

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 18 THROUGH MARCH 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: Success of our youth fundraiser for the church. Signs of spring!

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Turkey & Syria Earthquake Victims, Mary, Richard, Don Rome, Mark Kucewicz, Janet, Bob Berkey, Joan Kucewicz, Fowler and Nicks Family, Deeble Family, Don Roberts, Liam, Nancy Tighe, Brenda Stchur, Debi K., Linda Wagner, Frank Wagner, 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,
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, USM, 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, Army, Poznan, Poland

Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan

Think of this Friend (with cards and prayers)

Alice Niskey, 4244 Memorial Hwy, Apt. 201, The Village at Greenbriar, Dallas, Pa. 18612

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

MARCH ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Nicks & Mary Ellen Pajor

LITURGIST: Cathy Berkey (Sat) Mike Jackubowski (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Christine Koerwer (Sat) Danny & Alice Peters (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19: Kim Donlin

ACOLYTE: Makayla K.

Sun. Mar. 19 Worship 9:30am
Sunday School 10:30am
God's Handful 11:30 am -12:15pm

Mon. Mar. 20 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

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

Wed. Mar. 22 Prayer 9am on Zoom
SPPRC Meeting 6pm
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thurs. Mar. 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. Mar. 24 Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Mar. 25 Meal Give-Away Noon
Worship 5:30pm

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Mar 11/12 : \$8,065
Faithfulness in Attendance Mar. 11/12: In Person Worship 127 Online Worship 40

Activity Bags for young children are available in the back of the church.

COMING UP MARCH 25 THROUGH APRIL 1

MARCH ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Nicks & Mary Ellen Pajor

LITURGIST: Carol Folk (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Sarah Church & Sophia (Sat) Wong Family (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26: Joe Kopalek

ACOLYTE: Owen B.

- Sun. Mar. 26 Worship 9:30am
Sunday School 10:30am
Hospitality Meeting 10:30am
God's Handful 11:30 am -12:15pm
Youth Group 4-6pm
- Mon. Mar. 27 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
PEO Meeting 7pm
- Tues. Mar. 28 Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8 am Apple Tree Terrace
Coffee & Conversation 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. 29 Prayer 9am on Zoom
SPPRC Meeting 6pm
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir 7:30pm
- Thurs. Mar. 30 Grief Share 6:30-8pm in Lounge
AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
- Fri. Mar. 31 Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. Apr. 1 Easter Eggstravaganza 1 - 3pm
Worship 5:30pm

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

SUPPORT ALIMIA: Our fundraiser has begun to support Alima who is a deaf young lady from West Africa. She is now in her sophomore year at school and we have been her primary scholarship support since she was 6 years old. She recently recovered from malaria and is very appreciative of your generosity. Contribution envelopes are located in the Narthex.

LENTEN TREE - THANKFUL: The Sunday School children wrote what they are thankful to God for on flowers and added them to the Lenten tree. There are flowers available in the Narthex and you can write your thanks to God and add it to the tree.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE: Our meeting will be Tuesday, March 21 in the social hall with Mary Ellen Pajor as our hostess who will lead devotions. Bev Bunney will give an update on the Community Care Cabinet. Please bring a lunch and beverage and enjoy a time of fellowship.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA: We will be having our Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday April 1, 1-3pm. There will be crafts, games, and an Easter Egg Hunt along with a walk through Ancient Jerusalem where children will learn the Easter story.

VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS NEEDED: We are in need of small, wrapped candy and plastic eggs for the Easter egg hunt. There is a bin in the Narthex for donations. Volunteers are also needed to make the Easter Eggstravaganza possible, please see the sign-up in the Narthex. We are also in need of large cardboard appliance boxes for upcoming children's events, please see Brenda Kopalek for donation.

NURSERY CARE PROVIDER: SUMC is seeking someone to fill an opening in our Nursery. The paid position would be approximately 1½ hrs. on Sundays during worship. Background checks required. If interested, please contact the office 570-675-3616 or Ron Rogers 570-855-2573.

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!

Shavertown United Methodist Church

March 18-19, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent

Risen Sermon Series Week 4

**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

“Fanfare and March on St. Theodulph”

By John Dixon

Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs,
appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:3

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Cathy Berkey (Sat) Mike Jackubowski (Sun)

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,

**Who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its
shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.**

***OPENING HYMN**

“O How I Love Jesus”

#170

***OPENING PRAYER**

Cathy Berkey (Sat) Mike Jackubowski (Sun)

Everlasting God, because of your tender mercy toward all people, you sent your Son, our
Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that
all should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may follow the
example of his patience through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

“Where Children Belong”

#2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

“Something Beautiful”

#394

*Something beautiful, something good; all my confusion he understood;
all I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,
but he made something beautiful of my life.*

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

“Be Still”

By Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Cathy Berkey (Sat) Mike Jackubowski (Sun)

**Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son,
Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our very selves.**

In these actions, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing in your world. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Cathy Berkey (Sat)

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Mike Jackubowski (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Resurrection: Myth or Miracle?” Part 2

Mary Ellen Pajor

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Because He Lives”

#364

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“He Is Exalted”

By Twila Paris
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!



March 18 & 19, 2023

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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage