



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School Celebration Sunday



“Whenever I’m Afraid, I put my trust in You!”

July 21, 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 put 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.

9th Sunday after Pentecost & VBS Sunday Celebration

Altar Flowers are In Honor of Nick & Meghan Michalisin's Wedding Anniversary

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: VBS Youth Acolyte: Ava K. Liturgists: VBS Youth

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

"Camp Firelight"

VBS Song

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you.

Psalm 56:3

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Katerina

We gather to worship God who is in our midst.

Trust God to Go with Us!

We worship the one who provides guidance.

Trust God to Lead the Way!

We worship the one who came to Earth as a baby to show us how to live.

Trust God to Share Wisdom!

We worship the one who can calm a raging storm with just a word.

Trust God to Give us Peace!

We worship the one who gave us good news to share.

Trust God to Spark Joy!

***OPENING HYMN**

"Trust and Obey"

#467

***OPENING PRAYER**

Dear Lord, thank you for your presence every moment of every day. Help us to pause and notice as you go with us. Help us to trust you to bring peace in our storms today and every day. Thank you for the good news of your love that fills our hearts with joy.
Help us to trust you in all things. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

"Where Children Belong"

#2233

*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

“Beautiful Day”

VBS Song

*DOXOLOGY

*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

Maggie

Gracious God, thank you for inviting us to trust you in all the ways you are with us and equip us in sharing the good news and caring for others. May you always guide us as we live out your mission. Thank you for your son, Jesus, who showed us how to follow your active plan for our lives. Help us look for ways to share your love with others. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Psalm 27: 1-6
Matthew 5: 14-16

Adriana

MESSAGE

“VBS Presentation: Camp Firelight”

Rebecca & Kids

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

#462

***BENEDICTION**

Brenda



When our lives are easy or hard, happy or sad, scary or exciting,
we trust God to GO WITH US!

When we aren't sure what to do next,
we trust God to LEAD THE WAY!

When we take time to listen for God's voice,
we trust God to SHARE WISDOM!

When we feel scared about problems we face,
we trust God to GIVE US PEACE!

When we tell others the message of Jesus,
we trust God to SPARK JOY!

May you go in peace, trusting that whenever you are afraid or uncertain, your God will go with you and lead you, granting you the wisdom, peace, and joy that you need to share your light in the world.

***POSTLUDE**

"Go, Go, Go With Us"

VBS Song

Mark your calendars!
Our Sunday School Program starts September 8, 2024

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

VBS CLEAN-UP: We will be taking down the VBS decorations immediately after worship on July 21. If you can stay and help, it would be greatly appreciated.

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH/TOUCH A TRUCK: Our backpack give-away, including supplies, will take place Saturday, August 10, 10am-noon. There will be trucks and heavy equipment for children to touch and explore. We are asking for sponsors at \$15 per bag. For more information or if you have a truck for this event, contact Sandy Michalisin at 570-690-0143. Please put your donation in an envelope available in the Narthex and return it to the collection plate or church office.

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: 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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Our 17th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser will be held at Huntsville Golf Club on Monday, September 9 at 10am. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Nick Michalisin at 570-814-0127.

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 21-AUGUST 3

July 31: Trustee Meeting 7pm

August 1: Staff Meeting 11am

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 27-28

Greeters & Ushers: Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) John & Bev Bunney (Sun)

Liturgist: TBD (Sat) TBD (Sun) **Acolyte:** TBD

July Altar Guild: Bev Bunney & Margi Esopi

Trustee Week of July 21: Larry Schuler **Trustee Week of July 27:** Charlie Kishbaugh

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of July 13-14: \$5,478

Faithfulness in Attendance: July 13-14: In Person Worship 106 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 joy, laughter, and celebration of God's message during VBS week!

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, Sandy Sprau, 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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