

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 31 THROUGH JANUARY 7

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: The many blessings of this Christmas season and God’s hope for the New Year.

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Brandon Pall, Joe, A Dear Friend, Robert Deeble, The Family of Betty Ashbridge, Carol Broehl, Maggie, Lee & Katie, Kelly, Joe, Michelle Jackubowski, Vesta Fountain, Sue Holdredge

Names remain on the list for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise. Thank You & may God bless!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Maj. Shannon Dzury Dawson, USAF,	Sgt. Amy Polachek, USM, 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	1 st 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	2 nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
1 st Lt. Allen Carson, 109 th US Army Reserves, Phila.	Sgt. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, TX
Rick Hodle III, US Army	Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan
CPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves	

Think of this Friend (with cards and prayers)

Marie Duermit, Brookdale Northampton, 65 Newtown-Richboro Rd., Apt. 106, Richboro, Pa. 18954

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of December 24/25: \$16,450
Faithfulness in Attendance December 24/25: In Person Worship 249 Online Worship 35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Nan Boswell & Carter Thompson

LITURGIST: Sarah Church (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)

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

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2: TBD

- Sun. Jan. 1 Worship 9:30am
No Sunday School
- Mon. Jan. 2 Office Closed
- Tues. Jan. 3 Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace
Coffee & Conversation McDonald’s 10am
Men’s Study Group 7pm on Zoom
- Wed. Jan. 4 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
- Thu. Jan. 5 AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
Connected in Christ – 7:00pm in Lounge
- Fri. Jan. 6
- Sat. Jan. 7 Taking Down the Greens 9am
Worship 5:30pm

Welcome! We are happy you are joining us for worship today. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to welcome you as part of the Shavertown UMC family! Please fill out a connection card found in the pew and put it in the collection plate. We worship on Saturday at 5:30 PM and Sunday at 9:30 AM. Christian education is available for all ages. 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. You can also follow us on Facebook and visit our website at www.shavertownumc.com. We hope you will join us again.

COMING UP JANUARY 7 THROUGH JANUARY 14

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Nan Boswell & Carter Thompson

LITURGIST: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Edie Graziano/Frank & Marsha Paczewski (Sat) TBD (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9: TBD

- Sun. Jan. 8 Worship 9:30am
Youth Group Pajama Party
- Mon. Jan. 9 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm
PEO Meeting 7pm Lounge
- Tues. Jan. 10 Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace
Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am
Trustee Meeting 7pm
Men's Study Group 7pm on Zoom
- Wed. Jan. 11 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
- Thurs. Jan. 12 AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
Connected in Christ – 7:00pm in Lounge
Endowment Meeting 7pm
- Fri. Jan. 13 Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. Jan. 14 Worship 5:30pm

Our Nursery is available on Sundays during worship and we have Activity Bags for young children in the back of the church.

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE: Pastor John and Barb would like to extend an invitation to an open house on Sunday, Jan. 1 from 10:30 am -12:30 pm immediately following worship.

TAKING DOWN THE GREENS: We need volunteers to help take down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 7th at 9:00am.

YOUTH GROUP PAJAMA PARTY – All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to join us for a party on January 8, 4-6:30pm in the Social Hall. Please wear your favorite pajamas for a fun time of games, karaoke, decorate your own cupcake, and a movie with popcorn! We are also doing a secret Santa gift exchange, please see Brenda Kopalek if you need the name of who you are shopping for.

FLOWER CHART: The 2023 flower chart is now in the narthex. If you would like a particular week to purchase altar flowers, please fill in on the date you wish to reserve.

SOUP: Nothing like a hot cup of soup to warm the soul in these cold winter days. Look for more information about our Soup Fest coming on January 28.

UPPER ROOM: The "Upper Room" devotional for January/February is now available in the Narthex.

"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." Brad Paisley

Shavertown United Methodist Church

December 31, 2022-January 1, 2023

Epiphany-Wesley's Covenant Service

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

"What Star Is This?"

By Robert Lau
Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jew? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." . . .
When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Church (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)
Arise, shine, for your light has come.
Stand up, a new day is dawning,
A new year is born,
Fresh and clean.
Arise, shine for your light has come.
Emmanuel, God is with us
On every path we take,
No matter where we go.
Arise, shine for your light has come,
And the stars still shine
Where Christ is present
And voices sing in praise!

*OPENING HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"
Vs. 1,2 & 4

#250

*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah Church (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)
Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all the possibilities of the future. Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past. Because you are a God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve and bless you. 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

"Sanctuary" #2164
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Len Buxton (Sun)

*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

Sarah Church (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)
God, source of all we have, help us to remember the tasks that you have set before us.
Bless these gifts, that they may help continue the work we are called to do. Use this place and this congregation to reflect the love that Christ has shown us. Amen.

WORD OF GOD Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Sarah Church (Sat)
Matthew 25:31-45 Nick Michalisin (Sun)

MESSAGE "A Right Start" Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** "Come Let Us Use This Grace Divine" #606
Vs. 1 & 2

WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE (See Insert)

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .

THE 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.

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" #251

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" By Ludwig V. Beethoven
Piano: Nancy Evans



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