

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 24 THROUGH DECEMBER 31**

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 Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ

**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, US Air Force VA	Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico,
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 <sup>st</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	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Allen Carson, 109 <sup>th</sup> 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)

Liza Dewitt, 155 Matson St., 1<sup>st</sup> FL., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18705

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Weeks of December 17/18: \$5,030**

**Faithfulness in Attendance December 17/18: In Person Worship 185 Online Worship 35**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

**DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

**LITURGIST :**Ginger McCabe 7 & 10 pm (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)

**USHERS:** Danny & Alice Peters / Donna & Sarah Church 7pm Frank & Marsh Paczewski 10pm

**GREETERS:** Wilson Family 7pm / Fred & Marilyn Wesley 10pm (Sat) TBD (Sun)

**ACOLYTE:** Landon H. & Makayla K. 7pm - Katerina & Adriana K. 10pm

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26:** Joe Kopalek

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In Honor of Katerina & Adriana K. 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Sun. Dec. 25      Worship 9:30am- Merry Christmas!

Mon. Dec. 26      Office Closed

Tues. Dec. 27      Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace  
Coffee & Conversation McDonald’s 10am

Wed. Dec. 28      Prayer 9am on Zoom  
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall

Thu. Dec. 29

Fri. Dec. 30

Sat. Dec. 31      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](http://www.shavertownumc.com). We hope you will join us again.

**COMING UP JANUARY 1 THROUGH JANUARY 7**

**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
Mon. Jan. 2	Office Closed
Tues. Jan. 3	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am
Wed. Jan. 4	Prayer 9am on Zoom AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Thu. Jan. 5	AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm
Fri. Jan. 6	
Sat. Jan. 7	Taking Down the Greens 9am Worship 5:30pm

Nursery (Sundays) and Activity Bags are Available for Children

**SPECIAL HOLIDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

December 31/January 1 – Wesley Covenant Service with Communion  
Sunday, January 1, Parsonage Open House 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There will be no Sunday School on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

**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.

**YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY** – All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to join us for a Christmas party on **January 8, 4-6:30pm** in the Social Hall. Please wear your favorite Christmas 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.

**ANGEL TREE:** We would like to thank everyone for your generous support of the Angel Tree project this year. Your generosity provided a Christmas for 15 children and 9 mothers from Misericordia. We were able to supply \$60 grocery gift cards for the mothers to serve a delicious Christmas dinner. Our church could not bless these families without you! So again, **THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!**

**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.

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a  
father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nick Michalisin

Christ is born; give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven; receive him! Christ is now on earth; exalt him!

O you earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

## \*OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

#246

Vs. 1 & 4

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Nick Michalisin

O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus, you gave us a great light to dawn on  
our darkness. Grant that in his light we may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent  
Christmas gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## HYMN

"Star Child"

#2095

Vs. 1,3,5

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## CALL TO PRAYER

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

#204

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.*

*God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.*

## 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

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Nick Michalisin

God of light and love, bless our giving this Christmas Day and in the year ahead. Send these  
offerings into the world on the wings of your angels, that those who are touched by our  
gifts may feel the warmth of your holy fire. Shine in our lives and in our ministries, that the  
whole world may see your joyous light. Amen.

## WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 52:7-10

Nick

Michalisin

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 98

#818

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

#224

Vs. 1

## WORD OF GOD

John 1:1-5, 9-14

Nick

Michalisin

## HYMN

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

#242

## MESSAGE/CHILDREN'S CHAT

A Story for Children of All Ages  
"Go Look In The Manager"

Pastor Jon  
by Richard Wehrs

## \*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

#251

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE



Welcome. We're glad you're here.

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**December 25, 2022**

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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**