



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Grace: Makes No Sense



Photo: Nathan Cowley

September 23 & 24, 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.

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Deb & Ray Poremba (Sat) Barbara Brandt & Charle Kishbaugh (Sun)

Acolyte: Madison W. (Sun) | Liturgists: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee with
I Will Enter His Gates”

Arr. Carol Tornquist
Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11: 28-30

CHORAL INTROIT

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord” Arr. Ralph M. Johnson(Sun)
Chancel and God’s Handful Choirs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bev (Sat) Rich (Sun)

If you’ve wandered far from home,

Turn around, come home.

If the road is bumpy and rough, and you’ve lost your way,

You can come home.

If friends only like you for what you can do,

There is a place where love is real.

If the nights are long and lonely,

God is always awake, right by your side.

If doubts and questions swirl around you,

Come home to a church that knows how to listen.

If the good life is suddenly empty,

Return to the sweet sound of people singing on their way home.

*OPENING HYMN

“Gather Us In”
Vs 1,2 & 4

#2236

***OPENING PRAYER**

Bev (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Come, sisters and brothers, gather. Plunge your sorrows and worries into the fountain of life; find healing and comfort. Place your dreams and hopes on the table of blessing; find strength and hope. Come, you thirsty and weary, come from hard journeys and busy days and incline your ear to our Sabbath God, who says, come away and rest a while. Come, you hungry and longing, find here the bread of life, the words of truth, the fellowship of renewal. Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters. Everyone who hungers, come to the source. Come with the excitements and hope. Come, find delight and new life. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

"Where Children Belong"

#2233 (Sun)

*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

"The Family Prayer Song"

#2188

*Come and fill our homes with your presence; you alone are worthy of our reverence.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. We will serve the Lord.*

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

"Sing to God for He is Good"

By Bryan Sharpe (Sun)
Chancel and God's Handful Choirs

***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)

Gracious God, as we present these offerings, may we be reminded of the many blessings you have shared with us as individuals, and as a community of believers. You have fed us with the milk of your grace and have nurtured us with a love that knows no limits or boundaries. May our sharing this day reveal our priorities and our promises, for we belong to you and offer you our gifts, that they may be used in mission and in ministry to bring glory to you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Philippians 1: 21-27 &
Matthew 20: 1-16
Pgs. 196 & 21 Respectively

Bev (Sat) Rich (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Grace: Makes No Sense”

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
Vs. 1, 2 & 4

#365

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Because He Lives”

By Gloria & William Gaither
Organ: 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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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

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.

ACOLYTE TRAINING: We will be doing 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.

BACK MOUNTAIN CHURCHES, COMMUNITY & BEYOND

BIBLE STORIES FOR GROWN-UPS: This is a 6 lesson bible study that looks at familiar bible stories that many has read as children and. This study beginning September 21st at Dallas UMC from 10am until noon and at Alderson UMC from 1-3pm will be offered by Pastor David Walker. Please contact Dallas UMC office at 570-675-0122 by Sunday, September 10th if you are interested.

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 SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1:

Greeters & Ushers: Sarah & Donna Church (Sat) Bob Wagner & Charlie Kishbaugh (Sun)

Liturgist: Carol Folk (Sat)]Ginger McCabe (Sun) **Acolyte:** Anna J.

October Altar Guild: Marsha Paczewski & Donna Kachmar

Trustee Week of Sept 24 : Kim Donlin **Trustee Week of October 1:** Tom Ketchner

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of 16/17: \$2,974

Faithfulness in Attendance: Sept 16/17: In Person Worship 128 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 24 THRU OCTOBER 7:

- September 24: Confirmation Mentor Training Noon
Youth Group Kick-Off Meeting 4-6pm Social Hall
- September 25: PEO Meeting 7pm
- September 26: Finance Meeting 5pm
Worship Meeting 7:30pm
- September 28: Lay Leadership Meeting 6pm
- September 30: Free Meal Give-Away Noon
Laugh Night 7pm
- October 1: Celebration of Creation Concert 3pm
- October 2: Golf Tournament Huntsville Golf Club
- October 3: Council Meeting 7pm
- October 4: Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm

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

Monday	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
		Praise Band Rehearsal (Concert 2nd Monday)

Tuesdays	8 am	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast @ Apple Tree Terrace
	10am	Coffee & Conversation @ McDonalds, Shavertown
	4:30pm	Children of Light
	5:00pm	Chapel Chimes
	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
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Saturdays	5:30pm	Worship
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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: Fun and connections at the Harvest Festival.

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, 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

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, 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)

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