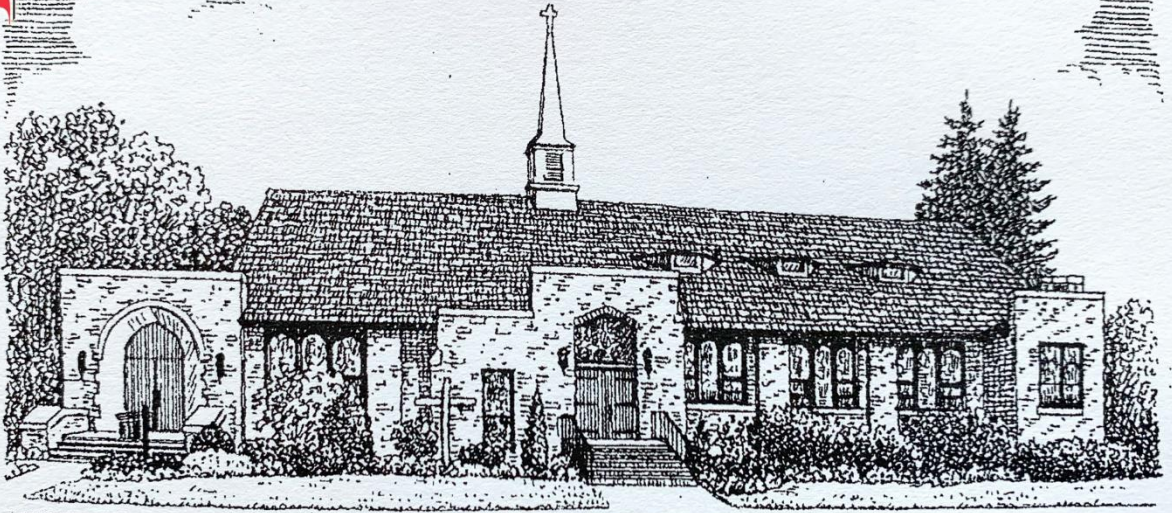


Shavertown United Methodist Church



Welcome. We're glad you're here.

July 13-14, 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.

8th Sunday After Pentecost

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Frank & Linda Gruver (Sat) The Storm Family (Sun)

Acolyte: Madison W. (Sun) | Liturgists: TBD (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

By: Charles Gabriel

Piano: Brenda Neighbert (Sat)

“Prelude in C”

By: J. S. Bach

Piano: Chuck Unice (Sun)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 1:3

*CALL TO WORSHIP

TBD (Sat) Margi (Sun)

Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

We come this day, grateful for God’s wondrous gifts to us!

Sing with great enthusiasm of God’s mighty power and love.

We celebrate the love that frames our lives.

It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

May God’s praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

#369

*OPENING PRAYER

TBD (Sat) Margi (Sun)

Creator God, you who love us more than we can know, who chose us from the very beginning to be family, we praise your holy name. Jesus Christ, Son of God, Word become flesh, who dwelt among us and was sacrificed for us, we praise your holy name.

Holy Spirit, present and powerful in our lives from the moment that we first believed,

We praise your holy name. 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**

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

#2158

*I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,
let me walk close to thee. Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus is my plea, daily walking
close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

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**

"How Great is Our God"

By: Chris Tomlin

Piano: Brenda Neighbert (Sat)

"Joyful March"

By: Mark Hayes

Piano: Chuck Unice (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**

TBD (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**Through this simple act of giving, we connect to the larger human family. In the sharing of
God given resources, we are positioned to be agents of nurture and healing. Our prayer is
that our local community and the world will know that ordinary people are often the
instruments of love and healing that God uses. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

Psalm 85:8-13 & Ephesians 1: 3-14
Pgs. 543 & 192 Respectively

TBD (Sat) Margi (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Christ’s Blessings”

Cindy Biesecker
Certified Lay Speaker

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

#557

***BENEDICTION**

God’s love for you is real and alive in your hearts today. Go in peace, knowing that the Lord of Love and Life is with you. Bring God’s peace to all you meet, this day and all your days.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

“To God Be The Glory”

By Fanny Crosby/W. Doane
Piano: Brenda Neighbert (Sat)

“Joyful March”

By: Mark Hayes
Piano: Chuck Unice (Sun)

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: “Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God” VBS is Mon., July 15th through Thurs., July 18th. Dinner is 5:15pm, Program is 6-8pm. All children just finishing 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 FOOD DONATIONS: We need food donations for VBS so we can serve dinner each night to the children. Please sign up in the narthex.

SUMMER BIBLE DAY: All children are invited to join us after children’s chat on July 14th for a Summer Bible Day! We will be doing activities to get the children excited about VBS! Parents, please pick your children up immediately following worship at 10:30am.

HOAGIE SALE: For the next few weeks, coupons can be purchased for \$9 for J & J Hoagies from Mary Ellen Pajor on Saturday or Kim Donlin on Sunday before or after worship. Take a night off from cooking.

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 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.

UPCOMING CONCERT: Once again, Fine Arts will be hosting the amazing TIM ZIMMERMAN & THE KING’S BRASS on Tuesday August 13, 2024, at 7:00pm. This is a concert that you do not want to miss. Brass, Keyboard and Percussion combine to create an upbeat and fun Christian musical experience.

STUDY/MISSION OPPORTUNITY: Join Pastor Jon and other UM's on a South-Central Mexico study mission trip October 4-13, 2024, with "Give Ye Them To Eat" – a rural development mission of the UMC of Mexico. More information to follow or contact Pastor Jon Buxton at jbuxton@susumc.org or check out www.gytte.org.

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 LGBTQIA+ marriages impacts local churches. The Trustees of each church have been charged with determining policy as to whether LGBTQIA+ marriages can take place in their buildings. We also need to determine if our congregation would be willing to accept and support a LGBTQIA+ Pastor in the future. To gather input for the Trustees, the Church Council has proposed the following plan:

1. A mailed survey sent out to gather input from congregation. (**August 4** collection deadline)
2. Trustees receive congregational input and develop a Building Use Policy for Church Council approval.

Your participation and input will be extremely helpful as our church leadership creates an updated Building Use Policy and profile for future pastors. Thank You.

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS July 14-JULY 27

July 15-18: VBS Week

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 JULY 20-21

Greeters & Ushers: Ray & Deb Poremba (Sat) VBS Youth (Sun)

Liturgist: TBD (Sat) VBS Youth (Sun) **Acolyte:** Ava K.

July Altar Guild: Bev Bunney & Margi Esopi

Trustee Week of July 14: Brad Wall **Trustee Week of July 21:** Larry Schuler

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of July 6-7: \$5,478

Faithfulness in Attendance: July 6-7: In Person Worship 100 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: VBS Volunteers!

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, John & Gladys Chapple, Sherri Nash, John, Dave, Daughter of Marianne Wolf and Family, Family of Claudia, Carter Thompson, Marilyn, Andy L., Charley, Carol Broehl, Jim Petrie, Mary & Ron Demko, Alex, Phil, Jim Laubach, Sean Bowers

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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