

Shavertown United Methodist Church

October 30 & 31, 2021

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world!

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday Worship Musician: Ed Pall

Sunday: "Processional Alleluia"

By Kevin McChesney
Good News Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen (Sat)/ Rich (Sun)

May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

Yea, our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name.

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#57

Vs. 1-4

*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen (Sat)/ Rich (Sun)

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

(Ruth Duck, USA, 20th cent.)

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Every Promise of Your Word"

By K. Getty & S. Townend
Chancel Choir with God's Handful

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

"O Lord, Hear my Prayer"

#2200

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Where Children Belong

#2233

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

GIFT OF MUSIC

"And I Will Praise Him"

By Michael Jothen
Children of Light

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, who power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mary Ellen (Sat)/ Rich (Sun)

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift.

We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies.

**Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us,
your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us,
your love has redeemed us.**

**Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness
for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service,
and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

WORD OF GOD

Luke 12:13-21
Ruth 1:1-9, 14b-18

Mary Ellen (Sat)/ Rich (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Risking Relationships”

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
Vs. 1,3,4

#557

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Wherever You Go, I Shall Go”

Arr. Nancy Evans
Piano



October 30-31, 2021

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

163 North Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, PA 18708

Telephone: 570-675-3616

E-mail address: shavertownumc@susumc.org

Web address: shavertownumc.com

Like us on Facebook: Shavertown United Methodist Church

Ministers: All who love and serve Jesus Christ

Pastor: Rev. Jon Buxton

Home Phone: 570-675-6412 Email: jbuxton@susumc.org

Director of Music – Nancy Evans

Bookkeeper – Ken Chapple

Custodian – Brad Lothridge

Christian Education Coordinator – Brenda Kopalek

Nursery Staff – Sandy Michalisin

Office Manager – Jeanne Kapral

Church Publicist – Amy Wall

Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 31 THROUGH NOVEMBER 6

Please contact Pastor Jon Buxton or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery, in need of pastoral care or prayer. Prayer requests can be included on the e-mail prayer chain by contacting the church office at shavertownumc@susumc.org

OUR PRAYER LIST: The United Methodist Church, civilian and military families of the Afghan crisis, victims of Hurricane Ida, victims of violence; those persecuted for their faith; men & women in Law Enforcement; caregivers; those in difficult relationships; children & teens at risk; those incarcerated; those with hatred in their hearts; marriages in trouble, cancer and Covid 19 victims, families dealing with Alzheimers

JOYS: D.J. Mikulka much improved and positive outlook, Jean Linker home and recovering, Matthew Oley 18yrs old 10/17, Engagement of David Thomas to Elizabeth Wild

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, David Daniels, Joe H., Amanda, Michael, Levi, D.J. Mikulka, Family of Carol Thomas, Buddy Frey, Lori Oldt's father (Covid) and family, Sandy Richardson, Jean Linker, Ava, Jerry & Wendy Shaffer, Razawich family, Lou Rabel, Jimmy Tighe
Names will be kept on the list for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise. Thank You & may God bless!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Maj. Shannon Dzury Dawson, US Air Force

LCDR John W. Gilligan, US Navy

Sgt. Scott Kocher

Lt. Col. Stephen C. Phillips

Todd Mark, US Army, South Korea

Col. P.J. Perrone Jr., Fort Belvoir, VA

Major Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA

Specialist Alex Barilla, US Army, KS

Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, TX

Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan

2nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force

Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico, VA

Rick Hodle, Jr., US Navy

Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force

Specialist Charles Yavorski, FT. Bragg, NC

2nd LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT

Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves

Lt. Mary Ketchner, Silverdale, WA

1st Lt. Allen Carson, 109th US Army Reserves, Phila.

Rick Hodle III, US Army

CPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves

Jackson Rogers, US Marines, Okinawa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Nicks & Susan Roese

LITURGIST: Weekend of Oct 30/31: Mary Ellen Pajor (Saturday) Rich Oley (Sunday)

USHERS: TBD (Saturday) Harold Stout (Sunday)

GREETER: Cathy Nicks (Saturday) Edie Graziano (Sunday)

ACOLYTE: Abby

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31: Aaron Harvatine

ALTAR FLOWERS: In Celebration of Harold & Kristen Stout's 13th Wedding Anniversary

Sun. Oct. 31 Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30am

God's Handful 11:30am – 12:30pm

Mon. Nov.1

Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge

Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

Tues. Nov.2

Luzerne County Voting and Bake Sale Social Hall

Coffee & Conversation 10am Lounge

Choir Practice: COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, Good News Ringers 6pm

Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom

Wed. Nov. 3

Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom

Mission and Outreach 6:30pm

AA meeting 7pm Social Hall

Chancel Choir practice 7:30pm

Thurs. Nov. 4

Cherub Choir Rehearsal 5pm

Grief Share Meeting 6:30pm Lounge

Connected in Christ Study Group 7pm

Fri. Nov. 5

Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Nov. 6

Practice for Children's Musical 10am Social Hall

Worship 5:30pm

Youth Group Fall Fun Day 4:30 – 7pm

Think of this friend (with cards and prayers)

James Wert, 211 Roberts Rd, Apt 117, Wesley Village, Pittston, Pa. 18640

COMING UP OCTOBER 31 THROUGH NOVEMBER 6

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Nicks & Susan Roese

LITURGIST: Weekend of Nov 6/7: Mary Ellen Pajor (Saturday) Nick Michalisin (Sunday)

USHERS: Donna & Sarah Church (Saturday) Wendy Shaffer & Ava (Sunday)

GREETER: Donna & Sarah Church (Saturday) TBD (Sunday)

ACOLYTE: Makayla

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7: Joe Gutierrez

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Stephen F. Killian & Clifford K. Parker, Sr. by the Family

Sun. Nov. 7	Worship 9:30am – All Saints Sunday Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30am God's Handful 11:30am – 12:30pm Confirmation Meeting 4-6pm Social Hall
Mon. Nov.8	Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge Praise Band Concert 7pm
Tues. Nov.9	Coffee & Conversation 10am Lounge Staff Meeting 11am Lounge Choir Practice: COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, Good News Ringers 6pm Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom Trustees Meeting 7pm
Wed. Nov. 10	Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom AA meeting 7pm Social Hall Chancel Choir practice 7:30pm
Thurs. Nov. 11	Cherub Choir Rehearsal 5pm Grief Share Meeting 6:30pm Lounge
Fri. Nov. 12	Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. Nov. 13	Practice for Children's Musical 10am Social Hall Drive-Thru Meal Give-Away – Noon Worship 5:30pm

Faithfulness in Person Worship Attendance:117 On-Line Worship: 36
Financial Goal: \$6,214 Weekly October: \$5,312

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

ANGEL TREE: Monetary donations or a \$25 gift card to Walmart is greatly appreciated to help children in need. Donations due to the church by November 21.

MITTEN TREE – The Youth Group will be doing a Mission Project during the month of November, they will be collecting mittens and hats for children in Luzerne County. Donations can be placed on the Mitten Tree in the Narthex November 1 -21. Any youth (not in God's Handful) able to help set up the mitten tree after Sunday School on Oct. 31 should meet in the Narthex at 11:30am.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE – Our Sunday School classes will be having a Thanksgiving Food Drive during the month of November. Their goal is to collect 200 non-perishable food items from Nov. 1-21 for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Donations can be placed under the Mitten Tree in the Narthex. Feel free to help the kids reach their goal by donating needed food items!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – The Sunday school classes will be putting together shoebox gifts for children around the world. We are asking the congregation to donate towards the shipping costs. Donations can be placed in the shoebox in the Narthex. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL – Practices begin Saturday, November 6th at 10:00am in the social hall for our children's musical which is scheduled for December 19.

YOUTH GROUP FALL FUN DAY – Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us at the Whistle Pig Pumpkin Farm on Nov. 6 from 4:30-7:00pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person and includes a hayride, corn maze, apple cider, scarecrow making, and a campfire with hot dogs and s'mores! Please sign up in the Narthex!

UPCOMING: Christmas will be here before we know it! The Hanging of the Greens will be November 21 at 11:30am. Please come and join us in decorating the church.

POINSETTIAS: Our poinsettia sale will be happening once again this year to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas worship. Please look for an envelope and order form in the narthex. All orders will be due into the office by November 29.

LIVE NATIVITY: **Volunteers needed** for December 3 and 4 from 6:00-8:00pm. Please fill out the green form located in the Narthex.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE PRAYER PARTNERS: It's that time of year when prayer partners will be chosen for 2022. If you want to continue having a prayer partner, you don't have to do anything. If you are new and want to have a prayer partner or if you want to discontinue having a prayer partner, please contact Mary Ellen Pajor by November 1, 2021. You can call/text 570-905-8511 or email me at tsmepajor@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE: We collected 28 units of blood at our October 8 blood drive which will help save the lives of 84 people. What a blessing!