



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Worship Series

Listen: Hearing That Still, Small Voice and Finding Your Own

# Finding Your Cave: Listening Spaces



February 17 & 18, 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.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent – Listen Series Week 1

## Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Ray & Deb Poremba (Sat) Danny & Alice Peters (Sun)  
Acolyte: Ethan T. (Sun) | Liturgists: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

## PRELUDE

Saturday Worship Musician: Ed Pall  
Sunday: “Winter is a Quiet Celebration” By R. Schram & L. Marcus  
God’s Handful

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TIME FOR CENTERING

Chancel Choir

*Come and rest. Come and listen*  
*Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker*

## SILENT REST

You are invited to sit quietly in the silence without any expectation of what you “ought” to be thinking. Don’t worry about sounds from children or crows – simply let them float into and out of your attention. And if you find it difficult to settle your thoughts, contemplate the following:

Move into practices of listening . . .  
. . . the reverberations at the end of the music  
. . . the spaces between the bird’s call  
. . .the lull after the wind whips through the trees  
. . .the spaces “in between.”

## \*OPENING HYMN

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

#2128

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

For that which, then, I thought was right. . .

**have mercy, God.** *(pause)*

For that which, now, I regret . . .

**forgive me, God** *(pause)*

For that which, hence, I know not what to do . . .

**guide me God.** *(pause)* **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

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

#2200

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

### 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

"More Precious Than Silver"

By L. DeShazo Arr. L. Hollander  
Good News Ringers

### \*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!*

### \*PSALMIST PRAYER

Psalm 5:1-4; 7-8; 11-12

Mary Ellen (Sat) Ginger (Sun)

Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing. **Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.** O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch. **For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you.** But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house, **I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.** Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; **make your way straight before me.**

Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, so that those who love your name may exult in you. **For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover them with favor as with a shield.**

**MUSIC FOR PREPARATION**      “There’s a Quiet Understanding”      By Tedd Smith(Sun)  
Chancel & God’s Handful Choirs

**SEEKING THE WORD**      1 Kings 19: 11-12      Mary Ellen (Sat) Ginger (Sun)  
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**MESSAGE**      “Finding Your Cave”      Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**      “Take My Life, and Let it Be”      #399 (Sat)  
“The Voice of God is Calling”      #436 (Sun)  
Vs. 1, 2 & 4

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**      “In the Garden”      By C. Austin Miles Arr. Don Wyrzten  
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: 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.

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## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:** From time to time our church receives calls from persons who may need some extra help with funds for food, gas for their car, heating fuel, etc. Our Pastor's Discretionary Fund is used to help these persons facing extraordinary hardships. This weekend, Feb. 17 & 18, you can help support this ministry with a special donation. "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. . ." (Mt. 25:35)

**DRIVE-THRU MEAL:** Our next meal give-away will be Saturday, February 24. We will be serving pulled pork, mac and cheese, a vegetable and either a pink or white cake. We are looking for donations of large trays of macaroni and cheese and either a pink or white cake. All donations need to be to the church by 9am Saturday morning.

**YOUTH GROUP:** The SUMC Youth Group will be meeting Feb. 25, 4-6pm in the Social Hall.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Spring is around the corner, and we are now taking orders for Easter flowers that will be on display for our Easter worship services. Please fill out a form and return it to the office with your payment. Forms will be in this weekend's bulletin and then placed in the Narthex. Last day for orders is February 27. After the final service, you may take your purchased flowers home.

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA:** Donations of small, wrapped candy and plastic Easter eggs can be dropped off in the Narthex in the bin labeled Easter candy/eggs. We are also in need of many volunteers to make this event possible. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex to volunteer for this fun and meaningful community event. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Kopalek at 304-964-7130.

**DOOR FOBs:** 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!

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to everyone for their cards, prayers and well wishes following my surgery. They were truly appreciated! Blessings, Marsha Paczewski.

**COMMUNITY EVENT:** All ages are invited for a time of fun and fellowship by WRGN to their 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual President's Day Skate on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP:** The SUMC Youth Group are planning a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. on July 3, 2024, to see "Daniel". We are inviting everyone to join us for this exciting event! The bus holds 55 people and may fill up quickly, so please get signed up. If you have questions, please see Amy Kelly or contact Brenda Kopalek at [kadec23@hotmail.com](mailto:kadec23@hotmail.com) or 304-964-7130. Price: Ages 13 and up...\$180/person Ages 12 and under ...\$120/person.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** On Friday, February 23, 2024 Dallas UMC will host a blood drive Please call Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR FEBRUARY 24-25**

**Greeters & Ushers:** Frank & Linda Gruver (Sat) Barbara Brandt & Charlie Kishbaugh (Sun)

**Liturgist:** Sarah Church (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun) **Acolyte:** Ethan T.

**February Altar Guild:** Edie Graziano & Dianne Nice

**Trustee Week of Feb.18:** Bob Wagner **Trustee Week of Feb 25:** TBD

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Feb. 10-11: \$9,723 Direct Deposits: \$1,628

**Faithfulness in Attendance:** Feb. 4-5: In Person Worship 130 Online Worship 35

## UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS FEBRUARY 18-MARCH 2

- February 20: Finance Meeting 4:45pm
- February 20: Worship Meeting 7:30pm
- February 21: SPPRC Meeting 6pm
- February 24: Drive-Thru Meal Giveaway
- February 25: Youth Group 4-6pm
- February 27: Easter Flower Orders Due Today

### 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	6:30pm	Grief Share, Lounge (Beginning Feb.22)
	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 voices of our Singing Valentines that brightened someone's day! Great food and fellowship shared at the Valentine's Dinner. 469 items of food collected for the food pantry.

**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, Family of Peggy Biesecker, Family of Dot Harding, Stacey, Jeannie, Len Buxton, Bill Pearse & Family, Harold Schorr, Jean Linker, Kevin Brader, Carol Carol, Abigail, Ben, Tom, Sandy Morris, Jeff Kopalek, Jim Petrie, Lauren Chapple.

*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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