



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Looking Through the Lens of Love



May 25 & 26, 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.

Trinity Sunday

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Cathy & John Nicks (Sat) Charlie Kishbaugh & Ron Rogers (Sun)

Acolyte: Ethan T. (Sun) | Liturgists: Sarah Church (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

“Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling”

By John Zundel
Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

John 3:16-17

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Let us worship the eternal God, the Source of Love and Life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ!

*OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

#64

Vs. 1,2 & 4

*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Holy Trinity, you are Sacred Three, Blessed One, Elusive God. We pray to you: Creator, that we may give forth new life. Christ, that we may be rooted deeply in this life. Spirit, that we may soar beyond possibilities. May your strange and comforting ways be our ways. Amen.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

“Where Children Belong”

#2233 (Sun)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

#2007

*Holy, Holy, Holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!*

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

“America the Beautiful”

#696 (Sat)

Vs. 1-3

“America the Beautiful”

(Sun)

By Katharine Lee Bates/Samuel A. Ward, Arr. John M. DeVries
Taylor, Olivia, Ava & Madisen

***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)

**It is only because of Jesus Christ that we are bold enough to call you Father and Mother,
O Sovereign of the Universe. We do so now, to remind ourselves of our many sisters and
brothers, your many children, who need hope and care. Use our gifts to reach others
with the story of your great love for our world. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

John 3:1-17
Pg. 93

Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Looking Through the Lens of Love”

Pastor Jon

HYMN "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" #605 (Sun)
Vs 1

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS See Insert (Sun)

GIFT OF MUSIC "Welcome to the Family of God" By N. Sleeth (Sun)
Children of Light

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "To God Be The Glory" #98

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Amazing Love (You Are My King)" By Billy James Foote
Piano: Nancy Evans

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

YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH/BAKE SALE: Our youth group is having a car wash and bake sale at NewMart Gas Station on Route 309 on Saturday, June 1 from 10am-2pm.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION: We will be recognizing our High School and College graduates at the 9:30am worship on June 2.

PRAYER SHAWL: Do you knit or crochet? The prayer shawl yarners could use your talents. We will be meeting at 7pm on Monday, June 3 in the lounge. Bring your WIP's and join us as we work on our PHD's. For more information, please contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE: The Priscilla Circle covered dish picnic will be held on Tuesday, June 18 at 6pm in the pavilion. Remember to bring a wrapped gift for the auction. Proceeds will go to VBS. Contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338 to make a reservation and sign up your special dish. All women of the church are invited. This is a great time to meet the special ladies from our church. Hope to see you there!

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 in both our local communities and across the world. There is a bin in the narthex for washcloth donations.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP: We have 6 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 is due.
(checks should be made out to SUMC)

SATURDAY WORSHIP: Our summer Sat. outdoor worship at the Pavilion begins on June 8.

SUMMER BIBLE DAYS: All children are invited to join us for Summer Bible Days! On June 9, July 14, and August 11 we will be having a bible story, crafts, games, and snacks after Children’s Chat. Parents will pick their children up immediately following worship at 10:30am.

SECOND HAND HEAVEN: Plans are in the works for the sale of 10 by 10 spaces for \$30. A church table will be filled with “treasures” from our congregation with proceeds going to the General Fund. Food will also be for sale. Our youth will have a bake sale also. If you would like to sign up for a spot, contact Sandy Michalisin at 570-690-0143.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION PROGRAM: The Fine Arts Committee is hosting a “Juneteenth” Interactive Musical Program on Saturday June 22nd at 7:00pm entitled “Bamboo Man and the Drinking Gourd”. The musical performance is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be accepted with a reception to follow. This is a “must-see” program for the whole family!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our VBS “Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God” is Monday, July 15th through Thursday, July 18th. Dinner is 5:15pm and the program is 6-8pm. All children currently in preschool through 5th grade can register on the church website. Our VBS includes cool music, unique science experiments, creative crafts, fun games, and exciting Bible stories!

VBS VOLUNTEERS: Many adult and youth volunteers are needed for VBS on July 15 – 18. We hope you will consider helping to make this important community outreach a great success. If you can’t do all 4 days, that is okay, just indicate how many days you could help. There is a sign up in the Narthex or you can register as a volunteer on the church website.

NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP HELP FOR JUNE 1-2

Greeters & Ushers: Frank & Linda Gruver (Sat) Lori & Mark Kucewicz (Sun)

Liturgist: Sarah Church (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun) **Acolyte:** Ethan T.

June Altar Guild: Marilyn & Fred Wesley

Trustee Week of May 26: Brad Wall **Trustee Week of June 1:** Kim Donlin

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of May 18-19: \$2,812

Faithfulness in Attendance: May 18-19: In Person Worship 147 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS MAY 26-JUNE 8

June 1: Youth Car Wash at Newell Fuel 10am-2pm

June 2: Graduation Recognition

June 3: Prayer Shawl Meeting 7pm

June 4: Council Meeting 7pm

June 5: Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm

June 8: Outdoor Worship at the Pavilion (Weather Permitting)

SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

Sundays 9:30am Worship

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

Wednesdays 9am Prayer on Zoom
7pm AA Meeting, Social Hall

Thursdays 7pm AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall

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: Welcoming of new members and celebration of a baptism.

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, Brooke, Rachael G., Irene T, Jennifer, Donna, Mark Kempa, Marianne Wolf, Ragowski Family, Mike Jackubowski, Bryant Mesick, Mary, Finley T., Nick ,Chris Ostrowski, Melanie Cardillo

Names remain on the list for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise. Thank You & may God bless!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Maj. Shannon Dzurly 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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