

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10**

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:** Success of the church picnic and ministry fair

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Our Country, Betty Ashbridge, The family of Carolyn Purvin, The family of Dorothy Lawson, Art, Kim, Bonnie Lewis, Don Duermit, Ray Montgomery, Tom Kucewicz, Jimmy Tighe

*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  
2nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force  
Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, TX  
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan

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

James & Elaine Laubach, 36 Ridgway Dr., Apt 311, Dallas, Pa. 18612

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450    Weeks of August 27/28: \$5,167**

**Faithfulness in Attendance August 27/28: In Person Worship 123, Online Worship 35**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

**SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Nancy Burkel & Phyllis Bullock  
**LITURGIST:** Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)  
**USHERS/GREETERS:** Christine Koerwer (Sat) Danielle West & Family (Sun)  
**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4:** Aaron Harvatine  
**ACOLYTE:** Ava S

- Sun. Sept. 4      Worship 9:30am
- Mon. Sept. 5      Office Closed
- Tues. Sept. 6      Coffee & Conversation McDonald’s 10am
- Wed. Sept. 7      Prayer 9am on Zoom  
Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm  
AA Meeting 7pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- Thu. Sept. 8      Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB’S Coffee House  
Grief Share 6:30pm Lounge
- Fri. Sept. 9      Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. Sept. 10      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!

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

**COMING UP SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16**

**SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Nancy Burkel & Phyllis Bullock

**LITURGIST:** Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Michael Lundy (Sun)

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

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11:** Tom Ketchner

**ACOLYTE:** Ella

- Sun. Sept. 11    Worship 9:30am  
                    Fine Arts Meeting 10:30AM  
                    Sunday School begins! 10:30am  
                    Youth Group Kick-Off Picnic at the Youngs 5pm
- Mon. Sept. 12    Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge  
                    Praise Band Concert 7pm
- Tues. Sept. 13    Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am  
                    Staff Meeting 11am  
                    Finance Meeting 5:30pm  
                    Trustee Meeting 7pm  
                    Men's Bible Study – Hybrid Zoom 7:00pm
- Wed. Sept. 14    Prayer 9am on Zoom  
                    SPPRC Meeting 6:30pm  
                    AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
                    Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- Thu. Sept. 15    Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House  
                    Connected in Christ Bible Study 7pm High School Room  
                    Grief Share 6:30pm Lounge
- Fri. Sept. 16    Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. Sept. 17    Worship 5:30pm  
                    Lay Servant Ministry Class 9am-3pm

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**BASKET GIVE-AWAY:** Congratulations to the Ministry Fair Basket Give-Away winners, Jenna Y, Rich Oley, Kay Simons, Adriana K, and Deb Poremba. Baskets are in the Narthex.

**MINISTRY FORM:** Please fill out a Sharing Your Gifts in Ministry form and return to the Narthex if didn't get one at the Ministry fair, thank you.

**GRIEF SHARE:** Our Grief Share group will begin meeting again on Thurs., Sept. 8, 6:30 – 8pm. These sessions are helpful in coping if you or anyone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one. Please call the church office for further information or to register at 570-675-3616.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED:** If you would be interested in teaching Sunday School, please contact Brenda Kopalek at [kadec23@hotmail.com](mailto:kadec23@hotmail.com).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Our Sunday School Program, Adventures in Faith, begins Sept. 11 at 10:30am! Children preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade can register online at the church website or get a registration form in the Narthex.

**UMC RESPONSE TO 9/11:** Immediately after the attacks on the Twin Towers in NYC Rev. Len Buxton was assigned by the NY Annual Conference Bishop to lead the UMC's disaster and counseling response in Manhattan. Rev. Buxton will share his reflections on the UMC's response during the Adult Sunday School on Sun., Sept. 11 at 10:30 AM. All are invited.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for the Youth Group Kick-Off Picnic Sept. 11 at 5:00pm at the Young's house. Includes volleyball, cornhole, hot dogs, hamburgers, and swimming. Bring your swimsuit & a dish to pass. Sign-up in Narthex.

**MUSIC NOTES:** Chancel Choir will be welcomed back for rehearsal on Wed., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:45PM. All interested singers are encouraged to attend. We sing anthems on Sundays and Special Concerts throughout the year. Come and share your gift of music with Shavertown UMC. Our first Sunday to sing is Sept. 11, 2022.

**PRAISE BAND:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> concert is Mon. Sept. 12, 2022, at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Beginning Sun., Sept. 25 at 10:40am, we will be offering a new membership class for those who are interested in joining Shavertown UMC or finding out more about the United Methodism. Please call 570-675-3616, email the church at [shavertownumc@susumc.org](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org) or speak to Pastor Jon.

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

September 3 & 4, 2022

Labor Day Weekend

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

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

By Christian H. Bateman

Piano: Nancy Evans

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that  
some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hands

**To receive God’s blessing.**

Open wide your arms

**To receive another as a child of God.**

Make tender your hearts,

**And welcome God’s forgiveness.**

Open up your ears;

**Hear the words of God meant for you.**

The Lord is with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your voice

**And sing God’s praise.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

#185

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen Pajor(Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

God of all creation, we come with grateful hearts that you have envisioned a universe that  
reflects your magnificent glory. When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the

moon and the stars that you have established, who are we by comparison? Yet you formed  
us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. And so we gather today not only as  
your created beings but as your covenant people. We are loved by you and called by you to  
this house of worship. Thank you for the living presence of Jesus Christ, who transforms our  
human attempts at prayer and praise into divine worship that pleases you. Thank you for  
your Spirit who empowers our worship. We give you glory for who you are, Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit, and for all that you have done. 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

“Breath on Me, Breath of God”

#420

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love  
what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## CALL TO OFFERING

## GIFT OF MUSIC

“Seeking the Lost”

By W.A. Ogden

Trio: Glenda Shepherd, Ginger McCabe & Caitlyn Dun

## \*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, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

**From slavery to our self-interest, O God, you have freed us. From starvation in the wilderness of our self-exaltation, you have brought us into a land of choicest wheat and sweetest honey. As we return a portion of the gifts you have given us, remind us anew that the banquet of your love is open to all people - especially the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and all those who suffer. May these gifts bring healing and light into a world burdened by anguish and despair. Amen**

**WORD OF GOD**

Hebrews 13:1-2, 15-16 Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

**MESSAGE**

“Front and Center”

Pastor Jon

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy”  
Vs. 1-2

#340

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty and all-loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself. Help us now to be reconciled with one another, that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ, that we might forgive and be forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

(See Insert)

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

#671

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Declaration”

By Fenton Groden  
Organ: Nancy Evans



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Custodian – Brad Lothridge

Christian Education Director – Brenda Kopalek

Nursery Staff – Sandy Michalisin

Office Manager – Jeanne Kapral

Communications Coordinator – Amy Wall

**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**

## Communion Litany

### Invitation

When Jesus sat at tables and broke bread with tax collectors, lawyers, rich elites, and poor peasants, he proclaimed that God's gracious love and abiding presence knows no bounds. Through these occasions of sharing food, women and men experienced God, and shared in God's Kingdom. A Kingdom where: all are welcome, worthy, and invited; lives are transformed and empowered; and the fruits of God's gentile justice bloom throughout all Creation.

**All people, including each of us, are invited to share in this sacred meal of celebration, and be strengthened by the presence of God in this place.**

### Prayer of Remembrance

We remember that Jesus fed over 5,000 hungry people with five loaves of bread and two fish. At this miraculous meal, there was such an abundance of food that everyone ate until they were full – and there were even twelve baskets of food left over.

**Holy, God, we celebrate Your abundant care and solidarity, revealed in this meal.**

We remember that Jesus joined in a great banquet with Levi, the despised tax collector. And despite the complaints of some, Jesus welcomed Levi, and invited him to repent and enjoy a fresh beginning at life.

**Holy God, we celebrate Your transforming presence, revealed in this meal.**

We remember that while sharing a meal with Pharisees, Jesus welcomed a woman viewed as an outsider. As the woman anointed his feet with oil, Jesus declared her dignity before everyone at the meal.

**Holy God, we celebrate Your gracious inclusiveness, revealed in this meal.**

At these meals, Jesus and the women and men disciples revisited the divisions, injustice, and violence of society. They lived out an alternative reality.....

## Lifting of the Elements

Therefore, Holy God, in the sharing of this bread and juice, we joyfully celebrate the hope-inspiring ministry and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Gracious God, may this meal, for us, be an Emmaus meal, where we encounter your presence in the sharing of this food, as the disciples did at their meal in Emmaus. May the sharing of this food also be a taste of your Kingdom, Holy God, so we may be strengthened to be your joyful and hopeful disciples. And may we share in your Kingdom of love, justice, and mutuality with those around us. Amen!

### Blessing

Holy God, bless each of us, and the meal we share, so we may be: opened to your abiding presence; nourished by your gracious love; and strengthened by your resurrection power. Amen.

### 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.**

### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Amazing God, thank you for your presence in this place. We also thank you for giving us a taste of your Kingdom in this meal. Please us this food to strengthen us to be our joyful and hopeful Resurrection Community, sharing and experiencing your Kingdom of love, justice, and mutuality. Flow through us, healing God. Amen!**