



Shavertown United Methodist Church

Worship Series

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

# Finding Your Power: Listening for Healing



March 9 & 10, 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.

## 4<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent – Listen Series Week 4

Last Week's Altar Flowers were In Memory of Joan Roskos' Birthday

Given by Rebecca & Rich Oley

### **Helping with Worship today:**

Greeters/Ushers: Sarah & Donna Church (Sat) Ron & Jen Prutzman (Sun)

Acolyte: TBD (Sun) | Liturgists: Cathy Nicks (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

### **PRELUDE**

Saturday Worship Musician: Brenda Nighbert

“Seeds”

By R. Murphy & Pat Alger

Soloist: John Bunney (Sun)

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TIME FOR CENTERING**

*Come and rest. Come and listen.*

*Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker*

### **SILENT REST**

You are invited to sit quietly in the silence without any expectation of what you “ought” to be thinking. Don't worry about sounds from children or crows – simply let them float into and out of your attention. And if you find it difficult to settle your thoughts, contemplate the following:

A wound is healed when a binding together happens

A prayer for another binds us with them and binds both of us to God...healing

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

#375

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Cathy (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**God of love, fountain of prayer, we confess that our silence is noisy, our minds filled with distracting chatter, our thoughts focused on problems and our eyes bombarded with temptations. How hard we find it to be still and rest in your holy healing presence. And how hard we make it by driving ourselves to busyness and fatigue. God of love, usher us into your holy presence. Teach us the words to pray and the silences to keep. Refashion our day and hours so we may always walk in constant thanksgiving of your amazing grace. 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.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS****CALL TO PRAYER**

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

#2200

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

**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**

"Breathe on Me Breath of God"

Arr. Jason W. Krug  
Good News Ringers

**\*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**

Cathy (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**God of mighty miracles, transform these gifts into great works of love and wondrous acts of  
ministry and grace. Use these gifts to bring healing and hope. In your holy name, we pray.  
Amen.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

"Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name"

Arr. Brazeal Dennard  
Chancel and God's Handful Choirs

**SEEKING THE WORD**

Mark 9:14-29

Cathy (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**MESSAGE**

“Finding Your Power: Listening for Healing”

Pastor Jon

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“For the Healing of the Nations”  
Vs. 1, 2 & 4

#428

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Sing the Glad Song”

By Franklin Ritter  
Organ

**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: 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.

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## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**LENTEN GIVING:** During the Lenten Season, our Community Care Cabinet, which provides paper products and household items to families in need who reside in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts will be collecting a different product each week. The week of March 10-16 (dish soap) and the final week of March 17-23 (tissues). Please consider giving during this Lenten season.

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE:** Meeting will be March 19 at noon in the social hall. Bring a lunch and enjoy a time of food and fellowship. Hostess Mary Ellen Pajor will lead devotions. Our program will feature Barbara Roberts. All women are invited. For more information, contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA:** We will be having our annual Easter Eggstravaganza on March 23, 1-3pm in the Social Hall. This is a community event so invite anyone you know that would be interested in having a lot of fun celebrating Easter! We will have crafts, games, an Easter egg hunt, a bake sale, and of course, the Easter story.

**VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED:** Donations of small, wrapped candy and plastic Easter eggs can be dropped off in the Narthex in the bin labeled Easter candy/eggs. We are also in need of many volunteers to make this event possible. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to volunteer for this fun and meaningful community event. If you have any questions, please see Brenda Kopalek.

**GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER:** The SUMC Youth Group is doing a Gertrude Hawk Candy Bar fundraiser. We are selling milk chocolate, crispy, caramel, peanut butter, and dark chocolate raspberry candy bars - YUM! Each bar is \$2.00 and can be purchased from a youth or at the coffee corner after worship.

**SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP:** The SUMC Youth Group is planning a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. on July 3, 2024, to see “Daniel” along with dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. We are inviting everyone to join us for this exciting event! Bus 1 has been filled, so we are offering a second bus but will need to fill it to have bus 2 go. You are welcome to invite friends and family along! Ages 13 and up...\$180/person Ages 12 and under ...\$120/person. Deposit of \$100 to hold your seat is due by April 1 and total due by May 12. Please make checks out to SUMC. See Amy Kelly or Brenda Kopalek if you have questions or would like to turn in money.

**EASTER SERVICES:** Holy Thursday- 7pm, Good Friday -7pm, Holy Saturday-5:30pm and Easter Sunday- Sunrise Service at 6:30am (pavilion) and 9:30am.

**SECRETARY POSITION:** Trucksville UMC is looking to hire a part-time secretary. Number of hours would be approximately 15 hours. Applications and resumes are due by March 15. For more information, please visit our bulletin board or contact Pastor Jay Jones at 570-696-3897 or email [jjones@susumc.org](mailto:jjones@susumc.org).

**NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR MARCH 16-17**

**Greeters & Ushers:** Cathy & John Nicks (Sat) The Wong Family (Sun)

**Liturgist:** Bob Berkey (Sat) TBD (Sun) **Acolyte:** Ava K.

**March Altar Guild:** Cathy Nicks & Mary Ellen Pajor

**Trustee Week of Mar 10:** Kim Donlin **Trustee Week of Mar 17:** Larry Schuler

**Finances:** Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of Mar. 2-3: \$7,192

**Faithfulness in Attendance:** Mar. 2-3: In Person Worship 142 Online Worship 35

## UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS MARCH 10-MARCH 23

- March 11: Youth Group Meeting 6-8pm  
Praise Band Concert 7pm
- March 14: Staff Meeting 11:30am
- March 16: Drive-Thru Meal Giveaway  
Confirmation Trip to Philadelphia
- March 17: Confirmation Practice: 11:30am
- March 19: Priscilla Circle Noon  
Finance Meeting 4:45pm  
Worship Meeting 7:30pm
- March 20: SPPRC Meeting 6pm
- March 23: Easter Eggstravaganza 1-3pm Social Hall

### 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
	7pm	Praise Band (Concert 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month)
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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
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir (Adults)
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Thursdays	6:30pm	Grief Share, Lounge
	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
	7pm	Connected in Christ, HS Sunday School Room
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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](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org).

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**OUR JOYS:** We found Jesus everywhere!

**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, Family of Nancy Liskosky, Tom, Donna, Rich Oley, Renee Swank, Vic and Christine and Family, Nancy & Ed Hahn, Jeff Kopalek, Jim Petrie.

*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)

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