

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 22 THROUGH APRIL 29

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: Fun, laughter, and lots of glowing at the Family Fun Dance. The beautification of the prayer garden by SUMC youth.

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: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)
USHERS/GREETERS: Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) Charlie Kishbaugh (Sun)
TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24: Bob Wagner & Kim Donlin
ACOLYTES: Madisen B.
ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Vivian Newcomb’s Birthday

- Sun. Apr. 23 Worship 9:30am
God’s Handful 11:30am – 12:30pm
VBS Meeting 11:30am Social Hall
- Mon. Apr. 24 Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge
PEO Meeting 7pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
- Tues. Apr. 25 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
Extra choir rehearsal 7:30pm
- Wed. Apr. 26 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM
- Thurs. Apr. 27 Grief Share 6:30pm - Lounge
AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
Trustee Meeting 7pm
- Fri. Apr. 28 Community Care Cabinet 10am
Girl Scout Registration 3-6pm Social Hall
- Sat. Apr. 29 Worship 5:30pm

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

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of April 15/16: \$3,157
Faithfulness in Attendance April 15/16: In Person Worship 127 Online Worship 40

COMING UP APRIL 30 THROUGH MAY 6

MAY ALTAR GUILD: Deb & Ray Poremba

LITURGIST: Sarah Church (Sat) Allan Kinsman (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Edie Graziano (Sat) The Wong Family (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30: Bob Bullock

ACOLYTE: Madison W.

Sun. Apr. 30	Worship 9:30am Fine Arts Meeting 10:30am God's Handful 11:30am – 12:30pm Spring Concert 7pm
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 Girl Scouts 5:30pm Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm 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 Roller Skating Outreach 6-8pm
Sat. May 6	Worship 5:30pm

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

VBS PLANNING MEETING: We will be having a planning meeting for Vacation Bible School on April 23 at 11:30am in the Social Hall. Everyone looking to learn more about our VBS program are welcome to join us.

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 23 and 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.

"A CELEBRATION OF CREATION": You are cordially invited to our Spring Concert on Sunday April 30, 2023, at 7:00PM honoring God and all his wondrous creations with all of our choirs and various music performers. You will be included in singing our favorite hymns of creation as part of the celebration. A free will offering will be accepted and an Ice Cream Social for all. See you soon and bring a friend or 2 with you!

GERANIUM FUNDRAISER: Cindy Biesecker and 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 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.

Shavertown United Methodist Church

April 22 & 23, 2023

3rd 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

“Because He Lives”

Arr. Joel Raney
(Sun)Chancel Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Psalm 8:1

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bev Atherholt (Sat) Margie Esopi (Sun)

With no words

God’s glory is seen,

In the blueness of the sky,

in the breaking wave of the ocean.

If you have eyes to see and ears to hear,

God speaks in sunsets, whispers in roses, laughs in dolphin leaps.

The heavens are telling the glory of God,

And all creation sings for joy.

*OPENING HYMN

“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”

#122

*OPENING PRAYER

Bev Atherholt (Sat) Margie Esopi (Sun)

Merciful God, you have searched us and known us. It was you who formed our inward parts and saw us growing in secret. You continue to watch over us as we take our first tentative steps toward you. Call our names, encouraging us to take the next fearful step. Catch us in your strong arms when we fall and lead us in the way everlasting. In Christ’s name we pray.
Amen.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

“Where Children Belong”

#2233

*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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#526

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all your sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

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

“As the Deer”

By M.J. Nystrom
Duet: Rebecca Oley & Marla Pupa

*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**

Bev Atherholt (Sat) Margie Esopi (Sun)

Giver of all gifts, we are grateful for your every blessing and for your presence through all of life—in our joys and fears, and in our hopes and dreads.

We pray for those who do not know the consolation of your presence in their lives, asking that you reveal yourself to them through the gifts we have given and through the lives we live. Reveal yourself, O God, that all your children may find their true home in you. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 8

Red Hymnal #743-744

WORD OF GOD

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9
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Bev Atherholt (Sat)
Margie Esopi (Sun)

MESSAGE

“God of the Snowflakes”

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“O Lord, You’re Beautiful”

#2064

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Something Beautiful”

By Gloria & William Gaither
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!

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 22 & 23, 2023

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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage