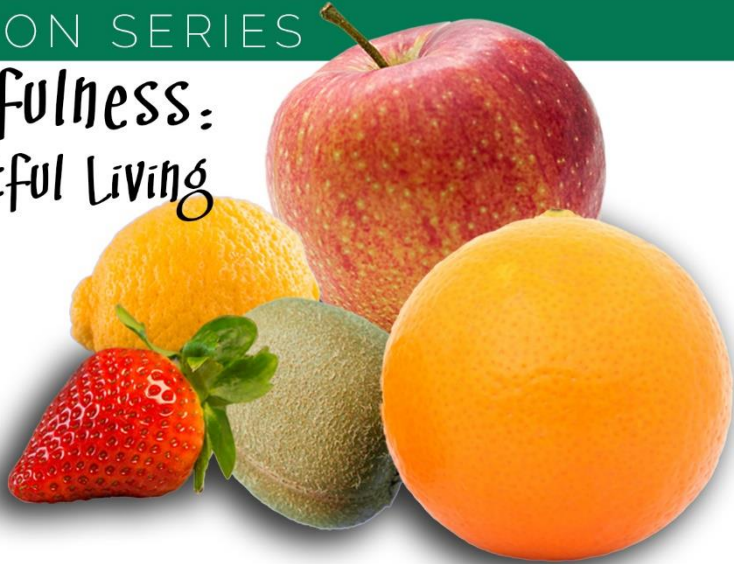


AUGUST SERMON SERIES

*Cultivating Fruitfulness:
Five Practices of Fruitful Living*

- *Intentional Faith
Development*



August 19 & 20, 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.

Cultivating Fruitfulness Week 3 of Five Practices of Fruitful Living

Our Altar Flowers are In Memory of J. Stewart Husid Given by Stephen B. Killian

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) John & Bev Bunney (Sun)

Acolyte: Josh J (Sun) | Liturgists: Sarah Church (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

SONGS OF PRAISE

PRELUDE

“I Know Whom I Have Believed with
I Know God’s Promise Is True”

Arr. Marilyn White
Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
to breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:42

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Welcome people of God, to this time of worship.

With eager hearts and open minds we come, ready to encounter God in this time and place.

The life of faith is one of continually growing and learning.

With each passing day, we seek to become more and more Christlike in our daily living.

This process of becoming more Christlike has moments when we do pretty good and moments when we fail to live up to the expectations God has for us. In other words, we all know the setbacks of sin in our lives.

And we know redeeming grace offered time and time and time again by a God who loves us.

From brothers and sisters in faith we find nurture, knowledge, and encouragement for the faith journey.

We long to be more Christlike. We long to grow in our faith.

We long to follow you, Lord Jesus.

*OPENING HYMN

“Cry of My Heart”

#2165

***OPENING PRAYER**

Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Holy God, it is the cry of our hearts to follow you, but sometimes it is difficult as we struggle with the demands of life. Help us in the quest to live more Christlike lives. Strengthen those relationships that encourage and challenge us to grow in our faith journey. Deepen our commitment to you so that following you becomes a priority. Shape us into the people you would have us to be. In Christ's name. 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

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

#349

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow
strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

By Ludwig Van Beethoven
Trumpet Solo: T.J. Storm

***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 (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Generous, life-giving God, you sent Jesus that we might have life and have it abundantly. In response to this great gift, we now offer ourselves and our resources. May these gifts help us as a church to be your voice, calling all people to abundant life and to their true identities as your beloved. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Matthew 4:12-22 & Philippians 3:12-16
Pg 3-4 & 198

Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“More Like You”

#2167

MESSAGE

“Cultivating Fruitfulness: Intentional Faith Development”
Week 3 of Five Practices of Fruitful Living

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Take Time to Be Holy”
Vs 1-3

#395

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Postlude on Ode to Joy”

By Ludwig Van Beethoven

Trumpet: T.J. Storm & Piano: Nancy Evans

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Custodian: Brad Lothridge | Christian Education Director: Brenda Kopalek

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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

MEET AND GREET: On Sunday, August 20th we will have the opportunity to meet Alima's friend, Badou and a missionary, Angela Bednarchick from Senegal who is the curriculum director at the school for the deaf where Alima attends.

MINISTRY LEADERS: If you would like to let people know about your ministry and are looking for people to join, please see the sign up in the narthex to have a table at the ministry fair on August 26-27. We will provide the table, tablecloth, and sign up paper. You can decorate your table any way you would like to promote your ministry.

MINISTRY FAIR/CHURCH PICNIC: The ministry fair will be held on August 26 & 27 after worship at the Pavilion. Come and find a place to serve. Also on August 27 we will be having the church picnic at the Pavilion following the ministry fair. There is a food sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please plan on attending to see all the ministries our church has to offer while enjoying fellowship and good food.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING: All children preschool through 12th grade are asked to attend worship at the pavilion on August 27th and to bring their school backpacks for a special blessing.

GRIEF SHARE: We are pleased to announce that our Grief Share group will begin meeting again. The class will start on September 7, 6:30-8pm. These sessions are helpful if you or anyone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one. Please call the church office for further information or to register at 570-675-3616.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Sunday School program, Adventures in Faith, begins September 10 at 10:30am. Children preschool through 12th grade can meet the teachers and register for class at the upcoming Ministry Fair on August 26 and 27 or go to church website and register online.

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.

CELEBRATION OF CREATION: Our rescheduled Spring Music Concert will be Sunday, October 1st at 3:00pm. Reserve this date for us! Join our SUMC Choirs as they share an afternoon of glorious Christian music as we praise God, our Creator! Free Will Offering accepted and a “Sweet Ice Cream Social” following the concert.

INVITATION: Do you love to sing in the shower or the car? Well then, come and join one of our choirs starting in September 2023. We have everything from Choral to Instrumental to Bell Choirs from 4-year-olds to 100+. We have an exciting Praise Band that puts on concerts every month. Sign-ups available at the Ministry Fair or see Nancy Evans.

CONFIRMATION: Any youth in grades 8 through 12 interested in Confirmation for 2023/2024 should e-mail shavertownumc@susumc.org or call the church office to let us know.

BACK MOUNTAIN CHURCHES, COMMUNITY & BEYOND

CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY: The 75TH season of the Catholic Choral Society will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 5 from 6:15pm to 8:30pm at the IHM Center at Marywood University. New members are welcome, and no auditions are required. The first concert will be held Sunday, November 12 at 4pm at the University of Scranton.

ORGAN RECITAL: The United Methodist Church of Pittston is hosting an organ recital on Sunday, September 10 at 2pm. Numerous local renowned organists will play on the 1903 C.E. Morey pipe organ and there is no admission charge to attend.

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Aug 12-13: \$4,564

Faithfulness in Attendance: Aug 12-13 In Person Worship 109, Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20:

August 21: Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

August 22: Finance Meeting 5pm

August 26: Ministry Fair Following Worship at the Pavilion

NEXT WEEK'S UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27:

August 27: Ministry Fair/Church Picnic Following Worship at the Pavilion

August 28: PEO Meeting 7pm

August 29: Worship Meeting 7:30pm

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

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

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
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NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR AUGUST 26-27:

Greeters & Ushers: Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) Tom & Amanda Ketchner(Sun)

Liturgist: Carol Folk (Sat) Michelle Jackubowski (Sun)

August Altar Guild: Mary Ellen Pajor & Cathy Nicks

Trustee Week of August 20: Aaron Harvatine **Trustee Week of August 27:** Joe Kopalek

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: Prayers answered for healing, Improvement of Sandy & Leah

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, Victims of the Maui Wildfires, Family of David Barnes (Brother of Margi Esopi), The Gribble Family, The Family of Peggy Evans, Patty Watkins, Jim & Shirley, Mary Papillion, Sandy Michalisin, Mike, Richard Hodle, Ruth Davis, Bill Grant, Staci Miller & Family, Tina Navestad, Leah Buxton-Martin, 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

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)

Cassie Munzing, 142 Shade Tree Rd., Shavertown, Pa. 18708