

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 13

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 PRAYER LIST: The United Methodist Church, Our Country, People of Ukraine, Victims of the recent California shootings. Victims of 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

JOYS: The roller skating outreach event for grades 3,4,5 elementary students & families.

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Margi Esopi & Family, Judy Legg, Clarence Michael, Coolbaugh Family, Jimmy Tighe

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
CDR 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	1 st LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, UT
Col. P.J. Perrone Jr., Fort Belvoir, VA	Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves
Major Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA	2 nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
1 st Lt. Allen Carson, 109 th US Army Reserves, Phila.	Sgt. Brandon Pall, Army, Poznan, Poland
Rick Hodle III, US Army	Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan
CPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves	Daniel Cochran, US Navy Nuclear School

Think of this Friend (with cards and prayers)
Al Billings, 19 Old Grandview Ave., Dallas, Pa. 18612

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad to worship with you today!

MAY ALTAR GUILD: Deb & Ray Poremba
LITURGIST: Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)
USHERS/GREETERS: Christine Koerwer (Sat) Frank & Marsha Paczewski (Sun)
TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6: Larry Schuler
ACOLYTE: Josh J.

- Sun. May 7 Worship 9:30am
Sunday School 10:30am
God’s Handful 11:30am
Birthday Tea 1pm, Social Hall
Youth Group/Confirmation Celebration 5pm- Pavilion
- Mon. May 8 Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge
Praise Band Concert 7pm
- Tues. May 9 Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8 am Apple Tree Terrace
Coffee & Conversation 10am
Children of Light 4:30pm
Chapel Chimes 5pm
Good News Ringers 6:00pm
Men’s Bible Study 7pm on Zoom
Trustees 7pm-Lounge
- Wed. May 10 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM
- Thurs. May 11 Grief Share 6:30pm - Lounge
AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
Connected in Christ Class – 7pm HS Sunday School Room
- Fri. May 12 Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. May 13 Spring Clean-Up 10 am-1pm
Worship 5:30pm

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of April 29/30: \$2,959
Faithfulness in Attendance April 29/30: In Person Worship 126 Online Worship 40

Activity Bags for young children are available in the back of the church.

COMING UP MAY 14 THROUGH MAY 20

MAY ALTAR GUILD: Deb & Ray Poremba

LITURGIST: Carol Folk (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) Nan Boswell & Carter T. (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 14: Kim Donlin

ACOLYTE: Abby J.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Joan Roskos & Beverly Condo by their family

Sun. May 14 Worship 9:30am
Sunday School 10:30am-Last One

Mon. May 15 Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

Tues. May 16 Primary Election Day
Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8 am Apple Tree Terrace
Coffee & Conversation 10am
Priscilla Circle-Noon
Children of Light 4:30pm
Chapel Chimes 5pm
Good News Ringers 6:00pm
Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom

Wed. May 17 Prayer 9am on Zoom
I'm Big Now Graduation 9:30am-noon Sanctuary & Social Hall
Girl Scouts 5:30pm
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Thurs. May 18 Grief Share 6:30pm - Lounge
AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
Connected in Christ Class – 7pm HS Sunday School Room

Fri. May 19 Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. May 20 Worship 5:30pm

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

BIRTHDAY TEA: The annual Birthday Tea will be held on Sun., May 7 at 1pm. If you would like to attend, call Sue Holdredge at 570-239-3530.

YOUTH GROUP/CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION: All youth (6th-12th grade), confirmands, mentors, and confirmation families are invited for a BBQ with great food, games, and dessert on May 7th, 5-8pm at the pavilion. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to bring something to share.

GRADUATES: Please contact the church office with the names and parent e-mail of any High School or College Graduates by May 9.

GERANIUM FUNDRAISER: Vouchers will be available May 6-7 after worship or at the church office after May 7. You may redeem your vouchers for 4.5" pots in your choice of colors at Darling's Nursery from May 12-31.

SPRING CLEAN-UP: Spring has sprung and so have the weeds. We are asking all gardeners to help with grounds clean-up on Sat., May 13 from 10am until 1pm. Please bring gardening tools such as rakes and shovels. A truck or trailer is also needed to pick up mulch. Please contact Kim Donlin for more information at 570-417-9992.

HOAGIE SALE: On election day, May 16, we will be selling hoagies. We are looking for donations of individually wrapped brownies or cookies and Lays potato chips. Volunteers are needed to work 2 hour shifts starting at 7am. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE: Our meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at noon in the lounge. Our hostess will be Bev Bunney who will lead the devotions. The program will be presented by Carol Folk. Please join for a time of good food and fellowship. For more information, please contact Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

MEAL GIVE-AWAY: We are requesting donations of boxes of Lays chips, cut up celery, small carrots & Individual applesauce or monetary donations for May 20. Please advise Sandy Michalisin at 570-690-0143 of your donations.

CHILDREN'S DAY: We hope you can join us for a very special worship on Sunday, May 21 at 9:30am, when the children of the church will remind us that we are all uniquely created with different talent through skits, art, music, and the message that "We are God's Masterpiece"!

Shavertown United Methodist Church

May 6 & 7, 2023

5th Sunday after Easter

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world!

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight.

1 Peter 2:4

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world,
but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God's presence on earth**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of the darkness into God's
marvelous light. Therefore, we sing with the church in all ages:

**Blessed by your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a
living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

#545

Vs 1,2 & 3

*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

**God of Life, your risen Son has gathered us into the church, nourished us with his body and
blood, and poured out upon us your Holy Spirit. Grant that we may receive the blessing of
your grace, so that we may love you with all our hearts, and gladly feed your sheep in the
name of Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

"Where Children Belong"

#2233

*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

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

#349

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

*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

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

**God of overflowing abundance, you have fed us on your spiritual milk and nourished us on
your heavenly food. When the snares of this world threatened to overwhelm us, you have
been our fortress and our rock, saving us from the net that is hidden from us. As people
thankful for the mercy we have received, we entrust our lives and our spirit into your care,
offering you our gifts, in the hope that they may reflect your light for all to see. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

John 14: 1-14

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat)

Pg #108

Ginger McCabe (Sun)

MESSAGE

"Knowing the Way"

Pastor Jon

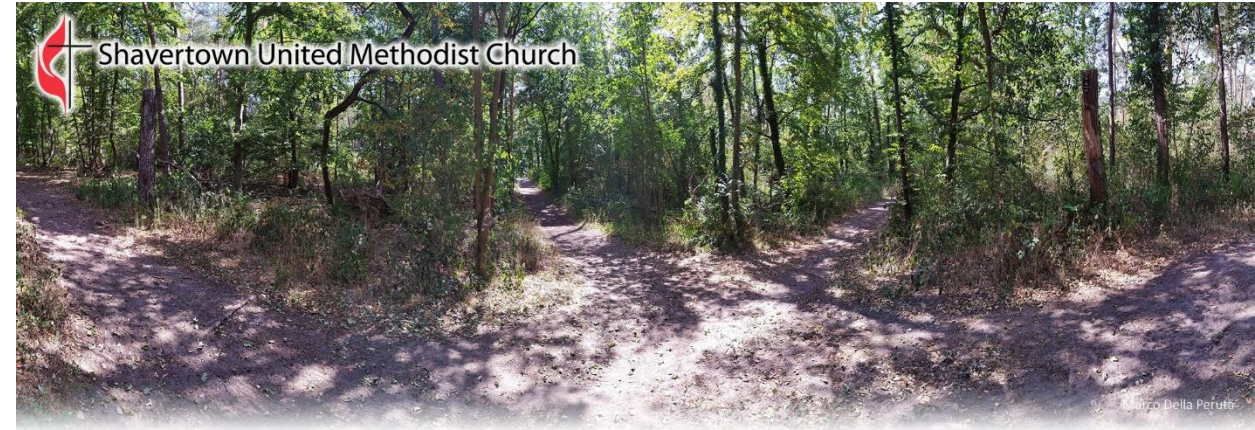
HYMN OF PREPARATION "Let Us Break Bread Together" #618
Vs. 1-2

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (See Insert)

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "Victory in Jesus" #370

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Knowing the Way

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. Thank you!

Welcome! We are happy you are joining us for worship today. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to welcome you as part of the Shavertown UMC family! Please fill out a connection card found in the pew and put it in the collection plate. We worship on Saturday at 5:30 PM and Sunday at 9:30 AM. Christian Education is available for all ages. We invite you to visit our welcome table in the Narthex for a gift and information on the many ministries our church has to offer. You can also follow us on Facebook and visit our website at www.shavertownumc.com. We hope you will join us again!

May 6 & 7, 2023

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Communications Coordinator – Amy Wall

Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage

Communion Litany

Invitation

I now extend this invitation for you to come to the Lord's Table and of the Holy Sacrament.

Come, not because you must, but because you may.

Come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak.

Come, not because you are righteous, but because you sincerely trust the Lord Jesus Christ.

Come, not just to receive the benefits that Christ may give, but because you desire to be a true disciple of His.

Come, not to express an opinion, but to seek a Presence and to pray for a Spirit.

Come, not because you have any claim on heaven's rewards, but because in your frailty and sin, you stand in constant need of forgiveness and renewal.

Come, may this bread and cup be for you the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Confession

We come, not because we are worthy, but because Christ bids us to come.

We come, not because we have any merits of our own, but because we seek God's righteousness.

We come, not because of a sense of duty to the Church, but because this sacrament is the highest privilege in Christian worship.

We come, not because of our great love for others, but because we are drawn nearer to them in this fellowship.

We come, because we want to experience communion with God, our Sovereign, who was revealed in Jesus the Christ, and is ever present in the Holy Spirit, Guide and Comforter.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Give thanks to God; remember God is so good.

God's love is everlasting. Praise God!

O God, merciful Maker and Sustainer, you have consecrated for us a new Way of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant to us gathered here to partake of the bread and the cup that our hearts and our lives might be truly yielded to the call of His spirit.

On the night he gave himself up for us and for the world, at the table with those who would desert and deny him, he took bread, gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper had ended, he took the cup, gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Now as we commemorate His last supper with His disciples, and the offering of Himself on the cross; we pray consecrate these gifts of bread and wine, which represent for us the body that was broken and the blood that was shed on our behalf.

As we receive this sacrament, may we be renewed in spirit and in our devotion to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup announcing His death for the sins of the whole world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations.

***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.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup