



Shavertown United Methodist Church

God's Bag of Cookies



October 7 & 8, 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.

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Cathy & John Nicks (Sat) Larry & Peg Schuler (Sun)
Acolyte: Katerina K. (Sun) | Liturgists: Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

“Come, Now Is the Time To Worship”

By Brian Doerksen
Step By Step Praise Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
Psalm 19:14

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellie (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights, all his heavenly host.

Let the stars praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

His angels saw it and adored him.

Praise the Lord from the earth, all his creatures below.

Let all the mountains and hills extol him. His name alone is excellent;

his glory is far above the earth.

Praise the Lord, you, his people.

We will praise him for the earth and in heaven; we will bless his holy name forever.

(Psalm 148 Adapted)

*OPENING HYMN

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

#526

*OPENING PRAYER

Ellie (Sat) Rich (Sun)

God of covenant, God in Christ, God in communion with us, we come to worship because we have heard the good news of Jesus your Son and have accepted the new covenant in his blood. Speak your word to us again today through the Spirit of Jesus Christ. 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**

"Breath on Me, Breath of God"

#420

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

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**

"Thank God I Do"

(Sun)

By Lauren Daigle, Jason Ingram, Jeffrey Ghasker, Alecia Moore & Nathaniel Ruess
Soloist: Courtney Hahn

***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)

**Divine Sovereign, receive from us what is your due, not only these tokens from our hands
but the worship of our hearts and the obedience of our daily lives and work, after the
example of Jesus of Nazareth. Amen.**

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Who You Say I Am"

By B. Fielding & R. Morgan
Step By Step Praise Band

WORD OF GOD

Philippians 3: 4b-14
& Matthew 21:33-46

Ellie (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Pgs.198 Old Testament & 24 New Testament, Respectively

MESSAGE

“God’s Bag of Cookies”

Rev. James Pall

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”
Vs. 1, 2 & 4

#438

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“The Wonder of Creation”
Chancel Choir, God’s Handful & Featuring Trumpet: T.J. Storm

Arr. Patti Drennan

***Thank you to the members of Step By Step Praise Band who shared their gift of music today: John Bunney, John Nicks and Barb Roberts. Thank you to Courtney Hahn for her beautiful gift of music today.**

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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Pastor: Rev. Jon Buxton

P: 570-675-6412 | E: jbuxton@susumc.org

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

ACOLYTE TRAINING: We will be having Acolyte Training during Sunday School on October 8. Parents of 2nd through 8th graders are invited to stay to listen to the training.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL PROJECT (now - 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 or speak to Pastor Jon if you are interested.

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!

BLOOD DRIVE: SUMC will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in honor of Leah Buxton Martin on October 19 from 1-6pm. Please consider giving the gift of life to someone in need.

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

PRISCILLA CIRCLE MEMBERS: It's that time of year for prayer partners for 2024. If you want to be a part of prayer partners or if you no longer want to be part of prayer partners, contact Mary Ellen Pajor 570-905-8511. If you are currently in the prayer partner ministry and want to continue, you don't have to do anything.

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

BACK MOUNTAIN CHURCHES, COMMUNITY & BEYOND

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 for further information.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR OCTOBER 14- 15:

Greeters & Ushers: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Kim Donlin & Barbara Brandt (Sun)

Liturgist: Sarah Church (Sat) Mardy Shepherd (Sun) **Acolyte:** TBD

October Altar Guild: Marsha Paczewski & Donna Kachmar

Trustee Week of October 8: Bob Bullock **Trustee Week of October 15:** Bob Wagner

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Sept 30-Oct 1: \$6,155

Faithfulness in Attendance: Sept 30-Oct. 1: In Person Worship 129 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 8 THRU OCTOBER 21:

- October 8: Whistle Pig Youth Group Event 3:30-6pm
October 9: PEO Meeting 7pm
Praise Band Concert 7pm
October 14: Youth Group Pavilion Decorating 4-6pm
October 15: Pastor Appreciation Day
New Membership Class 10:40am
Trunk or Treat – 3:30-5pm
October 19: Blood Drive 1-6pm

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 |
| | 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 |
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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.

OUR JOYS: The success and fun at our annual golf tournament!

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, Joe & Nancy Liskosky, Family of William Richardson, Tammy Fuller, John, Diane Roskos, Elina (1 year old), Mary Papillion(Mother of Nancy Liskosky), Family of Max Engle, Ann Henry, Betty, Ed Corolla, Bob Boyle, Jackie G. & Family, Rachel G. & Family, Marianne Wolf, Family of Wilmer Wagner (Mary Lou Grant's Father), Family of Tammy Fuller, 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)
Al Billings, 19 Old Grandview Ave., Dallas, Pa. 18612