



Pentecost



May 18-19, 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.

Pentecost Weekend

Our Altar Flowers are In Honor of Our Confirmands and their Mentors

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Bev Atherholt & Susie Dobash (Sat) Frank & Marsha Paczewski (Sun)

Acolyte: Keyara S. (Sun) | Liturgists: Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) Margi Esopi & Confirmands (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

By Anna Laura Page

Organ: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

“And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit . . .”

Acts 2:2-4

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellie (Sat) Margi (Sun)

Spirit alive, wind blowing,
Poured out on all,
Young and old,
Skipping or limping.
Spirit alive, fire burning,
Touching all,
Daughters and sons,
Strong ones and smart ones,
Outspoken and shy ones,
Poor and oppressed.
Spirit alive,
Wind and fire,
Stirring us to praise,
Setting loose a song of joy.

*OPENING HYMN/PROCESSIONAL

“O Spirit of the Living God”

#539

Vs. 1 & 2

***OPENING PRAYER**

Ellie (Sat) Margi (Sun)

Come Spirit, blow through our lives with the power of your love. Create us anew with the winds of your grace. May the fires of your hope burn away our fears. May the power of your compassion remake us into a Pentecost people. Gather us up, fill us with good things, and teach us to speak with wisdom and power. 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

"Spirit of the Living God"

#393

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Old Time Religion/Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Arr. Dino Kartsonakis

Piano: Nancy Evans

***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**

Ellie (Sat) Margi (Sun)

By your love, holy God you have created all that is. In your Spirit you renew creation. Use our gifts to help bring justice and mercy to those in need. Send your Spirit upon us and transform us, that our world might know your love. We offer our gifts, knowing that they come from your Spirit. We offer our lives, trusting that your Spirit will transform us.

WORD OF GOD

Acts 2:1-24

Ellie (Sat) Isabella & Josh (Sun)

MESSAGE	“Holy Spirit, Holy Companion”	Pastor Jon
GIFT OF MUSIC	“Cantate Domino!”	Mozart, Arr. P. Liebergen (Sun) Chancel Choir & God’s Handful with Trumpet: T.J. Storm
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS – CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024		(Sun – See Insert)
HYMN OF PREPARATION	“One Bread, One Body” (Refrain)	#620
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		(See Insert)
*HYMN OF GOING FORTH	“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”	#404
*BENEDICTION	Go into the world, proclaiming God’s power. Carry the Spirit of truth to places of pain and struggle. Carry the Spirit of peace to places of fear and despair. May that peace dwell within your hearts, now and always. Amen.	
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	“Shalom to You”	By E. Eslinger/Anon (Sun) Chancel & God’s Handful
*POSTLUDE	“We Want to See Jesus Lifted High”	Arr. Mark Kellner Piano: Nancy Evans

Immediately following worship, 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!**



**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
FOR PENTECOST**

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Gracious God, Source of the Spirit, forgive us for doubting your goodness when you work in ways we do not understand.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Loving Christ, Wellspring of the Spirit, forgive us for failing to follow your example of compassion and service.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Holy Spirit, Living Water, forgive us for misusing your gifts when we focus more on ourselves than on others.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Words of Assurance

God declares, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh . . . and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Know with confidence that, by God's grace, you are forgiven and renewed. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you. . .

. . . And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. . .

. . . And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
showing forth the fruit of the Spirit until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

***The 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

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

SECOND HAND HEAVEN: Plans are in the works for the sale of 10 by 10 spaces for \$30. A church table will be filled with "treasures" from our congregation with proceeds going to the General Fund. Food will also be for sale. Our youth will have a bake sale also. If you would like to sign up for a spot, contact Sandy Michalisin at 570-690-0143 before Tuesday, May 21.

WASHCLOTHS FOR MISSION CENTRAL: The Susquehanna Annual Conference is scheduled to meet May 30 and delegates will be collecting items for Care Kits for Mission Central. Churches in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Districts are asked to collect adult sized washcloths to help. Our goal is to complete 1000 Care Kits to bless others in both our local communities and across the world. There is a bin in the narthex for washcloth donations.

CAMP INFORMATION SESSION: On May 19, 1-4pm at Orange UMC the director of Wesley Forest will be holding an information session on various UM camps, retreats, and scholarship opportunities. Refreshments will be provided along with activities, games, and other camp activities. There are camping opportunities for both children and adults.

POST-GENERAL CONFERENCE WEBINAR: The Susquehanna Conference delegation is hosting a post-General Conference webinar to share the most important takeaways from General Conference and answer questions that you may have. The webinar is scheduled for: Tuesday, May 21 from noon-1pm. Contact the church office with your email address for registration to view at home or you may go to view the webinar at Trucksville UMC on Tuesday, May 21 at noon.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP: We have 6 seats left for our Sight and Sound Theatre trip to Lancaster, Pa. on July 3, 2024, to see "Daniel".
Ages 13 & up...\$180/person Ages 12 & under ...\$120/person. Full Payment is due.
(checks should be made out to SUMC)

YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH/BAKE SALE: Our youth group is having a car wash at bake sale at NewMart Gas Station on Route 309 on Saturday, June 1 from 10am-2pm.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION: We will be recognizing our High School and College graduates at the 9:30am worship on June 2.

SATURDAY WORSHIP: Our summer Sat. Outdoor worship at the Pavilion begins on June 8.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our VBS “Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God” is Monday, July 15th through Thursday, July 18th. Dinner is 5:15pm and the program is 6-8pm. All children currently in preschool through 5th grade can register on the church website. Our VBS includes cool music, unique science experiments, creative crafts, fun games, and exciting Bible stories!

VBS VOLUNTEERS: Many adult and youth volunteers are needed for VBS on July 15 – 18. We hope you will consider helping to make this important community outreach a great success. If you can’t do all 4 days, that is okay, just indicate how many days you could help. There is a sign up in the Narthex or you can register as a volunteer on the church website.

SUMMER BIBLE DAYS: We know Sunday School is ending so we wanted to offer something fun for the kids to do this summer. We are calling it Summer Bible Days! On June 9, July 14, and August 11 we will be having a bible story, crafts, games, and snacks after Children’s Chat. Parents will pick their children up immediately following worship at 10:30am.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION PROGRAM: The Fine Arts Committee is hosting a “Juneteenth” Interactive Musical Program on Saturday June 22nd at 7:00pm entitled “Bamboo Man and the Drinking Gourd”. The musical performance is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be accepted with a reception to follow. This is a “must-see” program for the whole family!

NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP HELP FOR MAY 25-26

Greeters & Ushers: Cathy & John Nicks (Sat) Charlie Kishbaugh & Ron Rogers (Sun)

Liturgist: Sarah Church (Sat) Rich Oley (Sun) **Acolyte:** Ethan T.

May Altar Guild: Deb & Ray Poremba

Trustee Week of May 19: Larry Schuler **Trustee Week of May 26:** Brad Wall

Finances: Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of May 11-12: \$5,814

Faithfulness in Attendance: May 11-12: In Person Worship 153 Online Worship 35

UPCOMING AND WEEKLY EVENTS MAY 19-JUNE 1

May 19: Last Day of Sunday School

May 20: Youth Group 6-8pm

PEO Meeting 7pm

May 21: Priscilla Circle noon

Finance Meeting 4:45pm

Worship Meeting 7pm

June 1: Youth Car Wash at Newell Fuel 10am-2pm

SHAVERTOWN UMC WEEKLY RECURRING REGULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

Sundays	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Sunday School for Children and Adults (last day May 19)
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
	7pm	Men's Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesdays	9am	Prayer on Zoom
	7pm	AA Meeting, Social Hall
Thursdays	6:30pm	Grief Share, Lounge (Last Day May 23)
	7pm	AA Book Discussion Meeting, Social Hall
	7pm	Connected in Christ, HS Sunday School Room (Last Day May 23)
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 celebration of our 7 confirmands joining the church!

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, Mike Jackubowski, Bryant Mesick, Mary, Finley T. Nick, Chris Ostrowski, Melanie Cardillo

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)

Alice Niskey, The Village at Greenbriar, 4244 Memorial Hwy., Apt. 201, Dallas, Pa. 18612