



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Facebook, God & the Church



November 4 & 5, 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.

All Saints Sunday

Our Altar Flowers are In Memory of Stephen B. Killian & Clifford K. Parker, Sr.
Given by the Killian Family

Helping with Worship Today:

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

Acolyte: Ella B. & Keyara S.(Sun) | Liturgists: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

“With the Saints in Glory Shining”

By Edward Broughton

Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

The Lord doesn't look so much at the greatness of our works as at the love
with which they are done.

St. Teresa of Avila

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me and let us exalt God's name together!

I sought the LORD, who answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to God and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear God and delivers them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good! Happy are those who take refuge in God!

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.

(Psalm 34:1-5, 7-8, 22)

*OPENING HYMN

“For All the Saints”

#711

Vs. 1-4

*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Grant us grace so to follow your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you; 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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#2007

*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you:
You are holy Lord!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC

"All Night, All Day/My Lord, What a Morning" Arr. Russ Robinson(Sun)
God's Handful & Children of Light

***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) Ginger (Sun)

**Holy God, we thank you for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us as we worship.
Their diversity reminds us of your infinite grace to all your creatures. Thank you for the
vision of a world at peace: paradise restored, where no one hungers, no one thirsts, and no
one is wanting in any way. You guide us to the source of living water and invite us to drink
deeply of your love. Your magnificent generosity evokes our deepest thanks. And so receive
these offerings, that we may join that great cloud of witnesses as we share our gifts with
others. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

Matthew 5:1-12

Mary Ellen (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

MESSAGE	“Facebook, God and the Church”	Pastor Jon
HYMN OF PREPARATION	“Abide With Me” Vs. 1 & 5	#700
LITURGY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY & THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		See Insert
*HYMN OF GOING FORTH	“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”	#712
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“We Shall Behold Him”	By Dottie Rambo 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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The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!





LITURGY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY 2023

Greeting

Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come. **Amen.**

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and ruler of kings on earth. **Amen.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. **Amen.**

Remembering and Honoring our Loved Ones

Betty Ashbridge
Dorothy Bearley
James K. Brown
Mary Combs
Robert Deeble
Marie Duermit
Marguerite Evans
Daniel Fisk

Kris Fisk
Ruth Ann Gramps
Judith Gribble
Patricia Jachimowicz
Marilyn Klick
Per Navestad
Joan Roskos
Rev. James Wert

All those Family & Friends Who Hold a Special Place in Our Hearts

A Prayer of Thanks

Thank you, God for the lives and the sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. May we walk wisely in their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. We commit to continue their legacy of walking in The Way. May new generations find us worthy to be called saints in your kingdom. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Introduction to Communion

God of saints and sinners, we thank you the communion table is a thin place, a place where heaven and earth collide as Christ calls us to feast with the saints.

We confess that we long to lay our grief and pain at your feet. As we remember the life, death, and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ, and through the sharing of this sacrament may we find healing and hope.

By your grace nourish our mourning souls and prepare us to continue the ministry of the church here on earth even as we prepare to enter the church triumphant in heaven one day. **We pray all this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Prayer of Confession and Preparation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God),
Creator of heaven and earth:
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,

God of our children to all generations.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name before you
in our hearts . . .

[Silent Reflection]

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

Sharing of Elements

Gift of Music

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Arr. John Carter
Chancel Choir

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 filling the shoeboxes next week as part of their mission project, Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. We hope you will help us by donating money toward the shipping of the shoeboxes. All donations are due by November 5th.

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.

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 for \$5 each. 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!

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.

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.

BACK MOUNTAIN CHURCHES, COMMUNITY & BEYOND

CONCERTS: The Catholic Choral Society will present an advent Christmas concert to be held at the Forty-Fort UMC on Sunday, December 10 at 3pm. Free admission; however, a free will offering will be accepted. Also they will open their 75th anniversary season at the University of Scranton Houlihan McLean Center on Sunday, November 12 at 4pm.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR NOVEMBER 11-12:

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

Liturgist: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Mary Ellen Pajor (Sun) **Acolyte:** Ethan T.

November Altar Guild: Robert & Cathy Berkey

Trustee Week of Nov. 5: Charlie Kishbaugh **Trustee Week of Nov. 12:** Larry Schuler

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Oct. 28-29: \$2,878

Faithfulness in Attendance: Oct. 28-29: In Person Worship 140 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 & 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)
Mondays	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
	7pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Concert 2nd Monday)
Tuesdays	8 am	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 5:30pm

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: The 300+ meals give-away!

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, Grant Family, Grandpa, Jacob Lapp, Scott, Kamback Family, Mike & Sue Holdredge, Family of Colleen Kocher, Joann Marx, Family of Terry Hewitt, Frank Shaulis, Sharon Burton, Evan's Family, West Family, Thomas Family, Gene Esopi, 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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