

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18 THROUGH FEBRUARY 25

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 the recent California shootings. 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: Good Food & Fellowship enjoyed by all at the Valentine’s Day Dinner Fundraiser

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Turkey & Syria Earthquake Victims. Michelle, Dylan, & Ryan, Larry S., Grace, Oliver, Derrick & Jarrone, Marilyn Klick, Family of Phyllis Horning Randall, Nancy Tighe, Brenda Stchur, Debi K., Rob W., Linda Wagner, Frank Wagner, Family of Patricia Jackimovicz, Family of Marie Duermit, Katie, Sandy (Katie’s mom), Liam, Glenda & Mardy Shepherd, Lisa Evans, Steven Ide, Cindy Linker, 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 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, 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)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD: Edie Graziano & Dianne Nice
LITURGIST: Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Ava S (Sun)
USHERS/GREETERS: Edie Graziano (Sat) Navestad Family (Sun)
TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13: TBD
ACOLYTE: Ella B.

Sun. Feb. 19 Worship 9:30am with Mihal & DeAngelo Baptisms
 Sunday School 10:30am
 God’s Handful 11:30am -12:15pm

Mon. Feb. 20 Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm

Tues. Feb. 21 Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace
 Coffee & Conversation McDonald’s 10am
 Children of Light 4:30pm
 Chapel Chimes 5pm
 Good News Ringers 6:00pm
 Finance Meeting 5:30pm
 Men’s Bible Study 7pm on Zoom

Wed. Feb. 22 Prayer 9am on Zoom
 Ash Wednesday Meditation & Ashes Noon -1pm
 AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
 Back Mountain Joint Ash Wednesday Worship at Dallas UMC 7pm
 Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thurs. Feb. 23 Grief Share 6:30-8pm in Lounge
 AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
 Connected in Christ 7pm HS Sunday School Room

Fri. Feb. 24

Sat. Feb. 25 Meal Give-Away Noon
 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.

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Feb. 11/12: \$5,036
Faithfulness in Attendance Feb. 11/12: In Person Worship 146 Online Worship 40

COMING UP FEBRUARY 25 THROUGH MARCH 4

MARCH ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Nicks & Mary Ellen Pajor

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

USHERS/GREETERS: Donna Church & Jordyn (Sat) Sophie, Adalyn & Ava (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25: TBD

ACOLYTE: Isabella W.

Sun. Feb. 26 Worship 9:30am
Coffee Time 10:30am
Sunday School 10:30am
Fine Arts Meeting 10:30am
God's Handful 11:30 am -12:15pm
Youth Group 4-6pm

Mon. Feb. 27 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
PEO Meeting 7pm

Tues. Feb. 28 Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8 am Apple Tree Terrace
Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am
Children of Light 4:30pm
Chapel Chimes 5pm
Good News Ringers 6:00pm
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom
Worship Meeting 7:30pm

Wed. Mar. 1 Prayer 9am on Zoom
Girl Scouts 5:30pm
Mission & Outreach 6:30pm
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thurs. Mar. 2 Staff Meeting 11:30 am
Grief Share 6:30-8pm in Lounge
AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
Connected in Christ 7pm HS Sunday School Room

Fri. Mar. 3 Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Mar. 4 Worship 5:30pm

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

NURSERY CARE PROVIDER: Shavertown UMC is seeking someone to fill an opening in our Nursery. The paid position would be approximately 1 ½ hours on Sunday mornings during worship. Background checks are required. If interested, please contact the office at 570-675-3616 or Ron Rogers at 570-855-2573.

MEAL GIVE-AWAY: Our next meal give-away is Sat., February 25 at noon. 350 meals will be prepared. The meal will be pork BBQ, macaroni & cheese, corn or green beans, a roll & cake (red or white). The following donations are needed: 15 large trays of macaroni & cheese, 10 2lb bags of frozen green beans and corn each, 350 Hawaiian rolls, and 30 (9 by 13)cakes. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex to sign up or email Sandy Michalisin. Donations are due on Friday or Saturday by 9am.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES: We hope you can join us for a Bible Study during Lent. Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for information on the dates and times the classes are being offered.

EASTER EGG SALE: Alderson UMC is making and selling Easter eggs. Flavors are cream, peanut butter, and coconut. Cost is \$1 each and pre-orders are from February 19 until March 12. Order by calling 570-639-5401. Leave your name, phone number and number of eggs by flavor. Pick up at the church Sat., April 1st (10am – noon), Mon., April 3rd (5-7pm) or Wed., April 5th (2-4pm).

LUCK O' THE IRISH MURDER MYSTERY & DINNER: The SUMC youth group is sponsoring a church fundraiser on March 17th at 6pm. We hope you can join us at the Emerald City St. Patrick's Day Celebration. You will get to enjoy a homemade meal and try to solve the crime! Tickets are \$15 and are available Sundays 10:30am to noon or Fridays 8:30am to 3pm (cash or check). For more information see the flyer in the Narthex or contact Amy Wall.

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

Shavertown United Methodist Church

February 18 & 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

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

“Higher Ground”

Arr. Carol Tornquist

Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

Psalm 99:9

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Ava Shaffer (Sun)

The blessing of God

Rests on our shoulders.

The love of God

Dwells in our hearts.

The word of God

Inflames our speech and calls us to share.

The compassion of God

Stirs us to care.

The mystery of God

Leads us to worship and compels us to sing.

*OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King”

#73

Vs 1-3

*OPENING PRAYER

Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Ava Shaffer (Sun)

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, on mountaintops and in the valleys, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

“Where Children Belong”

(Sun.) #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

“Jesus We Are Here”

#2273

*Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.
Savior, we are here; Savior, we are here; Savior, we are here; we are here for you.
Master, we are here; Master, we are here; Master, we are here; we are here for you.
Spirit, we are here; Spirit, we are here; Spirit, we are here; we are here for 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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Sing to God for He is Good”

By Bryan Sharpe
Chancel Choir & God’s Handful

*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**

Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Ava Shaffer (Sun)

We bring these offerings to you, O Lord, not because you need them, but because you are holy. Through these resources we ask that he who is without a cloak be clothed, and she who is hungry be fed. We bring these offerings before you and ask that they be used to fulfill your holy purposes. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Exodus 24:12-18 (pg. 70) &
Matthew 17:1-8 (pg. 18)

Ellie Hottenstein (Sat)
Ava Shaffer (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Sharing a Mountaintop Experience”

Pastor Jon

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

See Insert

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Welcome to the Family of God”

Children of Light

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Baptized in Water”

#2248

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Praise to the Lord”

By Edward Broughton
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 February 18 & 19, 2023

Sharing a Mountaintop Experience

Welcome. We're glad you're here.

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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage