

Children's Day - The Good Shepherd Mysteries



May 12, 2024

**Welcome to Children's Day and
Happy Mother's Day!**

Thank "EWE" for 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 put it in the collection plate.

Christian Education is available for all ages.

You're invited to visit our Welcome Table in the Narthex for a gift and information on the many ministries our church offers.

We hope you'll join us again.

7th Sunday of Easter

Our Altar Balloons are In Honor of the Children of SUMC

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters: Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade Students | Ushers: Middle School Students
Acolyte: Ava K | Liturgists: High School Students

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PROCESSIONAL/PRELUDE

“Oh, My Shepherd”

By Jana and Ron Alayra

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brenda K and Adriana

CENTERING MEDITATION

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” John 10:14

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Whether shepherd, coach, teacher, parent, or child...

Christ walks with us all the way.

In lovely fields and in caves of sadness,

Christ walks with us, come what may.

With guiding hands and teaching words,

Christ walks with us every day.

In the community of faith and on lonely roads,

Christ walks with us even if we go astray .

Come, everyone of any age, to worship and praise!

Christ walks with us all the way!



Maggie



*OPENING HYMN“

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” (vs. 1 & 4)

#128

*OPENING PRAYER

Maggie

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we live in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

ISAIAH 40:11

Mason

“He will take care of his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs together and will carry them in his arms; he will gently lead their mothers.”

GIFT OF MUSIC

“You Planted the Love”

By Carol Tornquist
Children of Light & God’s Handful

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Jon

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade

READING

Alison

BIBLE BUDDIES

4th and 5th Grade

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Case #1: The Case of the Lost Sheep that Needed to do a “EWE”-turn

M.S Students

“Where Children Belong”

#2233



*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.*

GIFT OF MUSIC

“We are the Sheep”

Arr. Mark Burrows
Children of Light

READING

Jack

2nd and 3rd GRADE SKIT Case #2: The Case of the “SHEAR”-iously Confused Sheep in need of a Good Shepherd



PASSING THE FLEECE

Mason

CALL TO OFFERING

Trevor

OFFERTORY

“A Simple Prayer: *Soliloquy*”

By Linda R. Lamb
Blessing Bells

***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**

Jack

The Shepherd cares for us, providing all that we need in abundance. The Shepherd calls us to love one another in truth and action. May our gifts reflect our trust in the Shepherd’s care. May our offerings show our willingness to love one another.

WORD OF GOD

John 10:11-18

Alison

MESSAGE



Case #3: The Case of the “BAAA”-rilliant Shepherd

H.S Students

Trevor, Katerina, Jack, Adriana, Mason, Katie, Jenna, Maggie

TEACHER RECOGNITION

Brenda Kopalek

Our Sunday School Teachers – Thanks for all “EWE” do!!!

Preschool, Kindergarten, & 1st Grade: Rebecca Oley and Brenda Wong

2nd/3rd Grade: Amy Kelly and Danielle West

4th/5th Grade: Brad Wall and Christie Wilson

Middle School: Brian Wilson and Gary Young

High School: Jenny Young and Brenda Kopalek

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Jenny Young

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Lead On Good Shepherd”

By P. Mayberry & Z. Zachary

God’s Handful

VBS ANNOUNCEMENT

Rebecca Oley

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“God Will Take Care of You”

#130

Vs. 1 – 3

GIFT OF MUSIC

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

By Chris Tomlin

Featuring All Sunday School Students

***BENEDICTION**

Adriana

With God as our Shepherd, we go forth.

With Christ as our guide, we persevere.

With God’s Spirit showing us the way, we go forth.

With joy and love, we have no fear.

We go forth knowing

THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD!



***POSTLUDE**

“Nobody”

By Casting Crowns ft. Matthew West

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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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The last day of Sunday School is May 19.

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.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP: We have 7 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

CONFIRMATION/PENTECOST: Please join us on May 19 for Confirmation as 7 of our young people make their Profession of Faith.

CAMP INFORMATION SESSION: On May 19, 1-4pm at Orange UMC the director of Wesley Forest will be holding an information session 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).

BLOOD DRIVE: Please consider giving the gift of life at Dallas UMC on Thursday, May 16 from noon until 5.

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 MAY 18-19

Greeters & Ushers: Bev Atherholt & Susie Dobash (Sat) Frank & Marsha Paczewski (Sun)

Liturgist: Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun) **Acolyte:** Keyara S.

May Altar Guild: Deb & Ray Poremba

Trustee Week of May 12: Charlie Kishbaugh **Trustee Week of May 19:** Larry Schuler

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of May 4-5: \$5,428

Faithfulness in Attendance: May 4-5: In Person Worship 139 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS MAY 12-25

- May 12: Children’s Day – No Sunday School
Confirmation Practice 10:45-11:30am Sanctuary
- May 13: Praise Band Concert 7pm
- May 14: Trustees Meeting 7pm
- May 15: SPPRC Meeting 6pm
- May 18: Drive-Thru Meal Giveaway Noon
- May 19: Last Day of Sunday School
- May 20: Youth Group 6-8pm
PEO Meeting 7pm
- May 21: Priscilla Circle noon
Finance Meeting 4:45pm
Worship Meeting 7pm

SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

Sundays	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Sunday School for Children and Adults (last day May 19)
	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 (Last Day May 23)
	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
	7pm	Connected in Christ, HS Sunday School Room (Last Day May 23)
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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: Our Be-EWE-tiful Children's Day Celebration! The joy shared by our home communion volunteers with our shut-ins.

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, Mary, Finley T. Nick ,Chris Ostrowski, Melanie Cardillo, The Oberst Family, Kurt Maas, Wim Ney ,The Family of Jean Linker

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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