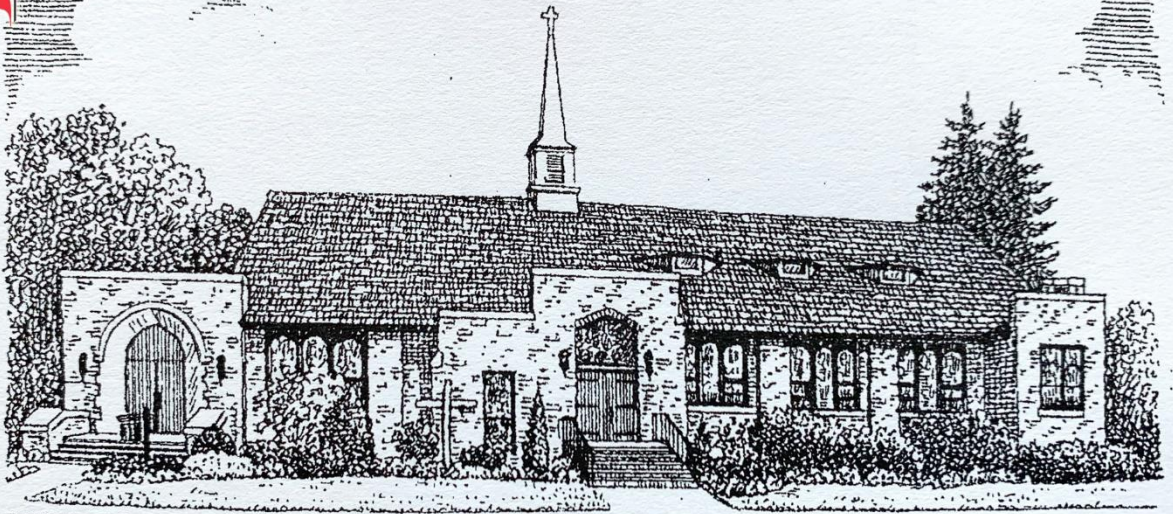


Shavertown United Methodist Church



Welcome. We're glad you're here.

April 20 & 21, 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.

4th Sunday of Easter

Our Altar Flowers are In Memory of Vivian Newcomb's Birthday

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) Danny & Alice Peters (Sun)

Acolyte: Makayla K. (Sun) | Liturgists: Sarah Church (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

"A Time for New Beginnings"

By Lani Smith

Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

"Faith is the daring of the soul to go farther than it can see."

William Newton Clarke

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)

From generation to generation, God calls to us.

Christ names us as God's own people.

In hope and faith, God walks before us.

Christ call us to pickup our cross and follow.

In covenant and love, God promises us grace.

Christ carries us forward into life anew.

And together we lift our voices in praise.

*OPENING HYMN

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

#160

Vs 1-3, 5

*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)

God of Abram and Sarai, you call to us across the span of time. Open our minds, that we may discern your call, even as you name us anew. Grant us hope against hope, that we may trust your guidance and walk in your ways. Raise us up to newness of life, that we may be children of your promise, people of your covenant, and disciples who follow your every lead. 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****"Into My Heart"**

#2160

Vs. 1 & 2

*Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;
Shine out today, shine out always; shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.*

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****"Every Morning is Easter Morning"**By R. Avery & D. Marsh
God's Handful (Sun)***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) Rich (Sun)

Bless us and our gifts this day, that we may be a blessing to all the ends of the earth. As these gifts go forth into the world, may the ministries they support help others remember and turn to you, O God, recognizing the great love and grace you shower upon us all. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC	“The Journey” inc. Dvorak’s New World Symphony	Arr. Joseph Martin & God’s Handful (Sun)
WORD OF GOD	Genesis 12:1-4 & Matthew 4:18-23 Pg 10 Old Testament & Pg 3-4 New Testament	Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)
MESSAGE	The Ultimate Adventure Week 2 “Overcoming the Fear of Change”	Pastor Jon
*HYMN OF GOING FORTH	“‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”	#462
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”	By J. Myrin & M. Redman Piano: 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

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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

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.

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 – 18 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

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 is located in the narthex for soup and volunteers to work 2 hour shifts that day.

PASTORS CHOIR CONCERT: Chi Rho Singers, the Susquehanna Conference Pastors Choir will perform at Forty-Fort UMC on Thursday, April 25 at 7pm.

GERANIUM SALE: Geraniums will be for sale 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 memo. Order forms are available in the 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.

SPRING MUSIC CONCERT: On Sun., April 28th at 6:00pm, enjoy an evening of beautiful music called "Music Makes the World Go Round" by our SUMC choirs with handbells, chimes, brass, piano & organ. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offer will be accepted. An Ice Cream Social will follow in the Social Hall.

*Need a few good men (or women) to put risers up this Sunday after church. Thank you.

** Next Sunday, we need help raising the stage and risers after church. Again, thank you.

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 Narthex.

BIRTHDAY TEA: Our annual birthday tea will take place on Sun, 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.

VBS PLANNING MEETING: We will be having a planning meeting for Vacation Bible School on May 5 at 11:30am in the Social Hall. Everyone looking to learn more about our VBS program are welcome to join us.

GRADUATES: Please contact the church office with names and parent e-mail of any High School or College Graduates by May 10.

CHILDREN'S DAY: Our Sunday School students and teachers are busy preparing for our Children's Day Service on May 12 at 9:30am. Our theme this year is the "The Good Shepherd Mysteries". We hope you will join us and enjoy the children leading us in worship!

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR APRIL 27-28

Greeters & Ushers: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Barbara Brandt & Charlie Kishbaugh (Sun)

Liturgist: TBD (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun) **Acolyte:** Olivia O.

April Altar Guild: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

Trustee Week of April 21: Bob Wagner **Trustee Week of April 28:** Bev Atherholt

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of April 13-14: \$4,472

Faithfulness in Attendance: April 13-14: In Person Worship 147 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS APRIL 21-MAY 4

April 22: PEO Meeting 7pm
April 23: Election Day Soup Sale
April 24: Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal 7pm
April 26: Geranium Orders Due
April 27: Drive-Thru Meal Giveaway
April 28: Spring Concert 6pm
May 1: Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm
May 2: 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
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Mondays	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
	7pm	Praise Band (Concert 2 nd Monday of the Month)
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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: The many volunteer hands that helped to beautify the church grounds.

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, Marilyn Wooley, George Parrs, Ann Marie Hockenbury, Marianne Wolf, Courtney, Oberst Family The Jackubowski Family, Jean Linker, Dylan, Bill, John, Ernest Fountain, Thomas Bridget Frame, Florian, Glenda Shepherd, Dana, Paul, Family of Nancy Liskosky

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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