

Shavertown United Methodist Church



Welcome. We're glad you're here.

November 25 & 26, 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.

# Christ The King Sunday

Our Altar Flowers are In Honor of Donald & Stacey Michalisin's Wedding

## Helping with Worship today:

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

Acolyte: Owen B.(Sun) | Liturgists: Sarah Church (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

## PRELUDE

"Christ, the King of Glory"

By Anna Laura Page  
Organ: Nancy Evans

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

"True holiness consists in doing God's will with a smile."

Mother Theresa

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah(Sat) Rich(Sun)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!**

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

**Give thanks and bless God's name!**

For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever; God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Psalm 100

## \*OPENING HYMN

"Rejoice the Lord is King"

#715

Vs 1-3

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)

**Almighty God, who gave your Son Jesus Christ a realm where all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; make us loyal followers of our living Lord, that we may always hear his word, follow his teachings, and live in his Spirit; and hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord; to your eternal glory. 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**

"He is Lord"

#177

*He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

**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**

"What Sweeter Music Can We Bring"

By: Mary Lynn Lightfoot  
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**

Sarah (Sat) Rich(Sun)

**Sovereign Christ, Shepherd King, work your great power in immense and tender ways in our world. Use us, and use our gifts on behalf of the least of these: to seek the lost, to bring back the strayed, to bind up the injured, and to strengthen the weak. May no one feel like a stranger in our midst, but may all know that they are our brothers and our sisters. Through our gifts and our very lives, may we be your body, Jesus, the presence of your powerful love—a love that heals our world. Amen.**

**WORD OF GOD**Ephesians 1:15-23 & John 18:33-37  
Pg.192 & 113 Respectively

Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)

**MESSAGE** "Looking for a Different Leader" Pastor Jon

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** (See insert) (Sun)

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "Crown Him With Many Crowns" #327  
Vs. 1, 2 & 4

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" By: Oliver Holden  
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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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!**



## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

### PRESENTATION OF THE CHILDREN TO BE BAPTIZED

#### TO THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

Pastor: Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior?

**Parents & Sponsors: Yes, He is.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world and repent of your sin?

**Parents & Sponsors: I do.**

Pastor: Do you put your trust in Jesus Christ and follow Him?

**Parents & Sponsors: I do.**

Pastor: Do you intend *this child* to be His disciple, to obey His word and show His love?

**Parents & Sponsors: I do.**

Pastor: Will you endeavor to keep *this child* under the ministry and guidance of Christ's holy church until they by the power of God *she* shall accept for *herself* the gift of salvation, and be confirmed as full and responsible member of Christ's holy church?

**Parents & Sponsors: We will.**

#### TO THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**Congregation: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *this child* before you in your care?

**Congregation: With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will embody faith, hope and love so that *this child* will grow up learning to trust God and to live Love's service in the world. We will pray for *her* on *her* journey of discipleship among us.**

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

#### A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Most Holy God, throughout history as recorded in the scriptures you have used water in creative, cleansing and saving ways to demonstrate your faithfulness and love. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, who was nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit to make disciples. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and this gift of water. Let your baptismal touch bring this child into your holy circle and tender embrace.

**May all glory and honor be yours, now and forever. Amen!**

#### BAPTISM

*Madelyn Rose Ashton*

I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you,  
that being born through water and the Spirit  
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Brothers and sisters of the household of faith, we commend to your love and care *this child*, whom this day we recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that *she* may grow in the knowledge and the love of God through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord?

**We are grateful for the gift of *this child* who delights us and reminds us that God has not yet given up on his human family. We welcome *her* into this congregation of the family of God, and pray that we may love *her*, learn from *her*, and grow with *her* in strength to love God and all our neighbors.**

See what love the Father has given us that *she* should be called a *child* of God!

**And so *she is!* Amen!**

**Gift of Music**                      “Welcome to the Family of God”                      by N. Sleeth  
Children of Light



## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Madelyn Rose Ashton**

**SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
November 26, 2023**

# 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.

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## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**POINSETTIA SALE:** The last day to order poinsettias is Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are in the Narthex. We are selling 6 ½ branched poinsettias in white or red for \$10 each to beautify the altar for Christmas. You may pick up your poinsettia after the 7pm Christmas Eve worship.

**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.

**LIVE NATIVITY:** Help is needed to put up the Live Nativity after worship on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 starting 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.

**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!

**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

**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.

**TOY COLLECTION:** In conjunction with our Children's Musical (Room for Christmas), the congregation is invited to donate a new unwrapped toy in the weeks leading up to Christmas or for donation during the performances on December 16 & 17. Toys will be donated in support of "Maddy's Gift" for the Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville or Operation Blue Christmas through the Kingston PD for families with a family member suffering a serious illness. Information about the charity and the inspiration behind the memory of Maddy and the toy drive, as well as suggested items, can be found on Facebook under Maddy's Gift or the Kingston Municipal Police Department. A drop-off box will be located in the Narthex.

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE:** 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.

## **BACK MOUNTAIN CHURCHES, COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**CONCERT:** The Catholic Choral Society will present an Advent-Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10 at 3pm at Forty-Fort UMC.

### **NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR DECEMBER 2-3:**

**Greeters & Ushers:** Ray & Deb Poremba (Sat) TBD (Sun)

**Liturgist:** Sarah Church (Sat) Glenda Shepherd (Sun) **Acolyte:** Madison W. & Madisen B.

**December Altar Guild:** Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

**Trustee Week of Nov.26:** Kim Donlin **Trustee Week of Dec. 3:** Tom Ketchner

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Nov. 18-19: \$4,413 Direct Deposits: \$3,468

**Faithfulness in Attendance:** Nov. 18-19: In Person Worship 148 Online Worship 35



## UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 9

November 26: Hanging of the Greens  
 Poinsettia Order Due  
 Youth Group 4-6pm Social Hall

November 27: PEO Meeting 7pm

November 28: Priscilla Circle Noon  
 Worship Meeting 7:30pm

December 1&2: Live Nativity 6-7:30pm

December 3: Confirmation Meeting 4-6pm Social Hall

December 4: Prayer Shawl Meeting 7p,

December 5: Council Meeting 7pm

December 6: Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm

December 7: Staff Meeting 11:30am

December 8&9: 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 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )
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 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> )
	5:00pm	Chapel Chimes (Grades 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> )
	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

# 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.

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**OUR JOYS:** Baptism of Madelyn Rose

**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, Sue Holdredge & Family, Friend of Ketchner Family, Marsha Paczewski, Romain Kunkle, Frank Shaulis, The Costello & Valentine Families, Jeff, Vito Pilosi, Bill, Selene, Bob Bullock, 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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