

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MAY 13 THROUGH MAY 20**

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:** Mothers and mother figures who have nurtured us.

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, Jim Petrie, Rick Hodle, Judy Gribble, 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Allen Carson, 109 <sup>th</sup> 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)

John & Gladys Chapple, 36 Longdale Ave., Dallas, Pa. 18612

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of May 6/7: \$4,200**  
**Faithfulness in Attendance May 6/7: In Person Worship 106 Online Worship 40**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are so glad to worship with you today!

**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-Mother’s Day-Mylet Baptism  
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-Hoagie Sale  
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  
Finance Meeting 5pm  
Endowment Meeting 7pm  
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 4:30pm  
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      Fellowship Meal Give-Away-Noon  
Worship 5:30pm

**COMING UP MAY 21 THROUGH MAY 27**

**MAY ALTAR GUILD:** Deb & Ray Poremba

**LITURGIST:** Ellie Hottenstein (Sat) High School Students (Sun)

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Sunday School Children (Sun)

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21:** Joe Kopalek

**ACOLYTE:** Makayla K.

- Sun. May 21      Worship 9:30am- Children's Day  
Confirmation Practice 10:30am
- Mon. May 22      Women's Bible Study 1-3pm Lounge  
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
- Tues. May 23      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  
Worship Meeting 7:30pm  
Girl Scout Troop 30262 6-8pm Pavilion
- Wed. May 24      Prayer 9am on Zoom  
SPPRC Meeting 6pm  
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- Thurs. May 25      Boy Scouts Pavilion  
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 26      Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. May 27      Worship 5:30pm

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**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 – YOU ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE:** 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"!

**THANK YOU!** A heartfelt thank you from Mary Ellen Pajor to everyone who helped make the roller skating event on 05/05/23 a success. We had a total of 54 skaters and 35 shoe rentals.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH:** The church is offering a free monthly labyrinth to the public available on the third Wednesday of each month. The next opening is May 17 from 3-6pm. Shoes are NOT worn while walking on the labyrinth and socks are required. For more information, please call the church at 570-675-3859.

**CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY:** This year's 74<sup>th</sup> annual spring concert will be held on Friday, May 19, 7pm at Mary, Mother of God Parish: Holy Rosary Church, Scranton and again on Sunday, May 21, 7pm, at The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, Kingston. Adult tickets are \$10, Seniors & Students are \$8, Ages 12 and under are free.

**VBS:** This year's vacation bible school will be held the week of July 17. The theme this year is Food Truck Party featuring DJ Cupcake and Top Chef. More information to follow.

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | Festival of The Christian Home | Mother's Day

Our Altar Flowers are In Memory of Joan Roskos & Beverly Condo by their family

## Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Fred & Marilyn Wesley (Sat) Nan Boswell & Carter Thompson (Sun)

Acolyte: Abby J (Sun) | Liturgists: Carol Folk (Sat) Cindy Biesecker (Sun)

(\* indicates please stand if you are able)

## PRELUDE

"A Joyous Acclamation"

By Gerald Peterson

Organ: Nancy Evans

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

"Listen to me, Lord, as a mother, and hold me warm and forgive me. Soften my experiences into wisdom, my pride into acceptance, my longing into trust; and soften me into love to others and to you." -Ted Loder

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

We gather to worship our loving, nurturing God, who like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comfort us in times of need.

**Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life! Amen!**

## \*OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

#369

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Carol (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

**God, with a mother's heart, you gather us as your children. You comfort and hold us in your embrace. When we hurt, your arms enfold us. When we are afraid, your wings protect us.**

**When we are hungry, you feed us with the bread of life. God, with a mother's heart, your love surrounds and supports, in good times and in tough times, in the midst of joy and pain, always and everywhere. You will never leave or abandon us. God eternal and loving one, God, with a mother's heart, we thank you this day for being a part of your family. Amen.**

(Christine Sine, godspace-msa.com)

## 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.*

## GIFT OF MUSIC

"You Planted the Love"

By Carol Tornquist

Children of Light

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## CALL TO PRAYER

"The Family Prayer Song"

#2188

*Come and fill our homes with your presence; you alone are worthy of our reverence. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

*We will serve the Lord.*

*Lord we vow to live holy, bowing our knees to you only. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

*We will serve the Lord.*

## 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

"Every Valley Needs a Lily"

Arr. Stacey Nordmeyer

Chancel Choir

## \*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

Carol (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

**Gracious God, you have given us the gift of love: love of you, love of Christ, love of one another, love of the world. We offer you this thanksgiving sacrifice, that you might take it**

**and make this offering of love visible for all the world to see. Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

John 14: 15-21, 25-27

Carol (Sat) Cindy (Sun)

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**MESSAGE** "What We Want for Our Children" Pastor Jon  
**BAPTISM** Conrad Jack Mylet (See insert)  
**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" #605  
Vs. 1, 2  
**\*BENEDICTION**  
**\*POSTLUDE** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Arr. Suzanne Arant  
Piano: Nancy Evans

**Immediately following worship, all Sunday school students  
are asked to remain in their seats.  
We will be doing our opening in the Sanctuary. Thank you!**

### 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!**



May 13 & 14, 2023

## 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 put it in the collection plate.

Christian Education is available for all ages.

You're invited to visit our Welcome Table in the Narthex for a gift and information on the many ministries our church offers.

We hope you'll join us again.

## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

### PRESENTATION OF THE CHILDREN TO BE BAPTIZED

#### TO THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

Pastor: Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior?

**Parents & Sponsors: Yes, He is.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world and repent of your sin?

**Parents & Sponsors: I do.**

Pastor: Do you put your trust in Jesus Christ and follow Him?

**Parents & Sponsors: I do.**

Pastor: Do you intend *this child* to be His disciple, to obey His word and show His love?

**Parents & Sponsors: I do.**

Pastor: Will you endeavor to keep *this child* under the ministry and guidance of Christ's holy church until by the power of God he shall accept for *himself* the gift of salvation, and be confirmed as full and responsible member of Christ's holy church?

**Parents & Sponsors: We will.**

#### TO THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**Congregation: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *this child* before you in your care?

**Congregation: With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will embody faith, hope and love so that *this child* will grow up learning to trust God and to live Love's service in the world. We will pray for *him* on *his* journey of discipleship among us.**

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

#### A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Most Holy God, throughout history as recorded in the scriptures you have used water in creative, cleansing and saving ways to demonstrate your faithfulness and love. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, who was nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit to make disciples. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and this gift of water. Let your baptismal touch bring this child into your holy circle and tender embrace.

**May all glory and honor be yours, now and forever. Amen!**

#### BAPTISM

*Conrad Jack Mylet*

I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you,  
that being born through water and the Spirit  
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Brothers and sisters of the household of faith, we commend to your love and care *this child*, whom this day we recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that *he* may grow in the knowledge and the love of God through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord?

**We are grateful for the gift of *this child* who delights us and reminds us that God has not yet given up on his human family. We welcome *him* into this congregation of the family of God, and pray that we may love *him*, learn from *him*, and grow with *him* in strength to love God and all our neighbors.**

See what love the Father has given us that *he* should be called a *child* of God!

**And so *he is!* Amen!**

Welcoming Song      “Welcome to the Family of God”      by N. Sleeth  
Children of Light



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**Conrad Jack Mylet**

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