

# Shavertown United Methodist Church Announcements

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm

Weekly Worship Services Saturdays 5:30pm & Sundays 9:30am

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

Nursery is available during the 9:30am worship.

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## NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR JULY 1/2:

**Greeters & Ushers:** Cathy & John Nicks (Sat) Mardy & Glenda Shepherd (Sun)

**Acolyte:** Makayla K. **Liturgist:** Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

June 25: Special Church Conference 10:30am

June 26: PEO Meeting 7pm

June 27: Worship Meeting 7:30pm

## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE:** A special church conference will be held Sunday, June 25, 2023, at 10:30am directly following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to authorize the use of a portion of the Shavertown UMC endowment fund for the purpose of capital improvements which are long overdue. Please join us for a brief time to hear about some planned improvements projects and vote. Please note that although all are welcome to attend, only current members of Shavertown UMC are allowed to vote.

**SATURDAY WORSHIP:** During the summer our 5:30pm Saturday evening worship will be in the pavilion (weather permitting). The pavilion is located behind the Aicher Parking Lot on Pioneer Ave. next to St. Nicholas Cemetery. Join us as we worship in the beauty of God's creation.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Our VBS "Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God" is Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is 5:15pm and the program is 6-8pm. All children currently in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade can register on the church website. Our VBS includes cool music, unique science experiments, creative crafts, fun games, and exciting Bible stories!

**VBS VOLUNTEERS:** Many adult and youth volunteers are needed for VBS July 17-20. This is an important community outreach. We hope you will consider helping to make it a great

success. If you can't do all 4 days, that is okay, just indicate how many days you could help. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can register on the church website at [shavertownumc@susumc.org](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org).

**UPCOMING EVENT:** A barbeque/pool party fundraiser will be held at the Young family home on July 15. More information will become available.

**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH/TOUCH A TRUCK:** Our backpack give-away will take place Saturday, August 12, 10am-noon. This year we are adding trucks and heavy equipment for children to touch and explore. We are asking for sponsors at \$15 per bag and plan on 200 backpacks. For more information or if you have a truck for this event, contact Sandy Michalisin at (570) 690-0143.

## **BACK MOUNTAIN CHURCHES, COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**MISSION U – JULY 2023 Sponsored by United Women in Faith:** This year's theme, "Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation" will be presented in a two-day school, July 21 – 22 at Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg. One day July 20 at Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg and on July 29 at Chambers Hill UMC, all led by Rev. Dr. Ed Zeiders. An online school led by Rev. Dr. Kathy Harvey-Nelson will be July 5, 12, 29, and 26. A Mission U Children's school will be held at Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg on July 21-22. Registration and pricing information for the adult and children's school is online. Email [skipspangler3@gmail.com](mailto:skipspangler3@gmail.com) or call 717-855-7381 for more info.

**LABYRINTH WALK:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas is offering a labyrinth walk on the third Wednesday of each month. No reservations are required, and St. Paul's will offer guidance and information. Shoes are prohibited. Please wear or bring socks. For those with visual or physical disabilities, a finger labyrinth will be available. For more information, please call 570-675-3859.

## Shavertown UMC Weekly Events & Activities:

These are recurring, regular events & activities.

Sundays 9:30am Worship

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Mondays 1-3pm Women's Bible Study

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Tuesdays 8 am Men's Ecumenical Breakfast @ Apple Tree Terrace  
10am Coffee & Conversation @ McDonalds, Shavertown  
7pm Men's Bible Study on Zoom

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Wednesdays 9am Prayer on Zoom  
7pm AA Meeting, Social Hall

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Thursdays 7pm AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall

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Fridays 10am Community Care Cabinet

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Saturday 5:30pm Worship - Pavilion

**June Altar Guild:** Fred & Marilyn Wesley

**Trustee Week of June 24** - Bob Bullock **Trustee Week of July 2** – Charlie Kishbaugh

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of June 17-18: \$3,092 Direct Deposits \$3,469**

**Faithfulness in Attendance June 17-18 :In Person Worship 89 Online Worship 35**

# WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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.

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**OUR JOYS:** God's presence in our warm summer surroundings

**ALWAYS BE IN PRAYER FOR:** The United Methodist Church, Our Country, People of Ukraine, Victims of the shootings & 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

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Our homebound friends, Joyce Anderson, Rev. Jim Wert, Cinde Linker, Lori Capozucca, Margaret Turner, Family of Frank Wagner, Eric Rome, Oliver Derrick, Jim Petrie, Mark Kucewicz, 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  
1st LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT

Col. P.J. Perrone Jr., Fort Belvoir, VA  
Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves  
Maj. Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA  
2nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force  
1st Lt. Allen Carson, 109th US Army  
Reserves, Phila.  
Sgt. Brandon Pall, Army, Poznan, Poland  
Rick Hodle III, US Army  
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan  
CPL Michael Biesecker, USMC Reserves

**Think of this Friend** (with cards and prayers)  
Dot Harding, 68 Hildebrandt Rd. Dallas, Pa. 18612



Shavertown United Methodist Church

# A Brand Plucked from the Burning

## *A Heart on Fire for God*

Celebrating John Wesley's Birthday

June 24-25, 2023

**We're glad you're joining us today!**

If you're looking for a church home, we'd love to welcome you as part of the Shavertown UMC family! Please fill out a yellow connection card found in the pew and put it in the collection plate.

Christian Education is available for all ages.

You're invited to visit our Welcome Table in the Narthex for a gift and information on the many ministries our church offers.

We hope you'll join us again.

## 4th Sunday After Pentecost

### Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Donna & Sarah Church(Sat) Ron & Jennifer Prutzman (Sun)

Acolyte: Ella B. (Sun) | Liturgists: Carol Folk (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

### PRELUDE

“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

By: R. Duck/R.Nelson

Organ: Nancy Evans

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CENTERING MEDITATION

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God.

Psalm 86: 1-2

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol (Sat) Margi (Sun)

In the presence of God –

**Toes tap to some heavenly chorus,**

Tears emerge from a hidden ache,

**Silence descends like a gentle mist,**

Joy ascends like a rocket in the sky.

**God is here –**

Glad hearts are refreshed,

**Sorrowing hearts find comfort,**

Broken hearts discover healing,

**Searching hearts find home.**

Here in the presence of God,

**We are made whole and sing our joyful songs of praise.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#57

Vs. 1-4

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Carol (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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**

"Change My Heart, O God"

#2152

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like 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****GIFT OF MUSIC**

"When You Believe"

By Stephen Schwartz

Duet: Caitlyn Dunn and Courtney Hahn

**\*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**

Carol (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**God of all creation, create through us your realm upon this earth. With these offerings,  
help us plant seeds even as we bear fruit. Bless our efforts and nourish our lives,  
that we may be a harvest of generosity and love. Amen.**

**WORD OF GOD**

Ephesians 2: 1-10  
Pg 192 The New Testament

Carol (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

“A Brand Plucked from the Burning- A Heart on Fire for God”  
Celebrating John Wesley’s Birthday

Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

#2129

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

By C. Wesley/G.H. Handel  
Organ: Nancy Evans

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for the transformation of the world!**

