

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25 THROUGH MARCH 4

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 the meal given away: 344

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Turkey & Syria Earthquake Victims, Fowler & Nicks Family, Deeble Family ,Ian, Mark Kucewicz, The Finn Family, Lois Cook, Family of Marilyn Klick, Kaitlyn M., Michelle, Dylan, &Ryan, Larry S., Grace, Oliver, Derrick & Jarrone, 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,	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)

Bonnie Major, 94 Kirkendall Rd., Shavertown, Pa. 18708

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: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)
USHERS/GREETERS: Edie Graziano (Sat) Larry & Peggy Schuler (Sun)
TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5: Bob Wagner
ACOLYTE: Keyara S.
ALTAR FLOWERS: In Memory of Betty C. Killian By the Family

- Sun. Mar. 5 Worship 9:30am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 God’s Handful 11:30 am -12:15pm
 Confirmation 4-6pm
- Mon. Mar. 6 Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm
 Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
- Tues. Mar. 7 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. 8 Prayer 9am on Zoom
 Trustee Meeting 6:30pm
 AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
 Chancel Choir 7:30pm
- Thurs. Mar. 9 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. 10 Community Care Cabinet 10am
 Easter Flower Order Form Due Mar. 10
- Sat. Mar. 11 Worship 5:30pm

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Feb. 25/26: \$4,587
Faithfulness in Attendance Feb. 25/26: In Person Worship 141 Online Worship 40

COMING UP MARCH 11 THROUGH MARCH 17

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

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.

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

SUPPORT ALIMIA: Our fundraiser has begun once again 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 source of tuition, room, and board since she was 6 years old. She has recently recovered from malaria and is very appreciative of your generosity. Contribution envelopes are located in the Narthex.

LENTEN TREE: Our Sunday School students will be adding something to our Lenten tree in the narthex each week during Lent. This week, leaves were added to the tree to remind us to pray. On the back of each leaf, you can read what the children plan to pray for during lent. There are extra leaves available in the Narthex if you would like to add one to the tree.

RISEN MOVIE SCREENING: Join us to view and discuss "The Risen" movie on Thursday, March 9 & 16, 7pm.

EASTER FLOWERS: Order forms are available in the Narthex for Easter Flowers. The flowers will be used to decorate the church for Easter Worship and then can be taken home to enjoy. Flower orders must be in by March 10.

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.

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.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA: 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.

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

Shavertown United Methodist Church

March 4 & 5, 2023

2nd Sunday in Lent

Risen Sermon Series Week 2

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 Worship Musician: Ed Pall
Sunday: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" By Robert Lau
Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

We love because he first loved us.
1 John 4:19

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
We have come to take our stand.
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His love makes us able to stand:
Able to stand free of condemnation;
Able to stand for justice and compassion.
Come, O Lord, and make us strong.
Beneath the cross of Jesus. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

#298

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Sat)
Vs. 1-3
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (Sun) #297

*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)
God most compassionate and merciful, we thank you that you have come to us in Jesus the
Servant-Christ, whose disciples we are. Make us strong in your strength;
make us wise in your wisdom; and make us gentle in your compassion. May we be signs of
the human unity you seek to accomplish through the cross of Jesus Christ,
that your name may be glorified in all the earth. 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 had made something beautiful of my life.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC

"How Beautiful"

By Twila Paris
Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson
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

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)

**Lord Jesus, all that we have is yours, and all that we are is yours. In offering these tokens of
our lives, may all that we do serve you to the glory of God. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

1 Peter 1:3-5 (Pg# 232) &
Hebrews 4:15-16 (Pg # 220)

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat)
Sheri Harvatine (Sun)

MESSAGE

"The Cross: Responding to God's Passion for You"

Pastor Jon

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

#618

Vs. 1 & 2

HOLY COMMUNION

(See insert)

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Freely, Freely”

#389

***BENEDICTION**

MUSICAL BENEDICTION

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

By R. Vaughn Williams
Chapel Chimes

***POSTLUDE**

“The Cross of Christ”

By Dan Edwards
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 March 4 & 5, 2023

RISEN
LENTEN SERIES

**The Cross:
Responding to
God's Passion
for You**

Welcome. We're glad you're here.

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Communications Coordinator – Amy Wall

Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage

HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we bow our heads before you in humble confession of the wrongs we have done, as well as the acts of love and mercy we have not done. We have bent the truth to serve our own purposes. We have been slow to apologize and swift to condemn. We have refused to make allowances for others while demanding others make allowances for us. We have coveted things we do not need. We have spoken more than we have listened, getting carried away by our own self-importance. We have been slow to serve, but quick to demand service of others. We arrogantly imagine we can manage the lives of other people when we have not yet learned to manage our own with righteousness. For Jesus' sake, forgive us these sins, as well as those particular wrongs we name in silence [Pause for reflection].

In this Lenten season, help us follow him in all our thoughts, words, and deeds. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

THE 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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.