

Forgiven

 Forgiving

September 16 & 17, 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.

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

Our Altar Flowers are In Memory of Greg Runner given by William & Joanne Runner

### Helping with Worship today:

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

Acolyte: Makayla K.(Sun) | Liturgists: Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

### PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Arr. C.Tomlin & L Giglio

Piano: Nancy Evans

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CENTERING MEDITATION

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven....”

Luke 6: 36-37

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellie (Sat) Margi (Sun)

Amazing grace:

**Lifting us from despair,  
Comforting us in sorrow,  
Surprising us in our doubt.**

Amazing grace:

**Sounding trumpets in the dark,  
Sending a light for our path,  
Calling our name in a crowd.**

Amazing grace:

**Holding us when fear hovers close,  
Opening windows when doors are shut,  
Promising joy in serving others.**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

### \*OPENING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

Vs. 1-3, 6

#378

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Ellie (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**Our Father, keep our minds and hearts directed toward you. We would center upon your love and grace, which stagger our minds and prompt our greatest appreciation. May our worship be true and real, that when we leave our sanctuary, we may have some of your goodness and love within us. In Christ our Lord. 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**

*"A Joyful Call to Praise"*

By Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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*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**

Ellie (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**Welcome these gifts, as you have welcomed us, O God. Grant that those who receive the ministries supported by these gifts, may know your compassion and infinite love. Amen.**

**WORD OF GOD**

Matthew 18: 21-35  
Pg 20

Ellie (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

“Forgiven and Forgiving”

Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Freely, Freely”

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Postlude on Aphiemi (Forgiveness)”

By L. Mourlan  
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.

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## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE:** Our meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 19 at noon in the social hall. Please bring lunch and a beverage. Dessert will be provided. Ed Pall will be our guest speaker.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser is rescheduled to October 2 at Huntsville Golf Club.

**HARVEST FEST:** We will be participating in the Harvest Festival on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Dallas High School, noon to 5pm. We need volunteers to help at our table. Please see the sign up in the narthex for a time slot.

**YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH/BAKE SALE:** We have rescheduled our car wash/bake sale for September 23, 10am-2pm at the AutoZone in Dallas. Please support our youth fundraiser that will allow us to continue on our mission of Faith, Fun, and Fellowship!

**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 can give to someone as an invitation, please take as many as you need.

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

**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!

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

**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 from Nancy Evans.

## **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> if you are interested.

**BAKE SALE:** Alderson UMC is hosting a bake sale and free hot dog give-away on Saturday, September 23 from 11am-1pm.

**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](mailto:cfolk@susumc.org) for further information.

### **NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR SEPTEMBER 23/24:**

**Greeters & Ushers:** Deb & Ray Poremba (Sat) Barbara Brandt & Charlie Kishbaugh (Sun)

**Liturgist:** Bev Atherholt (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun) **Acolyte:** Madison W.

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

**Trustee Week of Sept 17 :** Brad Wall **Trustee Week of Sept 24:** Kim Donlin

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of 9/10: \$4,163 Direct Deposits: \$1,418

**Faithfulness in Attendance:** Sept 9/10: In Person Worship 114, Online Worship 35

## UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS

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### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 17 THRU SEPTEMBER 30:

September 17: Harvest Festival Noon-5pm

September 20: SPPRC Meeting 6pm

September 21: Lay Leadership Meeting 6pm

September 23: Youth Group Car Wash/Bake Sale 10am-2pm Dallas AutoZone

September 24: 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

### 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

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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

4:30pm Children of Light

5:00pm Chapel Chimes

6pm Good News Ringers

7pm Men's Bible Study - Zoom

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Wednesdays 9am Prayer on Zoom

7pm AA Meeting, Social Hall

7:30pm Chancel Choir

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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

# 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.

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**OUR JOYS:** The smiling faces of the children as they return to Sunday School

**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, Family of Wilmer Wagner (Mary Lou Grant's Father), Lauren Chapple, A Family in Crisis, Royal Sutton, Family of Joe Mikush, Helen (Cindy Biesecker's Aunt), Paxton (Mary Ellen Pajor's nephew), Phyllis Bullock, Mary, Henry, Matt, John (Father of Theresa Havel), Art (Carol Folk's Cousin), 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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