

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17**

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:** Return of our youth to Sunday School, Tom Kucewicz cancer free

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Our Country, Jim Gula, Royal Sutton, Jane Ketchner, Betty Ashbridge, The family of Carolyn Purvin, The family of Dorothy Lawson, Art, Kim, Bonnie Lewis, Don Duermit, Ray Montgomery, Mark Kucewicz, 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 <sup>st</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	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
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	

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

Jean Linker, 42 Spring St., Shavertown, Pa. 18708

**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!

**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:** Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Michael Lundy (Sun)

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Edie Graziano (Sat) Katie & Makayla K. (Sun)

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11:** Tom Ketchner

**ACOLYTE:** Ella

**FLOWERS:** In memory of Greg Runner by Bill & Joann Runner

Sun. Sept. 11   Worship 9:30am  
 Fine Arts Meeting 10:30AM  
 Sunday School Begins- 10:30am  
 Youth Group Kick-Off Picnic at the Youngs 5pm

Mon. Sept. 12   Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge  
 Praise Band Concert 7pm

Tues. Sept. 13   Coffee & Conversation McDonald’s 10am  
 Staff Meeting 11am  
 Finance Meeting 5:30pm  
 Trustee Meeting 7pm  
 Men’s Bible Study – Hybrid Zoom 7:00pm

Wed. Sept. 14   Prayer 9am on Zoom  
 SPPRC Meeting 6:30pm  
 AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Thu. Sept. 15   Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB’S Coffee House  
 Grief Share 6:30pm Lounge  
 Connected in Christ Bible Study 7pm High School Room

Fri. Sept. 16   Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Sept. 17   Worship 5:30pm  
 Lay Servant Ministry Class 9am-3pm

**NURSERY AVAILABLE DURING THE 9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**COMING UP SEPTEMBER 18 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24**

**SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Nancy Burkel & Phyllis Bullock

**LITURGIST:** Cathy Berkey (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) Paige & Julie N. (Sun)

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19:** Joe Gutierrez

**ACOLYTE:** Madison W.

- Sun. Sept. 18    Worship 9:30am  
                    Sunday School 10:30am  
                    God's Handful 11:30am-12:30pm  
                    Youth Group Leaders Meeting 11:30am
- Mon. Sept. 19    Golf Tournament  
                    Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
- Tues. Sept. 20    Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am  
                    Priscilla Circle Noon Social Hall  
                    Friends & Family Dinner at Backwoods 5-7pm  
                    Men's Bible Study – Hybrid Zoom 7:00pm
- Wed. Sept. 21    Prayer 9am on Zoom  
                    Lay Leadership Meeting 6:30pm  
                    AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
                    Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- Thu. Sept. 22    Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB'S Coffee House  
                    Grief Share 6:30pm Lounge  
                    Connected in Christ Bible Study 7pm High School Room  
                    Mentor Training 7pm
- Fri. Sept. 23    Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. Sept. 24    Fellowship Meal Give-Away Noon  
                    Worship 5:30pm

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL-ADVENTURES IN FAITH:** Our Sunday School Program for all ages begins Sept. 11 at 10:30am. Everyone is invited to enjoy light refreshments after worship in the Narthex or in the Social Hall for parents and children.

**UMC RESPONSE TO 9/11:** Immediately after the attacks on the Twin Towers in NYC Rev. Len Buxton was assigned by the NY Annual Conference Bishop to lead the UMC's disaster and counseling response in Manhattan. Rev. Buxton will share his reflections on the UMC's response during the Adult Sunday School on Sun., Sept. 11 at 10:30 AM. All are invited.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Youth and parents of 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for the Youth Group Kick-Off Picnic Sept. 11 at 5:00pm at the Young's house. Includes volleyball, cornhole, hot dogs, hamburgers, and swimming. Bring your swimsuit & a dish to pass. Please sign-up in Narthex.

**MINISTRY FORM:** Everyone is asked to fill out a "Sharing Your Gifts in Ministry" form and return to the Narthex. Thank you!

**PRAISE BAND:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> concert is Mon. Sept. 12, 2022, at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

**SUMC FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER:** Join us for great food, fellowship and music on Tuesday, September 20, 5-7pm at the Backwoods Bar & Kitchen. Cost is \$45 per person and children are half price under age 12. The meal includes a chicken & ribs buffet dinner. This fundraising event benefits Shavertown UMC. Please call 570-675-3616 for tickets.

**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](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org) or speak to Pastor Jon.

**CONFIRMATION:** Any youth in grades 8 through 12 interested in Confirmation should e-mail or call the church office for more information. Our Confirmation Kick-Off will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any church members interested in being confirmation mentors should let Pastor Jon know or indicate your interest when filling out your Ministry Form.

**GRIEF SHARE:** Our Grief Share group meets on Thursdays, 6:30 – 8pm. These sessions are helpful in coping if you or anyone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one. Please call the church office for further information or to register at 570-675-3616.

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450    Weeks of September 3/4: \$11,482**

**Faithfulness in Attendance September 3-4: In Person Worship 94, Online Worship 35**

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

September 10-11, 2022

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
with I Will Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving”*

Arr. Carol Tornquist  
Piano: Nancy Evans

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

### CENTERING MEDITATION

“The worst things are never the last things” John Claypool

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Michael Lundy (Sun)

Come, you scattered and torn;

**Here find hope.**

Come, you scared and lonely;

**Here find love.**

Come, you tired and tense;

**Here find rest.**

Come, you confused and searching;

**Here find guidance.**

Come, happy or sad;

**Here join the song. Here let your lives be embraced by God’s grace.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

“Amazing Grace” #378

Vs. 1-4

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Michael Lundy (Sun)

Surprising and persistent God, you never give up on us. You seek us, call us, beckon us. You shine in every star, glow in every sunset, sing in every waterfall, always trying to get our attention. You surround us with friends who care, families who love us in spite of our difficulties and the church that carries us in prayer. We turn to you and offer ourselves with all our faults and failures. When we turn toward your amazing grace, we discover forgiveness, healing, and hope. You give us a song to sing and a story to tell. We are blessed. We thank you and praise you. Amen.

## CHILDREN’S CHAT (Sun)

“Where Children Belong”

#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

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

#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.**

## GIFT OF MUSIC

“Feel the Joy of Worship”

By Pepper Choplin  
Chancel Choir

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

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Michael Lundy(Sun)

**Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the  
needy in our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer  
ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love.  
Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

1 Timothy 1: 12-17  
Luke 15: 1-10

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Michael Lundy (Sun)

## MESSAGE

“Lost and Found”

Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“To God Be the Glory”

#98

**\*BENEDICTION**

May the fullness of his grace remain with you through the challenges of this week.

**May we pass on the grace we have received to those around  
us as we work and serve and rest.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“A Joyous Acclamation”

By Gerald Peterson  
Organ: Nancy Evans

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



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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**