

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 29 THROUGH MAY 5

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: All those who supported fundraiser dinner for Sue Holdredge

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Clarence Michael, Coolbaugh Family, Eileen Kerpovich, Thompson Family, Joe Grippe, Family of Madelyn Roote, Grace, Sherry, Lamezec Family, Mark K., Gabe Tinch, Barb & Bob Nezlick, The Belara Family, Tom Mowery, Carey, 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
CDR 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	Daniel Cochran, US Navy Nuclear School

Think of this Friend (with cards and prayers)

James Wert, 211 Roberts Rd., Myers Manor, Room 214, Pittston, Pa. 18640

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

APRIL ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge
LITURGIST: Sarah Church (Sat) Allan Kinsman (Sun)
USHERS/GREETERS: Edie Graziano (Sat) The Wong Family (Sun)
TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24: Bob Bullock
ACOLYTES: Madison W.
ALTAR FLOWERS:

- Sun. Apr. 30 Worship 9:30am
 Fine Arts Meeting 10:30am
- Mon. May 1 Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge
 Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
- Tues. May 2 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 Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- Wed. May 3 Prayer 9am on Zoom
 AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM
- Thurs. May 4 Staff Meeting 11:30am
 Grief Share 6:30pm - Lounge
 AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
 Connected in Christ Class – 7:00pm HS Sunday School Room
- Fri. May 5 Community Care Cabinet 10am
 Rollerskating 6pm, Rollaway, Dallas, 3rd – 5th graders
- Sat. May 6 Worship 5:30pm

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of April 22/23: \$2,681
Faithfulness in Attendance April 22/23: In Person Worship 114 Online Worship 40

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

COMING UP MAY 7 THROUGH MAY 13

MAY ALTAR GUILD: Deb & Ray Poremba

LITURGIST: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Christine Koerwer (Sat) Frank & Marsha Paczewski (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6: Larry Schuler

ACOLYTE: Josh J.

Sun. May 7 Worship 9:30am
 Birthday Tea 1pm, Social Hall
 Youth Group/Confirmation Celebration 5pm, Pavilion

Mon. May 8 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge
 Praise Band Concert 7pm

Tues. May 9 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
 Trustees 7pm, Lounge

Wed. May 10 Prayer 9am on Zoom
 AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM

Thurs. May 11 Grief Share 6:30pm - Lounge
 AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
 Connected in Christ Class – 7pm HS Sunday School Room

Fri. May 12 Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. May 13 Worship 5:30pm

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

“A CELEBRATION OF CREATION”: Our Spring Concert on Sunday April 30, 2023 has been postponed.

LOST AND FOUND: Missing something? Please take a look at the Lost and Found table in the Narthex.

GRADUATES: Please contact the church office with the names and parent e-mail of any High School or College Graduates by May 9.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Pastor Jon will be offering a new membership class on April 30 at 10:45am. If interested in joining the Shavertown church family or would like to know more about the methodist faith, please call the church office.

GERANIUM FUNDRAISER: Cindy Biesecker and Paige, her confirmand, are selling geraniums to benefit the church's general fund. The cost is 3 for \$10. Orders are due by April 30th. Vouchers will be available May 6-7 after worship or at the church office after May 7. You may redeem your vouchers for 4.5” pots in your choice of colors at Darling's Nursery from May 12-31. Please make checks payable to SUMC and memo geraniums.

BIRTHDAY TEA: The annual Birthday Tea will be held on Sun., May 7 at 1pm. If you are interested in hosting a table or would like to attend, call Sue Holdredge at 570-239-3530.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE: Our meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at noon in the lounge. Our hostess will be Bev Bunney who will lead the devotions. The program will be presented by Carol Folk. Please join for a time of good food and fellowship. For more information, please contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

ROLLER SKATING: SUMC is sponsoring free roller skating for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at the Rollaway in Dallas on Friday, May 5 at 6pm. Volunteers are needed starting at 5:45pm. Call Mary Ellen Pajor at 570-905-8511 for more information.

YOUTH GROUP/CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION: All youth (6th-12th grade), confirmands, mentors, and confirmation families are invited for a BBQ with great food, games, and dessert on May 7th, 5-8pm at the pavilion. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to bring something to share.

Shavertown United Methodist Church

April 29 & 30, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

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 Musician: Ed Pall
Sunday Musician: Cindy Thomas
"The Good Shepherd" By Wood, Organ: Cindy Thomas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Psalm 19:1

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Church (Sat) Allan Kinsman (Sun)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Let us declare the greatness of God:

Who fills the earth with beauty,

Causes the sea to shout praise

And the birds to sing glory.

Great and loving is our God:

Touching us in our need,

Sending friends to listen and embrace,

Giving food in all seasons with abundant grace

Holy and awesome is our God:

Painting sunsets that take our breath away,

Whispering comfort in the darkest night,

Filling the silence with a gentle presence.

Wondrous and compassionate is our God:

Guarding us as the apple of God's eye,

Holding us with infinite and tender care,

Setting our hearts on fire, our minds to new possibilities and our voices to singing.

*OPENING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#140

*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah Church (Sat) Allan Kinsman (Sun)

Most compassionate God, we thank you that you have come to us in Jesus Christ, sharing our common lot. As the shepherd seeks a lost sheep, you seek us when we wander; finding us, you receive us with rejoicing. Since you have claimed us, fill us with your Spirit, that we might be channels of your tender care for those who are broken hearted or wandering.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

"Where Children Belong"

#2233(Sun)

*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

"As the Deer"

#2025

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship 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

OFFERING

"Meditation"

By Young (Sun)
Organ: Cindy Thomas

*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**

Sarah Church (Sat)/Allan Kinsman (Sun)

As we offer these gifts to you, Shepherd of our souls, we thank you for the love flowing through our lives and through these gifts. May they be filled with your awesome power, that through these gifts, many signs and wonders will be done. May no one be in need and may your community of love be established upon this earth. In your holy name, we pray.
Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 23

Red Hymnal #137

WORD OF GOD

John 10:27-29
Pg #104

Sarah Church (Sat)
Allan Kinsman (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Symmetry and the Shepherd”

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
Vs. 1-3

#462

***BENEDICTION**

The Lord is our shepherd and goes with us now.
With souls restored and lives renewed, our cups overflow!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us home.
We go forth with God’s love for all!

***POSTLUDE**

“To God Be The Glory”

By Doane/Birchwood
Organ: Cindy Thomas

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 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!



April 29 & 30, 2023

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

163 North Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, PA 18708

Telephone: 570-675-3616

E-mail address: shavertownumc@susumc.org

Web address: shavertownumc.com

Like us on Facebook: Shavertown United Methodist Church

Ministers: All who love and serve Jesus Christ

Pastor: Rev. Jon Buxton

Home Phone: 570-675-6412 Email: jbuxton@susumc.org

Director of Music – Nancy Evans

Bookkeeper – Rich Fufaro

Custodian – Brad Lothridge

Christian Education Director – Brenda Kopalek

Nursery Staff – Sandy Michalisin

Office Manager – Jeanne Kapral

Communications Coordinator – Amy Wall

Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage