



Shavertown United Methodist Church

# Invitations & RSVP's



October 14 & 15, 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.

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

## Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Kim Donlin (Sun)

Acolyte: Olivia O. (Sun) | Liturgists: Sarah Church (Sat) Mardy Shepherd (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

### PRELUDE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

By William M. Runyan

Piano: Nancy Evans

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CENTERING MEDITATION

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah (Sat) Mardy (Sun)

Ever-present God, forever seeking us and always teaching us;

**Open our minds to the truth of your care.**

Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

**Open our lips to share stories of faith.**

Open our hands to create beauty, to do justice and to show kindness.

**Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit.**

Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

### \*OPENING HYMN

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

#160

Vs. 1-3, 5

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah (Sat) Mardy (Sun)

**Almighty God, we open our service today seeking your help. Help us think the right kinds of thoughts. Help us think about things that are true and honorable, things that are just, pure, and pleasing in your sight. Help us focus on things that are commendable, things that are excellent and worthy of praise. There is so much in life that is unjust and ugly, but we have gathered in your name this day to commit ourselves to following your paths – paths of justice, mercy and peace, paths that are worthy of your calling. 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**

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

#2157

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts  
with your peace, Alleluia!*

**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**

"Look at the World"

By John Rutter (Sun)

Chancel Choir featuring God's Handful & Children of Light

**\*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) Mardy (Sun)

**God of steadfast love, we thank you for the abundant gifts in our lives; love and grace,  
clothing and belongings, friends, and family. We thank you for the steadfast signs of your  
loving presence in our world: wondrous works and awesome deeds. We come before you  
with our offerings, rejoicing in this opportunity to help bring your realm here on earth.  
Amen.**

**WORD OF GOD**

Philippians 4:4-9 &  
Matthew 22:1-14  
Pgs. 198 & 24 Respectively

Sarah (Sat) Mardy (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

“Invitations & RSVP’s”

Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Trust and Obey”  
Vs. 1, 2 & 4

#467

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Traditional  
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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Pastor: Rev. Jon Buxton

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Director of Music: Nancy Evans | Treasurer: Rich Fufaro | Nursery Staff: Nicole Trevaskis

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

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL PROJECT (ends Oct. 15):** Our Sunday School children will be working on their Heifer International Project as a way to learn the importance of helping others in communities struggling with hunger and poverty around the world. They will be casting their “vote” for the animal of their choice and put their monetary donation into that container. You are welcome to join in on their project by visiting the welcome table in the narthex and making a donation.

**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.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Our annual Trunk or Treat will be on October 15, 3:30-5pm in the pavilion parking lot. It is not too late to sign up to decorate a trunk! 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!

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE:** Priscilla Circle will meet at noon on October 17 in the social hall. The Topic will be World Thank Offering/Pledge Service. Hostess Carol Folk will lead the devotions.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** SUMC will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in honor of Leah Buxton-Martin on October 19 from 1-6pm. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or go their website [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter SHAVERTOWNUMC .Please consider giving the gift of life to someone in need.

**BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY:** Bible Presentation Sunday will be on October 22 during the 9:30am worship.

**CONFIRfamilyUNCHEON:** Our Confirmation Kick-Off Luncheon for confirmands and their families along with mentors is October 22 at noon in the Social Hall.

**SOUP SALE:** On election day, November 7, we will be selling soup. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex either to donate 16 oz containers of soup or to help sell between 7am-8pm.

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

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

**FALL FUN DAY:** On Saturday, October 28 from 9am-3pm Kunkle UMC will be hosting a day filled with fun activities including a rummage sale, soup/food & bake sale. Touch-a-Truck, Blue Chip Animal Shelter (with furry friends) and Cub Scout Pack #281 and Kunkle Fire Dept.'s smoke house will also be there along with a Trunk or Treat. Live music will be provided. Plan to attend this event.

### **NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR OCTOBER 21- 22:**

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

**Liturgist:** Bev Atherholt (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun) **Acolyte:** Ava K.

**October Altar Guild:** Marsha Paczewski & Donna Kachmar

**Trustee Week of October 15:** Bob Wagner **Trustee Week of October 22:** Aaron Harvatine

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Oct 7- 8: \$3,904 Direct Dep: \$1,418

**Faithfulness in Attendance:** Oct. 7-8: In Person Worship 115 Online Worship 35

## UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS

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### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 15 THRU OCTOBER 28:

- October 15: Pastor Appreciation Day  
New Membership Class 10:40am  
Trunk or Treat 3:30-5pm
- October 17: Priscilla Circle Noon  
Finance Meeting 5pm  
Trustee Meeting 7pm
- October 19: Blood Drive 1-6pm
- October 22: Confirmation Kick-Off & Lunch Noon  
Church Conference 7:30pm at Dallas UMC
- October 23: PEO Meeting 7pm
- October 24: Worship Meeting 7:30pm
- October 28: Meal Give-Away

### SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

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Sundays	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Sunday School for Children and Adults
	11:30am	God's Handful (Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )

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Mondays	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
	7pm	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
	4pm	Cherub Choir (ages 4 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade)
	4:30pm	Children of Light (Grades 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> )
	5:00pm	Chapel Chimes (Grades 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> )
	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 (Adults)

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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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# 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:** Fun Day with Youth at the Whistle Pig in Noxen!

**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, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Glenda Shephard, Jim Petrie (Brother of Brenda Kopalek), Mary Papillion (Mother of Nancy Liskosky), Barbara Brandt, Joe & Nancy Liskosky, Family of William Richardson, Tammy Fuller, John, Diane Roskos, 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  
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)

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