



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Chosen: Called



Shavertown UMC
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February 3 & 4, 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.

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Margi Esopi & Mardy Shepherd (Sun)
Acolyte: Ella B. & Madison W. (Sun) | Liturgists: Cathy Berkey (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday Musician: Nancy Evans
Sunday: "Valse, K.K. IVb, No.4"

By Frederic Chopin
Piano: Joshua J.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

Deuteronomy 7:6

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cathy (Sat) Sheri (Sun)

God saves us.

God calls us with a holy calling.

God calls us according to his own purpose and grace.

His grace has been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ.

For us, our Savior abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.

We have been appointed heralds for this gospel.

We know in whom we have put our trust.

We shall guard the good treasure entrusted to us and stand to sing with joy.

*OPENING HYMN

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

#371

Vs. 1-3, 5

*OPENING PRAYER

Cathy (Sat) Sheri (Sun)

God of all grace, we have come here today not by our own power, but you have drawn us in your mercy and truth. You have sought us in every moment of our lives, that we may be with you through eternity. Now let us enjoy a glimpse of that blessed day in which you will be glorified in all the worlds. Lord, we long to see your face smiling upon us in the face of our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer up all praise, to the glory of your blessed name. 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

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC "In Remembrance of Me" By R. Courtney/Buryl Red
Chancel & God's Handful

***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) Sheri (Sun)
**Receive these gifts as offerings of love, O God. Bless them with your grace, that all who
receive them may be covered in compassion and led by hope.
In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD Luke 5:1-11 & 1 Peter 2:9-12, 21 Cathy (Sat) Sheri (Sun)
Pgs. 62 & 233

MESSAGE "Chosen: Called" Pastor Jon

HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)
(Musical Response Pg 17 Red Hymnal)

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "We Are Called" #2172

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“The Great Commission”

By Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.
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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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


EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING: We will be having an Education Committee Meeting on Sunday, February 4 at 11:30am in the Social Hall.

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY: We will be having communion next Sunday on February 11th for Transfiguration Sunday.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: We have two opportunities to begin the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday, February 14. #1: noon – 1pm A time of silent reflection and receiving of ashes at Shavertown UMC. #2: 7pm Worship together with churches in the back mountain area at Dallas UMC. Ashes and communion will be shared during worship.

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 cost is a minimum donation of \$6.00. The recipient does not need to answer as the recordings of the songs are just as special. We also need volunteer Valentine's singers. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. This year, the proceeds will benefit our church for expenses. If you have any questions, speak to Nancy Evans. Thank you & Happy Valentines Day! 

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!

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!

COMMUNITY EVENT: All ages are invited for a time of fun and fellowship by WRGN to their 33rd Annual President's Day Skate on Monday, February 19th from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Skateaway, Blackman Street in Wilkes Barre. Admission is \$5.00 per person attending (skaters and non-skaters). Tickets will be available at the door. Skateaway offers skate rentals for \$3.00 if needed. All proceeds will benefit WRGN, a listener supported Christian radio station.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR FEBRUARY 10-11

Greeters & Ushers: Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) West & Zarembo Families (Sun)

Liturgist: Cathy Nicks (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun) **Acolyte:** Abby J.

February Altar Guild: Edie Graziano & Dianne Nice

Trustee Week of Feb. 4: Tom Ketchner **Trustee Week of Feb 11:** Brian Wilson

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Jan.27-28: \$4,000

Faithfulness in Attendance: Jan. 27-28: In Person Worship 149 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS FEBRUARY 4-17

February 4: Education Committee Meeting 11:30am Social Hall

February 4: Confirmation Meeting 4-6pm Social Hall

February 4: Youth Group 6-8pm 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
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	6:30pm	Grief Share, Lounge (Beginning Feb.22)
	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: An amazing 149 pairs of shoes were collected for the Shoe Ministry!

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, Abigail, Ben, 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)
George Parrs, 756 Demunds Rd., Dallas, Pa. 18612