

The Will & the Work

September 30 & October 1, 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.

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) / Bob Wagner & Charlie Kishbaugh (Sun)
Acolyte: Anna J. (Sun) | Liturgists: Carol Folk (Sat) / Ginger McCabe (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday Worship Musician
Sunday: "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

Ed Pall
By Jack Hayford
Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol (Sat) / Ginger (Sun)

All around the world,
People rise to greet the morning and sing praise to the Creator.
All over the earth,
People hold hands around a table and offer thanks.
All around the globe,
Some cry for food, some are filled with laughter, all search for truth.
All around the world,
Hearts hear a sacred melody and yearn for peace.
Throughout this day, across many lands,
Sisters and brothers reach out to one another.
All around the world,
People sing, and we join the unending chorus of praise.

*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#400

***OPENING PRAYER**

Carol (Sat) / Ginger (Sun)

Giver of wisdom, we come seeking guidance for our lives. Open our minds to receive your teachings, and open our hearts to treasure your precepts as essential to our very existence. Strengthen our faith through this time of worship and through this time in community with our sisters and brothers who journey this path of life with us. Let us taste the honey of your teaching and your way. 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

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

#2193

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC

"At the Table of the Lord"

By Jay Altohouse
Chancel Choir

***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) / Ginger (Sun)

Generous God, you have already given us all that we need. Help us trust your continued care, that we may share with others the abundance of your blessings. Strengthen us for service, and remind us of the great joy that awaits those who answer your call. Accept our gifts and give us new songs of praise as we celebrate the opportunity to be in ministry, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Philippians 2:1-13 & Matthew 21:23-32 Carol (Sat) / Ginger (Sun)
Pgs 197 & 21

MESSAGE	“The Will and The Work”	Pastor Jon
HYMN OF PREPARATION	“Let Us Break Bread Together” Vs. 1 & 2	#618
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		See Insert
*HYMN OF GOING FORTH	“One Bread, One Body”	#620
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“The Power of the Cross with Lift High the Cross”	Arr. Carol Tornquist Piano: Nancy Evans

Immediately following worship, all Sunday school students will meet in the Social Hall. Parents are invited to join us for our brief opening with announcements.

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!**



A Liturgy for World Communion Sunday

THE INVITATION

Come people of God, out of your separateness, to enter into unity with one another, and with all those who seek the presence of Jesus Christ, through the breaking of bread and the sharing of wine. Come, confessing the sin that separates you from God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our human sisters and brothers as we begin this celebration of unity in Christ. We have closed our ears to voices of pain, and of wisdom, when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign are as surely your children as we are. Our sensibilities are jarred even by the way our nearest neighbors express their faith in Christ. We cling to the pride of nation and denomination as if we had a special claim on truth and leadership.

Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ, and enable us to incarnate Christ's love, so that we may worthily partake in the body of Christ and the wine of the new covenant. Amen.

THE PEACE

The good news in Christ is that God is more willing to forgive our sins than we are to acknowledge them. The God of peace be with you all, keeping you in unity with Christ's people everywhere.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

THE 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and wine, giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and servanthood, that your name may be praised in all the earth. Amen.

Bread For the Journey, Ruth C. Duck, Ed. P. 14

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

NIGHT OF LAUGHTER: You're invited to a video presentation of Christian Comedian Ken Davis in the social hall on Saturday, September 30. Free viewing starts at 7pm and entrance is through the side doors which open at 6:30pm

CELEBRATION OF CREATION: Our rescheduled Spring Music Concert will be Sunday, October 1st at 3:00pm. Reserve this date and 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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Our 16th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser is rescheduled to October 2 at Huntsville Golf Club.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: We will meet on Monday, October 2 at 7pm in the lounge. Patterns and yarn are available. Bring your WIP and join us.

YOUTH GROUP FALL FUN DAY: All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on October 8, 3:30-6pm at Whistle Pig Pumpkin Patch for our Fall Fun Day! We will go on a hay ride, decorate pumpkins, roast hot dogs, make s'mores, and find our way (hopefully!) through the corn maze. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

ACOLYTE TRAINING: We will be having Acolyte Training during Sunday School on October 8. Parents of 2nd through 8th graders are invited to stay to listen to the training.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Beginning Oct. 15, at 10:40 am, we will be offering a new membership class for those who are interested joining Shavertown UMC or would just like to learn a little bit more about United Methodism. Please contact the church office at 570-575-3616 or shavertownumc@susumc.org or speak to Pastor Jon if you are interested.

TRUNK OR TREAT: This event will be on October 15, 3:30-5pm in the pavilion parking lot. There is a bin in the narthex for candy donations and a sign up to decorate a trunk and hand out candy. This is a fun community outreach that has become a tradition for many families. We hope you can help to make this event a spooktacular success! And don't forget to visit the Youth Group Haunted Tunnel, it promises to be a ghoulishly good time!

BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY: Bible Presentation Sunday will be on October 22. If you have a child in 2nd or 3rd grade and would like them to receive a Bible on this day, please e-mail Brenda Kopalek at kadec23@hotmail.com by Oct. 6 with their full name that you would like inscribed in the Bible.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE MEMBERS: It's that time of year for prayer partners for 2024. If you want to be a part of prayer partners or if you no longer want to be part of prayer partners, contact Mary Ellen Pajor 570-905-8511. If you are currently in the prayer partner ministry and want to continue, you don't have to do anything.

IT'S COMING!: Grow One Weekend is coming Nov. 18-19. Plan to join us!

BACK MOUNTAIN CHURCHES, COMMUNITY & BEYOND

RISE AGAINST HUNGER: Orange UMC will host this meal packaging event on Saturday, October 7 from 8:30am until 2pm. This will provide people around the world with the nutrition they need. Rise Against Hunger impacted nearly 3 million lives last year. Complimentary refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. Please contact Carol Folk at 570-430-3602 or cfolk@susumc.org for further information.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 8:

Greeters & Ushers: Cathy & John Nicks (Sat) Larry & Peg Schuler (Sun)

Liturgist: Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun) **Acolyte:** Katerina K.

October Altar Guild: Marsha Paczewski & Donna Kachmar

Trustee Week of October 1: Thomas Ketchner **Trustee Week of October 8:** TBA

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of 23/24: \$3,443

Faithfulness in Attendance: Sept 23/24: In Person Worship 136 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 1 THRU OCTOBER 14:

October 1:	Celebration of Creation Concert 3pm
October 2:	Golf Tournament Huntsville Golf Club
October 2:	Prayer Shawl Ministry 7pm
October 3:	Council Meeting 7pm
October 4:	Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm
October 8:	Whistle Pig Youth Group event 3:30-6pm
October 9:	PEO 7pm
October 14:	Youth Group decorating Pavilion for Trunk or Treat 4-6pm

SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

These are recurring, regular events & activities.

Sundays	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Sunday School for Children and Adults
	11:30am	God's Handful (Grades 6 th – 12 th)
Mondays	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
	7pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Concert 2nd Monday)
Tuesdays	8 am	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast @ Apple Tree Terrace
	10am	Coffee & Conversation @ McDonalds, Shavertown
	4pm	Cherub Choir (ages 4 – 1 st Grade)
	4:30pm	Children of Light (Grades 2 nd – 5 th)
	5:00pm	Chapel Chimes (Grades 2 nd - 5 th)
	6pm	Good News Ringers
	7pm	Men's Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesdays	9am	Prayer on Zoom
	7pm	AA Meeting, Social Hall
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir
Thursdays	6:30pm	Grief Share, Lounge
	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
	7pm	Connected in Christ, HS Sunday School Room
Fridays	10am	Community Care Cabinet
Saturdays	5:30pm	Worship

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: Wonderful generosity of our congregation supporting the Young Group Bake Sale

ALWAYS BE IN PRAYER FOR: The United Methodist Church, Our Country, People of Ukraine, People of Libya and Morocco, 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, Elina (1 year old), Mary Papillion-mother of Nancy Liskosky, Betty, Family of Max Engle, Ann Henry, Ed Corolla, Bob Boyle, Jackie G. & Family, Rachel G. & Family, Marianne Wolf, Family of Wilmer Wagner (Mary Lou Grant's Father), Jimmy Tighe, Family of Tammy Fuller, Baby Elina

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
Captain Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
1st Lt. Allen Carson, 109th US Army
Reserves, Phila.
Sgt. Brandon Pall, Army, Maryland
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)

June VanEtten, The Village at Greenbriar, 4252 Memorial Hwy., Rm 116, Dallas, Pa. 18612