



Shavertown United Methodist Church

# God is Calling on Line One



January 13 & 14 , 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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Ray & Deb Poremba (Sat) Gary & Jenny Young (Sun)  
Acolyte: Olivia O (Sun) | Liturgists: Bev Atherholt (Sat) / Margi Esopi (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

#### PRELUDE

“Preludio”

By C. Adolfo Bossi  
Organ: Nancy Evans

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CENTERING MEDITATION

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.  
Psalm 139:3-4

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bev (Sat) Margi (Sun)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
**And the glory of the Lord, has risen upon you.**  
You, creator God, brought light out of the primeval dark.  
**You, protector God, marched before your people as a pillar of light in the desert night.**  
Your glory shone from the face of your Son, Jesus,  
**Who alone could say, “I am the light of the world.”**  
We would save him as our guiding star!  
**We would follow him wherever he might lead us! Amen.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

“I Am Thine, O Lord”  
Vs. 1, 2 & 4

#419

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

Bev (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection  
of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us,  
as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead,  
that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. 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**

"Jesus Loves Me"

Arr. Sandy Willard Rogers

Chapel Chimes: Madisen B., Olivia O., Ava K., Taylor J.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS****CALL TO PRAYER**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#454

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

**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**

"Be the Light of Christ"

By Wes Cameron  
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**

Bev (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**God of seeing and knowing, thank you for seeing so many possibilities within us. Use our gifts and offerings to transform possibilities into realities, that others may come and see your grace. Speak through us and through these gifts, that others may hear and respond as you call them by name.**

**WORD OF GOD**

1 Samuel 3:1-10  
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Bev (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

“God is Calling on Line One”

Sarah Church

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Here I Am, Lord”

#593

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“I Surrender All with I am His, and He Is Mine”

Arr. Marilyn White  
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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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.

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## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**NEW OFFICE HOURS:** The office is closed on Mondays. We will continue to be open Tuesday thru Friday, 8:30am until 3pm.

**SHOE COLLECTION FOR MISSION CENTRAL:** Once again this year, the Churches in our Back Mountain Cluster are invited to collect NEW & GENTLY WORN SHOES during the month of January for Mission Central. All donated shoes will be redistributed to the network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe, and house families.

**FOOD DRIVE:** Our Sunday School classes will be having a food drive for the Back Mountain Food Pantry January 14 through February 11. Each week we will have a different theme resulting in our goal of 250 food items by February 11.

**SOUP FEST:** Nothing like a hot cup of soup to warm the soul on these cold winter days. On Saturday, January 27, following worship, we will be having a Soup Fest Tasting and Sale in the Social Hall. Cost is \$5 per container and donations will be accepted for soup tasting. A sign-up sheet to donate soup is located in the Narthex. Please contact Christie Wilson for more information at 484- 432-7809.

**FLOWER CHART:** The 2024 flower chart is located in the Narthex. If you would like to pick a particular week to purchase altar flowers, please fill in the date you wish to reserve. Cost is \$50.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES:** Looking for something to do in the cold winter months, why not join a Bible Study? You can grow in your faith while enjoying fun and fellowship. Please see the studies starting in January in the Narthex.

Adult Sunday School – Sundays, 10:30am

Men’s Bible Study – Tuesdays, 7:00pm

Women’s Bible Study – Mondays, 1:00pm

Connected in Christ – Thursdays, 7:00pm

**NO COOKING:** Take a night off from cooking and enjoy dinner at one of our upcoming dinner fundraisers. A Valentine's Dinner will be held on February 14 and a Chinese New Year's Dinner will be held on February 17. Look for more information on these tasty events!

**LOOKING AHEAD :** Mark your calendars with some of these upcoming events at Shavertown UMC.

- Soup Fest & Tasting January 27
- Valentine's Dinner February 10
- Singing Valentine's February 14
- Chinese New Year Dinner February 17
- Easter Eggstravaganza March 23
- Spring Concert April 28
- Children's Day May 12
- Vacation Bible School July 15-18
- The Kings Brass Concert August 13
- Annual Golf Tournament September 9
- Trunk or Treat October 20

**NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR JANUARY 20-21:**

**Greeters & Ushers:** Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) John & Kay Simons (Sun)

**Liturgist:** Cathy Nicks (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun) **Acolyte:** Ava K.

**January Altar Guild:** Mary Ellen Pajor & Margi Esopi

**Trustee Week of Jan 14:** Larry Schuler **Trustee Week of Jan. 21:** Brad Wall

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Jan.6-7: \$820 Direct Deposit: \$1,628

**Faithfulness in Attendance:** Jan 6-7: In Person Worship 26 Online Worship 35

## UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS JANUARY 14-27

January 14: Sunday School Food Drive Begins

Youth Group Meeting 4-6pm

January 16: Trustee Meeting 7pm

January 17: SPPRC Meeting 6pm

January 18: Worship Meeting 6pm

January 23: Finance Meeting 5pm

January 27: Soup Fest Tasting and Sale

### SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

Sundays 9:30am Worship

10:30am Sunday School for Children and Adults

11:30am God's Handful

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Mondays 1-3pm Women's Bible Study

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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

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Wednesdays 9am Prayer on Zoom

7pm AA Meeting, Social Hall

7:30pm Chancel Choir (Adults)

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Thursdays 7pm AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall

7pm Connected in Christ, Lounge

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Fridays 10am Community Care Cabinet

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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](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org).

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**OUR JOYS:** The many enjoyable church activities in 2024!

**ALWAYS BE IN PRAYER FOR:** The United Methodist Church, Our Country, People of Ukraine, 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, Victims in Israel & Gaza, Jeff Kopalek, Brandon Pall, Tina Lewis, Jim Petrie, Bob, Lauren Chapple, Nathan Huffman, Sharon Shaver.

*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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