



Shavertown United Methodist Church

An Example



October 21 & 22, 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.

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Our Altar Flowers are In Honor of Nancy & Joe Liskosky's Anniversary

Helping with Worship today:

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

Acolyte: Ava K. (Sun) | Liturgists: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday Worship Musician: Brenda Neighbert

Sunday: "More Precious Than Silver"

By Lynn DeShazo
Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Our changed lives might be the only gospel some people will ever read.

-Elaine Roulet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bev (Sat) Margi (Sun)

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

The hour is coming, and now is when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him, bless his name!

*OPENING HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

#103

Vs. 1-3

*OPENING PRAYER

Bev (Sat) Margi (Sun)

Lord, you are immortal, you are invisible, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes. At times we wish we could see you more clearly, that we didn't have to rely so much on the unseen and the unheard. We long for the day we can see you face to face. Until that time, Lord, teach us to trust, and lead us in your ways of love that we will bear the fruits of a life with you. 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.*

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Brenda Kopalek, Christian Education Director (Sun)

CONGREGATION TO THE CHILDREN

(Sun)

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use the Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"The B-I-B-L-E"

Anonymous (Sun)
Children of Light

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

"Change My Heart O God"

#2152

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

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

"Awake, My Soul"

By Lee Black & Tony Wood (Sun)
Chancel Choir & God's Handful

***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) Margi (Sun)

Bless and increase the bounty of your love through the gifts we now give, O God. Through these gifts and our faithful labors of love, may others come to know the steadfast hope and centering truth of your abundant grace. In Christ's name, we pray.

WORD OF GOD

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 &
Matthew 22:15-22
Pgs. 203 & 24 Respectively

Bev (Sat) Margi (Sun)

MESSAGE

“An Example”

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

#2153

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“O How I Love Jesus”

Arr. Mark Kellner
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

163 North Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, PA 18708

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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.

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

CHURCH CONFERENCE: Our annual church conference will be this Sunday, October 22, 7:30pm at Dallas UMC. We will be voting on various items of business including nominees for leadership for 2024 and also approving Sarah Church's entrance into pastoral ministry.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL: This year we will be preparing the Children's Christmas Musical called *"Room for Christmas"*. Sunday, October 22 is the last day to sign your child up to participate. The list is in the Narthex. Please write the child's name, parent's name, and contact cell phone number. Thank you from Nancy Liskosky, Nancy Evans & Mark Kucewicz.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The Sunday School children will be working on their next mission project, Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes, over the next few weeks. The shoeboxes get filled with gifts for a child along with educational materials that allow children across the world to hear about the greatest gift of all, Jesus! We hope you will help us by donating money toward the shipping of the shoeboxes or providing items that are described on the sheet in the narthex.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Our yarners will be meeting on Monday, November 6 at noon in the lounge. Come and see the beautiful work we are doing. Contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338 for more information.

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

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS: We will be offering a new membership class on October 22 at 10:40am 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.

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

PRISCILLA CIRCLE: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21 at noon in the social hall. Take a break from your Thanksgiving preparations and join us for lunch. Hostess Edith Jones will lead devotions. Also, mark your calendars, the Priscilla Circle's Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 19 at 6pm at the Apple Tree Terrace. Please contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338 for more information.

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 28- 29:

Greeters & Ushers: Ray & Deb Poremba (Sat) Bev Bunney & Margi Esopi (Sun)

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

October Altar Guild: Marsha Paczewski & Donna Kachmar

Trustee Week of October 22: Aaron Harvatin **Trustee Week of October 29:** Joe Kopalek

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Oct 14- 15: \$4,295 Direct Dep: \$3,468

Faithfulness in Attendance: Oct. 14-15: In Person Worship 131 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 29 THRU NOVEMBER 11:

- November 1: Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm
November 2: Staff Meeting 11:30am
November 4: Christmas Musical Rehearsal 10-11:15am
November 5: Youth Group Bake Sale Before & After Worship
Confirmation Meeting 4-6pm Social Hall
November 6: Prayer Shawl Meeting 7pm Lounge
November 7: Election Day and Soup Sale
November 10: Confirmation Trip to Mechanicsburg 7:45am

SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY 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)
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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 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
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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

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: The awesome successful turn-out for Trunk or Treat!

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, Bob & Phyllis Bullock, Oberst Family, Glenda Shephard, Jim Petrie (Brother of Brenda Kopalek), Mary Papillion (Mother of Nancy Liskosky), Barbara Brandt, 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
Lt. Joey Zobel, U.S.N., Washington, DC.

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)

Lois Cook, 4244 Memorial Hwy., The Village At Greenbriar, Room 110, Dallas, Pa. 18612