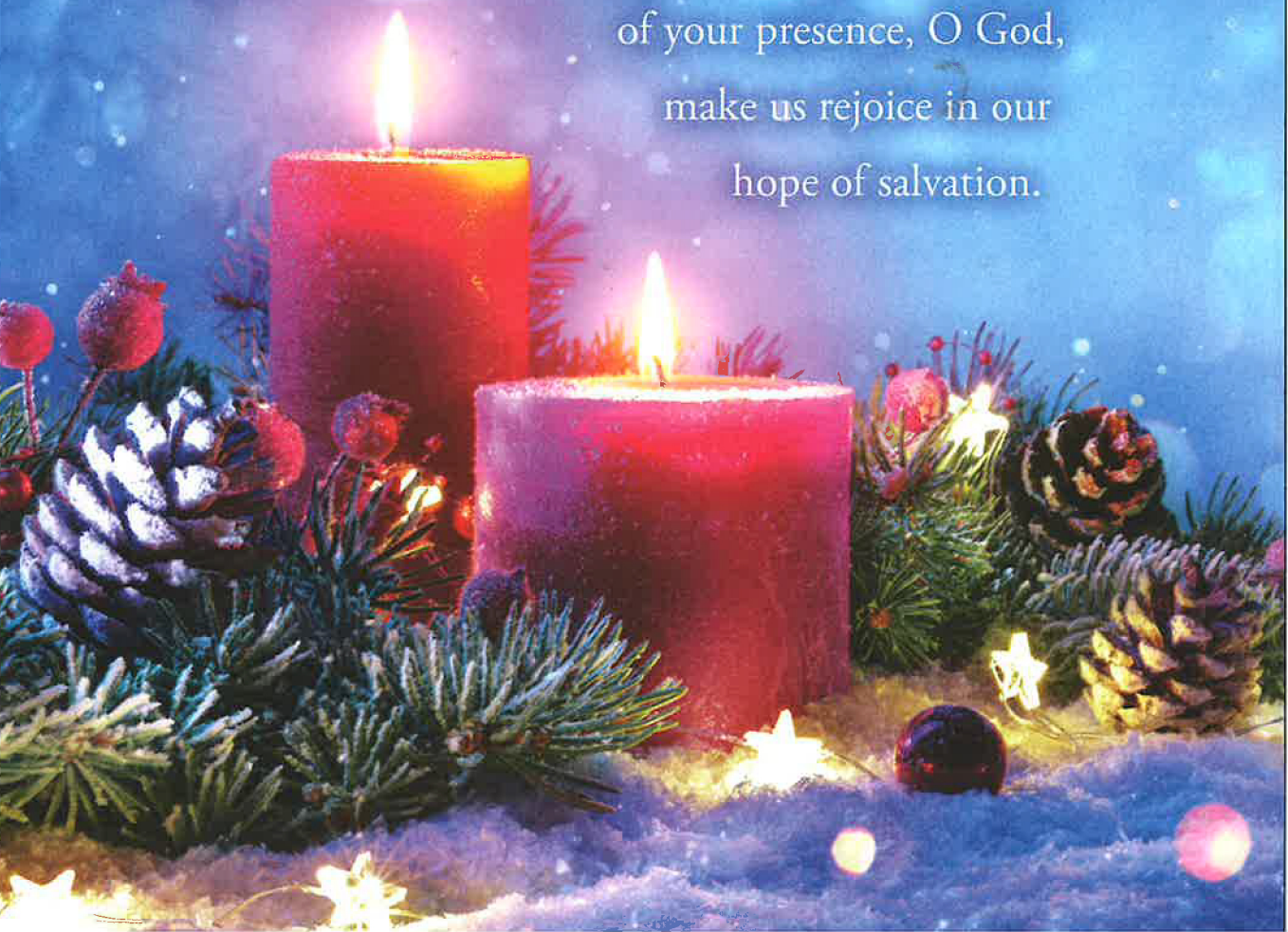


# JOY

*Joy*

May the joyful promise  
of your presence, O God,  
make us rejoice in our  
hope of salvation.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: PEACE

### Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) TBD (Sun)  
Acolyte: Abby J. (Sun) Liturgists: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

### PRELUDE

Saturday Worship Musician: Ed Pall  
Sunday: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" By Sondra K. Tucker  
Bell Quartet  
Caitlyn Dunn, Laura Storm, Cindy Biesecker, Marianne Wolf

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CENTERING MEDITATION

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Luke 1:78-79

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen (Sat) Rich (Sun)

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.**

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

Oldt Family (Sat) Beutel Family (Sun)

### \*OPENING HYMN

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

#218

### 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.*

### GIFT OF MUSIC

"Shepherd's Carol"

Arr. Anna Laura Page (Sun)  
Children of Light

### 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/ 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**

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

By Mary Lynn Lightfoot (Sun)  
God’s Handful 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**

Mary Ellen (Sat) Rich (Sun)

**Dwell in us, Holy Spirit. Dwell in these gifts and transform them to be Christ’s presence for  
all who are touched through these offerings. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

“Creation Will Be At Peace”

By JP Williams/Anna L. Page(Sun)  
Chancel and God’s Handful Choirs

**WORD OF GOD**

Luke 1:57-79 & Mark 1:1-8  
Pgs 34 & 58 Respectively

Mary Ellen (Sat) Rich (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

“Making Room for Peace”

Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

#431

**\*BENEDICTION**

Go out to a world that hungers for righteousness.  
Prepare the highway for our God:  
make ready the paths of peace.  
**Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” Arr. By Jeffrey Honore (Sun)  
Good News Ringers

**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.**

## **SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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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.

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## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**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, 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR DECEMBER 16-17:**

**Greeters & Ushers:** Frank & Linda Gruver (Sat) Brian Wilson & Isabella W. (Sun)

**Liturgist:** Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

**December Altar Guild:** Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

**Trustee Week of Dec 10:** TBD **Trustee Week of Dec. 17:** Bob Wagner

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Dec. 2-3: \$4,808 Direct Deposit: \$1,418

**Faithfulness in Attendance:** Dec 2-3: In Person Worship 137 Online Worship 35

# UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS DECEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 23

December 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

December 16-17: Ugly Christmas Sweater Weekend

December 17: Christmas Dance 6-8pm

December 19: Priscilla Circle Christmas Party Apple Tree Terrace 6pm

December 21: Blue Christmas Service 7pm

## SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

Sundays 9:30am Worship

10:30am Sunday School for Children and Adults

11:30am God's Handful Rehearsal

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Mondays 1-3pm Women's Bible Study

7pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Concert 2nd Monday)

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Tuesdays 8am Men's Ecumenical Breakfast @ Apple Tree Terrace

10am Coffee & Conversation @ McDonalds, Shavertown

4:30pm Children of Light (Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)

5:00pm Chapel Chimes (Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>)

6pm Good News Ringers

7pm Men's Bible Study - Zoom

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Wednesdays 9am Prayer on Zoom

7pm AA Meeting, Social Hall

6:15pm Bell Ensemble Rehearsal in Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir (Adults)

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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

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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.

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**OUR JOYS:** The joyous music from the Carols by Candlelight Concert!

**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, John & Sheryl Long, Carol Carrol, Lisa Evans, Kerry Berba, Jamie Zoppel, Family of Romaine Kunkle, Elizabeth & Julia, Rose Isne, Elizabeth, Mike, Marilyn, Marsha Paczewski, Sue Holdredge & Family, Friend of Ketchner Family, Frank Shaulis, The Costello & Valentine Families, Jeff, Vito Pilosi, Bill.

*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)  
Patricia Kirk, 12 Windsor Dr., Dallas, Pa. 18612