

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 19 THROUGH MARCH 26

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, for success of Greta Ketchner’s fund raising event to raise money and awareness of childhood cancers,

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Jimmy Tighe, 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: Carol Folk (Sat.) Mike Jackubowski (Sun.)

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

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20: Thomas Ketchner

ACOLYTE: Ella

Sun. Mar. 20 Worship 9:30am
Sunday School 10:30am
God’s Handful 11:30am
Lenten Service Loyalville UMC 6:30pm
Praise Ringers Rehearsal 7:30pm Sanctuary

Mon. Mar. 21 Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm

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

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 UMCOR WEEKEND
Drive Thru Fellowship Meal Giveaway Noon
Worship 5:30pm

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450

Week of March 12/13: \$8,031

Faithfulness in Attendance Mar.12/13: In Person Worship 66, Online Worship 35

COMING UP MARCH 27 THROUGH APRIL 3

MARCH ALTAR GUILD: Nan Boswell & Carter

LITURGIST: Sarah Church (Sat.) Ava Shaffer (Sun.)

USHERS/GREETERS: Deb & Ray Poremba (Sat.) Charlie Kishbaugh (Sun.)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27: Joe Gutierrez

ACOLYTE: Madison

- Sun. Mar. 27 UMCOR WEEKEND
Worship 9:30am
Sunday School 10:30am
God's Handful 11:30am
Lenten Service Orange UMC 6:30pm
Youth Group Murder Mystery 4-6pm
- Mon. Mar. 28 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
PEO 7pm
- Tue. Mar. 29 Children of Light 4:30pm
Chapel Chimes 5pm
Good News Ringers 6pm
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom
Finance Meeting 7pm
- Wed. Mar. 30 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir 7:30pm
- Thu. Mar. 31 Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House
Cherubs 5pm
Grief Share 6:30pm
Connected in Christ 7:00pm
- Fri. Apr. 1 Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. Apr. 2 Worship 5:30pm
Youth Group Bowling 8pm

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

DRIVE THRU FELLOWSHIP MEAL GIVEAWAY: Our meal for March is Ziti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Pickup will be Saturday, March 26th at noon in the church parking lot.

COMMUNITY CARE CABINET: We service 15 families a week supplying items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. For Lent we are requesting a different each week. Starting Mar. 19, please donate only liquid handwashing dish detergent. Thank you & God bless!

LENTEN TREE: This week the Sunday School children added flowers with a cross to our Lenten Tree. The flowers and cross help us to remember to include thanks and praise for all of God's gifts in our prayers.

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.

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 church 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.

SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES BACK MOUNTAIN CLUSTER: March 20, 6:30pm at Loyalville UMC with speaker Pastor Dave Walker, March 27, 6:30pm at Orange UMC with speaker Rev. Laura Kyler, April 3, 6:30pm at Dallas UMC with speaker Pastor Carrie Granche.

UMCOR WEEKEND: The United Methodist Committee on Relief responds to those lives upset by storms, wars, fires, and displacement. This offering goes toward the cost of doing business, allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific project will go to that project and not administrative cost. UMCOR responds to emergencies for the short term and helps communities rebuild, in the years following a disaster. Your gifts on UMCOR Sunday help share God's love with communities everywhere.

NURSERY AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30AM WORSHIP

Shavertown United Methodist Church

March 19 & 20, 2022

3rd Sunday in Lent | Hope Series-Week 3

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: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Mary McDonald

Organ: Nancy

Sunday: "I Know the Lord's Laid His Hand on Me"

Patricia Hurlbutt

Good News Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.
Matthew 7:7

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol (Sat)/Mike (Sun)

God of Hope,
we come into your presence this morning
with confidence that you will meet us here.
Where there is sadness, bring joy;
Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment;
Where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope.
Let this place be a sanctuary,
a safe haven for us,
a home for holy words and songs and prayers
as we devote ourselves to you.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

Carol Penner

*OPENING HYMN

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"
Vs. 1,2,4

#528

*OPENING PRAYER

Carol (Sat)/Mike (Sun)

Almighty God, give us true faith, and make that faith grow in us day by day. Also give us hope and love, so that we may serve our neighbors according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

"If I Were a Butterfly"

Cherubs

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

"I See You"

Rich Mullins
God's Handful

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**

Carol (Sat)/Mike (Sun)

We give our offering gratefully,
grateful for blessings that we can share with others.
We give our offering hopefully,
hoping that you can use these gifts,
hoping that these gifts will further your kingdom. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Come to Me, Stay With Me”

Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD

Luke 4: 16-21
Matthew 11:28-30

Carol (Sat)/ Mike (Sun)

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
Vs. 1

#474

MESSAGE

“Hope in the Gospels: Active Hope”

Cindy Biesecker,
Certified Lay Speaker

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Spirit Song”

#347

***BENEDICTION**

May the Lord show you the greatness of his goodness,
that you overflow with thanks every day.
**May the Lord bless you abundantly with rest for the heart,
power for virtue, wisdom for life, and patience in suffering.**
May the Lord bless you with joyful hope.

***POSTLUDE**

“Ancient Words”

Lynn DeShazo
Piano: Nancy

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



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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage