

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 12 THROUGH MARCH 19**

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 the Community Care Cabinet, Donations for Alima, St. Baldricks, & The Crohn’s/Colitis Foundation

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Joan Roskos, Ron Rogers, Bridget D., Wilma Williams, Judy, Rev. Beth Jones, Lori & Mark Kucewicz, Family of Gail Pheiffer, Family & Friends of Robert Albright, Family of Dianne Banta Shelley

*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

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

1st Lt. Allen Carson, 109th US Army Reserves, Phila.

Rick Hodle III, US Army

CPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves

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

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

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

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

**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:** Cathy Nicks (Sat.) Margie Esopi (Sun.)

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Lou & Gayle Yanora (Sat.) TBD (Sun.)

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13:** Kim Donlin

**ACOLYTE:** Maggie

Sun. Mar. 13   Worship 9:30am  
Sunday School 10:30am  
God’s Handful 11:30am  
Lenten Service Lehman-Idetown UMC 6:30pm

Mon. Mar. 14   Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm  
Praise Band Concert 7pm

Tue. Mar. 15   Priscilla Circle Noon  
Children of Light 4:30pm  
Chapel Chimes 5pm  
Good News Ringers 6pm  
Men’s Bible Study 7pm on Zoom  
Worship Meeting 7:30pm

Wed. Mar. 16   Prayer 9am on Zoom  
SPPRC Meeting 6:30pm  
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thu. Mar. 17   Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB’S Coffee House  
Cherubs 5pm  
Grief Share 6:30pm  
Connected in Christ 7:00pm

Fri. Mar. 18   Community Care Cabinet 10am  
Dancing Thru the Decades 6-8:30pm Social Hall

Sat. Mar. 19   Worship 5:30pm

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450**

**Week of March 5/6: \$8,920**

**Faithfulness in Attendance Mar.5/6: In Person Worship 151, Online Worship 35**

**COMING UP MARCH 19 THROUGH MARCH 26**

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

**LITURGIST:** Carol Folk (Sat.) Mike Jackubowski (Sun.)

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Donna & Sarah Church (Sat.) TBD (Sun.)

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

**ACOLYTE:** Ella

Sun. Mar. 20   Worship 9:30am  
Sunday School 10:30am  
God's Handful 11:30am  
Praise Ringers Rehearsal 7:30pm Sanctuary

Mon. Mar. 21   Women's Bible Study 1-3pm  
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

Tue. Mar. 22   Children of Light 4:30pm  
Chapel Chimes 5pm  
Good News Ringers 6pm  
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom  
Finance Meeting 7pm

Wed. Mar. 23   Prayer 9am on Zoom  
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thu. Mar. 24   Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House  
Cherubs 5pm  
Grief Share 6:30pm  
Connected in Christ 7:00pm

Fri. Mar. 25   Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Mar. 26   Worship 5:30pm

**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**

**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 Mar. 12, please donate only toilet paper. Thank you & God bless!

**LENTEN TREE:** This week the Sunday School children added leaves to our Lenten Tree with the names of people and things they are praying for during Lent. Please watch as the branches of the tree get transformed in beautiful ways during Lent!

**FAMILY FUN DANCE:** We hope you can join up for "Dancing through the Decades" on Friday, March 18, 6:30-8pm in the Social Hall. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend. You can dress up from the decade of your choice if you would like. Song requests can be made on the bulletin board in the hallway.

**EASTER DONATIONS:** We are asking for donations of small, wrapped candy and plastic eggs to be used for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please place items in the bin in the Narthex.

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE:** Meeting is Tuesday, March 15 at noon in the social hall. Please bring a lunch and share in fellowship. Meetings will be planned for the remainder of the year. The Center St. door will be open for handicapped entry. For further information, please call or text Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND TO THE INVASION OF UKRAINE:** Monetary donations can be made to International Disaster Response and Recovery through Advance #982450. Please make checks out to Shavertown UMC and note the advance number in the memo. Churches in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre district are also collecting medical supplies that will be shipped through Mission Central. Our church will be collecting gauze rolls and pads through the end of March. Please place these items in the bin located in the Narthex.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER:** Extra order forms are located in the Narthex. Just a reminder to please give your flowers a home after the Easter Sunday 9:30am service.

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES BACK MOUNTAIN CLUSTER:** March 13, 6:30pm at Lehman-Idetown UMC with Pastor Carol Folk as speaker, March 20, 6:30pm at Loyalville UMC with Pastor Dave Walker as speaker, March 27, 6:30pm at Orange UMC with speaker Rev. Laura Kyler, April 3, 6:30pm at Dallas UMC with speaker Pastor Carrie Granche.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** Reminder that clocks are set one hour ahead this weekend.

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

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

March 12 & 13, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent | Hope Series-Week 2

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 Worship Musician: Ed Pall

Sunday: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

By Mary McDonald

Organ: Nancy

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare  
and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cathy (Sat)/ Margi (Sun)

We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

**We come seeking the awareness of God's presence as we travel on.**

We come seeking light for our darkness, strength in our weakness.

**Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love.**

**Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

#451

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Cathy (Sat)/ Margi (Sun)

Abraham and Sarah went out, not knowing where they were headed, because they trusted  
in you. Jesus went forward to his death in Jerusalem, trusting in your purpose. Help us, like  
them, to take you at your word, and thus to move onward in faith. Be the lamp to our feet,  
and the light to our path, through your Spirit of life and wisdom. Amen.

## 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.*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## CALL TO PRAYER

"Through It All"

#507

*Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God; through  
it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon God's word.*

## 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

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

By Timothy Shaw

Chancel Choir

## 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

Cathy (Sat)/ Margi (Sun)

**In a world of goodness and struggle, we are grateful for your blessings, O God. As we seek  
to endure life's struggles, as we seek to claim your life in those hard parts of our lives, teach  
us to trust that you are always there. May these gifts be sent to our community and into  
the world around us, that others may claim the hope of your presence. Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 40:28-31

Cathy (Sat)/ Margi (Sun)

Zechariah 9:12

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

#474

Vs. 1

## MESSAGE

"Prisoners of Hope: Finding Hope in the Prophets"

Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Stand by Me”

#512

Vs. 1,2,5

**\*BENEDICTION**

Go forth remembering you are blessed,

**Forever loved,**

Forever cradled in God’s arms,

**Forever called by name.**

Go, knowing God’s grace,

**Sharing God’s peace,**

Living God’s justice,

**Bearing God’s blessing to all.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Eagles Wings”

By Michael Joncas

Piano: Nancy

*“And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.”*

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



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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**