



Shavertown United Methodist Church

The Challenge of Stewardship



November 11 & 12, 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.

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Altar Flowers are In Honor of Harold & Kristen Stout's 15th Wedding Anniversary

Helping with Worship Today:

Greeters/Ushers: Cathy & John Nicks (Sat) Ron & Jennifer Prutzman (Sun)

Acolyte: Ethan T. (Sun) | Liturgists: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) & (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday Worship Musician: Ed Pall

Sunday: "It Is Well With My Soul"

Arr. Jason W. Klug

Handbell Quartet: Caitlyn Dunn, Laura Storm, Cindy Biesecker & Marianne Wolf

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

The secret is that God loves us exactly the way we are... and too much to let us stay like this.

Anne Lamott

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen (Sat) & (Sun)

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so thank our God

For joy in living

And patience in trouble;

For rainbows after clouds

And moonlight on the darkest night;

For wisdom to walk the right path

And peace to calm anxious worry;

For the birthday surprises

And things in all sizes.

All good gift around us are sent from heaven above,

So let your song arise and give thanks for all God's love.

*OPENING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God

#102

*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen (Sat) & (Sun)

Almighty God, we come to you like the rich young ruler, asking questions and seeking the meaning of life. Open our hearts to the understanding of your Word. Open our lives to the transformations that are possible through you, so that we will not turn away from you, empty and dejected. We trust in your amazing grace and love, and we pray in Christ's name.

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**

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#2158

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee:
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

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**

"This is My Song"

By Jean Sibelius (Sun)
Chancel Choir

***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**

Mary Ellen (Sat) & (Sun)

Before you, O God, we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. We lay our gifts before you in praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings. May these offerings continue the transforming work of your Spirit in and through our congregation. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Mark 10:17-31
Pg 46

Mary Ellen (Sat) & (Sun)

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Seek Ye First”
Vs. 1

#405

MESSAGE

“The Challenge of Stewardship”

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”
Vs. 1 & 3

#399

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“America the Beautiful”

Arr. Ray Charles
Organ: Chuck Unice

*Thank you to Chuck Unice for sharing his musical gifts with us today. Thank you to the Handbell Quartet for sharing the Prelude with the Congregation.

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

HOAGIE FUNDRAISER: The Finance Committee is holding a hoagie fundraiser during the month of 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.

TREE OF THANKS: During this special time of giving thanks, the Christian Education classes are sharing all that they are thankful to God for by adding a leaf to our Tree of Thanks in the narthex. On the leaf they have written the things they are grateful for in their lives. We hope you will join in by filling out a leaf and hanging it on the tree.

DRIVE-THRU THANKSGIVING MEAL GIVEAWAY: On Saturday, November 18th we hope to give away 500 Thanksgiving meals to the community! Volunteers welcome and donations needed. If you would like to donate items to the meal, please see the sign up sheet in the narthex.

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

ROOM FOR CHRISTMAS: The Children's Christmas Musical rehearsals are on Saturdays 10:00-11:15AM. Please mark your calendars.

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 for the Priscilla Circle's Christmas Party. It will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at 6pm at the Apple Tree Terrace. Please contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338 for more information.

POINSETTIA SALE: We will be selling 6 ½ branched poinsettias in white or red for \$10 each to beautify the altar for Christmas. Orders are due by Sunday, November 26. You may pick up your poinsettia after the last Christmas worship.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT “The Sounds of Peace”: December 10, 2023, at 6:00PM Put yourself in the Christmas mood! Join us for our annual Carols by Candlelight with some festive carol singing featuring our SUMC Choirs, bells, Brass, Flute, Piano, Organ, and guests. Take time out of your Christmas shopping to enjoy an evening of music. A Holiday Must!

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

WANTED: Baby clothing for a newborn girl up to one year old is needed. If you would like to donate, please contact Ron Prutzman at 570-310-1239, text to 315-250-2767 or email ronprutzman@gmail.com during the month of November.

LET’S MAKE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS: All Sunday School classes will be making ornaments on November 26th during our normal Sunday School time. We hope all of the children will attend and help decorate the church with their ornaments for the Advent season!

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Join in decorating our church for the Christmas season on November 26 starting at 10:30am with a variety of jobs needing to be done, please see the sign up in the narthex.

DONATIONS: We are asking for the following items for our Community Care Cabinet: tissues, toilet paper, dish detergent & paper towels. This will enable us to continue this important outreach mission for our community. Volunteers are also needed. Please call Alice Newell for more information at 570-417-4899 or 570-675-2954.

NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP HELP FOR NOVEMBER 18-19:

Greeters & Ushers: Cathy & John Nicks (Sat) Ron & Jennifer Prutzman (Sun)

Liturgist: TBD (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun) **Acolyte:** Olivia K.

November Altar Guild: Robert & Cathy Berkey

Trustee Week of Nov.12: Larry Schuler **Trustee Week of Nov. 19:** Brad Wall

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Nov. 5-6: \$5,032 Direct Deposit: \$1,418

Faithfulness in Attendance: Nov. 4-5: In Person Worship 142 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS NOVEMBER 12-25

- 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/Blessing of the Shoeboxes
- November 19: Youth Group 4-6pm
- November 21: Finance Meeting 5pm
- November 23: Happy Thanksgiving- Office Closed Thurs. & Fri.

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)
Mondays	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
	7pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Concert 2nd Monday)
Tuesdays	8am	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast @ Apple Tree Terrace
	10am	Coffee & Conversation @ McDonalds, Shavertown
	4:30pm	Children of Light (Grades 2 nd – 5 th)
	5:00pm	Chapel Chimes (Grades 2 nd - 5 th)
	6pm	Good News Ringers
Wednesdays	7pm	Men's Bible Study - Zoom
	9am	Prayer on Zoom
	7:30pm	AA Meeting - Social Hall
Thursdays	7pm	Chancel Choir (Adults)
	6:00pm	Bell Ensemble Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	6:30pm	Grief Share - Lounge
	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
Fridays	7pm	Connected in Christ - HS Sunday School Room
	10am	Community Care Cabinet
Saturdays	5:30pm	Worship 5:30p

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 Youth Bake Sale and the delicious soup sold on Election Day!

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, Dorothy Ostrowski, Frank Shaulis, Mike & Sue Holdredge, Grant Family, Grandpa, Jacob Lapp, Scott, Kamback Family, Joann Marx, Family of Terry Hewitt, Jim Petrie (Brother of Brenda Kopalek), Jimmy Tighe.

Names remain on the list for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise. Thank You & may God bless!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Maj. Shannon Dzuray 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)
Vesta Fountain, 19 Idlewood Dr., Dallas, Pa. 18612