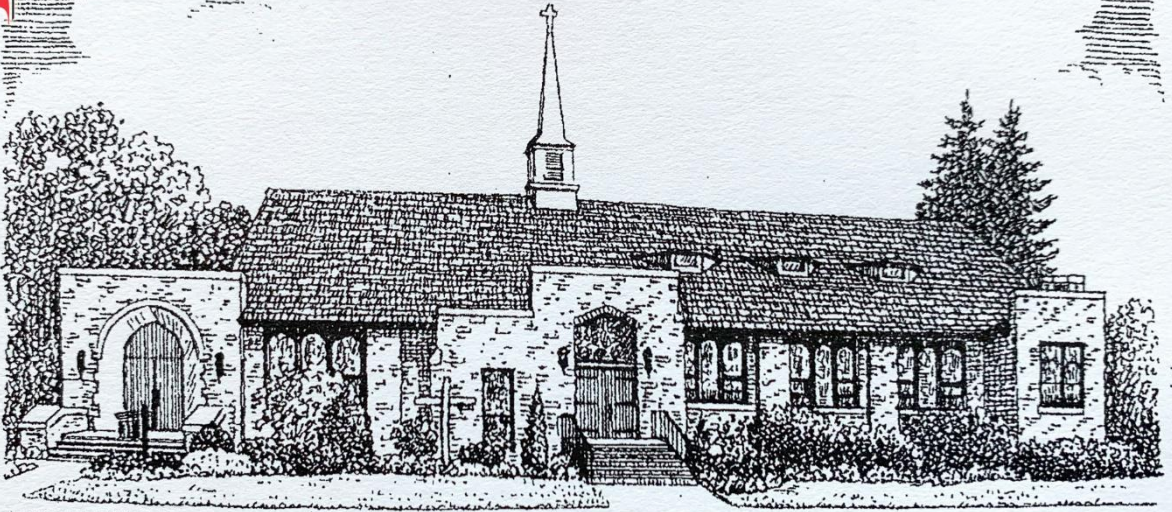


Shavertown United Methodist Church



Welcome. We're glad you're here.

April 13 & 14, 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.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Our Altar Flowers are In Memory of Rick Hoyes Given By Mary Hoyes

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: John & Cathy Nicks (Sat) Larry & Peggy Schuler (Sun)

Acolyte: Anna J.(Sun) | Liturgists: TBD (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Sunday: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

By Joachim Neander
Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

*CALL TO WORSHIP

TBD (Sat) Margi (Sun)

Wake up! No more dozing off!

The time is now!

The kingdom is here!

There are songs to be sung,

Chains to be broken,

Children to be loved,

Hungry to be fed.

It's time to come alive!

We are somebody.

God's people,

Empowered and blessed,

Called and sent.

Wake up!

Sing, pray, act.

*OPENING HYMN

"We've a Story to Tell the Nations"

Vs. 1,2 & 3

#569

***OPENING PRAYER**

TBD (Sat) Margi (Sun)

**Loving, Risen Lord, we give you thanks as we gather in this place to
celebrate your love for us and for our broken world.**

Come among us with your power and bind us together as your people.

**Enable us to go forth into the world with great grace,
empowered as those who have seen and believed. Amen.**

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

"Into My Heart"

#2160

Vs. 1 & 2

*Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;
Shine out today, shine out always; shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.*

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

"Hymn of Promise"

By Arr. Mary McDonald (Sun)

Choir Anthem today is in loving memory of Joan Roskos

***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** TBD (Sat) Margi (Sun)
Beloved, generous God, abide not only in us, but in the gifts we now return to you. Let your abundant love flow through these offerings, that others may know and experience your constant, abiding love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

WORD OF GOD Matthew 11: 28-30; Matthew 28: 16-20 TBD (Sat) Margi (Sun)
Pg 12 & 34 Respectively

MESSAGE "The Ultimate Adventure" Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "Cry of My Heart" #2165

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Easter Fanfare" By Robert Lau
Organ: 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

Office Manager: Jeanne Kapral | Communications Coordinator: Amy Wall

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

SUPPORT ALIMIA: Our fundraiser to support Alima who is a deaf young lady from West Africa will take place during the month of April. We have been her primary source of tuition, room, and board since she was 6 years old. She is now preparing to start her vocational training. Look for donation envelopes soon in the Narthex.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS: We will be offering a new membership class on April 14 and 21 at 10:30am following worship for those who are interested joining Shavertown UMC or would just like to learn a little bit more about Methodism. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3616 or shavertownumc@susumc.org or speak to Pastor Jon if you are interested.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE: On Tues., April 16, Priscilla Circle will host Denise Ogurkis, president of the Luzerne County Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace which is an organization that provides beds and bedding for children in need. Everyone is invited to learn about this important work including their "Build Day" on May 18. Circle members should bring their lunch and arrive at noon. Program starts at 1pm. For more information contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

SPRING CLEAN-UP: Help is needed to beautify the church grounds April 20, 10am-2pm. Please come with tools in hand to help pull weeds, lay down mulch and ready the flower beds for new flowers. We also need pick-up trucks to load the mulch.

WELSH COOKIE SALE: Welsh cookies will be for sale after worship on April 20 & 21. Cost is \$5 for 10 cookies. There are no pre-orders.

SOUP SALE: We are in need of soup donations for our sale on Election Day, Tuesday, April 23. We will be selling 12 ounce containers for \$5. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex for soup and volunteers to work 2 hour shifts that day.

PASTORS CHOIR CONCERT: Chi Rho Singers, the Susquehanna Conference Pastors Choir will perform at Forty-Fort UMC on Thursday, April 25 at 7pm.

GERANIUM SALE: Geraniums will be for sale until April 26. Cost is 4 for \$15 for 4.5" pots in your choice of colors. Make checks out to SUMC and reference geranium sale in memo. Order forms are available in the narthex. Purchased vouchers will be available after worship on April 27 & 28 to be redeemed at Darling's Nursery in Dallas from May 9-31. Proceeds go to the church's General Fund.

MUSIC NOTES: On Sun., April 28th at 6:00pm, enjoy an evening of beautiful music called "Music Makes the World Go Round" by our SUMC choirs with handbells, chimes, brass, piano & organ. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offer will be accepted. An Ice Cream Social will follow in the Social Hall. Byron Dissinger's Sr. Recital is May 10th at 7:00PM.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP: There is still time to sign up or invite friends and family on our Sight and Sound Theatre trip to Lancaster, Pa. on July 3, 2024 to see "Daniel".

Bus #1 – Full

Bus #2 – 24 Seats Left

Ages 13 & up...\$180/person Ages 12 & under ...\$120/person.

\$100 by April 21 to hold your spot, remainder due by May 12

Please make checks out to SUMC and turn in to Amy Kelly or Brenda Kopalek

BIRTHDAY TEA: Our annual birthday tea will take place on Sunday, May 5th in the Social Hall at 1pm. Tables are decorated for each month of the year. If you are interested in decorating a table, please contact Sandy Michalisin or Sue Holdredge. This event is for all women of the church and community. What a great opportunity for conversation and fellowship.

VBS PLANNING MEETING: We will be having a planning meeting for Vacation Bible School on May 5 at 11:30am in the Social Hall. Everyone looking to learn more about our VBS program are welcome to join us.

GRADUATES: Please contact the church office with names and parent e-mail of any High School or College Graduates by May 10.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP HELP FOR APRIL 20-21

Greeters & Ushers: Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) Danny & Alice Peters (Sun)

Liturgist: Sarah Church (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun) **Acolyte:** Makayla K.

April Altar Guild: Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge

Trustee Week of April 14: Brian Wilson **Trustee Week of April 21:** Bob Wagner

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of April 6-7: \$3,638

Faithfulness in Attendance: April 6-7: In Person Worship 129 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS APRIL 14-APRIL 27

April 14: Youth Group 6-8pm

April 16: Priscilla Circle Noon

Finance Meeting 5pm

Worship Meeting 7:30pm

April 20: Spring Clean-Up 10am-2pm

April 22: PEO Meeting 7pm

April 23: Election Day Soup Sale

April 26: Geranium Orders Due

April 27: 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
Mondays	1-3pm	Women's Bible Study
	7pm	Praise Band (Concert 2 nd Monday of the Month)
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
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir (Adults)
Thursdays	6:30pm	Grief Share, Lounge
	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: Over 200 items were collected for the Community Care Cabinet during the season of Lent.

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, The Jackubowski Family, Jean Linker, Dylan, Bill, John, Ernest Fountain, Thomas Bridget Frame, Florian, Glenda Shepherd, Dana, Paul, Family of Nancy Liskosky

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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