



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Chosen: God Chooses Us



January 20 & 21, 2024

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.

3rd Sunday After the Epiphany

Our Altar Flowers are In Honor of Nick & Sandy Michalisin's 30th Wedding Anniversary

Helping with Worship today:

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

Acolyte: Ava K. (Sun) | Liturgists: Cathy Nicks (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

"It Is Well with My Soul"

By P. Bliss Arr. Marilyn White

Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cathy (Sat) Nick (Sun)

God, you seek us out:

In the dead of night

And on this wintry morning;

In the depths of despair,

And in the valleys of worry.

Holy One, you shake us from complacency,

Wrestling fear from our souls

And caution from our plans.

Loving God, you draw near,

As close as our breathing,

As present as the beat of our hearts.

Loving God, you jealously desire our attention,

Rejoice at our singing,

And welcome our worship.

*OPENING HYMN

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

#344

Vs. 1-2, 4

***OPENING PRAYER**

Cathy (Sat) Nick (Sun)

God, since you are always present to us, enfolding us in your love, we may sometimes be perplexed, but we never despair. We thank you that you have come to us in Jesus the Christ, healing and liberating, showing us who you are. Your light, shining in the face of Christ, is reflecting in our hearts. As we see you in Jesus, may other see Christ in us, to the glory of your name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

"Where Children Belong"

#2233 (Sun)

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

#2193

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

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**

Cathy (Sat) Nick (Sun)

Mighty God of love and justice, send your Spirit upon these gifts of personal treasure and worldly wealth; send your Spirit upon our gifts of time and talent. Breathe into us and into these offerings the newness of your life, the faithfulness of your justice, and the hope of reconciliation and peace.

WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 43:1-5a, 1 Peter 2:4-10
Pg 672 & 233 Respectively

Cathy (Sat) Nick (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Chosen: God Chooses Us”

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“You Are Mine”

#2218

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“An Exultant Alleluia!”

By: Lani Smith
Organ: 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

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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: Tuesday 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

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 are having a food drive for the Back Mountain Food Pantry now through February 11. We hope you will help us to reach our goal of 250 items. Each week of the food drive will have a theme, but we welcome any nonperishable food item donations. Please see the narthex for ideas of foods to donate.

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.

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 10 and a Chinese New Year's Dinner will be held on February 17. Look for more information on these tasty events!

SINGING VALENTINES It's that time of year for Singing Valentine's from our Choirs at Shavertown UMC. Send your Sweetie, Mom, Child, Friend, Neighbor, etc. a custom "Singing Valentine". You may purchase from the choirs starting on Wed. Jan. 31 up until Feb 14th. You chose the song from our song list, and it is specially delivered live on February 14th. The recipient does not need to answer as the recordings of the songs are just as special. This year, the proceeds will benefit our church for expenses. Thank you & Happy Valentines Day! 

DOOR FOBBS: If you have a church door fob that you are no longer using or really do not need, please turn it into the church office or to Amy Wall. Thank you!

What's happening with our SUMC Youth?

We are proud of our youth in 6th through 12th grade and wanted to share a few of their recent and upcoming accomplishments. They are always trying their best at school, with many getting top recognition for their academic achievements. Many are involved with their school sports and music programs and are always striving to learn new things such as Makayla Kelly starting the oboe. As you will see below, they are very busy, yet they look for ways to do service work and help those in need either individually or by joining clubs in and out of school.

Boy Scouts – Jack W., Trevor W.

Carnegie Hall Recognition – Josh J. (Piano)

Cheer Team 1st Place State Champions - Keyara S.

Dance = Jenna Y. (Back Mountain)- Adriana K. (Joan Harris Centre)

District Chorus – Katie K., Adriana K.

District Orchestra – Katie K. (Cello)

Girl Scouts – Maggie W., Madison W.

Karate Green Belt – Andrew W., Isabella W.

Marywood Wind Band Celebration – Katerina K. (Flute), Adriana K. (Percussion)

Ovation Theatre's Phantom of the Opera – Katerina K., Adriana K.

Rosettie Art Exhibit – Mason K., Adriana K., Katerina K.

School Travel Program – Alison L. (Italy)

Silver Award in Girl Scouts – Maggie W.

Sports Teams-Jenna Y. (DMAC Swim)- Landon H. (Swim)-Lilly M. (Lacrosse & Field Hockey)

State Championship Football – Trevor W.

“What's So Cool About Manufacturing?” Participant – Landon H.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR JANUARY 27-28:

Greeters & Ushers: Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) Peg & Larry Schuler (Sun)

Liturgist: Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun) **Acolyte:** Madisen B.

January Altar Guild: Mary Ellen Pajor & Margi Esopi

Trustee Week of Jan 21: Brad Wall: **Trustee Week of Jan. 28:** Kim Donlin

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Jan.13-14: \$6,974

Faithfulness in Attendance: Jan 13-14: In Person Worship 135 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 3

January 21: Youth Group Meeting 6-8 pm

January 23: Finance Meeting 4pm

January 27: Soup Fest Tasting and Sale 6:30pm

January 28: Youth Group 4-6pm Social Hall

SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

Sundays	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Sunday School for Children and Adults
	11:30am	God's Handful
Mondays	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
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	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
	7pm	Connected in Christ, Lounge
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.

OUR JOYS: Birth of James Richard to Tom and Amanda Ketchner!

ALWAYS BE IN PRAYER FOR: The United Methodist Church, Our Country, People of Ukraine, Victims in Israel & Gaza, 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, Joe, Kyle Gilmartin, Jeff Kopalek, Ron, Peggy Biesecker, Jane Marie, 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)

Alice Niskey, The Village at Greenbriar, 4244 Memorial Hwy., Apt. 201, Dallas, Pa. 18612