

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 9 THROUGH DECEMBER 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, 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: Success of the generosity to our Angel Tree – 56 Gift Tags

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, The Family of Dianne Banta Shelley, The Merlino Family, The Shemo Family, The Cominsky Family, The Family of Joan Roskos, Bob & Nancy Osgood, Bryce, Riley Faith, Jan Rogers, Mark Kucewicz, Family of Ken Rogers, , 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

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

CPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves

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!

Think of this Friend (with cards and prayers)

Ruth Mary Corcoran, c/o Ned & Pattie Corcoran, 4484 Sarah Marie Ct., Nazareth, Pa. 18064

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: Cathy Nicks (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)
USHERS/GREETERS: Edie Graziano (Sat) Gary & Jen Young (Sun)
TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11: Bob Bullock
ACOLYTE: Anna J.

- Sun. Dec. 11 Worship 9:30am – Advent
Sunday School 10:30am
Riser Set-up for Concert 10:30AM
God’s Handful 11:30-12:30pm
Carols By Candlelight Concert 7pm
- Mon. Dec. 12 Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge
Praise Band Concert 7pm
- Tues. Dec. 13 Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace
Coffee & Conversation McDonald’s 10am
Staff Meeting 11am
Choir Rehearsal – COL 4:30pm, Chimes 5pm, GNR 6pm
Men’s Bible Study –Zoom 6:30pm
- Wed. Dec. 14 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- Thu. Dec. 15 Connected in Christ Bible Study – 7:00pm Lounge
- Fri. Dec. 16 I’m Big Now Christmas Party 9:15-Noon
Adult set up for Christmas Musical 6:00PM in Sanctuary
- Sat. Dec. 17 Fellowship Meal Give-Away Noon
Children’s Musical Rehearsal 10-11:30am Sanctuary
Cast Pizza Party 11:30-12:00PM
Worship 5:30pm with “Joy Story”

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Weeks of December 3/4: \$10,895

Faithfulness in Attendance December 3/4: In Person Worship 136, Online Worship 35

COMING UP DECEMBER 17 THROUGH DECEMBER 24

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

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

USHERS/GREETERS: Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) Bob & Linda Wagner (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18: Kim Donlin

Sun. Dec. 18 Worship 9:30am –Children’s Christmas Musical
Breakfast in Bethlehem – After Worship in Social Hall
Youth Group Christmas Party 4-6pm Social Hall

Mon. Dec. 19

Tues. Dec. 20 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

Wed. Dec. 21 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Thu. Dec. 22 Blue Christmas Service 7pm

Fri. Dec. 23

Sat. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship – 7pm and 10pm

Nursery (Sundays) and Activity Bags are Available for Children

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: Put yourself in the Christmas mood! Join us for our annual **“Carols By Candlelight Concert” on this 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.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE: Our Christmas party will be on December 13, at 6pm , at Apple Tree Terrace. Cost is \$30. Please bring a wrapped gift for an exchange. Call Cathy Berkey to make a reservation.

JOY STORY CHRISTMAS MUSICAL: 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!

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM: We will be having breakfast after the Children’s Christmas Musical and worship on Dec. 18th in the Social Hall. All are invited to come down for a festive time of fun and fellowship!

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY: All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to join us for a Christmas party on December 18th, 5-7:30pm in the Social Hall. Please wear your favorite Christmas pajamas for a fun time of games, karaoke, decorate your own cupcake, and a movie with popcorn! We are also doing a secret Santa gift exchange, please see Brenda Kopalek if you need the name of who you are shopping for.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: The holidays can be a particularly painful time for many. Loss of a loved one, divorce, ill health, isolation: all these can make us feel alone in the midst of celebrative gatherings. We need space and time to acknowledge our sadness and know that we are not alone. For these reasons, Shavertown UMC will again be offering a special Blue Christmas service on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7pm. Join us for a time of reflection and comfort and hope.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

December 24 – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – 7:00pm and 10:00pm

December 25 – Casual Christmas Worship – 9:30am

December 31 – January 1 Wesley Covenant Service with Communion

Shavertown United Methodist Church

December 10 & 11, 2022

3rd 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
Sunday: "Jubilate"

Ed Pall: Guitar
By Brenda Austin
Good News Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

"And in that region, there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people.'" Luke 2:8-11a

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Bev Atherholt (Sat)
MaryAnn Wolf (Sun)

"And in that region, there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people.'

The angel announced the news of a great event for all the people. And the shepherds were amazed that God's own messenger should come to them to tell of the Christ child's birth.

But that is they way God acts. We are all his people, young and old, rich and poor, regardless of our race or background. God loves and reaches out to everyone with his Good News.

On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit the first candle to show the light and hope Jesus brings to the world. On the second Sunday, the Advent candle reminded us that in Jesus, God came to dwell among us.

Today we light the Advent candle to remind us that Jesus was born for all people everywhere. It is good news of great joy!

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#240

Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Let us think about the people of the world and remind ourselves of all the different kinds of persons for whom Jesus came. Let us think of persons close to us for whom the good news of Jesus is intended. Let us remind ourselves that the love of Jesus is for our own family, too, and for each member of it.

*OPENING HYMN

"The First Noel"
Vs 1-3

#245

*OPENING PRAYER

Cathy Nicks (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

God of justice, healing, and love, we come this morning in this season of waiting and longing and hope: to listen for your voice, to hear you call, and to see transformation. May this time of worship strengthen our resolve to live lives of justice and radical love May this time of fellowship give us the courage to do more than hear about our world being turned upside down, but to joyfully participate in that turning. Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

"Where Children Belong"

(Sat)#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

"Children of the Light"

By Vicki T. Courtney
Children of Light

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#2007

*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!*

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

“Who’s the Little Baby?”

By Matt Limbaugh
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**

Cathy Nicks (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

All that we are and all that we have comes from you, God of Promise and Grace. We now return to you a portion of what we have been given to help build your Beloved Community. But more than that, we offer ourselves as agents of your transforming love. Use us, and use these resources, that our world might be turned upside down. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Sing Merrily, Sing for Joy”

By Jerry Estes
Chancel & God’s Handful

WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 35:1-10 Cathy Nicks (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)
Canticle of Mary (Magnificat) Luke 1:46b-55 #199

MESSAGE

“A Perfect and Beautiful Christmas”

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“There’s a Song in the Air”
Vs 1,2,4

#249

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Voluntary on Two Carols”

By David Kidwell
Organ: 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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