

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 2 THROUGH APRIL 9**

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 email prayer chain by contacting the church office at shavertownumc@susumc.org.

**OUR PRAYER LIST:** The United Methodist Church, 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 Alzheimer’s

**JOYS:** Generosity for the Community Care Cabinet, Paul Kunkle 95 years old on April 1<sup>st</sup>, Cole Oberst won championship, 300 meals delivered, fun times with our youth, John Nick’s health improvement.

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Jimmy Tighe, Alycia, Danielle, Joan Roskos, Ron Rogers, Bridget D., Wilma Williams, Judy, Rev. Beth Jones, Lori & Mark Kucewicz

*Names remain 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	Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico, VA
LCDR John W. Gilligan, US Navy	Rick Hodle, Jr., US Navy
Sgt. Scott Kocher	Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force
Lt. Col. Stephen C. Phillips	Specialist Charles Yavorski, FT. Bragg, NC
Todd Mark, US Army, South Korea	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT
Col. P.J. Perrone Jr., Fort Belvoir, VA	Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves
Major Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA	Specialist Alex Barilla, US Army, KS
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Allen Carson, 109 <sup>th</sup> US Army Reserves, Phila.	Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, TX
Rick Hodle III, US Army	Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan
CPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force

**Think of this Friend** (with cards and prayers)

Alice & Jay Niskey, The Village at Greenbriar, 4244 Memorial Hwy, Apt. 201, Dallas Pa. 18612

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450**                      **Week of March 26/27: \$3,54**  
**Faithfulness in Attendance Mar.26/27: In Person Worship 115, Online Worship 35**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

**APRIL ALTAR GUILD:** Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge  
**LITURGIST:** Sarah Church (Sat) Margie Esopi (Sun)  
**USHERS/GREETERS:** Edie Graziano (Sat) TBD (Sun)  
**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3:** Bob Wagner  
**ACOLYTE:** Makayla

- Sun. Apr. 3      Worship 9:30am  
                    Sunday School 10:30am  
                    Palm Passion Rehearsal 10:30pm  
                    God’s Handful 11:30am  
                    Lenten Service Dallas UMC 6:30pm
- Mon. Apr. 4      Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm  
                    Girls Scouts 6:30pm Social Hall  
                    Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
- Tues. Apr. 5      Children of Light 4:30pm  
                    Chapel Chimes 5pm  
                    Good News Ringers 6pm  
                    Men’s Bible Study 7pm on Zoom  
                    Council Meeting 7pm
- Wed. Apr. 6      Prayer 9am on Zoom  
                    Mission & Outreach 6:30pm  
                    AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
                    Chancel Choir 7:30pm
- Thu. Apr. 7      Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB’S Coffee House  
                    Cherubs 5pm  
                    Grief Share 6:30pm
- Fri. Apr. 8      Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. Apr. 9      Easter Eggstravaganza 1pm Pavilion  
                    Worship 5:30pm

**NURSERY AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30AM WORSHIP**

**COMING UP APRIL 10 THROUGH APRIL 16**

**APRIL ALTAR GUILD:** Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

**LITURGIST:** Carol Folk (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Donna & Sarah Church(Sat) Edie Graziano (Sun)

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10:** Chris Ostrowski

**ACOLYTE:** Anna

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of Susan Holdredge's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

- Sun. Apr. 10    Worship – Palm/Passion Sunday 9:30am  
                    Sunday School 10:30am  
                    God's Handful 11:30am  
                    VBS Meeting 11:30am  
                    Confirmation 2:45-5:00pm
- Mon. Apr.11    Women's Bible Study 1-3pm  
                    Praise Band Concert 7pm
- Tues. Apr. 12    Staff Meeting 11am  
                    Children of Light 4:30pm  
                    Chapel Chimes 5pm  
                    Good News Ringers 6pm  
                    Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom
- Wed. Apr. 13    Prayer 9am on Zoom  
                    AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
                    Chancel Choir 7:30pm
- Thu. Apr. 14    Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House  
                    Cherubs 5pm  
                    Holy Thursday Worship 7pm
- Fri. Apr. 15    Community Care Cabinet 10am  
                    Good Friday Worship 7pm  
                    Office Closed
- Sat. Apr. 16    Holy Saturday Worship 5:30pm

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA:** We are having an Easter Eggstravaganza on April 9 at 1:00pm. Volunteers are needed for this event, please sign up in the Narthex to help with this important community outreach event that includes games, crafts, a bake sale, the Easter Story, and an Easter Egg Hunt!

**HILLSIDE FARMS EDUCATION FUND RAISER:** After the recent fire at the non-profit Lands at Hillside, the Connected in Christ bible study group is having a Fund Raiser April 2 & 3 to raise money to replace needed educational supplies that were lost. Look for the "Barnyard" in the Narthex to help donate to this cause.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND TO THE INVASION OF UKRAINE:** Monetary donations can be made to International Disaster Response and Recovery through Advance #982450. Please make checks out to Shavertown UMC and note the advance number in the memo or Ukraine.

**SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES BACK MOUNTAIN CLUSTER:** April 3, 6:30pm at Dallas UMC with speaker Pastor Carrie Granche.

**MEET OUR BISHOPS:** Come and meet Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball on Monday, April 4, 7pm at the Clarks Summit UMC, 1310 Morgan Hwy., Clarks Summit. All clergy and laity are invited, and no registration is required.

**HUMAN SEXUALITY AND THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** A series of discussions will be held regarding the issue of how we are to be in ministry for and with LGBTQ persons. We wish to be faithful to the scripture while at the same time seeking to be welcoming to all. On Sunday, April 24, at noon, there will be a luncheon (suggested donation \$5) followed by a 1pm presentation and discussion by Pastor Jon Buxton. A registration form will be located in the Narthex. On Sunday, May 1, there will be a presentation at 1pm by Rev. Dr. Tom Salsgiver, assistant to the bishops. No registration is required for this event.

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Once again, we will be offering our drive-thru meal to the community on April 23. What a wonderful mission that we are able to offer to the community.

**VISITING OUR CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME**

Welcome! We are so happy you are joining us for worship today. Please fill out a connection card found in the pew and put it in the collection plate. We invite you to visit our welcome table in the Narthex for a gift and information on the many ministries our church has to offer. We hope you will join us again soon!

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

April 2 & 3, 2022

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent | Hope Series-Week 5

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

“Marching to Zion”

By I.Watts/R.Lowry  
Organ: Nancy

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the  
commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 14:12 NRSV

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah (Sat)/Margi (Sun)

We are looking for hope in this journey of life.

**We are searching for a love that lasts.**

We yearn for a glimpse of God.

**We thirst for the fountain of life.**

We hunger for lasting joy.

**Our hearts ache for something more.**

Bring all your hopes and longings to this place, for God is big enough to hold us all.

**God’s love embraces us, calms us, strengthens us.**

**God’s grace surprises us and causes us to sing.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

“My Hope Is Built”

#368

Vs 1, 2, & 4

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah (Sat)/Margi (Sun)

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which thou hast given us; for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, for thine own sake. Amen.

Richard of Chichester, England

## 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

“I Want to Be Like Jesus”

By Cindy Berry  
Children of Light

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## CALL TO PRAYER

“Through It All”

#507

*Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God; through  
it all, through it all, I’ve learned to depend upon God’s word.*

## 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.**

## CALL TO OFFERING

## \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

By L. Bourgeois  
Chapel Chimes

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sarah (Sat)/Margi (Sun)

**Gracious God, you provide bread in the wilderness and life-giving waters in the desert; you  
offer work in the vineyard and community in the sanctuary. In gratitude and thanks for  
your abundant gifts, accept our offering for the building of you realm: where all are fed,  
where all are clothed, and where all find purpose and passion through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## GIFT OF MUSIC

“Behold the Lamb”

Arr. Andy Albritton  
Chancel Choir

**WORD OF GOD** "Canticle of Hope" Sarah (Sat)/Margi (Sun)  
Red Hymnal pg. 734

**MESSAGE** "Finding Hope in the Book of Revelation" Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #117  
Vs 1, 2, 3 & 6

**\*BENEDICTION**

In what do we believe?  
**We believe in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit.**  
May God, triune and true, be with you always. May God  
continue to strengthen you in hope in your journey.  
**Amen!**

**\*POSTLUDE** "At the Cross" Arr. Richard Huggins  
Piano: Nancy

**Immediately following worship, all Sunday school students will meet  
in the Social Hall. Thank you!**



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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**