



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Venturing into Deep Water



April 27 & 28, 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 of Easter

Helping with Worship today:

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

Acolyte: Olivia O. (Sun) | Liturgists: TBD (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Traditional Spanish Tune

Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

“God is able to make a way out of no way and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows. This is our hope for becoming better men and women. This is our mandate for seeking to make a better world.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

TBD (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

This is a new day filled with fresh possibilities.

We gather to participate in the new things God is doing.

Old ways and tired routines are left behind.

Our God comes to us in unexpected ways and refreshes all who join the adventure.

Those who claim sophistication and power may miss the movement of the eternal.

All who give up their pretenses will find unusual opportunities.

Let us together explore the wonders of God.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew our spirits.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“God of Love and God of Power”

#578

*OPENING PRAYER

TBD (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

The Spirit calls each of us.

But we are often reluctant to heed the call. The wind of the Spirit blows, at times fiercely, and draws us onward. Yet we cling to the fragile familiarities, to securities, and to safety. Help us to risk letting go, to stand free as your servant people. Help us to capture visions of the future, so that we can truly be the church. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ.

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.*

DEDICATION OF HOME COMMUNION VISITATION TEAMS

(Sun)

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**

"Celtic Praise (Crown Him Lord of All)"

Arr. Faye Lopez (Sun)
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**

TBD (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

**Pour your Spirit upon these gifts, O God. Send them into the world as a sign and song of
your joyous work of love. Use them to call and welcome into your house of love all who are
your friends and our brothers and sisters. Amen**

WORD OF GOD

Luke 5: 1-11
Pg 62

TBD (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

MESSAGE

The Ultimate Adventure Week 3
“Venturing into Deep Waters”

Pastor Jon

HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us”
Vs 1 & 2

#398 (Sun)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

See Insert (Sun)

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Standing on the Promises of God”
Vs 1-3

#374

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“A Joyous Acclamation”

By Gerald Peterson
Nancy Evans: Organ

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

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.

** We need help raising the risers after worship April 28th. Thank you.

SUPPORT ALIMAS: 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 in the Narthex.

GERANIUM SALE: Purchased vouchers for Geranium sale 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.

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

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.

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!

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP: We have 9 seats left for our Sight and Sound Theatre trip to Lancaster, Pa. on July 3, 2024 to see “Daniel”.

Ages 13 & up...\$180/person Ages 12 & under ...\$120/person. Full Payment due May 12 (checks should be made out to SUMC)

Everyone already signed up should check the list in the narthex; if your name has an asterisk next to it, please see Brenda Kopalek or Amy Kelly

UPPER ROOM: The May-June Upper Room is available in the Narthex.

CAMP INFORMATION SESSION: On May 19, 1-4pm at Orange UMC the director of Wesley Forest will be there with information on various UM camps, retreats, and scholarship opportunities. Refreshments will be provided along with activities, games, and other camp activities. There are camping opportunities for both children and adults.

HOME COMMUNION VISITATION VOLUNTEERS: Shavertown UMC is restarting our Home Communion Visitation Team. These persons volunteer to visit and take communion to our shut ins 3-4 times per year. If you would be interested in joining in this ministry or have questions please contact Glenda Shepherd (205-299-6313) or Pastor Jon (570-675-3616).

POST-GENERAL CONFERENCE WEBINARS: The Susquehanna Conference delegation is hosting two post-General Conference webinars to share the most important takeaways from General Conference and answer questions that you may have. Feel free to register individually or as a congregation! These webinars are scheduled for: Thursday, May 16 from 7-8pm and Tuesday, May 21 from noon-1pm. Contact the church office with your email address for registration.

WASHCLOTHS FOR MISSION CENTRAL: The Susquehanna Annual Conference is scheduled to meet May 30 and delegates will be collecting items for Care Kits for Mission Central. Churches in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Districts are asked to collect adult sized washcloths to help. Our goal is to complete 1000 Care Kits to bless others.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR MAY 4-5

Greeters & Ushers: Frank & Linda Gruver (Sat) Brad Wall & Confirmand (Sun)

Liturgist: Bev Atherholt (Sat) TBD (Sun) **Acolyte:** Landon H. & Madison W.

May Altar Guild: Ginger McCabe

Trustee Week of April 28: Bev Atherholt **Trustee Week of May 5:** Joe Kopalek

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of April 20-21: \$4,603

Faithfulness in Attendance: April 20-21: In Person Worship 155 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS APRIL 28-MAY 11

April 28: Spring Concert 6pm

May 1: Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm

May 2: Staff Meeting 11am

May 5: VBS Planning Meeting 11:30am HS Sunday School Room

 Birthday Tea 1:00pm Social Hall

 Confirmation Meeting/Celebration at Pavilion 5:30-8pm

May 6: Prayer Shawl Meeting 7pm

May 11: Bryon Dissinger's Senior Piano Recital 7pm

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 2nd Monday of the Month)

Tuesdays 8am Men's Ecumenical Breakfast @ Apple Tree Terrace

10am Coffee & Conversation @ McDonalds, Shavertown

4:30pm Children of Light (Grades 2nd – 5th)

5:00pm Chapel Chimes (Grades 2nd- 5th)

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: Congratulations to the Dallas High School LifeSmarts team for winning the national competition! (Cindy Biesecker Advisor to the Team)

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, The Family of Jean Linker, Dylan, Bill, John, Ernest Fountain, Thomas, Bridget Frame, Florian, Glenda Shepherd, Dana, Paul

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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