

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24 THROUGH OCTOBER 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 email prayer chain by contacting the church office at shavertownmc@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: Fun at our Youth Group Kick-Off, Success of our annual Golf Tournament, Fellowship at our Family and Friends dinner fundraiser

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Our Country, Duermit Family, Hrivnak Family, Bill & Jan, Wilma Williams, Brenda Stchur, Sue Holdredge, Frank Wagner, Bob White, Charlie, Royal Sutton, Jim Gula, Jimmy Tighe

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	1 st 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	2 nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
1 st Lt. Allen Carson, 109 th 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	

Think of this Friend (with cards and prayers)

Marilyn & Fred Ostrum, 97 E. Franklin St., Shavertown, Pa. 18708

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Weeks of September 17/18: \$7,035
Faithfulness in Attendance September 17-18: In Person Worship 120, Online Worship 35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Nancy Burkel & Phyllis Bullock

LITURGIST: Margi Esopi (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Fred & Marilyn Wesley(Sat) Katerina & Adriana K. (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25: Bob Wagner

ACOLYTE: Makayla K.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Cindy & Gary Biesecker’s 30th Wedding Anniversary

Sun. Sept. 25 Worship 9:30am
Sunday School 10:30am
Membership Class 10:30am
God’s Handful 11:30am-12:30pm
Youth Group Meeting 4-6pm Pavilion

Mon. Sept. 26 Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

Tues. Sept. 27 Coffee & Conversation McDonald’s 10am
Choir Rehearsal – COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, GNR 6pm
Men’s Bible Study – Hybrid Zoom 6:30pm
Confirmation Mentor Training 6:30pm
Worship Committee Meeting 7:30pm

Wed. Sept. 28 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Thu. Sept. 29 Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB’S Coffee House
Connected in Christ Bible Study 7pm High School Room

Fri. Sept. 30

Sat. Oct. 1 Lay Servant Ministry Class 9am-3pm
Worship 5:30pm

NURSERY AVAILABLE DURING THE 9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

COMING UP OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 8

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD: Nancy Burkel & Phyllis Bullock

LITURGIST: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Cathy & John Nicks (Sat) Larry & Peg Schuler (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2: Chris Ostrowski

ACOLYTE: Anna J.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In Honor of Don & Joanne Osenbruck's 40th Wedding Anniversary

- Sun. Oct. 2 Worship 9:30am
Sunday School 10:30am
Membership Class 10:30am
God's Handful 11:30am-12:30pm
Confirmation Kick-Off Dinner 6pm Social Hall
- Mon. Oct. 3 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
- Tues. Oct. 4 Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am
Choir Rehearsal – COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, GNR 6pm
Men's Bible Study – Hybrid Zoom 6:30pm
- Wed. Oct. 5 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- Thu. Oct. 6 Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House
Connected in Christ Bible Study 7pm High School Room
- Fri. Oct. 7 Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. Oct. 8 Worship 5:30pm

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!

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

CHURCH PHOTOS: We will be taking family and individual photos for the Church Directory on September 25 before and after worship. Please see Amy Wall if you would like access to our online directory.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Beginning Sun., Sept. 25 at 10:40am, we will be offering a new membership class for those who are interested in joining Shavertown UMC or finding out more about the United Methodism. Please call 570-675-3616, email the church at shavertownumc@susumc.org or speak to Pastor Jon.

SHOE COLLECTION: We will be collecting new or gently used shoes to give to Mission Central. The shoes are then distributed internationally in developing countries to help individuals start a business so they can learn important skills and sustain their families and put money back into their community. The shoes are also distributed locally when there is a need. Please secure the shoes together in a box, bag, or using a sturdy rubber band and place in box in Narthex.

PRAYER PARTNERS: United Women in Faith who currently have a prayer partner & wish to continue, do not need to do anything. If you would like to no longer have a prayer partner or you would like to become one, please call Mary Ellen Pajor @ 570-905-8511 by October 10.

UPCOMING EVENTS: October 1st, Welsh Cookie sale 10am at the church, October 16 ,Trunk or Treat in the upper parking lot, November 4, Coffee House fundraiser in the social hall, and November 8, a soup sale on election day. Look for more information about these events and how you can volunteer or donate.

Shavertown United Methodist Church

September 24 & 25, 2022

16th 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
Sunday: "Lobe den Herren"

Ed Pall
By Charles Callahan
Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

The prayers we say shape the lives we live, just as the lives we live shape the prayers.
-Ted Loder

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Margi Esopi (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)

The Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty are with him. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Worship before him, all the earth.

*OPENING HYMN

"Come Thou Almighty King" (Sat) #61
Vs. 1-3

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (Sun) #126

*OPENING PRAYER

Margi Esopi (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)

God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your will into the fabric of our lives. Weave your joy into our songs, your peace into our prayers and your justice into our deeds. Let this time of worship be a holy moment where the frayed edges of our lives are woven into a beautiful tapestry that comforts and blesses, inspires and renews. God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your love into our service of praise.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

"Where Children Belong" (Sun) #2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

(Sat) #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

(Sun) #2214

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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

GIFT OF MUSIC

"What a Fellowship"

By David M. Cherwien

Chancel Choir joined by God's Handful

*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, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Margi Esopi (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)

Beloved God, who richly provides for our needs and enjoyment, thank you for your many gifts. You have trusted us with our lives, with this world, and with your love. May the gifts we offer you today be used for your service and your glory. Help us store us for ourselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, that we may take hold of the life that really is life. We offer these gifts, trusting in our savior Jesus Christ. Amen

WORD OF GOD Luke 16:19-31 Margi Esopi (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)

MESSAGE "Learning to Live Before We Die" Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "Take My Life and Let It Be" (Sat) #399
"The Voice of God Is Calling" (Sun) #436

Vs. 1-3

***BENEDICTION**

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Live boldly, trusting God with everything you have. Take hold of the life to which God calls you.

Go forth, rejoicing in God.

Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Arr. Carol Tornquist
with "Sing to the King" Piano: Nancy Evans

Immediately following worship, all Sunday school students will meet in the Social Hall. Parents are invited to join us for our brief opening with announcements. Thank you!



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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage