

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5 THROUGH FEBRUARY 11**

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, People of Ukraine, Victims of the recent California shootings. 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 SOUPfest, helpful Wills & Estate Planning Worship-Thanks to Attys Lynn Banta & Steve Killian

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, family of Marie Duermit, Katie, Sandy (Katie’s mom), Liam, Glenda & Mardy Shepherd, Peter Buxton, Bob & Nancy Osgood, Blewitt Family, Rita Woolverton, Family of Maxine Kapral, Connie Jones, The Fisk Family, Riley Faith, Alima, Bauer Family, Kopalek Family, Janet Katra, Family of Elaine Bearley, Family of Maria Hughes, Nancy, 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, USAF,	Sgt. Amy Polachek, USM, 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.	Sgt. Brandon Pall, Army, Poznan, Poland
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)  
Pat Kirk, 12 Windsor Dr., Dallas, Pa. 18612

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Jan. 21/22: \$4,509**

**Faithfulness in Attendance Jan. 21/22: In Person Worship 104 Online Worship 40**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

**FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD:** Edie Graziano & Dianne Nice  
**LITURGIST:** Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)  
**USHERS/GREETERS:** John & Cathy Nicks (Sat) Wilson Family (Sun)  
**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6:** Joe Kopalek  
**ACOLYTE:** Josh J.

- Sun. Feb. 5      Worship 9:30am  
Sunday School 10:30am  
God’s Handful 11:30 am -12:15 pm  
Education Committee Meeting 11:30am  
Confirmation 4-6pm
- Mon. Feb. 6      Funeral Pat Jackomovicz 10:30am  
Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm
- Tues. Feb. 7      Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace  
Coffee & Conversation McDonald’s 10am  
Children of Light 4:30pm  
Chapel Chimes 5pm  
Good News Ringers 6:00pm  
Men’s Bible Study 7pm on Zoom  
Church Council 7pm
- Wed. Feb. 8      Prayer 9am on Zoom  
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm
- Thurs. Feb. 9      AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall  
Connected in Christ 7pm in Lounge
- Fri. Feb. 10      Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. Feb. 11      Worship 5:30pm  
Valentine’s Dinner 6:30pm in Social Hall

**COMING UP FEBRUARY 12 THROUGH FEBRUARY 18**

**FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD:** Edie Graziano & Dianne Nice

**LITURGIST:** Carol Folk (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Ray & Deb Poremba (Sat) Zarambo & West Families (Sun)

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13:** TBA

**ACOLYTE:** Madison W.

Sun. Feb. 12    Worship 9:30am  
Sunday School 10:30am  
God's Handful 11:30 am -12:15 pm

Mon. Feb. 13    Women's Bible Study 1-3 pm

Tues. Feb. 14    Singing Valentine's All Day  
Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8am Apple Tree Terrace  
Coffee & Conversation McDonald's 10am  
Children of Light 4:30pm  
Chapel Chimes 5pm  
Good News Ringers 6:00pm  
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom

Wed. Feb. 15    Prayer 9am on Zoom  
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thurs. Feb. 16    GriefShare 6:30-8pm in Lounge  
AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall  
Connected in Christ 7pm HS Sunday School Room

Fri. Feb. 17    Community Care Cabinet 10am


Sat. Feb. 18    Worship 5:30pm

Our Nursery is available on Sundays during worship and we have Activity Bags for young children in the back of the church.

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**VALENTINE DINNER:** Come and enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship at our Valentine Dinner on Saturday, February 11 from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Social Hall. Cost is \$20 per person or \$72 for a party of 4. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. The event is limited to 80 people so reserve your spot early.

**"SOUPER BOWL OF CARING" FOOD DRIVE** – It is the last week of our food drive for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Please help our Sunday School classes and Youth Group to "Tackle Hunger" and reach our touchdown goal of 200 items by Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SINGING VALENTINES:**  It's that time of year for Singing Valentines from our choirs at Shavertown UM Church. Since the cost of a stamp has gone way up, you can send your Special Sweetie a "Singing Valentine" for only \$5. You choose from our list of songs, and it is delivered on Valentine's Day, Feb 14 by our very own choir members, live & personal. The recipient does not need to answer as the recordings are just as special. This year, the proceeds will benefit our church to continue our services and missions for God. Forms are available in the Narthex or from any choir member.

**NURSERY CARE PROVIDER:** Shavertown UMC is seeking someone to fill an opening in our Nursery. The paid position would be approximately 1 ½ hours on Sunday mornings during worship. Background checks are required. If interested, please contact the office at 570-675-3616 or Ron Rogers at 570-855-2573.

Welcome! We are happy you are joining us for worship today. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to welcome you as part of the Shavertown UMC family! Please fill out a connection card found in the pew and put it in the collection plate. We worship on Saturday at 5:30 PM and Sunday at 9:30 AM. Christian education is available for all ages. 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. You can also follow us on Facebook and visit our website at [www.shavertownumc.com](http://www.shavertownumc.com). We hope you will join us again.

**Shavertown United Methodist Church**

**February 4 & 5, 2023**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**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**

“Here I Am To Worship”

By Tim Hughes

Piano: Nancy Evans

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CENTERING MEDITATION**

Your way of acting should be different from the word’s way;  
the love of Christ must come before all else.

St. Benedict

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat)/Bev Bunney (Sun)

We have been called the salt of the earth.

**Let us remain full of flavor and distinctive.**

We have been called the light of the world.

**Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain or confusion.**

We have been called a city set on a hill.

**Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts, lift our voices in the worship of God,  
the Sovereign of hosts and the Savior of the humble.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Gather Us In”

#2236

Vs 1-3

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat)/Bev Bunney (Sun)

**God of justice and mercy, Christ of light and life, enter our lives and this time of worship  
with your radiant presence. Bring light to our journey, that we may see your path of  
righteousness. Shine in us and through us, that we may be lights of compassion and  
justice for all the world to see. 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.*

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

“This Little Light of Mine”

Arr. Mark Patterson

Children of Light

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**CALL TO PRAYER**

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

#349

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow  
strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

“Siyahamba (the Light of God’s Love)”

Arr. Brad Nix

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**

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat)/Bev Bunney (Sun)

**God of light and love, shine through these offerings, that our love may radiate throughout  
the world. Make bright the hope of justice and mercy in places of darkness and fear. Guide  
our paths, that we may always be lights of compassion and care for a world in need.**

**WORD OF GOD**

Matthew 5:13-20

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat)/

Bev Bunney (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

“A Pinch of Salt”

Pastor Jon

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate One, forgive us when our compassion runs short; forgive us when we worship in word but not in truth; forgive us when we side with the powerful rather than the poor and meek. Shine into the dark places of our lives and into the shadowy depths of our souls. In your grace and mercy, transform us into vessels of light, that we might be lamps shining on a hill with compassion and kindness, justice, and mercy. Loosen the bonds of sin and selfishness within us, that we might loosen the bonds of injustice and oppression in our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(See Insert)

## GIFT OF MUSIC

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Arr. by Patti Drennan  
Chancel & God's Handful

## \*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

"You Are the Seed"  
Vs 1-2

#583

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

"Light of the Living God"

By David Paxton  
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!**



**February 4 & 5, 2023**

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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**