



He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:4

SHAVERTOWN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Weekend

March 30 & 31, 2023

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Lou & Gayle Yanora (Sat)

Bev Bunney, Margi Esopi, Charlie Kishbaugh, Mardy Shepherd (Sun)

Acolyte: Olivia K., Ella B., Ethan T. (Sun) | Liturgists: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

Welcome!

We pray that the Spirit of the Risen Christ will touch your heart with joy today! If this is your first time here, please fill out a "Connection Card" found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate this morning.

PRELUDE

"This Day of Gladness"

By Susan Geschke (Sun)

Good News Ringers

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

"Risen! Christ the Lord is Risen"

By Lloyd Larson (Sun)

Chancel Choir

Trumpet: Jay Ruckel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ is risen today!

Christ is risen, indeed!

The tomb could not hold him.

The grave is empty. Christ is risen!

Jesus Christ is risen today!

Christ is risen indeed!

Bev (Sat) Sheri (Sun)

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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*OPENING PRAYER

Bev (Sat) Sheri (Sun)

Great God of awakenings, we join you in joy this day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May your love inspire us during this sacred time, as we experience resurrection anew. Fill us with thanksgiving at the gift of new life! 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.*

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Jesus Rose"

By Ruth Elaine Schram (Sun)

Children of Light

AN EASTER PRAYER AND THE 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.**

WE CELEBRATE THE RISEN LORD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**OFFERTORY**

"How Great Thou Art"

By Stuart K. Hine (Sun)

God's Handful

Soloists: Adriana K., Ella B., Makayla K., Mark K.

***DOXOLOGY**

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*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**

Bev (Sat) Sheri (Sun)

Wonderful, amazing God, we thank you that you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of new life. With the dawning of this new day, may we awaken to new opportunities to love and serve you and witness to Christ whom you have raised. Use us, and our gifts, to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

John 20:1-18

Bev (Sat) Sheri (Sun)

Pgs. 114-115

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

By Cynthia Dobrinski (Sun)
Praise Ringers

MESSAGE

“Looking for Something?”

Pastor Jon

UNISON AFFIRMATION

We believe in God – who works in the hidden stillness of every dawn; who beckons us to visit the tomb of our fears so we might discover the birth of hope; who sends signs of love and hope, fragrant flowers, good friends, and bright angels with messages of joy and possibility.

We believe in Jesus, the risen Christ – who meets us on every path; who greets us with respect, names and calms our fears, and bids us walk and talk as children of Light; who is always going before us.

We believe in the Holy Spirit – who gathers us into a kindred community; who works through the lame and the late, the wrinkled and the newborn, the hurting and the hopeful; who nudges our prayers, kindles our longings and prompts our praise.

We believe we are called to be Easter people – challenging despair with glowing hope, acting peacefully in the midst of painful Good Fridays, and living joyfully even in the midst of harsh realities.

**We believe in the hope of Easter and with God all things are possible. This we believe.
Amen!**

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“He Lives”

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***BENEDICTION**

May the risen Christ go with us – before us to show us the way; behind us to encourage us; beside us to befriend us; above us to watch over us; and live within us and through us, that all might know the peace of God.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

***RESPONSE**

Hallelujah Chorus

George F. Handel (Sun)
From “The Messiah”
Featuring Chancel Choir, God’s Handful, Trumpet & Congregation
Trumpet: Jay Ruckel

***POSTLUDE**

“Voluntary on ‘Easter Hymn’”

By David Clark Isele
Organ

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.

WELCOME!

We are happy you are joining us for worship today. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to welcome you as part of the Shavertown UMC family! Christian Education is available for all ages on Sundays at 10:30am. We invite you to visit our welcome table in the Narthex for a gift and information on the many ministries or church has to offer. You can also follow us on Facebook and visit our website: www.shavertownumc.com. We hope you will join us again!

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There is no Sunday School on Easter, March 31; we will see you back in class on April 7.

SUPPORT ALIMIA: Our fundraiser to support Alima who is a deaf young lady from West Africa will take place during the month of April. We have been her primary source of tuition, room, and board since she was 6 years old. She is now preparing to start her vocational training. Look for donation envelopes soon in the bulletin and Narthex.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS: We will be offering a new membership class on April 7, 14, and 21 at 10:30am following worship for those who are interested joining Shavertown UMC or would just like to learn a little bit more about Methodism. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3616 or shavertownumc@susumc.org or speak to Pastor Jon if you are interested.

GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER: The SUMC Youth Group is doing a Gertrude Hawk Candy Bar fundraiser during the month of March. We have milk chocolate, crispy, caramel, peanut butter, and dark chocolate raspberry candy bars, \$2.00/each.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP: There is still time to sign up or invite friends and family on our Sight and Sound Theatre trip to Lancaster, Pa. on July 3, 2024, to see "Daniel".

Bus #1 – Full

Bus #2 – 30 Seats Left

Ages 13 & up...\$180/person Ages 12 & under ...\$120/person.

\$100 by April 21 to hold your spot, remainder due by May 12

Please make checks out to SUMC and turn in to Amy Kelly or Brenda Kopalek

WELSH COOKIE SALE: Welsh cookies will be for sale after worship on April 20 & 21. Cost is \$5 for 10 cookies. There are no pre-orders.

SOUP SALE: We are in need of soup donations for our sale on Election Day, Tuesday, April 23. We will be selling 12 ounce containers for \$5. A sign-up sheet will be located in the narthex. We are also in need of volunteers to work a 2 hour shifts that day.

GERANIUM SALE: Geraniums will be for sale after Easter until April 26.. Cost is 4 for \$15 for 4.5” pots in your choice of colors. Make checks out to SUMC and reference geranium sale in the memo. Order forms will be available in the bulletin & Narthex. Purchased vouchers will be available after worship on April 27 & 28 to be redeemed at Darling’s Nursery in Dallas from May 9-31. Proceeds go to the church’s General Fund.

BIRTHDAY TEA: Our annual birthday tea will take place on Sunday, May 5th in the Social Hall at 1pm.. Tables are decorated for each month of the year. If you are interested in decorating a table, please contact Sandy Michalisin or Sue Holdredge. This event is for all women of the church and community. What a great opportunity for conversation and fellowship.

MUSIC NOTES: On Sunday, April 28th at 6:00PM, come and enjoy an evening of beautiful music called “Music Makes the World Go round” by our SUMC choirs from children to adult, Handbells, Chimes, Brass, Piano and Organ. The concert is free and open to the public. We will be accepting a free will donation and having an Ice Cream Social. On Friday May 10th, we will host Byron Dissinger’s Senior Piano Recital. On Saturday, June 22nd, we will be hosting a concert celebrating Juneteenth. More information to follow. And rounding up our Fine Arts Series is Tim Zimmerman and the King’s Brass on Tues. August 13th at 7:00pm.

NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP HELP FOR APRIL 6-7

Greeters & Ushers: Deb & Ray Poremba (Sat) TBD (Sun)

Liturgist: Sarah Church (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun) **Acolyte:** Madisen B. & Abby J.

April Altar Guild: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

Trustee Week of Mar 31: Charlie Kishbaugh **Trustee Week of April 7:** Tom Ketchner

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Mar.23-24: \$5,037

Faithfulness in Attendance: Mar. 23-24: In Person Worship 187 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS MARCH 31-APRIL 13

April 1: Prayer Shawl Meeting 7pm

April 2: Council Meeting 7pm

April 3: Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm

April 7: Confirmation 3:30-5:30pm

April 11: Staff Meeting 11am

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
	7pm	Praise Band (Concert 2 nd Monday of the Month)
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
	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
	7pm	Connected in Christ, HS Sunday School Room
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: Christ is Risen! Many gatherings of families and friends celebrating Easter!

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, Bridget Frame, Florian, Glenda Shepherd, Dana, Paul, Sandy Split Morris, Family of Dorothy Carrol, Aunt Kathy & Family, Family of Karen Rittenhouse, The Mesick Family, Mary Demko, Family of Nancy Liskosky, 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)

Peg Gorman, 209 Roberts Rd., Room 159A, Pittston, Pa.