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

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Saturday, May 5:
Worship based on Psalm 98
Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, May 6: Children's Day
We know that children are always welcomed at worship at SUMC, but during this special time of worship our Sunday School classes and children's choirs will lead our worship! We will also celebrate Holy Communion.

May 12 and 13: Psalm 67: Shine On Us
In many ways the month of May is filled with requests for God to bless people – graduations, marriages, mothers. We'll look at a psalm that asks God to bless us and we'll learn from this psalm what the blessing of God is really all about.

May 19 and 20: Acts 2: Pentecost Weekend/Confirmation: Day by Day
Peter preached a sermon that touched the hearts of about 3,000 people and the Holy Spirit moved in them to give their lives to Jesus but they weren't instantly educated on all that following Jesus meant and they weren't instantly made perfect in love and faith – just like those who will be confirmed this day, they were just beginning a journey.



May 26 and 27: Exodus 15: and 16 (selected verses); Acts 2: 1-4: To Be Reminded Every day it seems that we forget more and more. Names, dates, appointments, grocery lists... it gets frustrating at times. Just as Memorial Day was created to remind us of those who have served our nation, the Holy Spirit was given to remind us of God's presence and power and purpose in our lives.

May 2018 Worship

Saturday
5:30 p.m.

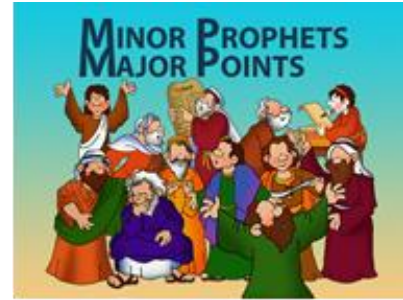
Sunday
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages at 10:45 a.m.



Monday Afternoon Bible Study

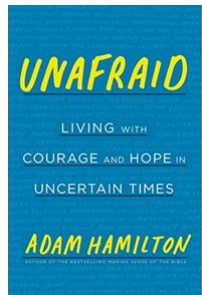
The Monday Bible Study group meets each Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the church lounge. The first Monday of each month we have pizza available at 12:30 p.m. Please bring your own drink!

A study of the minor prophets beginning with the book of Amos continues throughout May. 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.

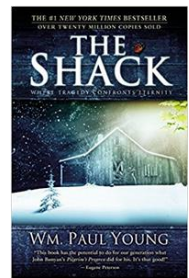


Adult Sunday School

Sunday Mornings 10:45
Continues through May 13

Wednesday Evening

6:30 p.m. in the church lounge
Continues through May



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

Our next confirmation meeting will be our Confirmation retreat here at the church Friday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m. through Saturday, May 5th with pick up at 1:00 p.m. On Sunday, May 20th, eight young people will profess their faith in Jesus and be confirmed into the life and ministries of Shavertown UMC. Be sure to encourage them in their faith journey as they continue to serve in worship and participate in other ministries.



Congregational Care

With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:2-3

Our Shavertown UMC congregation includes several members who are living in care facilities. It is important to maintain a "unity of the Spirit" with those folks who are no longer able to worship with us. The congregational care team keeps in touch with our members in care facilities through cards, visits, and homebound Communion. We currently need volunteers to visit members who have recently gone to assisted living. If you have one hour a month and a listening ear, you can help to maintain that bond of unity in our church. Call Glenda Shepherd or the church office if you would like to serve in this way.

Musical Notes

*It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
proclaiming your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.*



*For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
At the works of your hands I sing for joy. Psalm 92: 1-4*

Our young children in music ministry (Cherubs, Children of Light and Chapel Chimes) will be having their pizza party on Tuesday, May 8th for their last rehearsal day. It has been another wonderful year with the children. They are a special blessing to our whole church family as they develop and share their gifts and talents with you. Thanks to all the parents who have helped and supported us throughout the year and to Amy Kelly and Lisa Snell who continue to have a great time with our Cherubs.



Our Praise Ringers will be performing a program of hand bell music at Highland Park Senior Living on Thursday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m. Feel free to join us as we bring some cheer to the residents of Highland Park.

Priscilla Circle

The Priscilla Circle is sponsoring a special event on Tuesday, May 15th, at 7:00 p.m. Cheryl and Beth will present "Healing Oils of Ancient Scripture". Join us to learn more about these oils and how they were used in biblical times. There will be samples available to sniff. Orders will be taken for starter kits and other items for anyone interested in making a purchase. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the circle. For more information about the oils visit "youngliving.com". This program is open to everyone, you do not have to be a member of United Methodist Women to attend. For more information about the program and to make a reservation contact Cathy Berkey.



SUMC Fine Arts Series

Celebrating our 15th Season



Join us for our spring and summer concerts

Coming up soon.....can't wait.....the show has been getting rave reviews!!!!!!
SUMC FINE ARTS Bus trip to Sight and Sound, Lancaster
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11
11 AM show
JESUS
(brand new show)
meal to follow show at Shady Maple Restaurant

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.

Thanks to all for your support of our Fine Arts Series and our outreach to the community in **Spreading the Gospel through the Gift of Music!**

A special thanks to all the vocal and bell choirs who offer their gifts of music for our concerts and to our committee who take care of many details, including our receptions and welcoming teams. Also to Kate Jenkins who is Deb's right arm in keeping up with all the PR and helping with many other details for each of the concerts. Our Fine Arts concert series would not be possible without all our volunteers. You are greatly appreciated.



A Visit with Alima submitted by Susan Roesse

I spent a Saturday morning with Alima's mother recently, when she came to the city to take Alima home for Spring break. Since my French and Wolof are limited, and her English is limited, she insisted that we search for a translator so that she could fully express her extreme gratitude to SUMC for the financial aid that we provide her daughter. She said that it was very difficult for the family to come up with the registration fee for Alima each year, and that they could never afford to keep her in school if it were not for our help. She was thrilled that we were able to raise enough funds to replace Alima's missing tooth as well.



All of the clothes that I purchased in the US and took for Alima were perfect fits! This is a photo of her posing in one of her new outfits and jewelry after church.

The next photo is me with Salymata, Alima's mother, outside the school while waiting to view the art show. You can see that Alima resembles her



Several new fast food restaurants opened within walking distance. They served a variety of non-Senegalese foods. I was able to take Alima to two of them for lunches. It was a nice experience for us. She enjoyed a pizza the first time, and a crispy chicken BBQ hoagie on the second visit. She has grown into a lovely young teen. It was a thrill to be with her again. Thank you all so much for all you have given her.

Faithfulness in Stewardship

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

March 18 through April 15, 2018
Faithfulness in Attendance to Date: 225
(not including Holy Week and Easter)
Holy Week Attendance: 709
Weekly Financial Goal for 2018: \$6,596.50
Average Weekly Giving to Date: \$6,654.60

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!

Welcome To Our New Director Of Discipleship Ministries

For over a year, the Staff Parish Relations Committee has been working diligently to prepare the job description, qualifications and requirements for a new staff position that aligns with our goal of making new disciples and seeking ways for all to grow in our Spiritual journeys.



After advertising locally, district-wide and Conference-wide, receiving applications, and completing interviews, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee of Shavertown UMC is pleased to welcome Bev Bunney as our Director of Discipleship Ministries.

In this new staff position, Bev will be working with our leadership team to create and implement an intentional discipleship pathway for people of all ages as we build relationships and work to fulfill the mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Bev will be attending the Navigate Conference on April 28th with other leadership team members and will officially begin her new position on May 1st. She is a longtime member of SUMC and brings a wealth of gifts and experience to this new position. Congratulations, Bev!



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.

May 20th

June 17th

July 15th

August 12th

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 through May 10th. A new cycle of sessions will begin in September.



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 through May 10th. A new cycle of sessions will begin in September.

Join Us for the 2018

MILES FOR MISSIONS Walk/Run-a-Thon



Scranton Wilkes-Barre – May 12, 2018 – Kirby Park
 Pavilion 1, 160 Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18704
 Walk/Run 9 a.m. – noon

100% of the donations will go to Bishop's Partners in Mission to support:

Imagine No Malaria and Mission Central

Walking/Running from Shavertown UMC:

Pastor Judy

Cathy Berkey

Mardy Shepherd

(and others we may not be aware of!)

To sponsor any of us, please call the church office at 570-675-3616 by May 8th.

Just \$10 can save a life by providing a bed net for someone to sleep under to prevent a malaria causing mosquito bite! 100% of the money raised goes to Imagine No Malaria and/or to reduce the debt of Mission Central.

Thank you for your partnership in mission. We are 'Better Together' when we labor as one to make a difference for countless people in need in our community and in the world."

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

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

Family Fun Events

Birthday Tea

Sunday, May 6th

2:00 p.m.

Reserve and decorate a month or seasonal table, and then invite your friends to join you for tea and lots of goodies. Contact Sue Holdredge or Sandy Michalisin for more information!



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

Step by Step Praise Band



Join the Step by Step Praise Band the *second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM* for a concert of praise and worship music. The band is composed of gifted musicians from several area churches who come together each month to offer their gift of music to the community. Join us on May 14th. All are welcomed!

We will recognize all graduating seniors (high school and college) on the weekend of June 16 and 17. If you have a senior who is graduating, please submit a photo with name, date of graduation, school graduating from and future plans by May 31.



A Message from Ginger & John McCabe

We are so blessed to have such a loving and supportive church family! You have been there with prayer, calls and well wishes in our daughter, Sarah DeRado's battle with breast cancer. She is currently receiving chemo- and immunotherapy, and her prognosis is for a full recovery. Your care and concern means so much to our family! Thank you!

Ginger & John McCabe

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Dates to Note

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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. (see page 9)

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