



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Why be Thankful? Why Give?



November 18 & 19, 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.

Grow 1 Weekend

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) Don & Mae Rome (Sun)
Acolyte: Olivia K. (Sun) | Liturgists: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday: "We Gather Together"

By Lani Smith

Organ: Nancy Evans

Sunday: "Come Into God's Courts with Praise"

By Michael Helman

Good News Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:7b-8

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen (Sat) Margi (Sun)

Come to the Lord with praise and thanksgiving!

Worship God with gladness!

Come to the Lord with gratitude and joy!

Shower God with praise!

Come to the Lord with grateful hearts!

Love God with humility!

Come! Worship the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

#694

Vs. 1 & 4

*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen (Sat) Margi (Sun)

Almighty God, you have brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey; you have blessed us with abundant waters welling up in pools and springs; you have fulfilled your promise, giving us all we need, that we may share our bounty with those who have no bread to eat and no place to sleep. As we celebrate the bounty of your good land, remind us that it is by your power alone that we prosper. Give us humble hearts, that we may live each day with true gratitude for your many blessings. Amen.

BLESSING OF SHOEBOXES

Loving God, we pray for your blessings of these shoeboxes for the mission of Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child." **Loving God, we ask for your blessing.**

We pray for the children and their families whose lives will be impacted by these boxes and the contents we've packed with love. **Loving God, we pray for your touch of compassion.**

We pray especially that through these gifts the hearts of children and their families will be opened to your love and the message of your grace through Jesus Christ.

Loving God, we pray for your grace to be made known.

We pray for the children and families who are suffering in circumstances of poverty, sickness or war, that you will meet their needs.

Providing God, we pray for your bounty and that you would open the way for these shoeboxes to be delivered to people who need to know of your love for them. 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.

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Thanksgiving Canon"

Arr. Anna Laura Page (Sun)

Children of Light

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Give Thanks"

By Henry Smith (Sun)

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**

Mary Ellen (Sat) Margi (Sun)

Bountiful God, you touch the earth with strength, bringing forth food for the harvest; you visit the earth with rain, watering the ground to sustain our lives; you crown the year with bounty, blessing your people with joy and prosperity. May our offering sow love in the world that the harvest may be bountiful. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

2 Corinthians 8:1-12 & Luke 17:11-19

Mary Ellen (Sat) Margi (Sun)

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GIFT OF MUSIC

“Give Thanks and Glorify His Name!”

By Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

“Why Be Thankful? Why Give?”

Pastor Jon

A STEP OF FAITH

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“What Gift Can We Bring”

#87

Vs 1 & 2

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Simple Gifts”

By R. Schultz-Widmar
Organ: Nancy Evans

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

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 7pm Christmas Eve worship.

ANGEL TREE: We will once again have the Angel Tree which provides gifts to needy children in our local community. The tree with the children's request will be located in the Narthex Saturday, November 25. Please select an angel ornament and purchase the gift, wrap it and place it under the tree with the angel ornament loosely attached to the package by December 10. We are also accepting monetary donations for grocery gift certificates if you cannot shop for a gift and place the envelope in the offering plate and indicate angel tree.

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.

LIVE NATIVITY: We will need help putting up the Live Nativity on Sunday, November 26th. We also need 8-10 people each night to be part of the Live Nativity on December 1, 2 and Dec. 8, 9 from 6-7:30pm. Volunteers can sign up in the narthex.

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!

SWEET FUNDRAISER: Chocolate Christmas houses made by the Navestad Family can be purchased for \$30. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex along with a sample to see. Orders are due by December 15 and ready for pick-up December 16 & 17 after worship. This fundraiser supports the ministries of SUMC and would make a great teacher gift, hostess gift or a centerpiece for the holidays.

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 needed. Please call Alice Newell for more information at 570-417-4899 or 570-675-2954.

HOAGIE FUNDRAISER: The Finance Committee is wrapping up the hoagie fundraiser this week. Coupons for a hoagie at J&J Deli can be pre-purchased for \$8 each. The coupons will 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.

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.

NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP HELP FOR NOVEMBER 25-26:

Greeters & Ushers: Frank & Linda Gruver (Sat) Shedlock Family (Sun)

Liturgist: Sarah Church (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun) **Acolyte:** Owen B.

November Altar Guild: Robert & Cathy Berkey

Trustee Week of Nov.18: Brad Wall **Trustee Week of Nov. 19:** Kim Donlin

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Nov. 11-12: \$6,622

Faithfulness in Attendance: Nov. 11-12: In Person Worship 135 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS NOVEMBER 18-DECEMBER 2

- November 18: Meal Give-Away Noon/Children's Christmas Musical Rehearsal 10-11:15am
- November 18-19: Grow 1 Weekend/Blessing of the Shoeboxes
- November 19: Youth Group 4-6pm
- November 21: Finance Meeting 4:30pm
- November 23: Happy Thanksgiving- Office Closed Thurs. & Fri.
- November 26: Hanging of the Greens
Poinsettia Order Due
- November 27: PEO Meeting 7pm
- November 28: Worship Meeting 7:30pm
- December 1&2: Live Nativity 6-7:30pm

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
	7pm	Men's Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesdays	9am	Prayer on Zoom
	7pm	AA Meeting, Social Hall
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir (Adults)
Thursdays	6:00pm	Bell Ensemble Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	6:30pm	Grief Share, Lounge
	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
	7pm	Connected in Christ, HS Sunday School Room
Fridays	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: 500 Thanksgiving meals given away & the generous donations toward the 40 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

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, Alice Niskey, Ann Hockenberry, Phyllis Bullock, Marsha Paczewski, 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 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)

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