United Methodist Church? Join us! This is your opportunity to offer input and help strategically plan for the future as together we strive to effectively make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of lives and the world.

**NURSERY AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30AM WORSHIP**

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

February 26 & 27, 2022

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Together Series-Week 4

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)

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

“Church (Take Me Back)” Video

by Cochren & Co

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:9-10

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ava

God, you seek us out:

**In the dead of night**

And on this bright morning;

**In the depths of despair**

And in the valleys of worry.

**Holy One, you shake us from complacency,**

Wrestling fear from our souls

**And caution from our plans**

Loving God, you draw near,

**As close as our breathing,**

As present as the beat of our hearts.

**Loving God, you jealously desire our attention,**

Rejoice at our singing,

**And welcome our worship.**

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Ava

You who have created us and who sustains us: We come with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for your voice. Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward you and toward our brothers and sisters: a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle, and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your presence and your power. We offer this pray in the name of Jesus Christ our friend and our Savior. Amen.

## \*OPENING HYMN

“Together We Serve” Vs. 1-3

#2175

## CHILDREN’S CHAT

“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.*

## GIFT OF MUSIC

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

By Arr. S. Berry & J. Van Valey  
Chapel Chimes

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## CALL TO PRAYER

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

#2157

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!*

## 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.**

## GIFT OF MUSIC

“Celtic Farewell”

By Linda R. Lamb  
Handbell Solo: Caitlyn

## 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** Ava

**Faithful Giver of Life, you have done great things for us.  
In the life and teaching of your Son Jesus, you welcome us into your heart.  
Help us open our hearts to others, that we may be ever more willing to offer  
our hospitality, our support, and our material resources wherever they are needed.  
Bless these offerings in your holy name. Amen**

**GIFT OF MUSIC** "The Joy of the Lord" Arr. David Angerman  
Chancel Choir & God's Handful

*"The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer." Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together*

**WORD OF GOD** Ephesians 4:32-5:2 Ava

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Bind Us Together" #2226

**MESSAGE** "Together We Can Change the World" Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "The Servant Song" #2222

**\*BENEDICTION**  
Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith,  
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Fanfare of Praise" By Jason W. Krug  
Organ: Nancy

**Immediately following worship, all Sunday school students will meet in the  
Social Hall. Thank you!**



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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**