

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 26 THROUGH JANUARY 1

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, victims of the recent tornado, 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: Jane Ketchner positive results, Ally Rome doing well, Mark Kucewicz celebrated 16th birthday with family & friends

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Dwight Cummings, Rich Colarusso, Jane Kishbaugh. The Bunney Family, Jim Durkin, Picchi Family, Marilyn, Pat Kirk, Danielle, Betty Prutzman, Mark Kucewicz, Fred & Judy Gribble, Nancy Hann, Donna Carpenter, Jane Ketchner, Ashley, Amanda, Zia, Family of David Daniels, D.J. Mikulka, 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

Financial Goal: \$6,214 Weekly December 18/19: \$9,535

Faithfulness in Person Worship Attendance: 193 On-line Worship 50

Think of this friend (with cards and prayers)

Elizabeth DeWitt, 155 Matson St., 1st fl., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18705

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

LITURGIST: Nick Michalisin

USHERS: Bob Wagner

GREETER: TBD

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27: Bob Wagner

ALTAR FLOWERS: In Memory of John Chapple Sr. by the Chapple Family

ACOLYTE: TBD

Sun. Dec.26 Worship 9:30am

Mon. Dec.27

Tues. Dec.28 Coffee & Conversation 10am
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom

Wed. Dec.29 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall

Thurs. Dec.30 Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House

Fri. Dec.31

Sat. Jan. 1 Worship 5:30pm Happy New Year!

Pastor Jon & Barb want to thank all of you for your support, love, cards, and generous gifts this holiday season. We feel blessed to be a part of the Shavertown UMC and pray for a happy (& healthy) New Year for everyone.

COMING UP JANUARY 2 THROUGH JANUARY 8

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Nicks & Phyllis Bullock

LITURGIST: (Sat.) Nick Michalisin (Sun.)

USHERS: Alice Newell (Sat.) TBD (Sun.)

GREETER: Alice Newell (Sat.) TBD (Sun.)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY: Aaron Harvatine

ACOLYTE: Maggie

Sun. Jan 2	Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am
Mon. Jan. 3	
Tues. Jan. 4	Coffee & Conversation 10am Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom
Wed. Jan. 5	Prayer 9am on Zoom Mission & Outreach 6:30pm AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Thurs. Jan. 6	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House
Fri. Jan. 7	Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. Jan. 8	Taking Down the Greens 9am Worship 5:30pm

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

SUNDAY SCHOOL – There will be no Sunday School on Dec. 26. We look forward to seeing everyone back in class on January 2 in the New Year!

MEN'S ECUMENICAL GROUP: All are invited to participate in the Men's Ecumenical Meeting every Thursdays, 8am, at KB'S Coffee House in Shavertown. There will be a speaker at each meeting. Come and enjoy fellowship and good food!

TORNADO DISASTER RESPONSE: We pray for all those who have been affected by the recent tornado that devastated 200 miles of parts of our country. Many are struggling with loss of life, loss of homes, and loss of community. UMCOR Disaster Relief is accepting donations to assist in the laborious recovery. You can donate to SUMC referring to Advance #901670 and the funds will be forwarded to UMCOR. Thank you!!!

THANK YOU! Judy Gribble would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have sent cards and prayers to her family in this difficult time.

FLOWER CHART: The 2022 flower chart is located in the Narthex for those who wish to purchase altar flowers. Please write your name on the chart or call the office.

OTHER MISSIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MUSICAL EVENTS: St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre, will be hosting a series of musical events throughout December thru July 2022. Please check the bulletin board for dates and times and any further information. Join them for an evening of music and song.

Shavertown United Methodist Church

December 26, 2021

1st Sunday after Christmas

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 Sunday: "Voluntary on Two Carols" By D.Kidwell/L.Mason
Organ Solo

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. . . Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." Colossians 3: 12,14

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Nick

To us, watchful and waiting, a gift has been slipped into our midst.

A tiny child, born in a manger,

A gift of peace to troubled souls and dangerous streets,

A gift of joy to sad hearts and cautious lives,

A gift of hope to wearied brows and oppressed peoples.

A tiny baby.

A gift from God

Meant for us.

Open your hearts,

Raise your voices,

Give thanks to the Giver,

Welcome the Gift!

***OPENING PRAYER** Nick

This wonderful day, O Lord, is our opportunity to acknowledge your loving gift to us in Christ our Savior. Therefore, we come humbly and joyfully into your presence to express our unrestrained thankfulness and our words of love for the greatest blessing we have ever received. With eternal gratitude, we pray in your Son's blessed name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "The First Noel" #245
Vs. 1-3

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.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #2193
*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

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.**

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

GIFT OF MUSIC "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Arr. Charles Lindberg
Piano Solo: Nancy

***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** Nick
**God of blessing, you come to us in the gift of a child.
God of peace, you offer us good news of great joy.
We have heard the word; we have felt the joy.
As we bring our gifts of praise and thanksgiving,
we join with all creation in joyous wonder. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD	Colossians 3: 12-17 Matthew 2: 1-12	Nick
MESSAGE	“One Maine Christmas” Sharing of a story by Steve Burt	Pastor Jon
*HYMN OF GOING FORTH	“There’s a Song in the Air” Vs. 1,2 & 4	#249
*BENEDICTION	May your go out into the world with good news of great joy. Jesus Christ is born!	
*POSTLUDE	“How Great Our Joy!”	Arr. Bill Wolaver Piano Solo



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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage