

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 25 THROUGH APRIL 1

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 and fellowship enjoyed by all at the Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser!

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Turkey & Syria Earthquake Victims, Jenny, Mary, Richard, Don Rome, Joan Kucewicz, Janet, Bob Berkey, Mark Kucewicz, Fowler and Nicks Family, Deeble Family, 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,	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)
Marilyn & Fred Ostrum, 97 E. Franklin St., 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: Cathy Berkey (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)
USHERS/GREETERS: Sarah Church & Sophia M. (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
 God’s Handful 11:30 am -12:15pm
 Youth Group NOVA Trampoline Park Event 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

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

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Mar 18/19: \$8,430
Faithfulness in Attendance Mar.18/19: In Person Worship 128 Online Worship 40

COMING UP APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 8

APRIL ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge
LITURGIST: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)
USHERS/GREETERS: Edith Jones (Sat) Mike Jackubowski & Josh J. (Sun)
TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2: Brad Wall
ACOLYTE: Keyara S.

Sun. Apr. 2 Worship 9:30am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 God's Handful 11:30 am -12:15pm

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

Tues. Apr. 4 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
 Council Meeting 7pm

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

Thurs. Apr. 6 Holy Thursday Service 7pm
 AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall

Fri. Apr. 7 Good Friday Cluster Service 7pm

Sat. Apr. 8 Worship 5:30pm

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

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.

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.

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.

ATTENTION YARNAHOLICS: SUMC is starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry. So dust off your crochet hooks and warm up your knitting needles! An information meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11 at 7pm at the church. If interested, but cannot attend, please call Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338. Refresher lessons are also available.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Pastor Jon will be offering a new membership class on the following Sundays at 10:45am on April 16,23, & 30 or May 5. If you are interested in joining the Shavertown church family or would just like to know more about the methodist faith, please join us. If interested, please contact the church at 570-675-3616.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE: We will be meeting on Tuesday April 18 at noon in the Social Hall. Our hostess will be Glenda Shepherd who will lead devotions. Rhoda Tillman from Senior Peer Counseling will be the speaker. Please bring a lunch and enjoy fellowship. For more information, contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

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 25 & 26, 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

Risen Sermon Series Week 5

**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

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Arr. George Bennard

Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and,
in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the father.

John 14:12

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Carol Folk (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

It’s all done! Finished! Settled!

God took the whole, long list of our sins and forgave them!

God nailed them to the cross.

Every crime, violation and sacrilege! Every shortcoming, disgrace and failure!

God eliminated every single record of our godless behavior!

God nailed them to the cross.

There is nothing else to do, but to worship and praise God!

And to be careful not to pull out any of God’s nails!

***OPENING HYMN**

“To God Be The Glory”

#98

***OPENING PRAYER**

Carol Folk (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

**Most merciful God, your blessed Son, our Savior, was betrayed, whipped, and his face
spat upon. Grant us grace to endure the sufferings of the present time, to overcome all
that seeks to overwhelm us, confident of the glory that shall yet be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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

Sat: “Lamb of God”

By Twila Paris

Soloist: Barb

Buxton

Sun: “Who Is That Man?”

By Don Besig

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**

Carol Folk(Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

**From your hands, O God, come the blessings that make life possible, even the very gift of
life itself. In gratitude and thanks, receive from our hands this portion of our labors. By
your Spirit’s leading, may we use these gifts to bless the life of others with the assurance of
love, the promise of hope, and the course of justice. This we do to your glory. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

Matthew 14:22-29
Pg 16

Carol Folk(Sat)
Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

MESSAGE

“The Jesus Who Calls You to Stop Playing It Safe”

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Jesus Calls Us”

#398

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

By Charles Callahan
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!



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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage