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for the transformation of the world.*

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### 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 Celebration 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

### April 2018 Worship

**Saturday**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday**

**9:30 a.m.**

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

## New Worship Series: Three Simple Rules

What do we need to do to faithfully follow Jesus was the question asked by many people who followed the teaching of John Wesley in the 1700s. Wesley tried to keep things simple so he gave the people 3 General Rules. If someone really wanted their lives to be changed by the power and grace of God and if they in turn wanted to change the world then they were to follow these 3 rules:

- Do no harm
- Do good
- Stay in love with God

**April 7 and 8: Do No Harm**

Romans 12: 17-19, Celebration of Holy Communion

**April 14 and 15: Do Good**

John 13: 34-35

**April 21 and 22: Stay in Love with God**

Luke 15: 11-32; Hebrews 12: 1-2

**April 28 and 29: Guest Speaker**

Coming up:

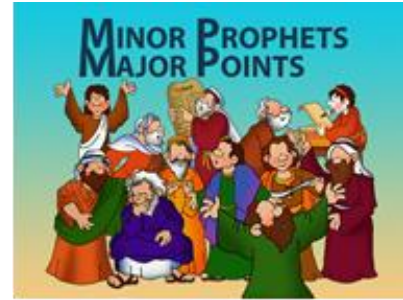
**May 6: Children's Day**



## Monday Afternoon Bible Study

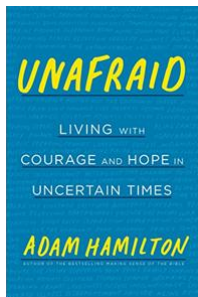
The Monday Bible Study group meets each Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the church lounge.

A new study will begin on April 16<sup>th</sup> and will focus on the minor prophets beginning with the book of Amos. All are welcome. No books are required for this study.



## Saturday Morning Bible Study

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

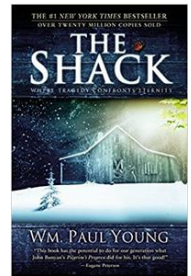


## Adult Sunday School

Sunday Mornings 10:45  
Beginning April 8

## Wednesday Evening

April 11, 6:30 p.m. Movie Viewing  
Study begins April 18



## 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 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade continues. Our next confirmation meeting will be Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:30 p.m. Be sure to encourage them in their confirmation journey as they serve in worship and participate in other ministries.



## Congregational Care

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." Matthew 28: 5-6  
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Happy Easter to all!

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we want to include our homebound members. Our Care Team will be taking Communion to them April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a homebound member who would like to receive Communion and is not currently being served, please call the church office so that we can add him or her. Nan Boswell directs this important ministry.

Please let Glenda Shepherd know of needs in our congregation.

## Musical Notes

Jesus was crucified. He was taken down from the cross, buried and on the third day,  
Christ Arose!

**Christ is risen** from the dead, He is risen as He said.

He is alive, now and forever.....**Alleluia!**



Thank you to all choirs for your dedicated service to our congregation and community. You are such beautiful servants and are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Kate Jenkins and Barbara Edwards who assist in the music office every week. Thanks also to Barbara Mark who helps every Sunday after worship. I am so grateful for your helping hands and generous hearts.

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: ~ Romans 6:5

## Priscilla Circle

The Priscilla Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge. The program will be "The Sacred Space of Gathering". Nancy Burkel will lead devotions. Hostesses are Nancy Dingman and Glenda Shepherd.





## Scranton Wilkes-Barre Lay Academy Announces Spring Advanced Courses

We are pleased to offer the following enriching courses:  
Preaching, Polity, Leading Public Prayer & Worship.

Where: Elm Park United Methodist Church

When: Saturdays: April 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 for the course or \$25.00 if you choose to include the lunch option

In addition, if there is a book which accompanies the course you are taking, the District has generously offered to pick up that expense.

Please be aware that these courses are for anyone wanting to expand their knowledge as Disciples of Christ and help lead others to becoming Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

- Preaching – Rev. Mike Bealla with Pastor Brian Wallace
  - Practical tools that can be used by those who are called on to preach at times but who are not trained as pastors.
- Polity - Rev. Andrew Weidner
  - More than just an overview of the structure and organization of the United Methodist Church. Explore the theology that guides our connections and relationships with other United Methodists and the world.
- Leading Prayer – Pastor Eric Luczak
  - Learn the theology and components of public prayer. Become more confident when called upon to pray.
- Worship – Pastor Scott Miller
  - Explore the structure and flow of a worship service. Learn why the order of worship is important and how to create a meaningful worship service.

Make Checks Payable to: Susquehanna Annual Conference

Send to: Tom Taylor 540 Keystone Ave, Peckville PA 18452

SUMC Fine Arts Series  
Celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> Season



Join us for our spring and summer concerts

**Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**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 a.m.**  
**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 p.m.**  
**Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass**

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

Free will offering.

# ***RUN, WALK - GIVE A LIFE OF HOPE***

## ***BISHOP'S PARTNER IN MISSIONS EVENT***



**To: SWB District**

**Event: Give a Life of Hope – Bishop's Partner in Missions Event**

**Save the Date: May 12th, 2018**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Place: Kirby Park, 160 Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18704**

**Who Benefits: Stop Malaria Now and Mission Central**

- Start now by walking/running for an hour and record your distance and time.
- Commit to walking/running 3 days (minimum) per week for an hour which will help to increase your Speed & Distance.
- Together as a Team we can get healthier and in turn Help the World to be Healthier Too!

We are asking our pastors to take the lead in this challenge, to be the inspiration to their flocks. This is our opportunity to rally as a District and effectively support this Mission which is so near and dear to Bishop Park's heart. He leads by example and this is our chance to catch his fire and energy and make this a truly successful event! The Bishop will be running at this event...let's surround him with our support! Sponsorship Forms are available at your local church office and on [www.swbdistrict.org](http://www.swbdistrict.org)

\*\* We encourage you to view the app "Couch to 5K" and many other apps which encourage effective exercising to prepare for a Walk/Run Event. Registration and Sponsor Commitment forms will be on the Conference site in the coming New Year!



# Faithfulness in Stewardship

“In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”  
I Thessalonians 5:18

February 25 through March 25, 2018  
Faithfulness in Attendance to Date: 214  
Weekly Financial Goal for 2018: \$6,596.50  
Average Weekly Giving to Date: \$5,936.00

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!

## Family Fun Events



### Messes with Moms

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27th**  
**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

An opportunity for moms or grandmas or aunts and their boys to share a fun-packed evening together.

Lots of fun, messy activities are planned!

### Daddy-Daughter Dance

**FRIDAY, MAY 18th**  
**6:30 p.m.**

A special time for girls and their best guy to share a special evening together.



## 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 p.m. to 6 p.m. 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.



**CommunityDinner**

April 29      May 20      June 17      July 15      August 12

The menu for April is baked chicken, potato, vegetable and dessert!

## Support Groups

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



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

## Time of Sharing with GYTTE Missionaries

You are cordially invited to a morning of sharing by Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mareina, missionaries from the GYTTE (Give Ye Them To Eat) mission in Tlancualpican, Mexico. They will be sharing the stories of the opportunities they have had in working with local villagers, their needs, their hopes and their faith. District Superintendent Marian Hartman has led several mission trips to Tlancualpican and will be leading several teams in 2018-2019.

**Where: Shavertown UMC**

**When: Saturday, April 21st**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in attending, please contact the district office at [scrantonwilkesbarre@susumc.org](mailto:scrantonwilkesbarre@susumc.org) or call 570-901-1569

GYTTE was founded in 1977 as a social outreach project of the Methodist Church of Mexico to combat hunger and poverty in the rural sector. The purpose of the "Give Ye Them to Eat" program (GYTTE) is to strengthen the capabilities of marginalized people and communities to meet their basic needs, and to determine and sustain a just and integrated development process. Participatory methods and development tools are used to create conditions in which change can take place from within the communities. The "Tree of Life" training center in Tlancualpican conducts workshops and hands-on opportunities in the areas of health, sanitation, animal care and breeding, agricultural methods such as terracing, composting and irrigation. Workshops also go "on the road" for VBS, Holy Week and Advent resources.



## 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

## Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group

Colin Powell stated, "The chief condition on which life, health and vigor depend on, is action. It is by action that an organism develops its faculties, increases its energy, and attains the fulfillment of its destiny." The men of the BMMEG who meet every week to celebrate God and Country are men of action. The action of getting up early enough to be at the Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. requires effort that is not always easy but the rewards are worth it!

The BMMEG has a 12+ year history, dating back to former Pastor Doug Clark. Gene Kelleher suggested to Pastor Clark that men of SUMC meet for 7:00 a.m. breakfast and devotions at Pickett's Charge and were joined by several other men. The group grew and it was decided to close the meeting by singing "God Bless America." Other customers at Pickett's enjoyed the singing with a growing number deciding to join the group. At one time, there were about 80 men attending. Pickett's was sold and BMMEG tried several other venues, settling on the Irem. The Irem has been generous to the BMMEG including having a staff available to serve the breakfast on Tuesday even though they are not open on Tuesdays.

**April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. BMMEG begins meeting on Thursdays. We will continue to meet at Irem. This will help with staffing for the Irem. Join in the action!**

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Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group meets every **Thursday** morning, 8 a.m., 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 p.m.

Coffee & Conversation w/ Pastor Judy every Tuesday @ Shavertown McDonald's at 10 a.m.

**Worship at 5:30 p.m. Saturday 9:30 a.m. Sunday**