



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Worship Series

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

Finding a Word: Listening to the Texts



March 2 & 3, 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 in Lent – Listen Series Week 3

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Deb & Ray Poremba (Sat) The Wilson Family (Sun)

Acolyte: Landon H. & Makaya K. (Sun) | Liturgists: Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

“Breathe”

By Marie Barnett
God’s Handful Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR CENTERING

*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:

We spend so much time
Solving . . . fixing . . . figuring things out.
What about letting things simply be for a minute?
It is often the most needed ingredient for a breakthrough.

*OPENING HYMN

“Wonderful Words of Life”

#600

OPENING PRAYER

Ellie (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

Wise and Wonderful One, speak words of wisdom, that we might hear and believe. Instill in us the ways of righteousness which are far more precious than jewels. Make us wise and understanding in word and action, that we may be people of peace and compassion, bearing the fruit of mercy and love. 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

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC "The Gift of Love" Arr. by Jason W. Krug
Harmony Handbells

***DOXOLOGY** #95
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise him
above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God, we hear and we respond to your words of wisdom, your words of call and life. May
these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves - our words, our thoughts, our
actions – be acceptable to you, and help spread your words of life and love. Amen.**

SEEKING THE WORD Psalm 1:1-3 Ellie (Sat) Cindy (Sun)
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MESSAGE "Finding a Word: Listening to the Texts" Pastor Jon

SEEKING THE WORD Psalm 46 Ellie (Sat) Cindy (Sun)
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MUSIC FOR AN INWARD JOURNEY

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

"Meet Me Here" Vocal Ensemble

HOLY COMMUNION (See Insert)

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #127

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Ancient Words”

By L. DeShazo/Michael W. Smith

Piano: Nancy Evans

Lyrics to “Ancient Words”: *Ancient words ever true. Changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts. Oh, let the ancient words impart.*

**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.

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

LENTEN GIVING: During the Lenten Season, our Community Care Cabinet, which provides paper products and household items to families in need who reside in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts will be collecting a different product each week. From February 25-March 2 paper towels will be collected, week of March 3-9 (toilet paper), week of March 10-16 (dish soap), and the final week March 17-23 (tissues). Please consider giving during this Lenten season.

PRAYER SHAWL: Yarners will meet on Monday, March 4 at 7pm in the lounge. Bring your works-in-progress and join us for an evening of crafting and fellowship. Knitting and crochet refresher help is available. If you have yarn and needles, please join in. For more information, contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE: Meeting will be March 19 at noon in the social hall. Bring a lunch and enjoy a time of food and fellowship. Hostess Mary Ellen Pajor will lead devotions. Our program will feature Barbara Roberts. All women are invited. For more information, contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

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.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP: The SUMC Youth Group is 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 or 304-964-7130. Price: Ages 13 and up...\$180/person Ages 12 and under ...\$120/person.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR MARCH 9-10

Greeters & Ushers: Sarah & Donna Church (Sat) Ron & Jen Prutzman (Sun)

Liturgist: Cathy Nicks (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun) **Acolyte:** TBD

March Altar Guild: Cathy Nicks & Mary Ellen Pajor

Trustee Week of Mar 3: Joe Kopalek **Trustee Week of Mar 10:** Kim Donlin

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Feb. 24-25: \$3,793

Faithfulness in Attendance: Feb. 24-25: In Person Worship 147 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS MARCH 3-MARCH 16

- March 3: Confirmation Meeting 4-6pm
March 4: Prayer Shawl Meeting 7pm
March 8: Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm
March 11: Youth Group Meeting 6-8pm
Praise Band Concert 7pm
March 16: Drive-Thru Meal Giveaway
Confirmand Trip to Phila.

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	6:30pm	Grief Share, Lounge
	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
	7pm	Connected in Christ, HS Sunday School Room
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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: We celebrate the volunteers and donations that helped make our drive-thru meal giveaway such a success.

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, Nancy & ed Hahn, Sharon Shaver, Family of Genevieve Mikush, Joan Williams, Nancy Roberts, Jamie, Rev. Leroy Flohr, Family of Peggy Biesecker, Family of Dot Harding, Stacey, Jeannie, Bill Pearse & Family, Harold Schorr, Jean Linker, Kevin Brader, Carol Carol, Jeff Kopalek, Jim Petrie.

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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