



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Worship Series

Listen: Hearing That Still, Small Voice and Finding Your Own

Listen to Me!



February 10 & 11, 2024

We're glad you're joining us today!

If you're looking for a church home, we'd love to welcome you as part of the Shavertown UMC family! Please fill out a yellow connection card found in the pew and place it into the collection plate.

You're invited to visit our Welcome Table in the Narthex for a gift and information on the many ministries of our church including Christian Education opportunities.

We hope you'll join us again.

Transfiguration Sunday

Our Altar Flowers: In Memory of Audrey Lutsey Given By Lori, Tom & Mark Kucewicz

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) West & Zarembo Families (Sun)

Acolyte: Abby J. (Sun) Liturgists: Cathy Nicks (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday Worship Musician: Nancy Evans

Sunday: "Come Down, O Love Divine"

By Anna Laura Page

Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cathy (Sat) Margi (Sun)

We come today to worship God and the God of goodness and light.

God has given us hope in Jesus.

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Let us come away and worship Him together.

*OPENING HYMN

"Come Away with Me"

#2202

*OPENING PRAYER

Cathy (Sat) Margi (Sun)

Now that we are on the threshold of Lent, O God, prompt us to re-evaluate our spiritual lives. We would worship you sincerely, follow you carefully and grow in grace and holiness.

May we be bold in our faith and daring in Christian service to the end that your name be honored on earth even as it is in heaven. Hear our prayer in our Savior's name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

"Where Children Belong"

#2233 (Sun)

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.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“To God Be the Glory”

By William H. Doane
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.

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Custodian: Brad Lothridge | Christian Education Director: Brenda Kopalek

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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: Tuesday 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

ASH WEDNESDAY: We have two opportunities to begin the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday, February 14. #1: noon – 1pm A time of silent reflection and receiving of ashes at Shavertown UMC. #2: 7pm Worship together with churches in the back mountain area at Dallas UMC. Ashes and communion will be shared during worship.

SINGING VALENTINES: It's that time of year for Singing Valentine's from our Choirs at SUMC. Send your Sweetie, Mom, Child, Friend, Neighbor, etc. a custom "Singing Valentine". You may purchase from the choirs up until Feb 14th. You choose the song from our song list, and it is specially delivered live on Feb. 14th. The cost is a minimum donation of \$6.00. The recipient does not need to answer as the recordings of the songs are just as special. We also need volunteer Valentine's singers. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. This year, the proceeds will benefit our church for expenses. For more information, contact Nancy Evans. Thank you & Happy Valentines Day! 

YOUTH GROUP: The SUMC Youth Group will be meeting Feb. 25, 4-6pm in the Social Hall.

EASTER FLOWERS: Spring is around the corner, and we are now taking orders for Easter flowers. Please fill out a form and return it to the office with your payment. Forms will be in this weekend's bulletin and then placed in the Narthex. Last day for orders is February 27.

DOOR FOBs: If you have a church door fob that you are no longer using or do not need, please turn it into the church office or to Amy Wall. Thank you!

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: From time to time our church receives calls from persons who may need some extra help with funds for food, gas for their car, heating fuel, etc. Our Pastor's Discretionary Fund is used to help these persons facing extraordinary hardships. Next Sunday, Feb. 18, you can help support this ministry with a special donation. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. . ." (Mt. 25:35)

THANK YOU: A big thank you to everyone for their cards, prayers and well wishes following my surgery. They were truly appreciated! Blessings, Marsha Paczewski.

COMMUNITY EVENT: All ages are invited for a time of fun and fellowship by WRGN to their 33rd Annual President's Day Skate on Monday, February 19th from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Skateaway, Blackman Street in Wilkes Barre. Admission is \$5.00 per person attending (skaters and non-skaters). Tickets will be available at the door. Skateaway offers skate rentals for \$3.00 if needed. All proceeds will benefit WRGN, a listener supported Christian radio station.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR FEBRUARY 17-18

Greeters & Ushers: Ray & Deb Poremba (Sat) Danny & Alice Peters (Sun)

Liturgist: TBD (Sat) TBD (Sun) **Acolyte:** Ethan T.

February Altar Guild: Edie Graziano & Dianne Nice

Trustee Week of Feb.11 Brian Wilson **Trustee Week of Feb 18:** Bob Wagner

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Feb. 4-5: \$4,531

Faithfulness in Attendance: Feb. 4-5: In Person Worship 130 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS FEBRUARY 11-24

- February 12: Praise Band Rehearsal
- February 14: Ash Wednesday Noon-1pm
- February 20: Finance Meeting 4:45pm
- February 20: Worship Meeting 7:30pm
- February 21: SPPRC Meeting 6pm
- February 24: Drive-Thru Meal Giveaway

SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

Sundays	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Sunday School for Children and Adults
	11:30am	God's Handful
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Mondays	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
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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 nd – 5 th)
	5:00pm	Chapel Chimes (Grades 2 nd - 5 th)
	6pm	Good News Ringers
	7pm	Men's Bible Study - Zoom
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Wednesdays	9am	Prayer on Zoom
	7pm	AA Meeting, Social Hall
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir (Adults)
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Thursdays	6:30pm	Grief Share, Lounge (Beginning Feb.22)
	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
	7pm	Connected in Christ, Lounge
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Fridays	10am	Community Care Cabinet
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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 overwhelming support for our Sunday School food drive allowing us to donate food items to the Back Mountain Food Pantry!

ALWAYS BE IN PRAYER FOR: The United Methodist Church, Our Country, People of Ukraine, Victims in Israel & Gaza, 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, Abigail, Ben, Paul Kunkle, Faye Finkle, Pastor Harold Schorr, Tom, Sandy Morris, Joe, Kyle Gilmartin, Jeff Kopalek, Ron, Peggy Biesecker, Jane Marie, Brandon Pall, , Jim Petrie, Lauren Chapple, Nathan Huffman, Sharon Shaver.

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
Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves
LT. Joey Zobel, U.S.N., Washington, DC.

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)
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