

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25 THROUGH MARCH 4

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: Beginning of our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Turkey & Syria Earthquake Victims, Fowler & Nicks Family, Deeble Family ,lan, Mark Kucewicz, The Finn Family, Lois Cook, Klick Family, Kaitlyn M., Michelle, Dylan, & Ryan, Larry S., Grace, Oliver, Derrick & Jarrone, Marilyn Klick, 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,	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 st 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 nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
1 st Lt. Allen Carson, 109 th 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)
Jean Linker, 42 Spring St., Shavertown, Pa. 18708

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

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

MARCH ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Nicks & Mary Ellen Pajor

LITURGIST: Sarah Church (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Donna Church & Jordyn (Sat) Sophie, Adalyn & Ava (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25: TBD

ACOLYTE: Isabella W.

Sun. Feb. 26 Worship 9:30am
 Coffee Time 10:30am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 Fine Arts Meeting 10:30am
 God’s Handful 11:30 am -12:15pm
 Youth Group 4-6pm

Mon. Feb. 27 Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm
 Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
 PEO Meeting 7pm

Tues. Feb. 28 Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8 am Apple Tree Terrace
 Coffee & Conversation Lounge 10am
 Children of Light 4:30pm
 Chapel Chimes 5pm
 Good News Ringers 6:00pm
 Men’s Bible Study 7pm on Zoom
 Worship Meeting 7:30pm

Wed. Mar. 1 Prayer 9am on Zoom
 Girl Scouts 5:30pm
 Mission & Outreach 6:30pm
 AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
 Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thurs. Mar. 2 Staff Meeting 11:30am
 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. Mar. 3 Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Mar. 4 Worship 5:30pm

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Feb. 18/19: \$6,487
Faithfulness in Attendance Feb. 18/19: In Person Worship 169 Online Worship 40

COMING UP MARCH 4 THROUGH MARCH 11

MARCH ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Nicks & Mary Ellen Pajor

LITURGIST: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Sheri Harvatine (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Edie Graziano (Sat) Larry & Peggy Schuler (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25: TBD

ACOLYTE: Keyara S.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In Memory of Betty C. Killian By the Family

Sun. Mar. 5 Worship 9:30am
 Coffee Time 10:30am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 God's Handful 11:30 am -12:15pm
 Confirmation 4-6pm

Mon. Mar. 6 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm
 Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

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

Wed. Mar. 8 Prayer 9am on Zoom
 AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
 Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thurs. Mar. 9 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. Mar. 10 Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. Mar. 11 Worship 5:30pm

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.

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

SUPPORT ALIMIA: Our fundraiser has begun once again to support Alima who is a deaf young lady from West Africa. She is now in her sophomore year at school, and we have been her primary source of tuition, room, and board since she was 6 years old. She has recently recovered from malaria and is very appreciative of your generosity. Contribution envelopes are located in the Narthex.

EASTER FLOWERS: Order forms are available in the Narthex for Easter Flowers. The flowers will be used to decorate the church for Easter Worship and then can be taken home to enjoy. Flower orders must be in by March 10.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES: We hope you can join us for a Bible Study during Lent. Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for information on class dates and times.

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).

LUCK O' THE IRISH MURDER MYSTERY & DINNER: The SUMC youth group is sponsoring a church fundraiser on March 17th at 6pm. We hope you can join us at the Emerald City St. Patrick's Day Celebration. You will get to enjoy a homemade meal and try to solve the crime! Tickets are \$15 and are available Sundays 10:30am to noon or Fridays 8:30am to 3pm (cash or check). For more information see the flyer in the Narthex or contact Amy Wall.

UPPER ROOM: The March/April Upper Room devotional magazine is now available in the Narthex.

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.

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

Shavertown United Methodist Church

February 25 & 26, 2023

1st Sunday in Lent

Risen Sermon Series Week 1

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

“Meditation”

By Lloyd Larson
Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

John 3:16-17

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Church (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)

In this season, we worship remembering Jesus’ death in love for us and all people.

Lent is a time of tears.

But out of tears, joy is born—the joy of sin forgiven, hope reborn, and life restored.

We stand in awe of the God who brings joy out of tears, and life out of death. The cross is a sign of the hope for us all. Let us worship our God with reverence and in praise.

*OPENING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

#159

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Church (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)

We surround ourselves with crosses, O God; yet we confess that we shrink back from the awareness that your glory is revealed in the criminal’s cross of Jesus Christ.

**Help us to know your presence wherever there is suffering in our world;
may we be channels of your love and healing, so that you may not suffer needlessly.**

We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

“Where Children Belong”

(Sun) #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

“Something Beautiful”

#394

Something beautiful, something good; all my confusion he understood; all I had to offer him was brokenness and strife, but he had made something beautiful of my life.

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

“Circle Without End”

By Arr. Tom Eggleston
Chancel & God’s Handful

*DOXOLOGY

#95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sarah Church (Sat) Nick Michalisin (Sun)

What can we bring you today, Lord? Your sacrifice is so great; our gifts seem so meager.

Yet you open your arms to us and accept us as we are.

Take what we have and use it, Lord, for the good of your kingdom. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

John 19:16-19, 25b-27

Sarah Church (Sat)

Pg #113

Nick Michalisin (Sun)

MESSAGE

“The Cross: Understanding God’s Passion for You”

Pastor Jon

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

“O How He Loves You and Me”

#2108

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

"The Power of the Cross (Oh to See the Dawn)"

By Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

Piano: 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!



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Worship Service February 25 & 26, 2023

RISEN
LENTEN SERIES

**The Cross:
Understanding
God's Passion
for You**

Welcome. We're glad you're here.

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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage