



Shavertown United Methodist Church

A New Vision



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January 6 & 7, 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.

Epiphany

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Mae & Don Rome (Sun)

Acolyte: Keyara S & Olivia K (Sun) | Liturgists: Sarah Church (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

By Graham Kendrick

Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. . . then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice. Isaiah 60: 1, 5

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

Welcome, travelers.

Welcome

Sometimes it is harder to cross an unrepaired sidewalk than travel a thousand miles.

Sometimes it is harder to forgive an old friend than to welcome a stranger.

But God teaches us that we should welcome the stranger as we would welcome Jesus Christ.

However far, we have come this week, we bring gifts of ourselves, our minds, our compassion, our love, and our dedication. Let us continue our journey together.

*OPENING HYMN

“We Three Kings”

#254

Vs. 1-4

*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, you brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. 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 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #204
*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC "Do You Hear What I Hear" Arr. Harry Simeone
Chancel & God's Handful Choirs

***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) Cindy (Sun)
**Receive these gifts, glorious God, as if they were those same precious gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh first offered to your child, Christ Jesus. Shine through these gifts,
that they may become lights of hope and joy in a world dark with despair and sorrow.
Shine through us, that we may be beacons of justice and love in all that we say
and in all that we do. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD Isaiah 60:1-6 Sarah (Sat) Cindy (Sun)
Matthew 2:1-12
Pgs. 690 & 2 Respectively

MESSAGE "A New Vision" Pastor Jon

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Be Present at Our Table, Lord" #621

HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #251

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Behold the King!”

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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**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.

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

NEW OFFICE HOURS: Beginning January 1, 2024, the office will be closed on Mondays. We will continue to be open Tuesday thru Friday, 8:30am until 3pm.

TAKING DOWN THE GREENS: Volunteers are needed to take down the Christmas decorations after worship on January 7.

FLOWER CHART: The 2024 flower chart is now in the Narthex. If you would like a particular week to purchase altar flowers, please fill in on the date you wish to reserve.

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.

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 13-14:

Greeters & Ushers: Ray & Ray Porembe (Sat) Gary & Jenny Young (Sun)

Liturgist: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

January Altar Guild: Mary Ellen Pajor & Margi Esopi

Trustee Week of Jan 7: Charlie Kishbaugh **Trustee Week of Jan. 14:** Larry Schuler

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Dec. 30-31: \$4,721

Faithfulness in Attendance: Dec 30-31: In Person Worship 102 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS JANUARY 7-20

January 7: Taking Down the Greens After Worship

Sunday School Resumes 10:30am

Confirmation Meeting 4-6pm

January 14: Sunday School Food Drive Begins

Youth Group Meeting 4-6pm

January 16: Trustee Meeting 7pm

January 17: SPPRC Meeting 6pm

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 2nd – 5th)

5:00pm Chapel Chimes (Grades 2nd- 5th)

6pm Good News Ringers

7pm Men's Bible Study - Zoom

Wednesdays 9am Prayer on Zoom

7pm AA Meeting, Social Hall

6:15pm Bell Ensemble Rehearsal in Sanctuary

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: Celebration of Epiphany

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, Lauren Chapple, Nathan Huffman, Sharon Shaver, Family of Shirley Edwards, Nancy Osgood, Alex, Roberts Family, Royal Sutton, Tom, Ron, Amy.

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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