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

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Worship Series: Finding Hope  
in the Last Words of Jesus

**March 3 and 4: 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in Lent**  
Behold Your Mother...Behold Your Son  
Celebration of Holy Communion

**March 10 and 11: 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend in Lent**  
My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?

**March 17 and 18: 5<sup>th</sup> Weekend in Lent**  
I Thirst

**March 24 and 25: Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday**  
It is Finished  
Reception of New Members

**March 2018 Worship**

**Saturday  
5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday  
9:30 a.m.**  
Sunday School for  
all ages at 10:45 a.m.



Holy Week and Easter Worship

**Thursday, March 29, 7:00 pm: Holy Thursday with Communion**

**Friday, March 30, 7:00 pm: Good Friday Tenebrae Worship**

**Saturday, March 31 at 5:30 pm: Easter Saturday Worship**

**Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunday**  
Sunrise Worship at 6:30 am at the Pavilion  
**ONE** Easter Worship Celebration at 9:30 am  
with choirs, bells and the Anthracite Brass

## Monday Afternoon Bible Study



The Monday Bible Study group continues the study for Lent, "Embracing the Uncertain" by Magrey R. deVega. They meet each Monday at 1:00 PM in the church lounge. This study will run through March 19.

A new study will begin on April 16 and will focus on the minor prophets beginning with the book of Amos. All are welcome.



## Saturday Morning Bible Study

Bible studies continue on Saturday mornings at 9:00 am. They are held in the Church lounge and continue with the study of Romans. For more information, contact Deb Kelleher.

## Lenten Study

Sunday Morning (10:45 am) and  
Wednesday Evenings (6:30 pm)

"What Makes a Hero? The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus" by Matt Rawle. Sunday morning study continues through March 25; and the Wednesday evening study continues through March 28. All are welcome!



## Coffee and Conversation

Join Pastor Judy and others for a time of conversation around the table at McDonald's in Shavertown each Tuesday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. It's your time, so it's your topic! It's a great way to get to know one another! All are welcomed!

## Confirmation 2018

Confirmation for young people entering 8th grade continues. Our next confirmation meeting will be Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:30 pm. Be sure to encourage them in their confirmation journey as they serve in worship and participate in other ministries.



## Congregational Care

Congregational Care offers answers to several questions:

- How do I get to my doctor's appointments?
- Will the church keep in touch if I have to go to an eldercare facility?
- Will someone recognize my need for prayer if I am sick, have a birthday, or am grieving for a family loss?
- Will I be able to have Communion brought to me?

Our congregational care team is ready to serve your needs. Call the church office or Glenda Shepherd.

(Adapted from Trinity Congregational Fellowship)

## Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group

Royal Sutton

It's Tuesday morning at 8:00 at the Irem Country Club. First there is the Pledge of Allegiance followed by announcements of anniversaries and birthdays, then activities in the area churches. Such serious business is followed by the emcee of the week massaging our sense of humor. The laughter is very important. Laughter reduces our stress hormones which increases our overall sense of well-being.

Recently heard from the podium, "I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad. The fly didn't stand a chance."

It's well worth getting up a little early on Tuesday mornings. Oh, yes, almost forgot to mention a delicious and reasonably priced breakfast.

You have questions, Gene has answers.

## Priscilla Circle

The Priscilla Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm in the lounge. The program will be about the Women and Children's Ministry at Misericordia University. Joan Roskos will lead devotions. Hostesses are Joan Roskos and Mary Ellen Pajor. Call Cathy Berkey for more information.



## Musical Notes

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have everlasting life.

As we travel through Lent, we have a wonderful opportunity to spend extra time with our Lord.



We pray that during this time of reflection in Lent you will find the music and the spoken word in our times of worship helpful to your soul and your journey. Ponder these words from one of our Lenten anthems.

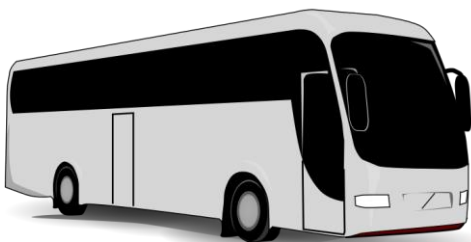
*Rejoice with the rejoicing, and weep with those who mourn. Be patient and forgiving; repair what has been torn. Remember the forgotten; invite the stranger in. Serve each other faithfully until I come again. Love as I have loved you. Serve as I have served. Give as I have given. Be my church. Be my hands and body moving in the world. Live your life in blessing...*

## SUMC FINE ARTS Bus trip to Sight and Sound, Lancaster

Join Us  
Wednesday, July 11th  
11 am show

### JESUS

(brand new show)  
meal to follow show at Shady Maple  
Call Gene Kelleher



The first bus has been filled. A second bus has been reserved, BUT there are only 5 seats left. Please call ASAP if interested to reserve your seats.

SUMC Fine Arts Series  
Celebrating our 15th Season



Join us for our spring and summer concerts

**Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm**  
**Celebrating Our Faith in Song**

Come share with us as our children, youth, adult and bell choirs offer their gifts of music. This concert includes our favorite anthems!

Ice Cream Social to follow  
Come and bring a friend or two!  
Free will offering

**Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm**  
**70 voice youth choir of St. Luke's UMC**

We have added another concert to our series this year  
This is their 23rd annual summer tour!

Directed by Ron Sinclair  
From Hickory, NC  
With their own orchestra!  
Free will offering



**Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm**  
**Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass**

Reserve that date for us!!  
Join us for this group of amazing Christian musicians.

Free will offering.

## Faithfulness in Stewardship

“In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

I Thessalonians 5:18

February 11 and 25, 2018

Faithfulness in Attendance to Date:

Weekly Financial Goal for 2018: \$6,596.50

Average Weekly Giving to Date: \$5,310.00

Donations to Alima Mission: \$1,672.00

If you would like to have your weekly commitment automatically deducted from your checking account, please contact the church office at 675-3616 for an EFT Authorization Form.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Shavertown United Methodist Church and our mission together of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! If you have not yet sent in your stewardship commitment for 2018, please do so as soon as conveniently possible! Thank you!

## Director of Discipleship Ministry

Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that **applications are being for a Director of Discipleship Ministry** at SUMC. The part-time Director of Discipleship Ministry is responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive plan of Christian faith formation and discipleship for all ages for our growing and generationally diverse church. For a full job description with qualifications, responsibilities, salary and application requirements, e-mail Pastor Judy. **Application deadline is March 15.**

## 2018 Community Dinners

Mark your calendars now to attend the Community Dinners scheduled for the following dates in 2018. Serving is buffet style from 4 pm to 6 pm Sunday evenings. Help setting up, serving and cleaning up is always appreciated! The meals are open to anyone in our church family and our community – it’s a great opportunity to share good food and fellowship! Join us! Donations are accepted, but not expected, to help continue this ministry.



March 18th • May 20th • June 17th • July 15th • August 12th

The menu for March is baked ziti, salad, rolls and make your own ice cream sundae!



## Support Groups

GriefShare is a support group for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. GriefShare continues on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the church lounge.



DivorceCare is a support group for those who are divorced or separated. DivorceCare continues on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the pastor's office.

## Year-Round Mission Collection Projects are on the Mission Table in the Narthex



- Back Mountain Food Pantry ... Non-Perishable Food Items
- Ruth's Place (Women's Shelter in Wilkes-Barre) ... Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Paper Towels, Feminine Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper, Cleaning Supplies
- Boxtops For Education .... Supports our Local Schools
- Soda Pop Tops .... Supports Ronald McDonald House



## Saturday, March 31 at 1:00 pm Games, Crafts, Easter Story, and Egg Hunt

Ways you can help:

- Bring individually wrapped candy (that will fit in plastic eggs) and place it in the bin in the Narthex (lobby) of the church.
- Sign up to help or to bring other items listed on the board in the Narthex (lobby).
- Invite friends and neighbors to come and enjoy this time together!
- For more information, contact Brenda Kopalek

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Sunday, March 18-Community Dinner (see page 6)

March 25-Palm Sunday

April 1-Easter Sunday

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Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group meets every Tuesday morning, 8 am, at Irem

Back Mountain Ugly Quilters meet most Wednesday mornings at Dallas UMC

Step by Step Praise Band performs the second Monday of each month at 7 pm

Coffee & Conversation w/ Pastor Judy every Tuesday @ Shavertown McDonalds at 10 am

**Worship at 5:30 pm Saturday 9:30 am Sunday**