PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 11 THROUGH MARCH 18

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.

<u>OUR PRAYER LIST:</u> 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

<u>JOYS</u>: From preschool to college our young people work hard at school, many receiving top honors. Ava S.& Maggie W. were top sellers of Girl Scout cookies in their troop. Adriana & Katerina K. had multiple ribbon wins at the LCCC Rosetti Art Show. Elle Y. has committed to West Chester majoring in business and Jenna Y. successfully completed DMAC swim season.

<u>CONCERNS:</u> Our homebound friends, Turkey & Syria Earthquake Victims, Bob Berkey, Joan Kucewicz, 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:

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| 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)
Cassie Munzing, 142 Shade Tree Rd., Shavertown, Pa. 18708

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Mar 4/5: \$5,410 Faithfulness in Attendance Mar. 4/5: In Person Worship 125 Online Worship 40

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: Sarah Church (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Danny & Alice Peters (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12: Bob Bullock

ACOLYTE: Anna J.

Sun. Mar. 12 Worship 9:30am

Coffee Time 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am

God's Handful 11:30 am -12:15pm

Youth Group 4-6pm

Mon. Mar. 13 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm

Praise Band Concert 7pm

Tues. Mar. 14 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

Wed. Mar. 15 Prayer 9am on Zoom

Girl Scouts 5:30pm

AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thurs. Mar. 16 Grief Share 6:30-8pm in Lounge

AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall Connected in Christ 7pm HS Sunday School Room

Risen Movie 7pm

Fri. Mar. 17 Community Care Cabinet 10am

St. Patrick's Murder Mystery Dinner 6pm

Sat. Mar. 18 Worship 5:30pm

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

COMING UP MARCH 18 THROUGH MARCH 25

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

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

LUCK O' THE IRISH MURDER MYSTERY DINNER: The SUMC youth group will be putting on a church fundraiser on March 17th at 6pm in the Social Hall. We hope you can join us at the Emerald City St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Enjoy a homemade meal & try to solve the crime! Tickets are \$15. For more information see the flyer in the Narthex or contact Amy Wall.

SUPPORT ALIMA: 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 - GIVING: Bumble bees were added to the Lenten tree last Sunday to remind the children to "bee" lieve that they can make a difference by giving during Lent. Our offering during Lent will be going towards Alima.

RISEN MOVIE SCREENING: Join us to view and discuss "The Risen" movie on Thursday, March 9 & 16, 7pm in room 5 in the Sunday School hall.

VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS NEEDED: We will be having our Easter Eggstravaganza on April 1 at 1:00pm. 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 this event 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 11 & 12, 2023

3rd Sunday in Lent

Risen Sermon Series Week 3

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 Saturday: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

By Donald Lee Moore

Cindy Fisher Thomas

Sunday: "Were You There?" Arr. Kevin McChesney

Good News Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood among them and said,

"Peace be with you!" John 20:19

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Church (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

Search us. O God, and know our hearts;

Try us and know our thoughts!

O Lord, you have searched us and known us....

Even before a word is on our tongues, O Lord, you know it completely.

Remind us, Father, that we cannot hide from you,

And that there is no need for us to hide from you,

Because you desire not to condemn but to forgive,

And your love, revealed fully in Jesus, our Savior, is faithful and everlasting. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah Church (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

O divine Companion, be our holy Guest. Reveal the depths of your love in the midst of our darkest nights. Show us the path of hope when all we can see are dead ends. Give us a taste of living water in the midst of our dryness. O loving God, be our holy Guest and redeem this time. We invite you in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT "Where Children Belong"

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 "Something Beautiful"

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#2233

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

"Never Further Than Thy Cross"

By James Mansfield

(Sat) Cindy Thomas: Organ

"Put Your Hand In the Hand of the Man"

By Gene MacLellan

(Sun) God's Handful, Josh Jackubowski: Piano

*DOXOLOGY #95

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sarah Church (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

The wisdom of the world tells us to hoard what we own, O God, while you invite us to share what we have with those in need. Accept these gifts for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world.

GIFT OF MUSIC

"In the Shadow of the Cross"

By: Lee Dengler Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD

Luke 24: 1-5 Sarah Church (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

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MESSAGE "Resurrection: Myth or Miracle?" Pastor Jon

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH "Without Seeing You" #2206 Vs. 1 & 3

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Saturday: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

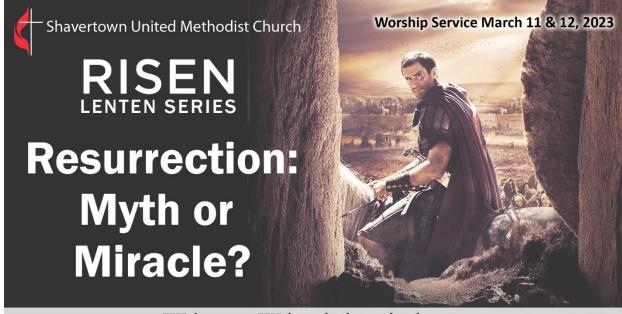
By John Scriveyner

Sunday: "The Cross of Christ"

Organ: Cindy Thomas By Dan R. Edwards Organ: Nancy Evans

*Thank you to Cindy Fisher Thomas for sharing her gift of music with our Saturday Congregation.

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!



Welcome. We're glad you're here.

March 11 & 12, 2023 SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage