

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11 THROUGH FEBRUARY 18

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 our "Souper Bowl of Caring" Food Drive

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Turkey & Syria Earthquake Victims. Family of Phyllis Horning Randall, Nancy Tighe, Brenda Stchur, Debi K., Rob W., Linda Wagner, Frank Wagner, Family of Patricia Jackimovicz, Family of Marie Duermit, Katie, Sandy (Katie's mom), Liam, Glenda & Mardy Shepherd, Lisa Evans, Steven Ide, Cindy Linker, 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,

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, USM, 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, Army, Poznan, Poland

Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan

Think of this Friend (with cards and prayers)

Romaine & Paul Kunkle, 2292 W. Eighth St., Dallas, Pa. 18612

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Feb. 4/5: \$6,281

Faithfulness in Attendance Feb. 4/5: In Person Worship 132 Online Worship 40

Our Nursery is available on Sundays during worship, and we have

Activity Bags for young children in the back of the church.

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: Carol Folk (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

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

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13: TBD

ACOLYTE: Madison W.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Aubrey Lutsey by Lori, Tom & Mark Kucewicz

- Sun. Feb. 12 Worship 9:30am
Hospitality Meeting 10:30am
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 Grief Share 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

COMING UP FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD: Edie Graziano & Dianne Nice

LITURGIST: Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Ava S (Sun)


USHERS/GREETERS: Edie Graziano (Sat) Navasted Family (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13: TBD

ACOLYTE: Ella B.

- Sun. Feb. 19 Worship 9:30am
Sunday School 10:30am
God's Handful 11:30 am -12:15 pm
- Mon. Feb. 20 Women's Bible Study 1-3 pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
- Tues. Feb. 21 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
Finance Meeting 5pm
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom
- Wed. Feb. 22 Prayer 9am on Zoom
Ash Wednesday Meditation & Ashes Noon -1pm
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Ash Wednesday Worship at Dallas UMC 7pm
Chancel Choir 7:30pm
- Thurs. Feb. 23 Grief Share 6:30-8pm in Lounge
AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
Connected in Christ 7pm HS Sunday School Room
- Fri. Feb. 24 Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. Feb. 25 Meal Give-Away- Noon
Worship 5:30pm

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

SINGING VALENTINES:  It's that time of year for **Singing Valentines** from our choirs at Shavertown UM Church. 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.

MEAL GIVE-AWAY: Our next meal give-away is Sat., February 25 at noon. 350 meals will be prepared. The meal will be pork BBQ, macaroni & cheese, corn or green beans, a roll & cake (red or white). The following donations are needed: 15 large trays of macaroni & cheese, 10 2lb bags of frozen green beans and corn each, 350 hawaiian rolls, and 30 (9 by 13)cakes. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex to sign up or email Sandy Michalisin. Donations are due on Friday or Saturday by 9am.

EASTER EGG SALE: Alderson UMC is making and selling Easter eggs. Flavors are cream, peanut butter, and coconut. Cost is \$1 each and pre-orders are from February 19 until March 12. Order by calling 570-639-5401. Leave your name, phone number and number of eggs by flavor. Pick up at the church Sat., April 1st (10am – noon), Mon., April 3rd (5-7pm) or Wed., April 5th (2-4pm).

TOUCHDOWN: Thanks to everyone for all the donations for our Souper Bowl food drive. We surpassed our goal!

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. We hope you will join us again.

Shavertown United Methodist Church

February 11 & 12, 2023

6th 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

Saturday Worship Musician: Ed Pall

Sunday: "How Firm a Foundation"

Arr. Sandra Eithun

Good News Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God,
obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you.....

Deuteronomy 30:19b-20a

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Folk (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

Happy are those who are without blame.

Blessed are those who walk in God's way.

Happy are those who are faithful.

Blessed are those who seek God.

We will obey your word, O God.

We will praise you forever!

*OPENING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#127

*OPENING PRAYER

Carol Folk (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

Come, Holy One: teach us your ways, lead us in your paths, guide us on our journey. Speak to us your words of life, for you offer us direction and wholeness when we hear your voice and follow. You bless us with your love, shower us with your grace, and help us grow in faith. We seek you, O God, with all our hearts. Be near us this day. 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

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#2158

*I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

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

"Created in Christ Alone"

By Mary McDonald
Chancel & 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

Carol Folk (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

Loving God, you have shown us your ways and led us in the paths of abundance. You have blessed us and kept us safe. In you we see that we are loved. We offer you our lives, for we have chosen to follow you. We offer you our praise, for your love is great. Use our gifts, our money, and our hearts to establish your realm of love upon the earth. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Matthew 5:21-37

Carol Folk (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“More Like You”

#2167

More like you, Jesus, more like you. Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you. Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you. Lord, you are my mercy. Lord, you are my grace. All my deepest sins have forever been erased. Draw me in your presence. Lead me in your ways. I long to bring you glory in righteousness and praise.

MESSAGE

“Are You a Rule Follower? The Ethics of God’s World”

Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Change My Heart, O God”

#2152

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Postlude in Allegro-C Major”

By D. Zipoli

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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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage