

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26 THROUGH DECEMBER 3

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, Our Country, 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: Thanksgiving Day and all the Blessing God Has Provided, Excitement for the Start of Advent, 59 items for the Mitten Tree

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Jan Rogers ,Mark Kucewicz, Family of Ken Rogers, Joan Roskos, Paige M., The Mahoney Family, The Shaffer Family, Sue Holdredge, 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
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
1st Lt. Allen Carson, 109th US Army Reserves, Phila.
Rick Hodle III, US Army
CPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves

Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico, VA
Rick Hodle, Jr., US Navy
Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force
Specialist Charles Yavorski, FT. Bragg, NC
1st LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT
Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves
2nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
Sgt. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, TX
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan

Think of this Friend (with cards and prayers)

John & Gladys Chapple, 36 Longdale Ave., Shavertown, Pa. 18708

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Weeks of November 19/20: \$6,162

Faithfulness in Attendance November 19/20: In Person Worship 169, Online Worship 35

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 & Cathy Berkey

LITURGIST: Cathy Berkey (Sat) Michael Lundy (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Ray & Deb Poremba (Sat) Barbara Brandt & Charlie Kishbaugh (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27: Chris Ostrowski

ACOLYTE: Ella B.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Leonard & Loretta Buxton’s 65th Wedding Anniversary

- Sun. Nov.27 Worship with Communion 9:30am - Advent
Sunday School 10:30am
- Mon. Nov.28 Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge
PEO Meeting 7pm Lounge
- Tues. Nov.29 Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace
Coffee & Conversation McDonald’s 10am
Choir Rehearsal – COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, GNR 6pm
Men’s Bible Study –Zoom 6:30pm
Worship Meeting 7:30pm
- Wed. Nov.30 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- Thu. Dec. 1 Connected in Christ Bible Study – 7:00pm Lounge
- Fri. Dec. 2 Live Nativity 6:00-7:30pm
- Sat. Dec. 3 Children’s Musical Practice 10-11:30AM
Worship 5:30pm
Live Nativity 6:00-7:30pm

COMING UP DECEMBER 3 THROUGH DECEMBER 10

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

LITURGIST: Carol Folk (Sat) Nick Michaleisin (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Christine Koerwer (Sat) Ron & Jen Prutzman (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5: Dave Kelly

ACOLYTE: Isabella W.

- Sun. Dec. 4 Worship with Communion 9:30am - Advent
Sunday School 10:30am
God's Handful 11:30-12:30pm
Confirmation 4-6pm Social Hall
- Mon. Dec. 5 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
- Tues. Dec. 6 Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace
Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am
Choir Rehearsal – COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, GNR 6pm
Men's Bible Study –Zoom 6:30pm
Council Meeting 7:00pm
- Wed. Dec. 7 Prayer 9am on Zoom
Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- Thu. Dec. 8 Connected in Christ Bible Study – 7:00pm Lounge
- Fri. Dec. 9 Live Nativity 6:00-7:30pm
- Sat. Dec. 10 Children's Musical Practice 10-11:30am Run thru show in Sanctuary
Worship 5:30pm
Live Nativity 6:00-7:30pm

Nursery (Sundays) and Activity Bags are Available for Children

Welcome! We are 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

POINSETTIAS: Christmas is around the corner and once again we will be offering poinsettias for sale. We use the poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship and then you may take the plant home to enjoy after the 10pm service! Please look for an envelope and order form in the Narthex. All orders are due to the office by Tuesday, November 29.

ADVENT: Advent begins November 27th. It is a great time to join a Bible study class, read an Advent book, or enjoy a devotional each day. Please see the many classes being offered on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you don't have time for a class, there is a book/devotional, Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado, available in the Narthex or see Brenda Kopalek for ideas.

LIVE NATIVITY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We be setting up our Live Nativity in front of the church on Dec. 2, 3 and Dec. 9, 10 from 6:00 – 7:30pm. We need 8-10 people each night. Volunteers can sign up in the Narthex.

ANGEL TREE: Our Angel Tree is now up in the Narthex! This is a way to provide gifts to needy children in our local community. You can select an angel ornament with the child's gift request. **Please complete the green slip attached to the ornament and drop in the box next to the tree.** You then shop for the gift, wrap the package, and return the gift with the angel ornament loosely attached to the package by Sunday, December 11. If you would like to participate but cannot shop for a gift, we are accepting monetary donations for grocery gift certificates for the families as well. You can place an envelope in the offering plate with a monetary donation indicating Angel Tree.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: Put yourself in the Christmas mood! Join us for our annual **"Carols By Candlelight Concert" on Sunday December 11, 2022, at 7:00PM** with some festive carol singing, featuring our SUMC choirs, bells, praise band, organ & guests. Take time out from your Christmas shopping to enjoy a night of music celebrating the birth of the Christ Child. This concert is A Holiday Must! A free will offering will be taken to support our music program and a delicious Cookie Reception will follow.

JOY STORY: Join the children of our church as they present their Christmas Musical called **"Joy Story" on Sat. Dec 17 at 5:30pm & Sun. Dec 18 at 9:30am** during worship. Come along with the toys on an unforgettable musical adventure and discover that God always gives power to those who will tell His story!

NOTARY PUBLIC NEEDED: If you are a notary or know one that might be willing to help with our Safe Sanctuaries affidavit, please see Brenda Kopalek.

Shavertown United Methodist Church

November 26-27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

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: "Largo"

By: George Frederick Handel

Organ: Chuck Unice

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a
land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

Isaiah 9:2

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Berkey Family (Sat)

Beutel Family (Sun)

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who
dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined."

**Today is the first Sunday of Advent. It is the beginning of our celebration of the birth of
Jesus, who brought light into the lives of all people. We light the first Advent candle.**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk
in darkness but will have the light of life."

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"People, Look East"

#202

People look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

The gospel of Matthew tells us that when Jesus was born, a beautiful star shone over the
stable where Mary and Joseph and the baby were. It was so bright it gave light and direction
to the wise men who came to worship him. And just as the night didn't seem to be so dark
anymore, so Jesus' birth itself was to bring hope and new meaning into the world. That new
beginning, foretold by the prophets, is the joy that we celebrate this Christmas season.

*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

#196

*OPENING PRAYER

Cathy Berkey (Sat) Michael Lundy (Sun)

**Gracious God, out of the darkness you send a light; out of a lifeless stump you call forth a
new shoot; out of the discord of our lives you proclaim a vision of peace. May your Spirit
rest upon us, that the hope which you inspire will be lived out in our lives. We pray this in
the name of the One whose birth we prepare to celebrate, Jesus, the Prince of Peace. 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.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

"Spirit of the Living God"

#393

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me,
mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Like a Child"

By Daniel Damon

Chancel Choir

*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

Cathy Berkey(Sat) Michael Lundy (Sun)

**God of all creation, you have blessed each and every one of us, not only with spiritual gifts,
but with the resources we need to follow the precious gift of your Son. We stand on the
advent of anticipation, for you have given us the gift of life, sustained us with heavenly
nourishment, and embraced us with your love. May the offering we collect this day be
blessed and used in mission and ministry, to glorify your holy name. In Jesus' name we
pray. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 2:1-5 Cathy Berkey (Sat) Michael Lundy (Sun)
Matthew 24: 36-44

MESSAGE

“Advent: A Journey of Hope” Pastor Jon

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Sanctuary” #2164

HOLY COMMUNION

(See Insert)

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” #206

***BENEDICTION**

Our journey to Bethlehem has begun, and soon God’s glory will be fully revealed.

We watch, we wait, and we anticipate Christ’s coming into our lives.

May the light of God’s glory shine brightly in your lives, and may you seek to be a beacon of hope for those who walk in darkness.

We go from this house of God into the world of God’s creation, beckoning others to a journey of new beginnings.

***POSTLUDE**

“Lord, Be Glorified” Composer: Bob Kilpatrick
Arr. Mark Hayes
Organ: Chuck Unice (Sun)

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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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