



# The Vine



June 2017

JUNE 2017 WORSHIP

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Sunday School for All Ages Resumes in September

## The Vine

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**Saturday  
Worship 5:30 pm**

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June 10 and 11: #selfiesunday  
P.R.A.Y Scout Recognition Sunday  
Philippians 2: 1-4

**Though we all have an ego, it doesn't mean we have to worship ourselves or live exclusively for ourselves. To live that way is to live in a prison. What is selfish living versus selfless living?**

June 17 and 18: #thestruggleisreal  
Recognition of Graduates  
Romans 7: 21-8: 4

The struggle we face is very real. We love God and want to serve Him. We have the best of intentions to be the very best persons we can be. But we fail. **the sooner we admit it, the better off we'll be and the closer we'll get to the kind of success God intends for us.**

June 24 and 25: Guest Speakers



JULY WORSHIP SERIES: UNLIKELY  
HEROES  
(Based on VBS Stories)

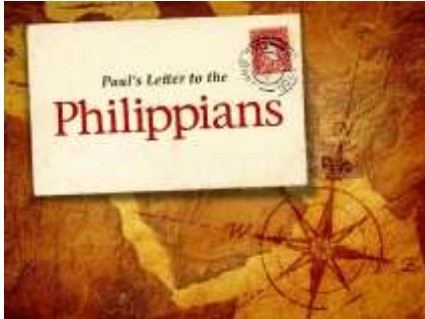
**July 1 and 2: God's Heroes Have Heart**  
Celebration of Holy Communion  
1 Samuel 16: 1-12

**It's easier and quicker to make judgments by what we see. But, what cannot be so easily seen is the nature of a person's heart. Qualities like courage, perseverance, love, and loyalty cannot be observed by a glance. These are qualities of the heart and require a deeper look into the person and his or her values.**

## MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

The study, *Prayer and Confession: Spiritual Practices for Everyday Life*, continues through June 19.

This group will not meet on June 26, July 3 or July 10.



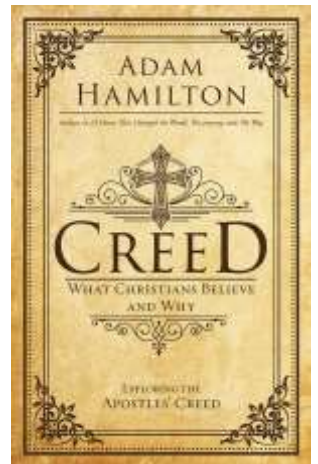
**We'll begin a new study on July 17** straight from the Scriptures – Philippians. This study will run for 5 weeks.

Our summer studies will conclude on August 21 with a picnic at the pavilion.

On Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, **we'll kick-off** the fall Bible Study season with Adam

Hamilton's "Creed," an in depth study of the Apostle's Creed. We're used to answers popping up on a screen right in front of us. But when the questions examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life, finding the answers takes more than simply typing a few words and pushing a button. Adam Hamilton believes that powerful answers to **many of our complicated questions are contained in the Apostles' Creed**, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs.

In Creed, he explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe, and why it matters, which in turn leads readers to confront and examine their own core beliefs and go beyond reciting **the Creed's familiar words. Chapters include: God, Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit, The Church at the Communion of Saints, The Forgiveness of Sins, The Resurrection of the Body.**



Books for this study will be available in the Narthex in early September; or call the church office to have one reserved for you.

## SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Bible studies continue on Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM. They are held in the Church lounge. For more information, contact Deb Kelleher.

## SUPPORT GROUP



GriefShare is a support group for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. GriefShare meets in the Church Lounge on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM.

Persons can become part of these support groups at any time.

Each session stands on its own with a different topic each week. For more information or to register contact the church office at 675-3616 or visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).



## 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 2017

Congratulations to (l to r) Aidan Conrad, Ashley, Elick, Hanna Oldt, Carly Kappler, Emily Crahall and Jack Stout who were confirmed at worship on June 4. We look forward to your continuing participation in the life of Shavertown UMC!

## CONFIRMATION 2018

**And it's not too early to start planning for Confirmation 2018!** Our dinner to kick-off the 2018 Confirmation year will be held on Sunday evening, September 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM. Confirmands, parents and mentors are invited to attend. If you are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, watch for your letter of invitation and interest in the mail in late July!



**2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**Monday, September 18, 2017**



**REGISTRATION, HOLE SPONSORSHIP AND PRIZE SPONSOR BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE NOW!**

**CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 570-675-3616**

- Date:** Monday, September 18, 2017
- Location:** Huntsville Golf Club – Lehman, PA
- Format:** 4 person captain & crew  
10:00 AM Shotgun Start
- Registration:** 8:30 AM (Range Open)
- Dinner:** Immediately following event – 3:00 PM
- Cost:** \$100.00 per person  
Includes Greens Fees, Cart, Dinner  
\$20.00/person – Dinner Only  
Longest Drive Contest, Closest to the Pin Prizes

**Proceeds from the Tournament support the ministries of Shavertown UMC!**



**SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 LEADERSHIP RETREAT**

Date: August 12, 2017  
 Time: 9 AM to 3 PM

Location: Forty-Fort United Methodist Church  
 Lunch will be provided.

All leaders and future leaders of SUMC are invited to join us as we dream, vision and plan for the next 5-10 years of ministry at SUMC!

What is your wildest dream for ministry at SUMC?  
 With God, all things are possible!



YEAR ROUND MISSION COLLECTION PROJECTS ARE ON THE MISSION TABLE IN THE NARTHEX

\* **BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY ...** NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS – see below for our monthly focus!

\* **RUTH'S PLACE (Women's Shelter in Wilkes-Barre) ...** SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, PAPER TOWELS, FEMININE HYGEINE PRODUCTS, TOILET PAPER, CLEANING SUPPLIES

\* **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION ....** SUPPORTS OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

\* **SODA POP TOPS ....** SUPPORTS RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

## Monthly Mission Focus

Each month will feature specific items to be collected for the **BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY**:

Peanut Butter    Jelly    Pasta

Saturday, August 5th  
1:00 TO 3:00 PM at the pavilion  
Free backpacks and supplies,  
Food, games, crafts, and the Tumblebus!

Donations are needed of school supplies!

loose leaf paper; binders; glue sticks; dry erase markers; erasers; pens, pencils, markers; 2-pocket folders; crayons; backpacks (especially for older youth). Please note: we do not need spiral bound notebooks this year – we have lots!



## *Congregational Care Team News*

### [1 Peter 4:11](#)

If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Homebound communion will be served the first weekend of July. If you know of someone who is in need of communion at home or in a nursing home who is not currently receiving communion from our team, please call the church office. Nan Boswell is coordinator of Homebound Communion.

Our Congregational Care Team will now be coordinated by Glenda Shepherd. We appreciate **Glenda's enthusiasm and heart for serving** in this capacity. Please contact Glenda or the church office with any needs from our CCT.

Once again, Chris, Jen and Olivia Ostrowski are very grateful for all the meals our CCT cooks have been providing them while they wait for the arrival of their twin baby boys. Thanks to all. It has really helped the **Ostrowski's in their** time of need.



## *Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group*

By Royal K. Sutton

No doubt you have done business with someone who told you that if you refer other customers to them you will be rewarded. A friend of the female persuasion recently told me of such an experience. A friend (former friend, now) called to ask if she would like to have a face lift. She mentioned that she just had one and was told if she referred her friends and they had the treatment, she would be handsomely rewarded. She glanced in the **mirror and thought to herself, "I've some unnecessary lines in my face and it's not only turkeys that have that neck problem. But a face lift? I don't think so."** She got fretting about it, concerned that her friend felt she might even need a face lift. She went to the mirror quite often that afternoon, kept frowning and fretting. Then, the absurdity of spending all that money on a face that had some character lines, but all in all was not that bad, she

started to laugh. Looked into the mirror as she was laughing and her face had lifted all by itself.

**"Laugh lifts" are available every Tuesday morning at the Irem Country Club when you join in with the Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group** for a delicious buffet breakfast, honoring God & Country with like-minded men, listening to a thought provoking speaker who knows that **9:00 we're out of here!**

Our speakers for June will feature on the 6th, Sam Hyder, a 5 time World Champion in full contact mixed Marshall Arts; on the 13th, Dawn Monk who is the President of Twin City Builders; and on June 20, Dallas students will present a History Project with Harry Haas, their advisor.

Got questions? Call Gene or Royal.

## Faithfulness in Stewardship

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

I Thessalonians 5:18

April 30 through June 4:  
 Faithfulness in Attendance: 222  
 Weekly Financial Goal for 2017: \$6,207.00  
 Average Weekly Giving: \$6,504.66

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!

### 2017 COMMUNITY DINNERS



Mark your calendars now to attend the Community Dinners scheduled for the following dates in 2017. 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.

The next Community Meal is Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> with serving from 4-6 PM at the pavilion. The menu will be picnic foods!

Future meals will be:

August 20	September 24
October 15	Thanksgiving Day

### 2017 MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING AND SEND OFF DINNER



Trip Dates: July 9-15, 2017

Location: Camp Mechuwana, Winthrop Maine

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites the congregation to a send off dinner for the 2017 Mission Team to Maine on Saturday, July 8 immediately following Saturday evening worship. The team will also be commissioned to go and serve at worship on Saturday evening, July 8. Come join us and send our Mission Team off to Maine with your love and prayers!

## Musical Notes

The Message translation has a great translation of Psalm 100. It says:

On your feet now—applaud GOD!  
Bring a gift of laughter,  
sing yourselves into his presence.  
Know this: GOD is God, and God, GOD.

**He made us; we didn't make him.**

**We're his people, his well-tended sheep.  
Enter with the password: "Thank you!"**

Make yourselves at home, talking praise.  
Thank him. Worship him.  
For GOD is sheer beauty,  
all-generous in love,  
loyal always and ever.

On behalf of the music ministry at SUMC, thanks to all the SUMC choirs for their steadfast love and faithfulness to our Lord and to our church family as they sing and make melody in honor and praise to God each week. Have a restful and relaxing summer. See you all in worship!!!!

Make time in your summer schedule to come and

hear **Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass** on Wednesday, July 19 at 7 PM. See Fine Arts article.

If you are on the bus trip to Sight and Sound on June 21, see FA article.

Our Praise Ringers rang out into our community once again at Highland Park Senior Living in Wilkes-Barre on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and Wesley Village on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Praise Ringers for sharing your gifts and making **the residents' day special!**

**Happy Father's Day to all Fathers in our church family. Enjoy your special day!**



## United Methodist Women

Priscilla Circle will meet on June 20th at 6pm for picnic. Devotions: Glenda Shepherd. Hostesses: Helen Davis & Alice Niskey.



## Education News

Shavertown United Methodist invites all children to get ready to discover their strength in God at Hero Central Vacation Bible School. The fun begins 07/23/2017 and ends 07/26/2017 from Dinner 5:30 Program 6:15-8:00.

To be a part of all the excitement at Shavertown UMC's VBS, email Katie Hrivnak, with questions or visit the church's website at [www.shavertownumc.com](http://www.shavertownumc.com) , to register.



Thank you to our Sunday School Teachers!!!

Pre K: Sandy Michalsin & Sue Holdredge

Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup>: Rebecca Oley & Danielle West

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>: Jenny Young & Brenda Kopalek

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> :Brian Wilson & Brad Wall

Middle School: Cindy Biesecker & Gary Young

High School: Amy Wall & Christie Wilson

## SUMC Fine Arts

Celebrating our 14<sup>th</sup> Season

Wednesday June 21, 2017

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND, LANCASTER

JONAH

Call Gene Kelleher if you have any questions

Sponsored by SUMC Fine Arts

Bus will be leaving SUMC parking lot at 7:45 AM

**Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass**  
**Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00 PM...**

Reserve that date for us!! Free will offering.

Join us for this group of amazing Christian musicians.



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!

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## *Dates to Note*

Wednesday, June 21—Jonah bus trip (see page 9)

June 23rd—June 26th—Vacation Bible School (see page 9)

Saturday, July 8—Mission Team send off dinner (see page 7)

Sunday, July 16—Community Dinner (see page 7)

Wednesday, July 19—**Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass** concert (see page 9)

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**Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group** meets every Tuesday morning, 8AM, 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 7pm.

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

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