



Shavertown UMC  
**HOPE**  
Hospitality • Opportunity • Pathways • Engage

Our vision is to offer HOPE in Christ thru welcoming Hospitality, offering Opportunities for building relationships, providing Pathways for growing in faith and Engaging in Christ-like service.

September 9 & 10, 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.

# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Kim Donlin & Margi Esopi (Sun)  
Acolyte: Abby J.(Sun) | Liturgists: Sarah Church (Sat) Michael Jackubowski (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

## PRELUDE

Saturday Worship Musician: Ed Pall  
Sunday: "An Easter Carillon"

By Edward Broughton  
Organ: Chuck Unice

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.  
Psalm 145:5

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah (Sat) Michael (Sun)

You are the Sower, O God; we are the seed.

**God's word is being sown in our lives this day. In God, we live and move and have our being.**

You are the Lover, O God; we are the beloved.

**God's love blossoms in our lives with a beauty greater than the lilies of the field.**

You are the Healer, O God; we are the healed.

**God's healing flows through our veins with every beat of our heart.**

You are the Potter, O God; we are the clay.

**God's hand fashions us into lamps to shine forth the light of Christ.**

Come! Let us worship the One who sows us in the fields of Love.

**May we go forth to grow more HOPE in our community and in the world.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

"My Hope Is Built"  
Vs 1, 2 & 4

#368

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah (Sat) Michael (Sun)

**Gracious God, you are the fount of every blessing. As a deer longs for flowing streams, so our souls long for you. As a tree planted by the water continues to bear fruit despite the heat and lack of rain, so we seek to be sustained through the droughts of our lives. May we draw near and drink deeply from your living water this day. May we be filled so that we be a people of HOPE committed to sharing your love in the world.**

**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**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#526 (Sat)

*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.*

"The Family Prayer Song"

#2188 (Sun)

*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**

"In Unity We Lift Our Song" By Ken Medema/Martin Luther  
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**

Sarah (Sat) Michael (Sun)

**Master Gardener, as you have sown our lives in rich, fertile soil, may we bear much fruit  
through our giving. With these offerings, may we help bring your realm here on earth, as we**

**plant seeds of hope in the fields of life. Bless our efforts and nourish our efforts, that together, we may reap a harvest of generosity and love. Amen.**

**WORD OF GOD**

Jeremiah 29:4-7  
Romans 12:1, 9-18 & Luke 4:16-21  
Pg 731,161,61 Respectively

Sarah (Sat) Michael (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

“Growing H.O.P.E.”

Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“We’ve a Story to Tell To the Nations”  
Vs 1-3

#569

**\*BENEDICTION**

We go forth to offer H.O.P.E. in Christ:

**May we be a people who offer Hospitality. May we seek to offer new Opportunities to build new relationships. May we provide Pathways for people to grow in their faith. And may we Engage the world in Christ-like service. May it be so. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Ode to Joy”

By Ludwig Van Beethoven  
Piano: Chuck Unice

\*Thank you to Chuck Unice and Ed Pall for faithfully sharing their gifts of music with us!

**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 and refreshments.**

**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.

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## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Our Sunday School program, Adventures in Faith, begins September 10 at 10:30am. Children preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade can register for class online at the church website or use a registration form available in the narthex. There are light refreshments available in the Social Hall during the Sunday School opening.

**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.

**PRAISE BAND:** Our first concert is Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend.

**HARVEST FEST:** We will be participating in the Harvest Festival on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Dallas High School. We need volunteers to help at our table. Please see the sign up in the narthex on the small bulletin board for a time slot.

**BRING A FRIEND:** We will be having our "Bring a Friend" Weekend on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Please think about someone you can invite to worship, a Christian education class, youth group, or the upcoming concert. There are cards in the narthex that you could give to someone as an invitation, please take as many as you need.

**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 (570-575-3616 or [shavertownumc@susumc.org](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org)) or speak to Pastor Jon if you are interested.

**CONFIRMATION:** Any youth in 8-12 grade interested in Confirmation for 2023/2024 should e-mail [shavertownumc@susumc.org](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org) or call the church office at 570-675-3616.

**CELEBRATION OF CREATION:** Our rescheduled Spring Music Concert will be Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**MUSIC PROGRAMS:** All of our music programs are restarting, and we have everything from Choral to Instrumental to Bell Choirs from 4-year-olds to 100+. Children can register on the church website or use the registration form available in the narthex. Adults can sign up using the “Sharing Your Gifts” form in the narthex or see Nancy Evans.

**MINISTRY INFORMATION:** If you missed the Ministry Fair, please visit the table in the narthex to get a “Sharing Your Gifts” ministry form to fill out and return. You can also sign up for other ministries in need of people to join on the blue sign-up forms in the narthex.

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

**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.

**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 reveals new details and interpretations for adults. Pastor Dave Walker will be offering this study beginning September 21<sup>st</sup> at Dallas UMC from 10am until noon and at Alderson UMC from 1-3pm. Please contact Dallas UMC office at 570-675-0122 by Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> if you are interested.

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Sept 2/3: \$4,783

**Faithfulness in Attendance:** Sept 2/3: In Person Worship 87, Online Worship 35

## UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS

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### THIS WEEK'S UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10:

- September 10: Youth Group Leaders Meeting 11:30am  
September 11: Golf Tournament 10am Huntsville Golf Club  
September 11: Praise Band Concert 7pm  
September 12: Trustee Meeting 7pm  
September 14: Lay Leadership Meeting 6pm

### NEXT WEEK'S UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17:

- September 17: Harvest Festival Noon-5pm  
September 20: SPPRC Meeting 6pm  
September 21: Lay Leadership Meeting 6pm

### SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

These are recurring, regular events & activities.

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| Sundays | 9:30am  | Worship                               |
|         | 10:30am | Sunday School for Children and Adults |
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| Mondays | 1-3pm | Women's Bible Study                        |
|         |       | Praise Band Rehearsal (Concert 2nd Monday) |
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| Tuesdays | 8 am | Men's Ecumenical Breakfast @ Apple Tree Terrace |
|          | 10am | Coffee & Conversation @ McDonalds, Shavertown   |
|          | 7pm  | Men's Bible Study - Zoom                        |
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| Wednesdays | 9am | Prayer on Zoom          |
|            | 7pm | AA Meeting, Social Hall |
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| Thursdays | 6:30pm | Grief Share, Lounge                        |
|           | 7pm    | AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall    |
|           | 7pm    | Connected in Christ, HS Sunday School Room |
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| Fridays | 10am | Community Care Cabinet |
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| Saturdays | 5:30pm | Worship |
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### NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR SEPTEMBER 16/17:

**Greeters & Ushers:** Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) Frank & Marsha Paczewski (Sun)

**Liturgist:** Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun) **Acolyte:** Makayla K.

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

**Trustee Week of Sept 10:** Charlie Kishbaugh **Trustee Week of Sept 17:** Brad Wall

# 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 Youth Group Fundraiser, Start of Christian Education Classes

**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, Lauren Chapple, Paxton, Mary, Henry, Matt, John (Father of Theresa Havel), Wilmer & Arlene Wagner, Art, Phyllis Bullock, Maggie, Family of Bob Osgood, Marilyn Wesley, Jack Chapple, Al, Tina Navestad, Family of David Barnes (Brother of Margi Esopi), 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)  
George Parrs, 756 Demunds Rd., Dallas, Pa. 18612