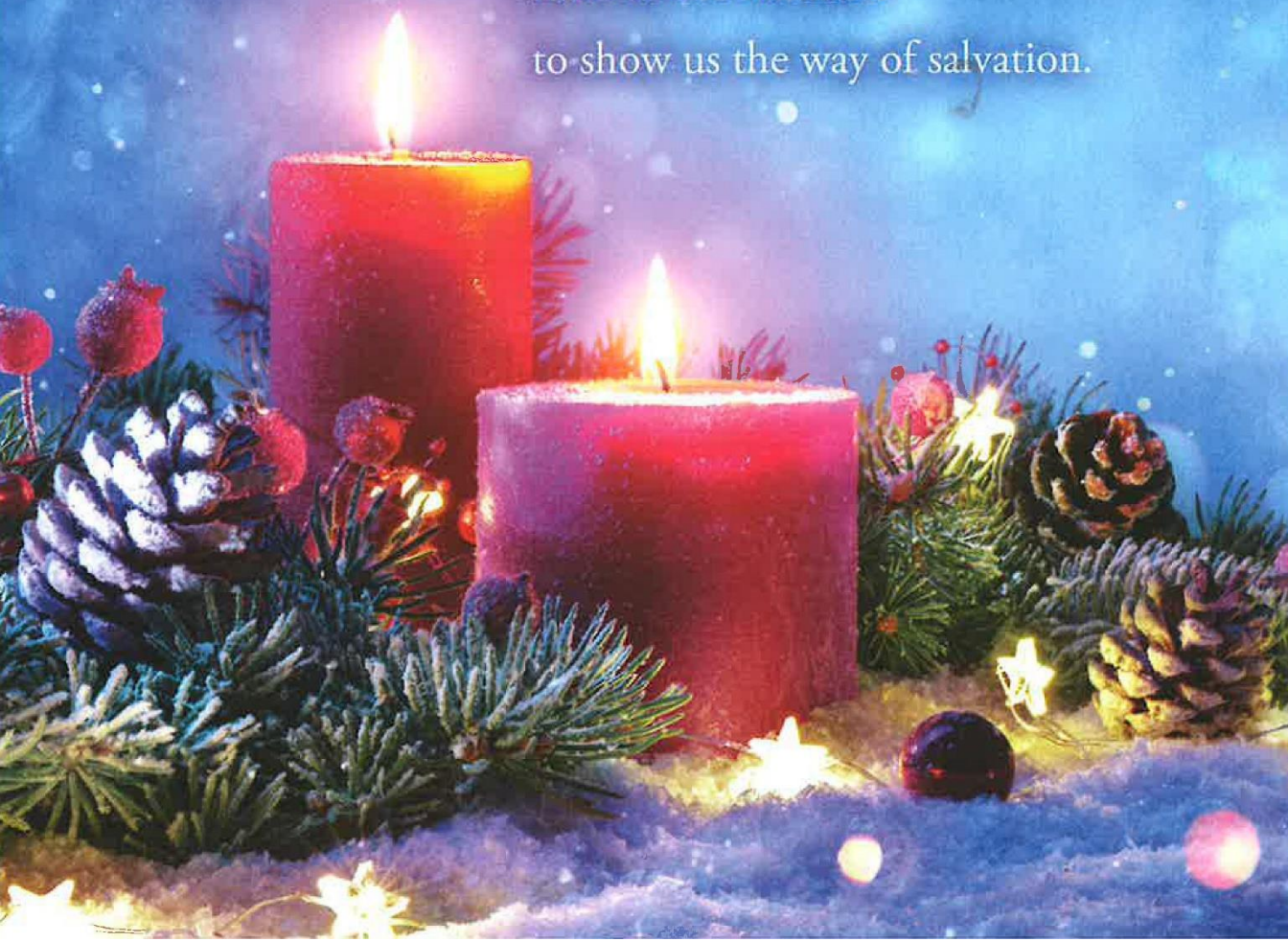


HOPE

Hope

May the light sent from God
shine in the darkness
to show us the way of salvation.



1st Sunday of Advent: HOPE

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Ray & Deb Poremba (Sat) Glenda Shepherd (Sun)

Acolyte: Madison W. & Madisen B.(Sun) | Liturgists: Sarah Church (Sat) Glenda Shepherd (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday: “Coventry Carol”

English Traditional

Piano: Nancy Evans

Sunday: “Three Advent Prayers”

By Randy Edwards

1. Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

Chancel Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

And now, O Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in you.

Psalm 39:7

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah (Sat) Glenda (Sun)

A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Bill and Joanne Runner (Sat)
Cathy Anselmi & Friends (Sun)

*OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

#196

CHILDREN’S CHAT

“Where Children Belong”

#2233 (Sun)

*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.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

“Change My Heart, O God”

#2152

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Three Advent Prayers”
2. Jesus, the Light of the World

Arr. Claude L. Bass
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

Sarsh (Sat) Glenda (Sun)

Holy God, triumphant liberating savior of all, receive these gifts and the hopeful hearts that offer them as part of your bountiful harvest. Strengthen and sustain us through our hungers and our fears until your unexpected advent. Help us as we wait to know each day that we are a part of your generous, expectant household, the body of Christ. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Mark 13:24-37
Pgs. 738 & 50 Respectively

Sarah (Sat) Glenda (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Making Room for Hope”

Pastor Jon

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Let Us Break Bread Together”
Vs. 1 & 2

#618

HOLY COMMUNION

(See insert)

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

“People, Look East”
Vs. 1-3

#202

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Three Advent Prayers”
3. May the Hope of Jesus Find You

By Randy Edwards
Chancel Choir

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**The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world!**



Shavertown United Methodist Church Announcements

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

Weekly Worship Services Saturdays 5:30pm & Sundays 9:30am

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

Nursery is available during the 9:30am worship.

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

LIVE NATIVITY: We need 8-10 people each night to be part of the Live Nativity on December Dec. 8 & 9 from 6-7:30pm. Volunteers can sign up in the narthex.

ANGEL TREE: The Angel Tree provides gifts to needy children in our local community. The tree with the children's request is located in the Narthex. Please select an angel ornament and purchase the gift, wrap it and place it under the tree with the angel ornament loosely attached to the package by December 10. We are also accepting monetary donations for grocery gift certificates if you cannot shop for a gift and place the envelope in the offering plate and indicate angel tree.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT "The Sounds of Peace": December 10, 2023, at 6:00PM
Put yourself in the Christmas mood! Join us for our annual Carols by Candlelight with some festive carol singing featuring our SUMC Choirs, Bells, Brass, Flute, Piano, Organ, Praise Band and guests. Take time out of your Christmas shopping to enjoy an evening of music. A Holiday Must!

SWEET FUNDRAISER: Chocolate Christmas houses made by the Navestad Family can be purchased for \$30. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex along with a sample. Orders are due by December 15 and ready for pick-up December 16 & 17 after worship. This fundraiser supports the ministries of SUMC and would make a great gift or holiday centerpiece.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL "Room For Christmas": Please join us on Sat, December 16 ,5:30pm and Sun, December 17 at 9:30am . It's one week before the church Christmas pageant. The director is sick and it's up to the children to do the best they can. Will the children get it together in time? Or will the children discover, in their own unabashedly child-like ways, the joy and wonder that comes from making room for what really matters at Christmas?

TOY COLLECTION: In conjunction with our Children's Musical (Room for Christmas), the congregation is invited to donate a new unwrapped toy in the weeks leading up to Christmas or for donation during the performances on December 16 & 17. Toys will be donated to "Maddy's Gift" for the Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville or Operation Blue Christmas through the Kingston PD for families with a family member suffering a serious illness. Charity information and the inspiration behind the memory of Maddy and the toy drive, as well as suggested items, can be found on Facebook under Maddy's Gift or the Kingston Municipal Police Department. A drop-off box is located in the Narthex.

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER WEEKEND: The Youth Group wanted something fun we could do as a congregation during Advent, so they are inviting everyone to wear an ugly Christmas sweater to worship on December 16th and 17th.

CHRISTMAS DANCE: Youth Group is sponsoring a Christmas Dance for all ages on Sunday, December 17, 6-8pm in the Social Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Youth will meet after the dance for a gift exchange and some extra fun!

PRISCILLA CIRCLE: Mark your calendars for the Priscilla Circle's Christmas Party. It will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at 6pm at the Apple Tree Terrace. Please contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338 for more information.

THANK YOU! Hanging of the Greens: From those who carried boxes, candles, wreaths and more upstairs, to those who fluffed branches, assemble the tree, hung wreaths, lights and ornaments, we would like to say thank you. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. With your help, we've 'decked the halls' for the joyful holiday season. Thank you again. Amy Wall & Brend Wong.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR DECEMBER 9-10:

Greeters & Ushers: Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) TBD (Sun)

Liturgist: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun) **Acolyte:** Abby J.

December Altar Guild: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

Trustee Week of Dec 3: Tom Ketchner **Trustee Week of Dec. 10:** TBD

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Nov. 25-26: \$5,020

Faithfulness in Attendance: Nov. 25-26: In Person Worship 151 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 16

- December 2: Live Nativity 6-7:30pm
- December 3: Confirmation Meeting 4-6pm Social Hall
- December 4: Prayer Shawl Meeting 7pm
- December 5: Council Meeting 7pm
- December 6: Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm
- December 7: Staff Meeting 11:30am
- December 7: Dress Rehearsal for Carols by Candlelight Concert 7:00PM
- December 8 & 9: Live Nativity 6-7:30pm
- December 10: Carols By Candlelight 6:00PM
- December 11: Praise Band Concert 7pm (Last one until March)
- December 12: Finance Meeting 5pm
- December 16: Free Community Meal Give-Away Noon
Children's Christmas Musical 5:30pm

SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

Sundays	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Sunday School for Children and Adults
	11:30am	All Choir Rehearsal
Mondays	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
	7pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Concert 2nd Monday)
Tuesdays	8am	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast @ Apple Tree Terrace
	10am	Coffee & Conversation @ McDonalds, Shavertown
	4:30pm	Children of Light (Grades 2 nd – 5 th)
	5:00pm	Chapel Chimes (Grades 2 nd - 5 th)
	6pm	Good News Ringers
	7pm	Men's Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesdays	9am	Prayer on Zoom
	7pm	AA Meeting, Social Hall
	6:15pm	Bell Ensemble Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir (Adults)
Thursdays	6:30pm	Grief Share, Lounge (Last Meeting December 14)
	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
	7pm	Connected in Christ, HS Sunday School Room
Fridays	10am	Community Care Cabinet
Saturdays	5:30pm	Worship

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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 JOYS: The Live Nativity honoring the birth of our Lord!

ALWAYS BE IN PRAYER FOR: The United Methodist Church, Our Country, People of Ukraine, People of Libya and Morocco, Victims of the shootings & 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

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Our homebound friends, Family of Romaine Kunkle, Elizabeth & Julia, Sue Holdredge & Family, Friend of Ketchner Family, Marsha Paczewski, Romain Kunkle, Frank Shaulis, The Costello & Valentine Families, Jeff, Vito Pilosi, Bill, Selene, Bob Bullock, 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
1st LT. Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT
LT. Joey Zobel, U.S.N., Washington, DC.

Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves
Maj. Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA
Captain Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
1st LT. Allen Carson, 109th US Army
Reserves, Phila.
Sgt. Brandon Pall, Army, Maryland
Rick Hodle III, US Army
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan
CPL Michael Biesecker, USMC Reserves
Daniel Cochran, US Navy, S.C.

Think of this Friend (with cards and prayers)
Anne Jewell, 52 W. Center St., Shavertown, Pa. 18708