

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

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**"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." - Psalms 107:8-9**

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We hope you can join us as we remember those who have gone before us in faith. We will be lifting the names of our church family and loved ones who passed into eternal life in the past year.

**Saturday, November 2 at 5:30pm | Sunday, November 3 at 9:30am**

# From the Pastor

November 2024

*“On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”*  
(Luke 17:11-18)

It’s easy to do - grumble and complain about things that annoy us - whether it is the weather, or having to wait in traffic, or the political ads from which we have been constantly been bombarded. I’m guilty just as much as the next person. We can get into the habit of complaining about so many things, yet how often do we pause and give thanks for the things we have? Have we stopped to give thanks to God for the gifts that bless our lives – for rain which nourishes the earth, for cars to carry us places, for the freedom to live in a country where we can vote?

I wonder if we remember to give thanks for our church. How often do we take our church community for granted? God blesses us with a community of faith to come together and worship with the beauty of music. Opportunities to learn and study together reflecting on the deeper meaning of life, learning from the scriptures in sermons and Sunday School. We have faith friends who will pray for us in our times of trouble. I pray that we may not always take our church for granted.

Our church is a resource for our lives and an opportunity to share with others the love of Jesus who gave his life for us. Let us not neglect to remember the blessing of faith and the blessing of our faith community in Shavertown UMC.

On our recent mission trip to Mexico, we were blessed by the experience of working and learning with our brothers and sisters in Mexico. What a blessing it was to help share communion alongside the Mexican pastor of the church in Puebla. We witnessed their hearts of gratitude and sacrifice as they took two offerings, one to help other churches of those in need.

Even though recently Shavertown UMC has faced some financial challenges of our own, I pray that we may remember how we are blessed as a community of faith and how we are called to bless others. It is my fervent prayer that Shavertown UMC may continue to be a strong vibrant community of faith that welcomes and witnesses to the love of God to all. May we all remember our blessings and do our part as we work together in ministry.

When each of us joined the church we shared our vows to “faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service and our witness.” Have we given thanks to God for the blessing of our church community and remembered to participate in some way by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service? As the Apostle Paul encourages us to share with grateful hearts, “God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” (2 Cor. 9:8)

Your fellow servant with a thankful heart,  
Pastor Jon



## Sunday School Classes for Children & Adults 10:30 – 11:30am

Each step we take with God is an *Adventure in Faith*. For more information, please contact Brenda Kopalek at [kadec23@hotmail.com](mailto:kadec23@hotmail.com).

### Adult Classes & Groups

We continue to offer exciting classes with opportunities to grow in our faith with a chance for fellowship and fun. We hope you will consider joining a class. Please talk to the class facilitator (Rich Oley - Adult Sunday School, Mary Ellen Pajor - Women's Bible Study) for more information about their newest study!



### Children's Sunday School, Preschool - 12th Grade

The Simply Loved curriculum engages a natural sense of curiosity to help understand God's love. It creates a safe environment for children to ask questions — helping them explore the Bible in ways that feed their imagination and encourages creativity. Through carefully selected Bible stories and hands-on activities, it gives children the tools to explore their faith while incorporating it into their daily lives.



Meet LuLu the Golden Monkey! LuLu provides the perfect message during November as we prepare to begin Advent on December 1st!

"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born."  
Luke 2:10-11

**Education Committee Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 10,**  
**11:30am in the Social Hall** **Mark Your Calendar**



All Sunday School classes, Preschool through High School, will be making Christmas ornaments on December 1st during our normal Sunday School time.

## ✝ Sunday School

The children are having a lot of fun being back in Sunday School!



Meeting on November 3, 4-6pm in the Social Hall  
Field Trip to Mission Central, Monday, November 11



Here are the 2nd & 3rd graders learning that Jesus gathered his friends to follow him and they became disciples.



The Youth Group will be offering coffee on a regular basis after worship in the Narthex. Stop by and enjoy some fellowship and a great cup of coffee!

The 4th & 5th graders built a cup wall when they learned about Nehemiah getting a group of people together to help rebuild the wall around Jerusalem.



## Advent Studies in November and December

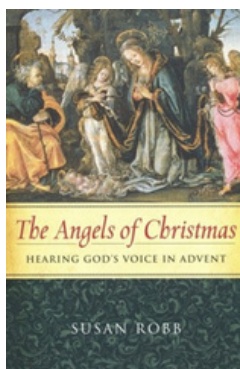


*We have a lot of exciting things happening during the Advent season and we hope you can join us as we grow in our faith!*

**Adult Sunday School** – Sundays in the Lounge, 10:30-11:30am, Starting on November 24

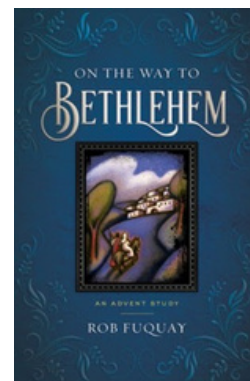
Join us as we explore the four angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Susan Robb in *The Angels of Christmas*, a four week advent study.

*The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent*, focuses on the angelic visits with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds, and will dive deep into the history of the angel Gabriel - and other angels - in the Old Testament. *The Angels of Christmas* uses these four angelic appearances to discuss God's presence in history and our lives today. The messages of the angels hold meaning for listeners both then and now.



**Women's Bible Study** – Mondays in the Lounge 1pm-3pm, Starting on November 25

We hope you can join us for our Advent Bible Study, *On the Way to Bethlehem*, which follows the long journey to Christmas. The story begins in Rome with a decree issued from the seat of worldly power for a census, setting into motion events leading to the birth of the Savior of the world in a town that represents the very opposite of worldly power, Bethlehem.



Author Rob Fuquay provides insight into the geographical and historical significance of Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, along with the important characters through whom the Christmas drama unfolds. You will be drawn into those places in a way that helps you experience the spiritual truths each location holds. The reflection we give in these places prepares the heart and soul to experience wonder, awe, mystery, and joy.



**Operation Christmas Child**  
Our Sunday School children have all been given different age groups to shop for and ideas for the shoeboxes. We are asking adults to

help with shipping. We have set our goal for enough items and money to send 35 Christmas shoe boxes. Each shoe-box costs \$10.00 to ship, but that money not only pays for shipping costs, but also pays for children to receive the message of Jesus through books and teachings. We hope you will help us in reaching our goal and to bring the good news of Jesus to children all over the world!

*the power of a simple gift*

November 3rd, 10th, & 17th – Sunday School students should bring in items for the shoeboxes and congregation can help by donating money toward shipping

November 24th – 9:30am Worship – Blessing of the Shoeboxes

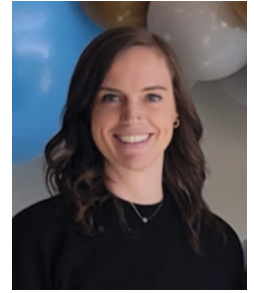


# SPPRC UPDATES

The Church would like to thank Jeanne Kapral for her years of service as our Office Administrator. She was the friendly voice you heard when you called the church and she was the power behind the bulletins we rely on each worship service. She kept the office working through the pandemic and we are grateful for her hard work, dedication, and love for the church. We wish her all the best and hope she comes back to visit often!



◆ The SPPRC Committee would like to welcome Caitlyn Dunn as the new SUMC Communications Coordinator. Caitlyn is a member of the Chancel choir along with playing handbells. Caitlyn has a lot of experience with communications and social media management in her full time job as a realtor/office manager. If your committee needs anything advertised or you need a flyer, please contact Caitlyn at [umevine@gmail.com](mailto:umevine@gmail.com).



◆ The SPPRC committee is excited to announce that Sue Holdredge has been brought on as the new SUMC Office Administrator. Obviously Sue needs no introduction as she has been a part of our church family for many years. This experience makes her a great asset to the church office. Sue can be reached by calling the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30AM - 3PM, or by email at [shavertownumc@susumc.org](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org).



*Thank you to all the SUMC Employees who keep our church running!*

*thankful, grateful & blessed*

We are thankful for 7 new children wanting to serve our church by becoming acolytes.

## Acolyte Schedule

November 3 – Abby Jackubowski  
& Ethan Travaskis

November 10 – Uri Daniels

November 17 – Declan Travaskis

November 24 – Owen Ostrowski

December 1 – Madsen Brown  
& Olivia Ostrowski



*The children of SUMC are grateful for Pastor Jon so they made him a beautiful fall gift made with thumbprint pumpkins.*

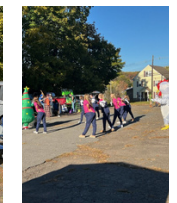
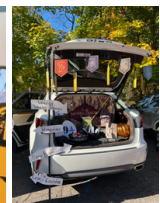


Grades 6 - 12

# YOUTH GROUP

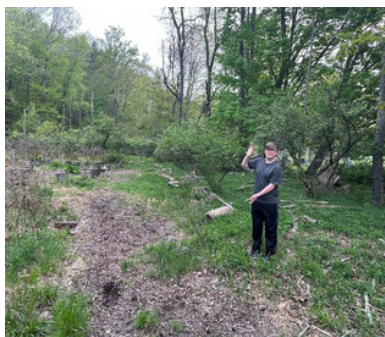
Youth Group Meeting November 10th 4-6PM

The SUMC Youth Group enjoyed their Fall Fun Day at the Whistle Pig Pumpkin Patch. They went on a hay ride, decorated pumpkins, enjoyed the corn maze, roasted hot dogs and made smores!



## A Message from Jack Wilson on His Eagle Scout Project

“The fire circle is complete! For my Eagle Scout Project, I cleaned up and rebuilt a fire ring up by the church pavilion. I dug up the old mulch and added stone, added a new fire pit, built benches, and added poles for an entrance way. I would like to thank the scouts who helped me from Troop 143, Mr. Michalisin, and the SUMC Trustees for allowing me to work on the project.”



## Volunteers in Mission Trip to Mexico

Pastor Jon Buxton, John Doerfler, and Ginger McCabe were part of a small group in early October to travel to a small town in southern Mexico. This trip is organized by “Give Ye Them to Eat,” an outreach project of the Methodist Church of Mexico and an Advance Special of the United Methodist Church. It has numerous programs to combat hunger and poverty in rural Mexico.



We spent 10 days totally immersed in learning about the cultures of Mexican and indigenous people. We worked along side our Mexican friends with chores like painting, cleaning goat stalls, building straw and mud walls, building dry composting toilets, and laying stone floors.

We also had the awesome opportunity to worship in two Methodist churches and even participated in World Communion! As is often said of mission trips, we felt as though we gained so much more than we gave. We are grateful for the support of Conference and our SUMC family!

**Poinsettia Sale**  
**6 1/2" Pots - Red or White**  
**\$10 Each**  
**Order Forms Will Be In The November Bulletins**

**Senior Mingle**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 12:30-2:30 PM**  
**Shavertown United Methodist Church**  
**163 N. Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown**  
**Call the Church Office to Register 570-675-3616**  
 Free “Indoor BBQ” lunch, music, prizes, and giveaways dedicated to your good health!  
 Sponsored by a grant from NEPA Health Care Foundation through AllOne Charities

**YOUTH GROUP**  
**Fall Bake Sale**  
 November 3rd  
 Before & After Worship





Providing basic paper products & household cleaning supplies to Back Mountain families in the Dallas and Lake Lehman School Districts.

Donations of paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, and dish detergent are always helpful. Please ask before donating items other than basic household paper products and cleaning supplies.

Volunteers are needed to help with stocking shelves and packaging bags and boxes. If you're interested in helping, please contact the church office at 570-675-3616.

# Children's Shoe Drive

Thanks go out to the Sunday School children and adults who helped make our Children's Shoe Drive such a great success! We collected gently used/new children's shoes and money to purchase shoes, and as a result we now have 53 pairs of shoes to donate to Mission Central to be given to children in need! Great job everyone!



"Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." (Deuteronomy 15:10)

**PRAISE BAND CONCERT**  
Monday 7PM  
*Step by Step*  
November 11, 2024  
Join us in person or online  
All are welcome!



**DRIVE THRU Community Meal Giveaway**

**November 23, 2024 @ Noon  
SUMC Parking Lot**

Our November Thanksgiving meal is turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cranberry sauce, applesauce, and dessert. This will be our last community meal for 2024. Mission & Outreach is looking for donations of potatoes, frozen green beans, apple & pumpkin pies, and cranberry sauce (#10 cans). Please reach out to Christie Wilson if you can help!



## Election Day Soup Sale November 5th

Stop by after voting to pick up some homemade soup! We will have 12 oz containers of various soups available for \$5 each. All proceeds benefit our Mission & Outreach program that provides monthly free meals to our community.

## Bible Presentation



We are blessed to have 8 children wanting to learn more about the Word of God by receiving Bibles as a gift from their church family on October 27th.



# CHURCH is not something you go to. It's a FAMILY you belong to!

## Happy Anniversary

Bob & Phyllis Bullock	11/02/1968	56 years	Bill & Lynn Meyers	11/23/1967	57 years
John & Bev Bunney	11/28/1968	56 years	Harold & Kristen Stout	11/08/2008	16 years
Leonard & Tita Buxton	11/29/1957	67 years	Elton & Brenda Wong	11/23/2007	17 years
Brett & Michelle Gauntlett	11/27/2004	20 years			

Join us in wishing Happy Birthday to those celebrating in November!

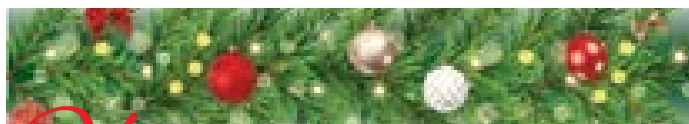
11/01 Libby Karasinski	11/08 Stacy Smith	11/16 Kenneth Kirk	11/24 Lori Bonomo
11/01 Thomas Kucewicz	11/10 Aidan Chapple	11/18 Chloe Miller	11/25 Kelly Bolesta
11/02 Robert Nattress	11/10 Marsha Paczewski	11/18 Jean Johnson	11/25 Dryden Decker
11/03 Terry Capece	11/10 Holly Randolph	11/19 Emerson Coons	11/26 Joanne Runner
11/05 Raymond Karrott	11/10 Kay Simons	11/20 Ann Camp	11/26 Krista Vivian
11/05 Brittany Kneal	11/10 William Bauer	11/20 Braydon Kerpovich	11/27 C.J. Good Jr
11/05 Cole Langdon	11/11 Megan Spess	11/20 David Thomas	11/27 Olivia Kamback
11/05 Kyle Katarsky	11/11 Nicole Stockage	11/21 Abigail Paczewski	11/28 Kim Koehl
11/06 Benjamin Brace	11/12 Bonnie Snedeker	11/21 Natalie Glicini	11/28 Jenny Young
11/06 Vincent Waslick	11/13 Michael Waslin	11/21 Don Osenbruck	11/28 Noah Brandenburg
11/06 Barbara Zarambo	11/13 Mike Evans	11/22 Mia Angelicola	11/29 Taylor Laity
11/07 Andrew Kachmar	11/13 Bernadine Goy	11/22 Alicia Vincelli	11/29 Trudy McAndrew
11/07 Ryan Moss	11/14 Gary Morgan	11/22 Ava Alt	11/30 William Jacobs
11/07 Meredith Vincelli	11/14 Cole Oberst	11/23 Barbara Eyet	11/30 Caroline Conrad
11/08 Grace Kuschke	11/14 Peg Gorman	11/24 Shirley Edwards	11/30 Carter Thompson
11/08 Todd Paczewski	11/14 Wyatt Reggie	11/24 Daniel Smith	

Did we miss yours? Please email [umcvine@gmail.com](mailto:umcvine@gmail.com) with your birth date or anniversary, including the year so our information is correct.



With your help, we are looking to support an Angel Tree Program as we have in the past. We are again partnering largely with the Women with Children Program from Misericordia University. These single mothers both go to school and work, with little money left over for Christmas gifts. They were so appreciative and thrilled with our support last year, we hope to continue that spirit of generosity and love this year

This year we will be collecting monetary donations, and our church elves will do the shopping! You can place an envelope in the offering plate with this monetary donation. Please indicate on the envelope this is for the Angel Tree Program. If you have any further questions, please contact Sandy Michalisin through the church office at 570-675-3616.



**Sunday,  
November 24th  
at 10:30am**

Please join us after worship on Sunday, November 24th for the annual Hanging of the Greens, as we decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season.  
Many hands make light work!

### VINE ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you'd like to include something in the Vine, please email [umcvine@gmail.com](mailto:umcvine@gmail.com) by the 15th of the month.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact the church office by Wednesday at 2:30pm, to include an announcement in the worship bulletin.

# Music Notes

Our hope is in the Lord, and with grateful hearts we thank Him for His unconditional LOVE, for love so freely given!

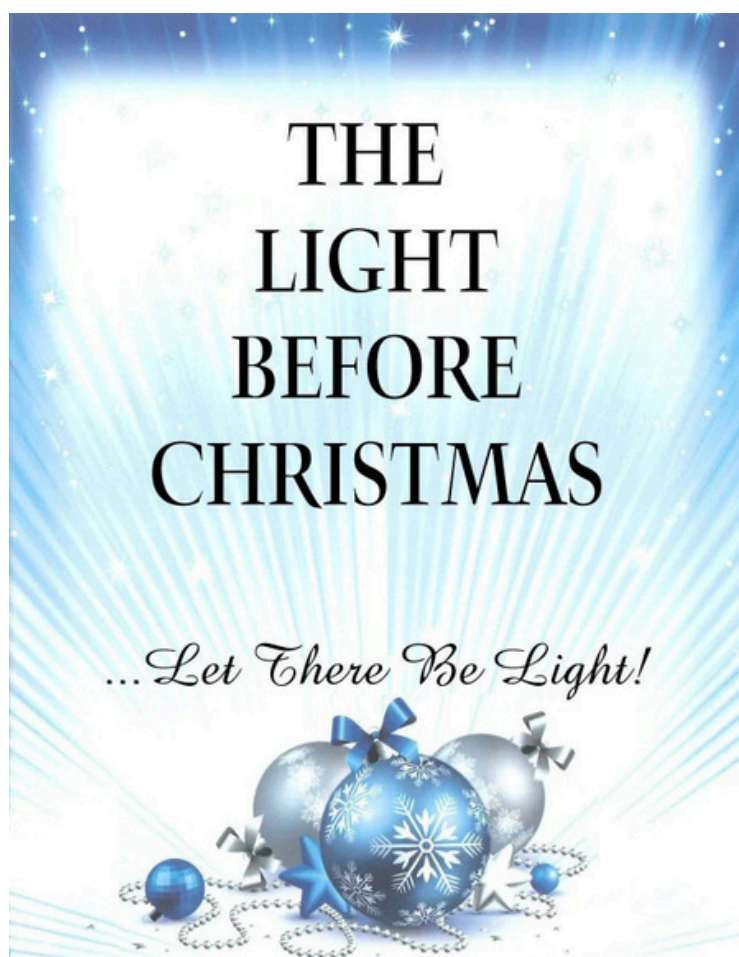
We have a lot of musical activity going on at

SUMC. The choirs are all preparing for our Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas worship services, concerts, and children's musical. We hope to see you at them all!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving. We have so much for which to be thankful here at SUMC.

Have a blessed day!  
Nancy Evans

## Join Us For Our 2024 Children's Christmas Musical!



**“The Light Before Christmas”  
by Close Encounters Ministries**

**Saturday, December 21st @ 5:30 pm  
& Sunday, December 22nd @ 9:30 am**

CD's, booklets with scripts, and song lyrics will be available in the narthex for the children on Nov. 3rd. Please sign your name to the list when you take a CD and script. Parts will be given out at the 1st rehearsal, November 9th. If you cannot make a rehearsal, please see Miss Nancy.

### **Saturday rehearsals:**

Nov. 9, 10-11:30 AM,

Nov. 16, 10-11:30 AM

Nov. 23, 10-11:30 AM

### **No rehearsal on Saturday Nov. 30th**

Dec. 7, 10-11:30 AM

Dec. 14, 10-11:30 AM

Dec. 21, 10 AM-Noon (dress rehearsal with Pizza Party)

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18*



# Carols <sup>Save the DATE!</sup> by Candlelight



**Sunday, December 15th, 2024  
6PM**

Mark your calendars for this Christmas favorite, featuring our choirs, Brass, Piano, Flute, Organ and more! Festive Christmas reception to follow.



shavertown united methodist church  
**fine arts**   
concert series  
spreading the good news through the gift of music

**Friday, April 25th, 2025 @ 7PM**

*Our Annual Spring Concert*  
followed by an Ice Cream Social!

**Wednesday, August 6th, 2025 @ 7PM**

**TIM ZIMMERMAN  
AND THE KING'S BRASS**



## Shavertown.UMC *upcoming* Activities & Meetings

### Weekly Events:

- Worship** Saturdays @ 5:30pm & Sundays @ 9:30am
- Women's Bible Study** Mondays @ 1pm
- Men's Breakfast** Tuesdays @ 8am
- Coffee & Conversation** Tuesdays @ 10am, Shavertown McDonalds
- Prayer Group** via zoom Wednesdays @ 9am
- Grief Share** Thursdays @ 6:30pm

### Upcoming Team & Committee Meetings:

- Mission & Outreach** Wednesday, November 6th @ 6:30pm
- Education** Sunday, November 10th @ 11:30am
- Church Conference** Thursday, November 14h @ 6:30pm  
at Trucksville UMC
- Finance** Tuesday, November 19th @ 4:45pm
- SPPRC** Wednesday, November 20th @ 6pm
- Worship Team** Tuesday, November 26th @ 7:00pm



For the next few months, the prayer shawl yarners will be knitting and crocheting scarves. In December the scarves will be on display in the narthex. For a donation, you can take one home for yourself or as a gift for a loved one.

If you would like to help by making scarves, please text your email to Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, November 5th**

Election Day SOUP SALE

**Monday, November 11th**

Confirmation Trip

**Monday, November 11th @ 7pm**

Step by Step Praise Band Concert

**Thursday, November 16th @ 6:30pm**

Church Conference at Trucksville UMC

**Saturday, November 23rd @ Noon**

Fellowship Meal Giveaway

**Sunday, November 24th @ 10:30am**

Hanging of the Greens

## Points of Interest!



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Join us for worship services in person Saturdays at 5:30pm, Sundays at 9:30am or online at [shavertownumc.com](http://shavertownumc.com), on our YouTube channel and follow us on Facebook @sumc163.

