

AUGUST SERMON SERIES

*Cultivating Fruitfulness:  
Five Practices of Fruitful Living*

- *Radical Hospitality*



August 5-6, 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.

# Week 1 Cultivating Fruitfulness: Radical Hospitality

Our Altar Flowers are In Memory of Jean Parrs Given by George Parrs

## Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Dan & Alice Peters (Sun)

Acolyte: TBD (Sun) | Liturgist: Mary Ellen Pajor

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

## PRELUDE

Saturday: Worship Musician

Ed Pall

Sunday: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Traditional Spanish Tune

Piano: Nancy Evans

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen

Welcome, children of God, to this time and place

**Welcome, one and all.**

Turn to those sitting in your row and say, "Welcome!"

**Welcome!**

Turn to those sitting in front and behind you and say, "Welcome!"

**Welcome!**

We are glad that each and every one of us is here this morning, because as God's Children . . .

**We all belong to the family of God.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

"Softly and Tenderly"

(Sat) #348

"We Are God's People"

(Sun) #2220

Vs 1-3

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen

**Lord, help us to see all people as your children, formed in your image. Help us to lay down our fears, our reservations, and our hatred of those who are different. Help us to embody the truth that there is a place for everyone at your table. For whatever we do to any of your children, even to the least of these, we do unto you, O God. 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.*

**PRAYER OF BLESSING OVER BACKPACKS**

(Sun)

**JOYS AND CONCERNS****CALL TO PRAYER**

“Surely, the Presence of the Lord”

(Sat) #328

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of the angels' wings, I see glory on each face;  
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

(Sun) #526

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our 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****CALL TO OFFERING****GIFT OF MUSIC**

“The Gift of Love”

Traditional

Violin: Amy Kuiken

Piano: Nancy Evans

**\*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**

Mary Ellen

**God of all gifts, thank you for your deeds of love and for your marvelous works of grace. For this earth and its bounty, we give you thanks. For our lives and their abundance, we give you praise. Bless the gifts we lay before you, that they may be signs of your loving kingdom to a world awaiting good news.**

<b>WORD OF GOD</b>	Matthew 25:31-40 Pg 29	Mary Ellen
<b>MESSAGE</b>	“Cultivating Fruitfulness: Radical Hospitality”	Pastor Jon
<b>HYMN OF PREPARATION</b>	“I Come With Joy” Vs 1-3	#617
<b>THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>		See Insert
<b>*HYMN OF GOING FORTH</b>	“Blessed Assurance” Vs 1 & 3	(Sat) #369
	“Help Us Accept Each Other” Vs 1 & 4	(Sun) #560
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*POSTLUDE</b>	“The Great Commission”	By Hugh S. Livingston, Jr. Organ: Nancy Evans

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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.

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## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** There will be an Education Committee Meeting after worship on Sunday, August 6. We will be discussing our plans for the upcoming fall season for both children and adult classes.

**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.

**SPONSOR A BACKPACK:** We are still taking donations for backpacks with school supplies for our Backpack Give-Away next Saturday. We are asking for sponsors at \$15 per bag. Please put your donation in an envelope available in the narthex and return it to the collection plate or church office.

**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH/TOUCH A TRUCK:** Our backpack give-away, including supplies, will take place Saturday, August 12, 10am-noon. This year we are adding trucks and heavy equipment for children to touch and explore. Children must be present in order to receive a back pack.

**MEET AND GREET:** On Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Our 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**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.

**CHICKEN BBQ:** Forty-Fort UMC will host a take-out only chicken BBQ dinner on Saturday, August 19. Tickets are \$14 and must be purchased by August 11. Pick-up time is 1-3pm in the rear parking lot. Call 570-287-3840.

## **OUR YOUTH IN ACTION!**

**LIBRARY:** A Little Library is being built in the church parking lot as Maggie Wilson's Girl Scout Silver Project. The library will have books available for all ages and are free to all to keep or return and, in the future, feel free to leave books. Currently she is not in need of any books. Thank you for your support and look forward to all enjoying it soon!

**SOUND BOOTH:** A sound booth is being built at the back of the sanctuary as an Eagle Scout Project by Trevor Wall with the help of Troop 143 and John Bunney. This will improve many aspects of sound for our church!

**TALENT ON STAGE:** We have 4 youth participating in a production of "Finding Nemo" with Kirby Kidz. Adriana Kopalek, Katie Kelly, Katerina Kopalek, and Makayla Kelly will be showing off their talent on August 11 & 12 at 6:00pm at the Kirby Center. Tickets available at the door.

**FUNDRAISING SUCCESS:** Mark Kucewicz's senior project was to organize a fundraiser for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. The event included a motorcycle run and a dinner which was a big success! More than \$3000 was raised!

**YOUTH GROUP (Grade 6-12):** Youth Group will be having a car wash fundraiser and a fall kick-off event soon. Please watch for upcoming information!

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of July 29-30: \$3,521 Direct Deposit: \$3,468

**Faithfulness in Attendance:** July 29-30 In Person Worship 134, Online Worship 35

## UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS

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### THIS WEEK'S UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6:

August 6: Education Committee Meeting 10:30am

August 10: Tim Zimmerman & the King's Brass Concert 7pm

August 12 : Back to School Bash/Touch a Truck 10am-noon

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### NEXT WEEK'S UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13:

August 15: Information due for the Vine Newsletter

### 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

### NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR AUGUST 12-13:

**Greeters & Ushers:** Edith Jones (Sat) Rich & Rebecca Oley (Sun)

**Acolyte:** Owen B. **Liturgist:** Margi Esopi (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)

**August Altar Guild:** Mary Ellen Pajor & Cathy Nicks

**Trustee Week of 6 August 6:** Bob Bullock **Trustee Week of August 13:** Bob Wagner

# 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](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org).

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**OUR JOYS:** Success of the new church projects!

**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, Sandy Michalisin, Tina Navestad, Richard Hodle, Ruth Davis, Bill Grant, Staci Miller & Family, Leah Buxton-Martin, Kristen Stout, The Family of Rev. James Wert, Peggy Evans, Gary Navestad & Family, Betty, Oliver Derrick, 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)  
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