

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19 THROUGH NOVEMBER 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, Our Country, 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: For the many donations to the Mitten Tree, Operation Christmas Child, and the Michael J Cleary Fund. The music of our Praise Band. Baptisms!

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Paige M., Deeble Family, Sue Holdredge, 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
1st LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT
Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves
2nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
Sgt. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, TX
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan

Think of this Friend (with cards and prayers)
Al Billings, 19 Old Grandview Ave., Dallas, Pa. 18612

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Weeks of November 12/13: \$5,246
Faithfulness in Attendance November 12/13: In Person Worship 157, Online Worship 35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Nicks & Cathy Berkey
LITURGIST: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Leonard Buxton (Sun)
USHERS/GREETERS: Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) Brian & Christie Wilson (Sun)
TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20: Bob Wagner
ACOLYTE: Madison W.

Sun. Nov.20 Worship 9:30am
Sunday School 10:30am
God's Handful 11:30am
Hanging of the Greens 11:30am
Youth Group Meeting 4-6pm – Social Hall
Church Conference 6pm Dallas UMC

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

Tues. Nov.22 Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace
Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am
Choir Rehearsal – COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, GNR 6pm
Men's Bible Study –Zoom 6:30pm

Wed. Nov.23 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
No Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thu. Nov.24 Happy Thanksgiving!

Fri. Nov.25 Office Closed

Sat. Nov.26 Children's Musical Practice 10:00-11:15
Worship with Communion 5:30pm

COMING UP NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH DECEMBER 3

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Nicks & Cathy Berkey

LITURGIST: Cathy Berkey (Sat) Michael Lundy (Sun)

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

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27: Chris Ostrowski

ACOLYTE: Ella B.

Sun. Nov.27 Worship with Communion 9:30am - Advent
Sunday School 10:30am

Mon. Nov.28 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge
PEO Meeting 7pm Lounge

Tues. Nov.29 Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace
Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am
Choir Rehearsal – COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, GNR 6pm
Men's Bible Study –Zoom 6:30pm
Worship Meeting 7:30pm

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

Thu. Dec. 1 Connected in Christ Bible Study – 7:00pm Lounge

Fri. Dec. 2 Live Nativity 6:00-7:30pm

Sat. Dec. 3 Children's Musical Practice 10-11:15
Worship 5:30pm
Live Nativity 6:00-7:30pm

Nursery (Sundays) and Activity Bags are Available for Children

VISITING OUR CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME

Welcome! We are 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

HANGING OF THE GREENS: We will be decoration the church for Advent after worship November 20 at 11:30am. All are welcome to help. Children can make ornaments while parents help decorate.

POINSETTIAS: Christmas is around the corner and once again we will be offering poinsettias for sale. We use the poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship and then you may take the plant home to enjoy after the 10pm service! Please look for an envelope and order form in the Narthex. All orders are due to the office by Tuesday, November 29.

ADVENT: Advent begins November 27th. It is a great time to join a Bible study class, read an Advent book, or enjoy a devotional each day. Please see the many classes being offered on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you don't have time for a class, there is a book/devotional, Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado, available in the Narthex or see Brenda Kopalek for ideas.

LIVE NATIVITY: We be setting up our Live Nativity in front of the church on Dec. 2, 3 and Dec. 9, 10 from 6:00 – 7:30pm. We need 8-10 people each night. Volunteers can sign up in the Narthex.

UPDATE: The wills and estate planning workshop previously scheduled for Sunday, November 13 has been postponed until January 2023. Please check back for additional information.

ANGEL TREE: We will be resuming the Angel Tree this year to provide gifts to needy children in our local community. The Christmas tree with the children's requests will be placed in the Narthex on Saturday, November 26. You can select an angel ornament with the child's gift request. **Please complete the green slip attached to the ornament and drop in the box next to the tree.** You then shop for the gift, wrap the package, and return the gift with the angel ornament loosely attached to the package by Sunday, December 11. If you would like to participate but cannot shop for a gift, we are accepting monetary donations for grocery gift certificates for the families as well. You can place an envelope in the offering plate with a monetary donation indicating Angel Tree.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER: Please check back for more information about Carols by Candlelight, The Children's Musical, and Breakfast in Bethlehem.

CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY: Please check the schedule on the bulletin board for all upcoming Advent-Christmas concerts. Enjoy an evening full of the sound of music.

Shavertown United Methodist Church

November 19 & 20, 2022

Grateful Giving 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

Saturday: "We Gather Together"

By: Lani Smith

Organ: Nancy Evans

Sunday: "Processional Celebration"

By: Anna Laura Page

Good News Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Some give freely yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due and only suffer want.

Proverbs 11:24-25

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bev Atherholt (Sat) Leonard Buxton (Sun)

O give thanks to God for all the goodness we are shown! God's steadfast love endures forever!

**We come from the east and the west, the north and the south,
to give God thanks and praise!**

We once were a wandering people, hungry and thirsty in a desert land.

We cried to God to deliver us, and we were led to a new land rich in promise and harvest.

**We give thanks for God's steadfast love! God quenches the thirsty, fills the hungry, and leads
us from the desert land to a harvest home.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

#694

*OPENING PRAYER

Bev Atherholt (Sat) Leonard Buxton (Sun)

**Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness. We praise you that you have
ever fulfilled your promise that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease.
We bless you for the order and constancy of nature, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea,
and for the providence that year by year supplies our need. We thank you for your blessing
on the work of those who plowed the soil and sowed the seed and have now gathered in the
fruits of the earth. And with our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, O God,
for the eternal riches of your grace in Christ our Lord; to whom, with you, O Father, and the
Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor and worship, for ever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING OF SHOEBOXES

Loving God, we pray for your blessing of these shoeboxes for the mission of Samaritan's Purse
"Operation Christmas Child".

Loving God, we ask for your blessing.

We pray for the children and their families whose lives will be impacted by these boxes and the
contents we've packed with love.

Loving God, we pray for your touch of compassion.

We pray especially that through these gifts the hearts of children and their families will be
opened to your love and the message of your grace through Jesus Christ.

Loving God, we pray for your grace to be made known.

We pray for children and families who are suffering in difficult circumstances of poverty, sickness
or war, that you will meet their needs.

**Providing God, we pray for your bounty and that you would open the way for these
shoeboxes to be delivered to people who need to know of your love for them. Amen!**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

"Where Children Belong"

#2233 (Sun)

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.

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Forever Praise"

By: Joseph Martin (Sun)

Children of Light

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

"Cares Chorus"

#2215

*I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't
know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

See Insert (Sat)

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Goodness of God”

Arr. Jay Rouse (Sun)
God’s Handful

*SONG OF PRAISE

#2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”
Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bev Atherholt (Sat) Leonard Buxton (Sun)

Giver of gifts, you know the true value of the talents you bestow upon us. Open our eyes to see the possibilities, they hold for our world. Transform the gifts we offer this day into signs of our commitment to bring light and love to every task we do. Transform our understanding of our potential, that we may shine forth: as children of light, as people of faith, and as bearers of hope, through Christ our Lord, who loves and strengthens us. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC

“A Harvest of Thanksgiving”

By: Stacey Nordmeyer
Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD

1 Timothy 6:17-19
& Mark 12:41-44

Bev Atherholt (Sat)
Leonard Buxton (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity & Generosity”
“Defined by Generosity”

Pastor Jon

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

“What Gift Can We Bring”
Vs. 1-3

#87

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

By: Lloyd Larson
Organ: Nancy Evans

Immediately following worship, all Sunday school students will meet in the Social Hall. Parents are invited to join us for our brief opening with announcements. Thank you!



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Worship Service November 19 & 20, 2022

Enough

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity & Generosity

Defined by Generosity

Welcome. We're glad you're here.

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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage