



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Rules for Life



October 28 & 29, 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.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Ray & Deb Poremba (Sat) Bev Bunney & Margi Esopi (Sun)
Acolyte: Charlotte B. (Sun) | Liturgists: Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday Worship Musician: Ed Pall
"Come Christians Join to Sing"

By Arnold B. Sherman
Good News Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

[Jesus] said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellie (Sat) Rich (Sun)

O God, you have been our dwelling place in every generation.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth had shape and form, you were there.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Let us worship the everlasting God, the God of yesterday, tomorrow, and today.

*OPENING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
Vs. 1,3,6

#117

*OPENING PRAYER

Ellie (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and, in your service, find perfect freedom; through Jesus 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**

"More Like You"

#2167

*More like you, Jesus, more like you. Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.
More like you, Jesus, more like you. Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more 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.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**CALL TO OFFERING****GIFT OF MUSIC**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

By Victor C. Johnson
Chancel Choir (Sun)

***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**

Ellie (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for the gifts you have given us. May these gifts be used to spread your love and grace: to those who are in exile, to those who are hurting, and to all who are in need of your touch. May these gifts be a celebration of your presence in our lives! Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Matthew 22:34-46
Pg. 25

Ellie (Sat) Rich (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Rules for Life”

Pastor Jon

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(See Insert)

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”
Vs. 1, 2 & 4

#402

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“I Love Him Better Every Day with I’m So Happy”

Arr. Marilyn White
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

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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

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. All items are due by November 5th.

UPPER ROOM: The Upper Room, a daily devotional, for November/December is now available in the Narthex.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Our yarners will be meeting on Monday, November 6 at 7pm 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.

HOAGIE FUNDRAISER: The Finance Committee will be holding a hoagie fundraiser in November. Coupons for a hoagie at J&J Deli can be pre-purchased for \$8 each. The coupons will be distributed after November 12 and have no expiration date. We are hoping to sell 1,000 hoagies. Take a night or two off from cooking or give it as a stocking stuffer or just surprise someone.

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.

HANDYMAN: We are looking to hire a handyman for the both church and parsonage. If you possess a variety of skills and love to fix things, please contact the church at 570-675-3616.

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 NOVEMBER 4-5:

Greeters & Ushers: Ray & Deb Poremba (Sat) Robert & Linda Wagner (Sun)

Liturgist: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun) **Acolyte:** Charlotte B.

November Altar Guild: Robert & Cathy Berkey

Trustee Week of October 29: Joe Kopalek **Trustee Week of November 5:** Charlie Kishbaugh

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Oct. 21-22: \$3,709

Faithfulness in Attendance: Oct. 21-22: In Person Worship 135 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS NOVEMBER 5-18

- 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
- November 12: Hospitality Meeting 10:30am
Education Committee Meeting 11:30am
Youth Group Meeting 4-6pm
- November 13: Praise Band Concert 7pm
- November 14: Trustee Meeting 7pm
- November 15: SPPRC Meeting 6pm
- November 18: Meal Give-Away Noon
- November 18-19: Grow 1 Weekend

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 5:30pm

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: Success of the Blood Drive which will save many lives!

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, Kamback Family, Frank Shaulis, Sharon Burton, Evan's Family, West Family, Thomas Family, Gene Esopi, 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)
Helen Davis, 30 Willow Way, Dallas, Pa. 18612