

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 26 THROUGH APRIL 2**

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, Our Youth

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Jimmy Tighe, Joan Roskos, Ron Rogers, Bridget D., Wilma Williams, Judy, Rev. Beth Jones, Lori & Mark Kucewicz

*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)  
Jean Linker, 42 Spring St., Shavertown, Pa. 18708

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450**                      **Week of March 19/20: \$5,189**  
**Faithfulness in Attendance Mar.19/20: In Person Worship 143, 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 & Carter  
**LITURGIST:** Sarah (Sat) Wendy (Sun)  
**USHERS/GREETERS:** Deb & Ray (Sat) Charlie, Harold & Kristen (Sun)  
**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27:** Joe  
**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
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

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

**COMING UP APRIL 2 THROUGH APRIL 9**

**APRIL ALTAR GUILD:** Sandy & Sue

**LITURGIST:** Ellie (Sat) Margie (Sun)

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Edie (Sat) TBD (Sun)

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3:** Bob

**ACOLYTE:** Makayla

Sun. Apr. 3      Worship 9:30am  
                    Sunday School 10:30am  
                    God's Handful 11:30am  
                    Lenten Service Dallas UMC 6:30pm

Mon. Apr. 4      Women's Bible Study 1-3pm  
                    Girls Scouts 6:30pm Social Hall  
                    Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

Tues. Apr. 5      Children of Light 4:30pm  
                    Chapel Chimes 5pm  
                    Good News Ringers 6pm  
                    Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom  
                    Council Meeting 7pm

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

Thu. Apr. 7      Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House  
                    Cherubs 5pm  
                    Grief Share 6:30pm

Fri. Apr. 8      Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Apr. 9      Easter Eggstravaganza 1pm Pavilion  
                    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 Lent we are requesting a different each week. Starting Mar. 26, please donate only cleaning wipes. Thank you & God bless!

**LENTEN TREE:** This week the Sunday School children added beautiful butterflies to our Lenten Tree. Just as the caterpillar changes into the butterfly, we hope to change during Lent by finding ways to be closer to God.

**YOUTH GROUP:** We are having a Murder Mystery with a Message on Sunday, March 27, 4-6pm in the Social Hall and a Bowling Night on Saturday, April 2 at 8:00pm at Back Mountain Bowl. Please sign up for bowling in the Narthex.

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA:** We are having an Easter Eggstravaganza on April 9 at 1:00pm. Volunteers are needed for this event, please sign up in the Narthex to help with this important community outreach event that includes games, crafts, a bake sale, the Easter Story, and an Easter Egg Hunt! We are asking for donations of small, wrapped candy and plastic eggs. Please place items in the bin in the Narthex by April 3.

**HILLSIDE FARMS EDUCATION FUND RAISER:** After the recent fire at the non-profit Lands at Hillside, the Connected in Christ bible study group is having a Fund Raiser April 2 & 3 to raise money to replace needed educational supplies that were lost. Look for the "Barnyard" in the Narthex to help donate to this cause.

**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.

**SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES BACK MOUNTAIN CLUSTER:** 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.

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

March 26 & 27, 2022

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent | Hope 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)

## PRELUDE

Saturday: Worship Musician Ed  
Sunday: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" By Robert Lau  
Organ: Nancy

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to his purpose.  
Romans 8:28

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellie (Sat) Wendy (Sun)

We come to church this morning seeking healing in our lives: healing of physical and spiritual illness; healing of painful memories; healing of broken relationships.

**Worship is a time when we bring our brokenness to God and ask for mending of the pieces.**

**Let us pray to God for our healing where we need it most.**

O God, we pray that upon leaving this place this morning, we may have experienced your presence, your power, and your hope.

**Bring light to the dark corners of our souls. Amen.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

"I Am Thine, O Lord" #419  
Vs. 1-3

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Ellie (Sat) Wendy (Sun)

**We thank you, gracious God, that you hear us when we pray to you. Make us bold to trust you; make us patient to wait on you. You open wide the door to your heart when we knock; help us to respond by opening to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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.**

## 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) Wendy (Sun)

**Giver of all good gifts, your blessings of love and life fill our world with hope for the future.**

**For all that you have given us we give you thanks. For the opportunity to bring your realm here on earth, we give you praise. Bless the gifts we lay before you this day, that they may be bricks and mortar to build your kingdom in a world waiting to be remade. Amen.**

## GIFT OF MUSIC

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

By Mark Shepperd  
Chancel Choir

## WORD OF GOD

Romans 5:3-5

Ellie (Sat) Wendy (Sun)

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

#474

Vs.1

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

**MESSAGE**

“Adversity and Opportunity: Finding Hope  
in the Apostles and their Epistles”

Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Amazing Grace”  
Vs. 1-4

#378

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“The Power of the Cross”  
(Oh, to See the Dawn)

By S.Townend & K. Getty  
Piano: Nancy

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



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