

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 21 THROUGH 28**

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, People of Ukraine, 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:** Fun enjoyed by all at the Youth Group Pajama Party, George Parrs & Carol Broehl successful procedures.

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, Connie Jones, The Fisk Family, Alima, Bauer Family, Kopalek Family, Janet Katra, Family of Elaine Bearley, George Parrs, Carol Broehl, Brenda Stchur, Rachel, Vesta Fountain, Family of Maria Hughes, Liam, Nancy, Mark 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, 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 <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, Army, Poznan, Poland
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)  
Dot Harding, 68 Hildebrandt Rd., Dallas, Pa. 18612

**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) Margi Esopi (Sun)  
**USHERS/GREETERS:** Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) Larry & Peggy Schuler (Sun)  
**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22:** Bob Bullock  
**ACOLYTE:** Abby J.  
**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of Nick & Sandy Michalisin's Wedding Anniversary

- Sun. Jan. 22      Worship 9:30am  
Sunday School 10:30am  
Hospitality Meeting 10:30am  
God's Handful 11:30 am -12:30 pm  
Confirmation 4-6pm
- Mon. Jan. 23      Women's Bible Study 1-3 pm  
PEO Meeting 7pm
- Tues. Jan. 24      Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace  
Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am  
Children of Light 4:30 pm  
Chapel Chimes 5 pm  
Good News Ringers 6:00 pm  
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom  
Worship Meeting 7:30pm
- Wed. Jan. 25      Prayer 9am on Zoom  
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm
- Thurs. Jan. 26      AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall  
Connected in Christ – 7:00pm in Lounge
- Fri. Jan. 27      Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. Jan. 28      Worship 5:30pm

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Jan. 14/15: \$3,560**  
**Faithfulness in Attendance Jan. 14/15: In Person Worship 136 Online Worship 35**

**COMING UP JANUARY 28 THROUGH FEBRUARY 4**

**FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD:** Edie Graziano & Dianne Nice

**LITURGIST:** Cathy Nicks (Sat) Mike Jackubowski (Sun)

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Christine Koerwer (Sat) Mae & Don Rome (Sun)

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30:** Kim Donlin

**ACOLYTE:** Madisen B.

- Sun. Jan. 29      Worship 9:30am  
Sunday School 10:30am  
Estate Planning Workshop 10:30am & 11:30am  
God's Handful 11:30 am -12:30 pm  
Youth Group 4-6pm
- Mon. Jan. 30      Women's Bible Study 1-3 pm
- Tues. Jan. 31      Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace  
Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am  
Children of Light 4:30 pm  
Chapel Chimes 5 pm  
Good News Ringers 6:00 pm  
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom
- Wed. Feb. 1      Prayer 9am on Zoom  
Mission & Outreach 6:30pm  
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm
- Thurs. Feb. 2      Staff Meeting 11:30am  
AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall  
Connected in Christ – 7:00pm in Lounge
- Fri. Feb. 3
- Sat. Feb. 4      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**

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you from Carol Broehl for all the prayers & well wishes during her recent surgery which was a success!

**UPCOMING YOUTH/CONFIRMATION MEETINGS:**

Jan. 22 and Feb. 5 – Confirmation 4-6pm

Jan. 29 – Youth Group 4-6pm

**SOUP FEST:** A variety of soup will be available to taste in the Social Hall on January 28 at 6:30pm. You may sample a variety of soups and a free will offering will be accepted to try as many soups as you like. You may purchase a container of soup for \$5. Nothing like a hot cup of soup to warm the soul in these cold winter days!

**ESTATE PLANNING:** Attys. Lynn Banta and Stephen Killian will be hosting a free estate and will planning workshop on Sunday, January 29 at 10:30am and again at 11:30am. Important information will be shared for all ages.

**VALENTINE DINNER:** Come and enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship at our Valentine Dinner on Saturday, February 11 from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Social Hall. Cost is \$20 per person or \$72 for a party of 4. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. The event is limited to 80 people so reserve your spot early.

**“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” FOOD DRIVE** – Our Sunday School classes, and Youth Group are doing a food drive for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Please help us “Tackle Hunger” and reach our goal of 200 items by Superbowl Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, by donating nonperishable food items such as soup, flour, sugar, and cereal.

**SINGING VALENTINES:** Send your special person a valentine sung by one of our choir on Feb.14. Check back for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE! - 2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 17 – 20, 6-8pm**

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.

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

January 21-22, 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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** "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" By Charles Callahan  
Organ: Nancy Evans

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived  
in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.  
Isaiah 9:2

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Sarah Church (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)  
The Lord our God is a welcoming God,  
**Standing with arms outstretched to those gathering here.**  
The Lord our God is a seeking God,  
**Calling in love to those who are wondering.**  
The Lord our God is a hearing God,  
**With ears that are open to our prayers of need and our hymns of praise.**  
The Lord our God is a loving God,  
**For Christ lives and offers us life abundant.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" #344  
Vs. 1-3

**\*OPENING PRAYER** Sarah Church (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)  
Loving God, give us open hearts, as open and eager as a toddler's first steps. Give us open ears, that we may hear your words fresh and wild, comforting and challenging us. Give us open hands, ready to receive a blessing and willing to offer gentle care. Loving God, show us the depths of your grace in these precious moments and in your holy Word. 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** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #2193  
*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

## 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

**GIFT OF MUSIC** "One Step He Leads" By Pepper Choplin  
Chancel Choir

**\*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) Margi Esopi (Sun)  
What can we offer in thanksgiving for the gift of light and life and love we have received from you and from your Beloved Community here on earth? We offer our all: our resources, our energy, our time, our very selves to answer your call and to follow without fear.

**WORD OF GOD**

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Matthew 4:12-23

Sarah Church (Sat)  
Margi Esopi (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

“Getting to the Kingdom of Heaven”

Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

#454

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Go forth bathed in the light and love of God.**

**Go forth to join with Jesus to proclaim the good news of this love and light.**

**Go forth empowered by the Spirit to live the Way with courage, conviction, and joy.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

By Graham Kendrick  
Piano: 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!**



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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**