

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 23 THROUGH APRIL 30

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: The multitude of people celebrating Easter and the risen Lord.

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Jimmy Tighe, The Mesick Family, Margie Kishbaugh, Sandy Cooper, Paula Ferrara, Fred Wesley, Michelle Butts, John Gorman, Alycia, Danielle, Joan Roskos,

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 nd 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 st Lt. Allen Carson, 109 th 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 nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force

Think of this Friend (with cards and prayers)

Aline Sprau, 152 W. Mount Airy Rd., Shavertown, Pa. 18708

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of April 16/17: \$7,730

Faithfulness in Attendance April 16/17: In Person Worship 278, Online Worship 35

NURSERY AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30AM WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

APRIL ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge
LITURGIST: Sarah Church (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)
USHERS/GREETERS: Carol Folk(Sat) Edie Graziano & Harold Stout (Sun)
TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24: Bob Bullock
ACOLYTE: Landon

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Vivian Newcomb’s Birthday
Sun. Apr. 24 Worship – 9:30am
 Sunday School – 10:30am
 Fine Arts 10:30am
 God’s Handful 11:30am
 Human Sexuality and the UMC – Lunch - Noon, Class 1:00pm

Mon. Apr.25 Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm
 Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

Tues. Apr. 26 Coffee & Conversation McDonald’s 10am
 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. Apr. 27 Prayer 9am on Zoom
 AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
 Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thu. Apr. 28 Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB’S Coffee House
 Cherubs 5pm
 Grief Share 6:30pm

Fri. Apr. 29 Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Apr. 30 Worship 5:30pm

COMING UP APRIL 23 THROUGH APRIL 30

MAY ALTAR GUILD: Deborah & Ray Poremba

LITURGIST: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Michelle Jackubowski (Sun)

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

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1: Aaron Harvatine

ACOLYTE: Josh

Sun. May 1 Worship – 9:30am
Sunday School – 10:30am
God's Handful 11:30am
Human Sexuality and the UMC 1-3pm Social Hall
Spring Concert 7pm followed by fellowship in the Social Hall

Mon. May 2 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
Girl Scouts 6:30pm

Tues. May 3 Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am
Children of Light 4:30pm
Chapel Chimes 5pm
Good News Ringers 6pm
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom

Wed. May 4 Prayer 9am on Zoom
American Red Cross Blood Drive Noon-5pm in honor of Sandy Richardson
Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

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

Fri. May 6 Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. May 7 Worship 5:30pm

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

HUMAN SEXUALITY AND THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: A series of discussions will be held regarding the issue of how we are to be in ministry for and with LGBTQ persons. We wish to be faithful to the scripture while at the same time seeking to be welcoming to all. Sunday, April 24, at noon, there will be a luncheon (suggested donation \$5) followed by a 1pm presentation and discussion by Pastor Jon Buxton. A registration form is located in the Narthex if you plan to have lunch. On Sunday, May 1, there will be a presentation at 1pm by Rev. Dr. Tom Salsgiver, assistant to the bishops. No registration is required for this event.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE: Join us on Tuesday, April 26 at noon in the social hall for fellowship and a program presented by our Pastor Jon Buxton. Please bring a lunch. Nancy Burkel will be the hostess and offer devotions. For more information, contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

SPRING MUSIC CONCERT: The Fine Arts Concert Series will present our spring concert, "God: Our Hope for Tomorrow" on Sunday, May 1, 2022, @ 7:00 PM. Featured will be the vocal and bell choirs along with congregational singing of favorite hymns with organ and choirs. A free will offering will be taken and an Ice Cream Social will follow the concert.

UPCOMING EVENTS: We will host a blood drive May 4 in honor of Sandy Richardson. Confirmation Overnight Retreat is May 6 and 7. Children's Day and The Birthday Tea will be May 15. More information will be coming about these exciting events.

GRADUATES: Please let the church office know of any High School or College Graduates.

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 or Ukraine.

CHICKEN BBQ: Trucksville UMC will have their drive-thru chicken BBQ dinner, Friday, May 13 and Saturday May 14 between 4:30 and 7pm at the Educational Facility. Cost is \$12 for tasty chicken, baked potato, vegetables, roll, butter, and DESSERT! Reservations are required Monday thru Thursday 9am to noon. Call 570-696-3897. If after hours, leave a message.

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!

Shavertown United Methodist Church

April 23 & 24 2022

1st Sunday of Easter

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

By Ed Pall

Sunday: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

By Franklin Ritter

Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Psalm 133: 1

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

Something deep inside us calls us,

Beckons us.

We are looking for truth

That anchors us in the midst of competing voices.

We are searching for life

That sparkles with joy and glows with warmth.

We are finding our way

To Christ, to community, to love.

And we are bold to sing

A song of unity and hope.

*OPENING HYMN

"And Are We Yet Alive"

#553

Vs 1-4

*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

**Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity, we thank you that you are also the Spirit of renewal.
Renew in the whole Church that passionate desire for the coming of your kingdom which
will unite all Christians in one mission to the world. May we all grow up together into him
who is our head, the Savior of the world. Amen**

Olive Wyon, England, 20th Century, Alt.

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

"Make Us One"

#2224

*Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one. Let your love
flow so the world will know we are one in you.*

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

"Songs Of Salvation"

Arr. Stan Pethei

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

Sarah (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

**Loving God, we offer these gifts of thanksgiving and praise as tokens of our gratitude for all
that you do and all that you are in our lives. For raising us up to new life, we praise you. For
revealing your word in our lives, we are ever grateful. For living within us, we thank you.
May our words and our actions be a glory and an honor to you, Risen Christ, Living God,
Spirit of Life. Amen and Amen.**

WORD OF GOD Romans 12:9-18 Sarah (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

MESSAGE "Unity? In the Face of Difference on Human Sexuality" Pastor Jon
Vs 1-3

LITANY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY #556


***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" #2223

***BENEDICTION**

As you leave this holy space to go into your neighborhoods,
your communities, your workspaces, and your homes,
Let your lives witness to Christ's love.
Let your words bring reconciliation.
Let your thoughts be of peace.
Let your touch bring healing.
Let your actions count for justice.
Be a sign of hope and a beacon of joy.
Now go...and may God's blessing go with you.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
Amen.

***POSTLUDE** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" By: Paul Galoche
Piano: Nancy

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

 Shavertown United Methodist Church

Worship Service April 23 & 24, 2022



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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage