



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Chosen: Changed



January 27 & 28, 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.

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Helping with Worship today:

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

Acolyte: Madisen B (Sun) | Liturgists: Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday Worship Musician: Ed Pall

Sunday: "Who You Say I Am" By R. Morgan & Ben Fielding

Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Isaiah 43:1

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellie (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

And these are the words of God:

I will go before you and level the mountains;

I will give you the treasures of your heart

That you may know,

That it is I, the God of Israel, who call you by name.

I call you by your name.

I am God, and there is no other.

From the rising of the sun and from the west.

I am God, and there is no other.

Let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#89

*OPENING PRAYER

Ellie (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

O Mysterious God, who hides in the shadows of our steps, who surprises in ways inexpressible. Who lingers in paradox: ignite our spirits to reveal your presence, inspire our souls to dance in your mystery, free our minds to rest in your holiness, fully comforted, totally quiet, completely yours. In the name of Christ, the Mysterious Word made flesh.

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**

“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**

“Where There Is Love” (Sun)

By Karen Crane
Chancel & God's Handful
Cello: Katie Kelly

***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**

Ellie (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

God of love and righteousness, receive these gifts, that they may be treasures for a world in need. Receive the treasures of our hearts and our lives – treasures poured out before you, that we may bring light and life to all.

WORD OF GOD

Jeremiah 1:4-10 and 1 Peter 2:9-12, 21
Pgs. 698 & 232 Respectively

Ellie (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Chosen: Changed”

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Amazing Grace”
Vs. 1-3, 6

#378

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” (Sun)

By Paul Baloche
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!



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: The churches in our Back Mountain Cluster are collecting NEW & GENTLY WORN SHOES during January for Mission Central. Donated shoes will be redistributed in developing nations and proceeds from the shoe sales will be used to feed, clothe, and house families. Shoe collection ends on January 30th.

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. Please see the narthex for ideas of foods to donate.

NO COOKING: Take a night off from cooking and enjoy dinner at our upcoming fundraisers. A Valentine's Dinner will be held on February 10 at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Cost is \$25 per person. Our Chinese New Year's Dinner will be held on February 17 at 6:30pm. Space is limited. Cost is \$65 per person. Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex.

SINGING VALENTINES: It's that time of year for Singing Valentine's from our Choirs at SUMC. 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 choose the song from our song list, and it is specially delivered live on Feb. 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! 

INTRODUCING YOUR 2024 SPPRC: Do you have feedback on your experience worshipping and serving at SUMC? Is there something you love and want to have continue? Something you would like improved? Your SPPRC (Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee) is the resource for you! The committee members for 2024 are: **Amy Kelly** (Chair), **Cindy Biesecker**, **Donna Church**, **Susan Crahall**, **Ellie Hottenstein**, **Nancy Liskosky**, **John Nicks**, **Judy Oberst**, **Gary Young**, **Ginger McCabe** (Church Council Chair), **Mary Ellen Pajor** (Lay Leader), and **Jon Buxton** (Pastor). Please feel free to reach out to one of us with your comments!

DOOR FOBBS: If you have a church door fob that you are no longer using or 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 K 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.

College Acceptance to Penn State Wilkes Barre for the Fall – Mark K.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR FEBRUARY 3-4

Greeters & Ushers: Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) Margi Esopi & Mardy Shepherd (Sun)

Liturgist: Cathy Berkey (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun) **Acolyte:** Ella B. & Madison W.

February Altar Guild: Edie Graziano & Dianne Nice

Trustee Week of Jan 28: Kim Donlin: **Trustee Week of Feb 4:** Tom Ketchner

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Jan.20-21: \$6,684

Faithfulness in Attendance: Jan. 20-21: In Person Worship 134 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 10

- January 27: Soup Fest Tasting and Sale 6:30pm
January 28: Youth Group 4-6pm Social Hall
February 4: Education Committee Meeting 11:30am Social Hall
February 4: Confirmation Meeting 4-6pm Social Hall
February 5: Prayer Shawl Meeting 7pm
February 6: Council Meeting 7pm
February 7: Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm
February 10: Valentine's Dinner 6:30pm 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
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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 nd – 5 th)
	5:00pm	Chapel Chimes (Grades 2 nd - 5 th)
	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.

OUR JOYS: Delicious soup tasting and sale!

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, Paul Kunkle, Faye Finkle, Pastor Harold Schorr, Tom, Sandy Morris, Joe, Kyle Gilmartin, Jeff Kopalek, Ron, Peggy Biesecker, Jane Marie, Brandon Pall, , Jim Petrie, 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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