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for the transformation of the world.*

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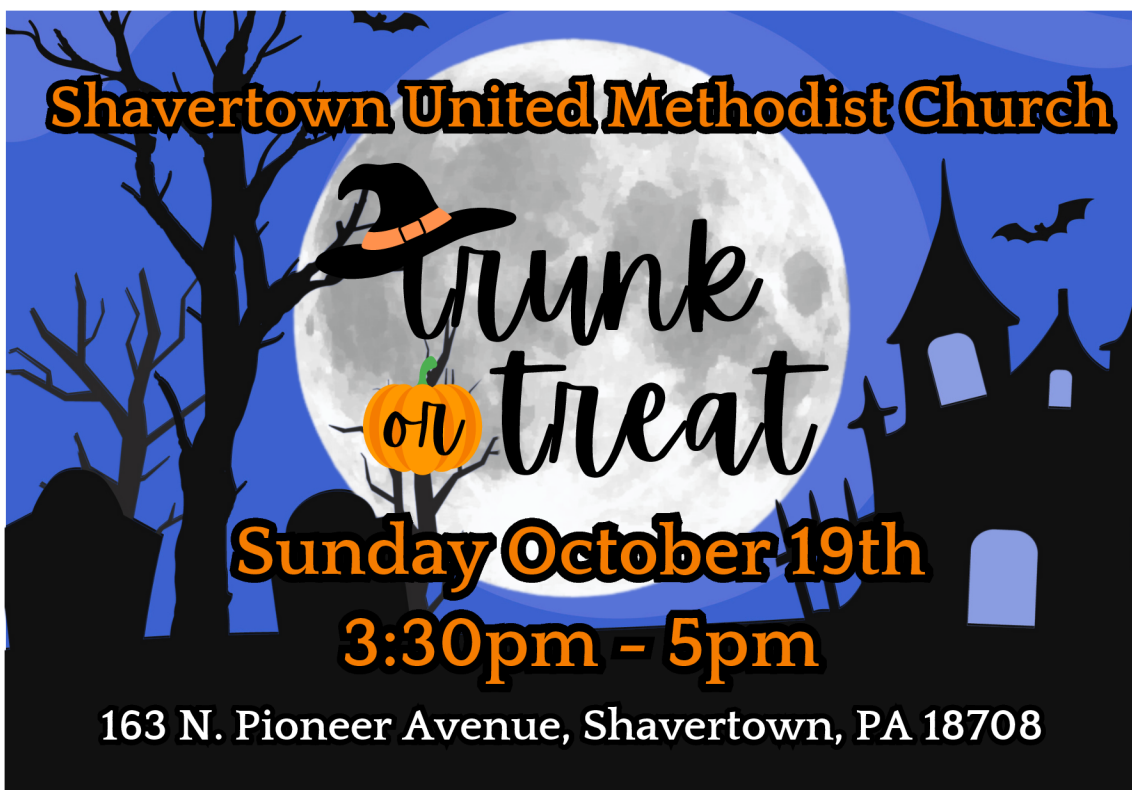
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Please join us on Sunday, October 19th from 3:30pm to 5pm for our annual Trunk or Treat! This event is for all ages and will be held in our Church parking lot. If you'd like to decorate your trunk and hand out candy, please call the church at 570-675-3616 to sign up! Candy donations are also being accepted in the Narthex.

From the Pastor

October 2025

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12-13, 27 NRSV

Greetings Shavertown Family,

As I write this, the leaves are changing. It's a time of the year that I love—not the cooling temps, or what it does to my sinuses, but I do love the colors. I love the oranges, yellows, and browns that blend with the greens of summer. I love the purples and vibrant reds. And I especially love the view of the mountains adorned with a riot of colors. It's beautiful to see from the deck or through the windshield. It's become a seasonal tourist attraction with communities publishing the best time to see the leaves turning.

Notice that no one goes on a trip to “see the leaf.” It's always plural. Seeing one orange leaf is pretty

cool, but it pales in comparison to a drive through the woods in the fall.

So perhaps it's no surprise that we celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October. It's a reminder that we have sisters and brothers in Christ all across the world. It's a reminder that there's a beauty to be seen in the Church across the world that is unique and breathtaking. We are individually members of the body of Christ. Our congregation is individually a member of the body of Christ. We are, all of us together, the body of Christ.

Grace to you and Peace as we journey together,
Pastor Jim

Thank You

Thank you to all our volunteers for the Luzerne County Fair, the Dallas Harvest Festival, and the annual Golf Tournament! Your service to our church and community is appreciated!



Sunday School

Sunday School Classes for Children & Adults
10:30 – 11:30am

Each step we take with God is an *Adventure in Faith*. For more information, please contact Ginger Walsh at christianeducationsumc@gmail.com.

Adult Classes & Groups

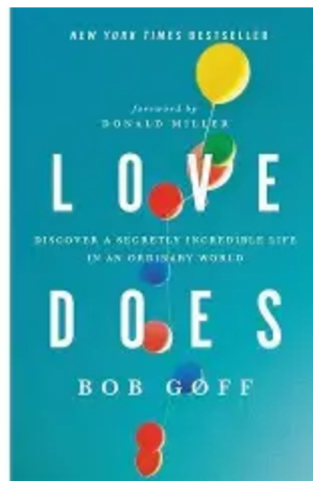
We continue to offer exciting classes with opportunities to grow in our faith with a chance for fellowship and fun. We hope you will consider joining a class. Please talk to the class facilitator (Rich Oley - Adult Sunday School, Mary Ellen Pajor - Women's Bible Study) for more information about their newest study!

Women's Bible Study – Mondays in the Lounge
1pm-3pm

Our current Bible study is Love Does by Bob Goff.

This book explores whether a simple concept shifts your entire world? When it comes to loving your neighbors, rather than focusing on having the "right answers" or checking the "right

boxes," what if you decide to simply DO love? To shamelessly show love and grace to those around you? What would that look like? When love does, life gets interesting. Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude in this collection of stories might inspire you to be secretly incredible, too. In this New York Times best selling book, you will learn to live a fully engaged life, stop putting things off until "next time" and see that God usually chooses ordinary people to get things done.



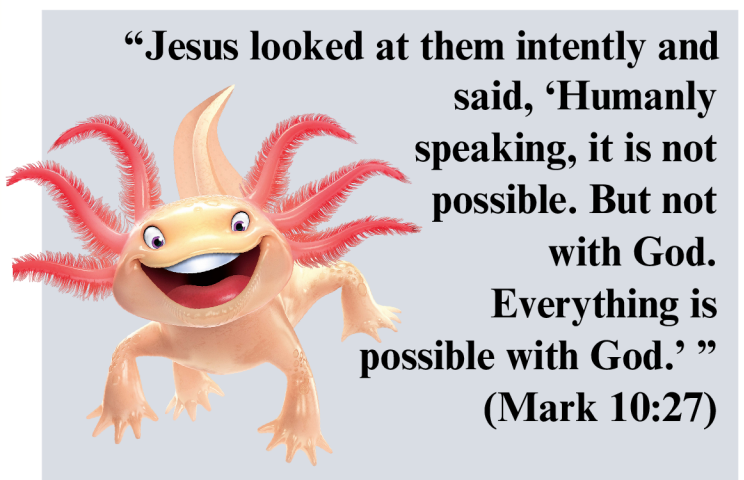
Children's Sunday School Classes

Sundays 10:30-11:30 AM

Classes for ages Preschool - 12th Grade

The Simply Loved curriculum engages a natural sense of curiosity to help understand God's love. It creates a safe environment for children to ask questions — helping them explore the Bible in ways that feed their imagination and encourages creativity. Through carefully selected Bible stories and hands-on activities, it gives children the tools to explore their faith while incorporating it into their daily lives.

Sunday School began September 7, with our theme of "We are all a part of God's Plan". Soon we will be meeting Axl, the Axolotl.



Acolyte Schedule

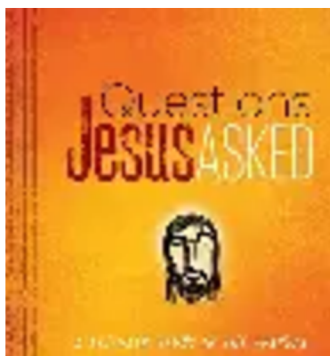
New Acolytes will be scheduled for fall. Check in at Sunday for the Acolyte schedule for October.



Adult Sunday School – Sundays in the Lounge
10:30am

The book chosen for Adult class is Questions Jesus Asked, Magrey deVega.

In Questions Jesus Asked, deVega explores six powerful questions Jesus posed—questions that reveal what truly matters to Him and open a window into our own hearts. From “Why are you terrified?” to “Who do you say that I am?”, these questions challenge and deepen our faith.



Asking these questions takes courage. Not only do they reveal what Jesus really cares about, they open a window into our hearts. We all have questions for God, but growth happens when we turn things around and ask what Jesus wants to know about us. When we dare to raise them, these questions bring us a fuller appreciation for the wisdom, power, and presence of God in our lives. Are you willing to step out in faith? Are you ready to answer the questions Jesus asked? This book will help to guide us through these questions as we come to find the answers together.



Bring a Friend!

Shavertown UMC

Grades 6 - 12

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group held a meeting on September 21st to get ready for all our fun fall events! We will be helping out with Trunk or Treat on October 19th. Contact Ginger Walsh for more info.

**Mark
Your
Calendar**

The Youth Group will take our annual trip to Whistle Pig on October 25th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Youth Group Coffee Corner

The Youth Group will be offering coffee on a regular basis after worship in the narthex. Stop by and enjoy some fellowship and a great cup of coffee!



**Mark
Your
Calendar**

Our first meeting for Confirmation will be on Sunday October 5th in the social hall.

Confirmation mentors are still needed. If you have a calling to mentor, please reach out to Ginger Walsh, Christian Education Director at christianeducationsumc@gmail.com



GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Grief Share support group will meet every Thursday evening in the lounge, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm, through December 18, 2025. For more information, contact Fred Bohn at 570-237-0750

Music Notes

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.” ~ Psalm 100

Shavertown UMC Music Program had a wonderful Music Sunday on September 14th. We also had a wonderfully inspiring and exciting concert of Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass on July 31st.

Welcome back all SUMC choirs! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

The Chancel Choir has begun to rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:45PM and have been sharing their gifts for God on Sundays.

The following is the schedule for choir rehearsals:

Cherub Choir: (ages 4 through 1st grade) Wed. 4:30-5:00PM

Children of Light/Chapel Chimes: (grades 2-5) Wed. 5:00-5:45PM.

Good News Ringers: (Handbells 6th grade through Adults) Tuesday 6-7:00PM

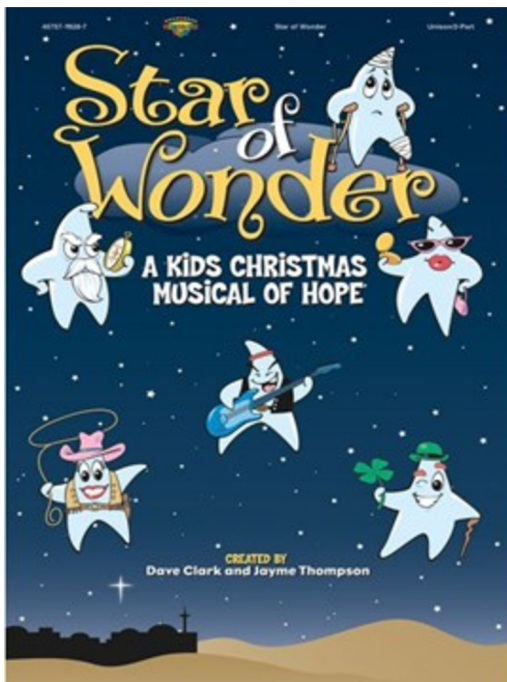
God's Handful: (Youth Choir grades 6-12) Sundays from 11:30-12:15PM

We are still accepting Fine Arts Patrons Forms. If you are interested in becoming a patron of the fine arts, forms are available in the narthex. Please return the form, along with your check made payable to Shavertown UMC with a notation on the check for FINE ARTS SERIES.

Mark your calendars for our **Carols by Candlelight** concert on Sunday, December 14th at 6pm. More information to come!

Love in Christ,
Nancy Evans

shavertown united methodist church
fine arts
concert series
spreading the good news through the gift of music



Announcing our Children's Christmas Pageant on December 20th at 5:30PM and December 21st at 9:30AM!

“You might wish upon a star, catch a falling star, recite starry-eyed poems like star light star bright, the first star I see tonight; you might sing songs about twinkling stars, have stars in your eyes, thank your lucky stars or utter strange, cultural phrases like my stars and garters. Each of those have their place in culture, lore and history, but there's only been one time in all of history where one could actually see and be witness to the Star of Wonder, the star that helped mark the miraculous birth of our Savior.”

Rehearsals will be on Saturday's from 10-11:30am starting on November 1st. If your child would like to participate, please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex or see Nancy Evans.



November 1st at 6:30pm

Mark your calendar for a chili cook-off and silent auction in the Social Hall on Saturday, November 1st, starting after worship at 6:30pm. Please put together baskets or other items for the silent auction and perfect your best chili recipes in the categories of Beef, Poultry, and Veggie/Other. The event will be advertised and open to the public, with prizes in each category and chili available for purchase. Entry and basket sign-ups will be posted in the Narthex in early October, or text Cindy at 570-877-3414.

PRAISE BAND CONCERT
Monday 7PM
October 13, 2025
Join us in person or online
All are welcome!



**United
Women
in Faith**

The Priscilla Circle
will meet on
Tuesday, October
21st, at noon in the

social room. Hostess Glenda Shepherd will lead devotions. Pastor Jim will present the program. Call Cathy Berkey for more information



Election Day Soup Sale **November 4th**

Stop by after voting to pick up some homemade soup! We will have 12 oz containers of various soups available for \$5 each. All proceeds benefit our Mission & Outreach program that provides monthly free meals to our community.



The Prayer Shawl Yarners will meet on Monday, October 6, at 7:00pm at Cathy Berkey's house for the great yarn giveaway. If you knit or crochet but can't be at the meeting, contact Cathy at 570-709-2338 to make arrangements to "shop" her yarn store. There are many weights and sizes of yarn available, including some unique novelty yarn.

Mission and Outreach
reaching out to our community



October 25, 2025 at Noon
SUMC Parking Lot

The October meal is Chicken Cordon Bleu casserole, cut green beans, rolls, and cookies. Meals will be delivered to cars in the parking lot starting at noon on October 25th.

CHURCH is not something you go to. It's a **FAMILY** you belong to!

Happy Anniversary

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| Allen & Shirlee Morrow | 10/01/2016 | 9 years | Jarrett Roan | 10/13/1972 | 53 years |
| Kelly & Charles Magdalinski | 10/02/1999 | 26 years | Richelle Munson & James Loefflad | 10/14/1995 | 30 years |
| Susan Crahall | 10/02/1999 | 26 years | Jaqueline Mylet | 10/17/2015 | 10 years |
| Don & Joanna Osenbruck | 10/02/1982 | 43 years | Phyllis Clemow | 10/20/1979 | 45 years |
| Diane & James Kelly | 10/05/1991 | 34 years | Nancy & Joseph Liskosky | 10/22/1989 | 36 years |
| Mardy & Glenda Shepherd | 10/07/1978 | 47 years | Karen Alessi | 10/23/2010 | 15 years |
| Jen & Christian Ostrowski | 10/07/2011 | 14 years | Ashley Shultz | 10/24/2020 | 5 years |
| Kathleen & Matthew Cooper | 10/11/1997 | 28 years | Tom & Diana Olsen | 10/24/2015 | 10 years |
| Jennifer Scales | 10/12/1991 | 34 years | TJ Shultz | 10/24/2020 | 5 years |
| Kurt & Sylvia Maas | 10/12/1985 | 40 years | Vincent & Sherrie Waslick | 10/27/2001 | 24 years |
| Lisa & Mark Evans | 10/12/1982 | 43 years | Joseph & Janine Gutierrez | 10/27/2007 | 18 years |

Join us in wishing Happy Birthday to those celebrating in October!

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| 10/01 Laura Salsman | 10/10 Christian Ostrowski | 10/16 Amy Wood | 10/24 Elijah Pippenger |
| 10/02 Robert Kunkle | 10/10 Raymond Wychock | 10/16 Allen Morrow | 10/25 Vincent Colatosti |
| 10/02 Jordan Agnew | 10/10 Michael Dennis | 10/16 Ella Banta | 10/25 Olivia Martin |
| 10/02 Isabella Bailey | 10/10 Josh Wychock | 10/17 Grant Gauntlett | 10/25 Sarah Church |
| 10/02 Lynn Banta | 10/12 Amy Bolton | 10/17 Janet Karrott | 10/26 James Holdredge |
| 10/02 Dylan Rimmey | 10/12 Anthony Karasinski | 10/17 Matthew Oley | 10/26 Jennifer Dent |
| 10/03 Sherrie Waslick | 10/14 Mardy Shepherd | 10/18 Colton Kaschenbach | 10/26 Erik Daniels |
| 10/04 Taylor Bolesta | 10/14 Jennifer Selenski | 10/19 Christie Meyers | 10/27 Harold Stout |
| 10/04 Kim Vivian | 10/14 Donald Rome | 10/19 Michele Butts | 10/28 Cindy Biesecker |
| 10/05 Carlie Davidson | 10/14 Gregory Adams | 10/19 Eithne Felker | 10/28 Alice Peters |
| 10/06 Matthew Gruver | 10/15 Thomas Tomasura | 10/21 Jennifer Lloyd | 10/28 Vienna DeAngelo |
| 10/07 Kathleen Kroll | 10/15 Curtis Evans | 10/22 Erica San Fanandre | 10/29 Barbara Keiper |
| 10/08 Tammy Miscavage | 10/16 Emily Crahall | 10/22 Maggie Banta | 10/30 MaryLou Grant |
| 10/08 Alexa Gauntlett | 10/16 Makayla Kelly | 10/23 Robert Wagner | 10/31 Kaitlyn VanEtten |
| 10/09 Jon Laity | 10/16 Mia Ide | 10/23 Shelby Girard | 10/31 Sterling Daniels |
| 10/09 Richard Oley | 10/16 Frank Paczewski | 10/23 Kathy Cooper | |
| 10/10 Phyllis Walski | 10/16 Joan Murray | 10/23 TJ Storm | |

Did we miss yours? Please email umcvine@gmail.com with your birth date or anniversary, including the year so our information is correct.

SHAVERTOWN UMC UPCOMING **Activities & Meetings**

Weekly Events:

Worship Saturdays @ 5:30pm & Sundays @ 9:30am

Women's Bible Study Mondays @ 1pm

Men's Breakfast Tuesdays @ 8am

Coffee & Conversation Tuesdays @ 10am, Shavertown McDonalds

Prayer Group via zoom Wednesdays @ 9am

Upcoming Team & Committee Meetings:

Mission & Outreach Wednesday, October 1st @ 6:30pm

Church Council Tuesday, October 7th @ 7:00pm

Finance Tuesday, October 21st @ 4:45pm

Church Conference Tuesday, October 21st @ 6:00pm

Worship Team Tuesday, October 28th @ 7:00pm

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UPCOMING
EVENTS

- Monday, October 13th @ 7pm**
Praise Band Concert
- Sunday, October 19th @ 3:30pm - 5pm**
Trunk or Treat
- Saturday, October 25th @ Noon**
Community Meal Giveaway
- Saturday, November 1st @ 6:30pm**
Chili Cook-Off & Silent Auction

Check it out... **Points of Interest!** 

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