



Shavertown United Methodist Church



Let's Go to the Movies

Faith & Film Series Week 3



June 16, 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.

Faith & Film Series

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Altar Flowers are in honor of Rich & Rebecca Oley's 30th Wedding Anniversary

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Cath & John Nicks (Sat) Alice & Danny Peters (Sun)
Acolyte: Madisen B. (Sun) | Liturgists: Sarah Church (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

By Doris Akers
Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

1 John 4:7-9

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Beloved, we are gathered together to praise the God of transforming love.

From the ends of the earth, we remember and turn to God.

As the family of God, we reach out and invite all to join us on our journey.

**Hand in hand, and heart to heart, we have come to worship God,
and to proclaim our faith to all the world.**

*OPENING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#384

*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Ever-loving and transforming God, we come this morning with praise and thanksgiving. We come as part of your family—a family that binds us together across time and space, across the barriers of race, class, and sex. May this time of worship empower us to embody your good news. May we always abide in you, and you in us. May we be immersed in the water of your word and promises and love. May we be so filled with your Spirit that we can't help but proclaim to all your goodness as our God. 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**

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

#328

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

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**

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

By Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

Vocal Duet: Barb Buxton & Caitlyn Dunn

***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)

**We give thanks that we are part of your family, O God. We offer these gifts of tangible love,
that they may be used to proclaim the good news to all,
especially those who feel alone and unloved. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

1 Samuel 16: 1-13
Acts 8:26-40 & John 15:1-8
Pg 126 & 109 Respectively

Sarah (Sat)
Rich (Sun)

MESSAGE

“G With God”
“Let’s Go to the Movies: The Matrix”
Faith & Film Series Week 3

Pastor Carol Folk (Sat)
Pastor Jon (Sun)

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Close to Thee”

#407

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Goodness of God”

By B. Fielding, E. Cash
J. Ingram, J. Johnson & B. Johnson
Organ: 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

PRAYER GARDEN: Please feel free to use our beautiful prayer garden for some individual quiet time or a small group gathering. The trustees, volunteers, custodian and youth have worked hard to make the prayer garden look nice for summer.

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!

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!

2 TASTY FUNDRAISERS: Krispy Kreme Donuts will be available for sale on Saturday, June 29 from 9-11am or until sold out. Cost is \$12 per dozen of original glazed or \$12 a half dozen of filled doughnuts. Get yours early before they’re gone! Also for the next 2-3 weeks, coupons can be purchased for \$8.50 for J & J Hoagies from Mary Ellen Pajor on Sat or Kim Donlin on Sun before or after worship. Take a night off from cooking and enjoy a dessert after dinner.

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 ITEMS NEEDED: We are in need of a few items for VBS such as large pieces of cardboard ,brown packing paper and a small 2 person tent. You can drop off these items at any time on the Sunday School hall.

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.

PRAISE IN THE PARK: Trucksville UMC will offer a gathering at Francis Slocum State Park near Pavilion 3 and the boat launch on the following Saturdays: July 6 @ 9am, July 20 @ 1pm, Aug.3 @9am and Aug 17 @1pm. The focus will center of each piece of “the armor” and its significance in the battle against evil. For more information email office@trucksvilleumc.com.

RESPONDING TO GENERAL CONFERENCE CHANGES:

The recently postponed 2020 General Conference was indeed historic and there is a lot of information to unpack. One of the decisions regarding same sex marriages impacts local churches. The Trustees of each church have been charged with determining policy as to whether same gender marriages can take place in their buildings. To help our congregation understand some of the changes made at General conference and to gather input for the Trustees, the Church Council has proposed the following plan:

1. Post General Conference Webinar Information Sessions (**June 22 @ 4:00pm & June 23 @ 10:30am**)
2. Post General Conference Q & A Sessions (**June 25 @ 7:00pm, June 29 @ 4:00pm & June 30 @ 10:30am**)
3. A mailed survey sent out to gather input from congregation. (**July 14** collection deadline)
4. Trustees receive congregational input and develop a Building Use Policy for the **Aug. 6** Church Council meeting.

We hope you will be able to attend at least one of the Post General Conference Information Sessions and/or Q & A Sessions in order to make an informed decision as you participate in the congregational survey. Your participation and input will be extremely helpful as our church leadership creates an updated Building Use Policy. Thank You.

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS JUNE 16-29

June 18: Priscilla Circle Picnic Pavilion 6pm

Worship Meeting 7:30pm

June 22: Juneteenth Concert 7pm

General Conference Wrap-Up Webinar Social Hall 4pm

June 23: General Conference Wrap-Up Webinar Social Hall Following Worship

June 24: PEO Meeting

June 25: Post General Conference Information Session Social Hall 7pm

June 29: Krispy Crème Doughnut Sale 9-11am

J & J Hoagie Salae

Post General Conference Information Session Social Hall 4pm

SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

Sundays	9:30am	Worship
Mondays	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
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 at the Pavilion

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR JUNE 22-23

Greeters & Ushers: Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) Frank & Marsha Paczewski (Sun)

Liturgist: TBD (Sat) TBD (Sun) **Acolyte:** Anna J.

June Altar Guild: Marilyn & Fred Wesley

Trustee Week of June 16: Brian Wilson **Trustee Week of June 23:** Bob Wagner

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of June 8-9: \$4,098

Faithfulness in Attendance: June 8-9: In Person Worship 97 Online Worship 35

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 vibrant colors of God's creation!

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, Brook, Jim T., Nancy Lutz, Alex, Frank Shaulis, Liam, Claudia, Gail, Carol, Tyler, Sharon Buxton, Barbara, Joe, Maryann Wolf

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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