

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 3 THROUGH DECEMBER 10

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: The Hope of the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ, Success of our Thanksgiving Meal Give-away

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, 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)

Lois Cook, 98 E. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, Pa. 18612

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Weeks of November 26/27: \$3,503

Faithfulness in Attendance November 26/27: In Person Worship 101, Online Worship

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: Carol Folk (Sat) Nick Michalisin (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 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 7:00pm

Thu. Dec. 8 Connected in Christ Bible Study – 7:00pm Lounge

Fri. Dec. 9 Community Care Cabinet 10am
Live Nativity 6:00-7:30pm

Sat. Dec. 10 Children’s Musical Dress Rehearsal 10-11:30am Sanctuary
Worship 5:30pm
Live Nativity 6:00-7:30pm

COMING UP DECEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 17

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”

Nursery (Sundays) and Activity Bags are Available for Children

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

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.

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.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

December 22 – Blue Christmas – 7:00pm

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

December 25 – Christmas Worship – 9:30am

Shavertown United Methodist Church

December 3 & 4, 2022

2nd 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

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Arr. Kurt Meyer

Piano: Nancy Evans (Saturday)

Handbell Solo: Caitlyn Dunn (Sunday)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with
child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Nicks Family (Sat)

Storm Family (Sun)

“Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold a young woman
shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel.”

**Immanuel! Immanuel means “God with us.” The prophet was speaking not about a
God who is in some faraway place, but a God who is near us, who comes to be
with us – in our work, our play, our times together as a family.**

Our first Advent candle was the sign that Jesus brings light and hope. We light the first candle
as we think about what Jesus’ coming to the world means to the world.

**We light the second candle to show that through Jesus,
God came to dwell among and is present with us even now.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

#211

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until
the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

The gospel of John speaks of the coming of Jesus in these words: “And the Word became
flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the
only Son from the Father” We marvel that the same God who created this whole vast
universe and whose ways even the smartest one of us can’t completely understand –
that this same God should reach out to touch each one of us through a
little baby born to a mother and a father in a family like ours.

*OPENING HYMN

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

#203

Vs. 1-3

*OPENING PRAYER

Carol Folk (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)

**Gracious God, your vision of peace and wholeness comes to us in sweeping revelations and
in tiny signs of hope. Kindle our hearts that we may be a hopeful people. Keep us from
growing weary of waiting lest we miss the glory of your appearing. Even so, come quickly,
O God. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S CHAT

“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

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

#2157

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts
with your peace, Alleluia! Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are
holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!*

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 Sweeter Music Can We Bring”

By Mary Lynn Lightfoot

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**

Carol Folk (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)

Lord God, you have shown us your glory; in your holy word, in the blessings of our daily lives, and in the promise of your eternal kingdom. You share your glory with us, giving us the power to live in holiness and godliness. Your loving patience gives us hope as we await the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. In gratitude and thanks, we offer you our hearts, our lives, and all that we have. Use these gifts, we pray to prepare your way of salvation and to establish your realm of peace. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 11:1-10 & Carol Folk (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)
Matthew 3:1-6

MESSAGE

"A Vision of Peace" Pastor Jon

UNISON PRAYER

The Prayer of St. Francis Red Hymnal #481

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" #431

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"People, Look East" By Stephen L. Aber
Organ: Nancy Evans



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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage