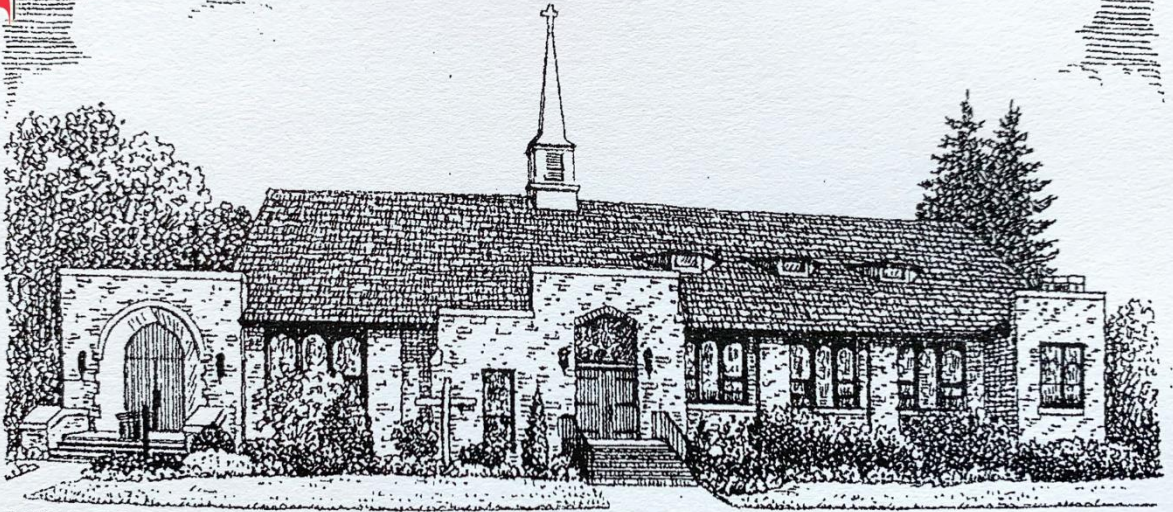


Shavertown United Methodist Church



Welcome. We're glad you're here.

July 29-30, 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.

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.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

## Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Susan Crahall & Emily (Sun)  
Acolyte: Keyara S. (Sun) | Liturgists: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

## PRELUDE

“How Great Thou Art”

By Stuart K. Hine  
Organ: Nancy Evans

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

If God is for us, who is against us?... For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:31, 38-39

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Bev (Sat) Rich (Sun)

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

**We remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered. He is the LORD our God.**

We lift our voices in thanks and praise. Let us praise the Lord!

(Psalm 105:1-5, 7, 45 Adapted)

## \*OPENING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#139

Vs. 1,2,5

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Bev(Sat) Rich (Sun)

**Holy God, remind us that we are loved when we find ourselves unlovable. Remind us that there is hope when all we see around us makes us despair. Remind us that you sent the Prince of Peace when war and violence overwhelm. Remind us that you are the merciful judge when injustice seems to prevail. Remind us that you give us all we need to do your work in the world. Remind us that you give us grace so that we can be your people. We confess our doubt, we trust in your love, and we give you thanks in Jesus’ name. 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**

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

#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.*

**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 Martin Nystrom  
Handbell Solo: Caitlyn Dunn (Sun)

**\*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 (Sat) Rich (Sun)

**O God, teach us not to despise small things. You have planted seeds of great potential in our souls. Remind us that the kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed. O God, you have entrusted us with gifts and graces that can bless others. Bless our gifts and multiply them. May all that we share and our love, grow to make a tremendous difference in human lives in this world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**WORD OF GOD**

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52  
Pg 14-15

Bev (Sat) Rich (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

“Hidden Treasures”

Pastor Jon

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

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**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“You are the Seed”  
Vs. 1&2

#583

**\*BENEDICTION**

Go forth today ready to catch glimpses of God’s never-ending, unstoppable, and always-present love at work in the world. And when that love feels hidden and distant, breathe deep and remember; unrevealed does not mean inactive.

**We go forth in faith, in hope and in love.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Here I Am, Lord”

By Dan Schutte  
Piano: Nancy Evans

## **SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Custodian: Brad Lothridge | Christian Education Director: Brenda Kopalek

Office Manager: Jeanne Kapral | Communications Coordinator: Amy Wall

**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

**CONCERT:** Tim Zimmerman and The Kings 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, 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. 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 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.

**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**

**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.

**ODDS & ENDS SALE:** Lehman-Idetown UMC Women of Faith will hold an odds and ends sale on Saturday, July 29 from 8am until noon. You just might find that treasure that you have been searching for.

**FREE COMMUNITY DAY:** Noxen UMC is hosting a free picnic at their pavilion on Saturday, August 5 from noon until 3pm. Food and games will be provided or bring along your favorite game or cards to play.

**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.

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of July 22-23: \$3,662  
**Faithfulness in Attendance:** July 22-23 In Person Worship 94, Online Worship 35

## UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS

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### THIS WEEK'S UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30:

August 1: Council Meeting 7pm

August 2: Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm

August 3: Staff Meeting 11:30am

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

August 6: Education Committee Meeting 10:30am

August 10: Tim Zimmerman & the Kings Brass Concert 7pm

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

### 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
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### NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR AUGUST 5-6:

**Greeters & Ushers:** Bev Atherholt (Sat) TBD (Sun)

**Acolyte:** Landon H. **Liturgist:** Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Mary Ellen Pajor (Sun)

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

**Trustee Week of July 30-**Tom Ketchner- **Trustee Week of August 5-**Bob Bullock

# 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:** Many answered prayers, Baptism of Emerson Grace Coons

**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, 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)  
Jean Linker, 42 Spring St, Shavertown, Pa. 18708