



July 15 & 16, 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 place it into the collection plate.

You're invited to visit our Welcome Table in the Narthex for a gift and information on the many ministries of our church including Christian Education opportunities.

We hope you'll join us again.

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Altar Flowers are In Honor of Nick & Meghan Michalisin's Wedding Anniversary

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) Gutierrez Family (Sun)

Acolyte: Madison B (Sun) | Liturgists: Margi Esopi (Sat) Michelle Jackubowski (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday: "In the Garden"

Arr. Don Wyrzten

Keyboard: Nancy Evans

Sunday: "Theme from Symphony No.1"

By Johannes Brahms

Trombone: Landon Harvatine

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1b

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Margi (Sat) Michelle (Sun)

Out of the blue

God comes to us.

In the midst of turmoil

Jesus walks toward us.

As darkness closes in

The Spirit lights a way for us.

Out of the blue

Jesus comes through.

When times are tough

God can be enough.

As questions arise

The Spirit is wise.

Let us raise our voices in song;

May our praise be loud and strong.

*OPENING HYMN

"Shout to the Lord"

(twice)

#2074

***OPENING PRAYER**

Margi (Sat) Michelle (Sun)

Almighty God, in a world of change you placed eternity in our hearts and gave us power to discern good from evil. Grant us sincerity, that we may persistently seek the things that endure, refusing those which perish, and that, amid things vanishing and deceptive, we may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

"More Like You"

#2167

*More like you, Jesus, more like you. Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.
More like you, Jesus, more like you. Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more 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

"Give Thanks"(Sat)

By: Henry Smith

Keyboard: Nancy Evans

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"(Sun)

Arr. Brooks Holmes

Cello: Katie Kelly

***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**

Margi (Sat) Michelle (Sun)

Compassionate God, bless these gifts with your grace. May they become loaves of bread for those who are hungry and guiding lights for those who are lost. May they become signs of hope for those in despair and symbols of love for all to know. In Christ's name, we pray.
Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC

"You Are Mine"

By David Haas

Trio: Amy Kelly, Katie & Makayla

WORD OF GOD

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Pg 13, New Testament

Margi (Sat) Michelle (Sun)

MESSAGE

"Life is Hard"

Sarah Church

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

"Jesus Loves Me"

#191

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Welsh Folk Tune
Organ: Nancy Evans

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world!**



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.

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BBQ/POOL PARTY FUNDRAISER: A barbeque/pool party fundraiser will be held at the Young family home on July 15 from 4-8pm. Limited to 40 people, price \$30/person, \$50/couple, \$60/family. More information and a sign-up sheet are available in the narthex.

VBS DECORATING: We will be decorating the church for VBS immediately after worship on July 16th. If you can stay and help, it would be greatly appreciated.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our VBS “Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God” is Monday, July 17th through Thursday July 20th. Dinner is 5:15pm and the program is 6-8pm. Children in preschool through 5th grade can register on the church website. Music is available digitally or on CDs in the Narthex. Please see Brenda Kopalek or Christie Wilson if you would like to volunteer to help. Food donation sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

VBS CELEBRATION SUNDAY: We hope you can join us next Sunday, July 23rd at 9:30am for our VBS Celebration Sunday! This is opportunity to experience the bible stories, music, and fun of our VBS program and learn about how God provides what we need each day.

CONCERT: Tim Zimmerman and The King’s Brass Concert will be held on Thursday, August 10 at 7pm. Come enjoy an evening of great music and fellowship. Free will offering accepted.

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. Please put your donation in an envelope available in the Narthex and return it to the collection plate or church office.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Our 16th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser will be held at Huntsville Golf Club on Monday, September 11 at 10am. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Nick Michalisin at 570-814-0127.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Please help support Gabrielle who is working toward her Girl Scout Silver Award. She is collecting feminine products to donate to local schools and women's shelters in our area. A box is located in the Narthex.

BACK MOUNTAIN CHURCHES, COMMUNITY & BEYOND

CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION MOTORCYCLE RUN: There will be a benefit for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation on Saturday, July 22 at Harvey's Lake. Information about cost, registration, dinner, t-shirts, and more can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. Mark K. is helping to organize this event. You can hear Mark explain some of what he has gone through dealing with this disease by listening to our online worship service from July 2.

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 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.

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of July 8-9: \$1,678

Faithfulness in Attendance: July 8-9 In Person Worship 97, Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 15:

July 15: BBQ/Pool Party Fundraiser 4-8pm

July 16: VBS Bible Story Practice 6pm, Dance Practice 7pm

July 17-20: Food Truck Party VBS

NEXT WEEK'S UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 22:

July 23: VBS Celebration Sunday 9:30am

July 24: PEO Meeting 7pm Lounge

July 25: Rev James Wert Memorial Service 10am Visitation - 11am Service

Finance Meeting 5pm- Worship Meeting 7:30pm

July 26: Golf Tournament Planning Meeting 7pm

July 28: Music Picnic 4-7pm Pavilion

SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

These are recurring, regular events & activities.

Sundays 9:30am Worship

Mondays 1-3pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays 8 am Men's Ecumenical Breakfast @ Apple Tree Terrace

10am Coffee & Conversation @ McDonalds, Shavertown

7pm Men's Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesdays 9am Prayer on Zoom

7pm AA Meeting, Social Hall

Thursdays 7pm AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall

Fridays 10am Community Care Cabinet

Saturday 5:30pm Worship – Pavilion

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR JULY 22/23:

Greeters & Ushers: Christine Koerwer (Sat) Paige & Julie N. (Sun)

Acolyte: Ella B. **Liturgist:** Carol Folk (Sat) TBD (Sun)

July Altar Guild: Bev Bunney & Christine Koerwer

Trustee Week of July 16- Brad Wall **Trustee Week of July 23-** Kim Donlin

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.

OUR JOYS: The beginning of VBS Week!

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, The Family of Rev. James Wert, Gary Navestad & Family, Ketchner Family, Peggy Evans, Judy Gribble, Ed, Joyce Anderson, Jim Petrie, , 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
Daniel Cochran, US Navy, S.C.

Think of this Friend (with cards and prayers)
Paul & Romaine Kunkel, 2292 W. Eighth St., Dallas, Pa. 18612