

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MAY 27 THROUGH JUNE 3

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 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: Confirmation of our 8 youth

CONCERNS: Our homebound friends, Edie Graziano, Judy Gribble, Jim Petrie, Alyson McRipley, Rick Hodle, Judy Gribble, Margi Esopi & 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)
Helen Davis, 30 Willow Way, Dallas, Pa. 18612

ANNOUNCEMENTS
We are so glad to worship with you today!

MAY ALTAR GUILD: Deb & Ray Poremba
LITURGIST: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Confirmands (Sun)
USHERS/GREETERS: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Bev Bunney & Aaron Harvatine (Sun)
TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28: Brad Wall
ACOLYTE: Landon H.
ALTAR FLOWERS: In Memory of Harriet J. Parker by the Killian Family

- Sun. May 28 Worship 9:30am-Confirmation
- Mon. May 29 Office Closed-Memorial Day
- Tues. May 30 Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8 am Apple Tree Terrace
Coffee & Conversation 10am
Men’s Bible Study 7pm on Zoom
- Wed. May 31 Prayer 9am on Zoom
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
- Thurs. June 1 Staff Meeting 11:30am
Back Mountain Daycare Graduation 5:30pm Pavilion
AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
- Fri. June 2 Community Care Cabinet 10am
- Sat. June 3 Outside Worship 5:30pm Pavilion

Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450 Week of May 20/21: 2,814 May Direct Deposits \$5,286
Faithfulness in Attendance May 20/21: In Person Worship 159 Online Worship 40

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

COMING UP JUNE 4 THROUGH JUNE 10

JUNE ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn & Fred Wesley

LITURGIST: Cathy Nicks (Sat) Margi Esopi (Sun)

USHERS/GREETERS: TBD (Sat) TBD (Sun)

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 4: Tom Ketchner

ACOLYTE: Isabella W.

Sun. June 4	Worship 9:30am Youth Group 5S Party 2-4pm Pavilion
Mon. June 5	Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm Lounge Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
Tues. June 6	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast 8 am Apple Tree Terrace Coffee & Conversation 10am Council Meeting 7pm Men's Bible Study 7pm on Zoom
Wed. June 7	Prayer 9am on Zoom Girl Scouts 4:30pm Last One AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall
Thurs. June 8	AA Book Discussion Meeting 7-8pm in Social Hall
Fri. June 9	Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. June 10	Outside Worship 5:30pm Pavilion

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Our meeting is on Monday, June 6 at 6pm. Please bring your work in progress and enjoy an evening of yarnning and conversation. Refresher lessons are available. Call Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338 for more information.

SOUTHERN FUNDRAISER: Glenda Shepherd is hosting a home-cooked southern cuisine meal at her home on Thursday, June 8 at 6pm. The cost is \$40 per person and space is limited to 12 reservations. A sign-up is located in the Narthex or by calling Glenda at 205-299-6313. This benefits SUMC General Fund. Ya'll come and don't leave hungry!

PRISCILLA CIRCLE: Our picnic will be held on Tuesday, June 20 at 6pm in the pavilion. Bring your place setting and a dish to share (along with the recipe). Beverages will be provided. Also bring a wrapped gift for our auction which will benefit our vacation bible school. You do not have to be a member to attend. Please join us for good food and fellowship. For more information, please call Cathy Berkey at 570-709-2338.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our VBS "Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God" is Monday, July 17th through Thursday, July 20th. 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 17-20. This is an important community outreach. We hope you will consider helping to make it 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 on the church website.

YOUTH GROUP: Please join our Super Silly Sloppy Summer Shenanigans on Sunday, June 4th from 2-4pm at the pavilion for an afternoon of activities for grades 6-12. Please bring a towel and a change of clothes. Also wear old clothes and shoes that can be washed or discarded. You are welcome to bring a friend!

SATURDAY WORSHIP: Starting June 3, our 5:30pm Saturday evening worship will be in the pavilion (weather permitting). The pavilion is located behind the Aicher Parking Lot on Pioneer Ave. next to St. Nicholas Cemetery. Join us as we worship in the beauty of God's creation.

Pentecost Weekend

Our Altar Flowers are In Memory of Harriet J. Parker by the Killian Family

Helping with Worship today:

Greeters/Ushers: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Bev Boney & Aaron Harvatine (Sun)

Acolyte: Landon H. (Sun) | Liturgists: Bev Atherholt (Sat) Brenda Kopalek & Confirmands (Sun)

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" By G.Croly/F.Atkinson
Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MEDITATION

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" John 7:37-38

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Bev (Sat) Brenda (Sun)

Mighty wind of God,
Blow through this place.
Stir us to praise,
Lift us from despair.
Holy fire of God,
Enliven our spirits,
Heat up our compassion,
Burn away our fear.
Mighty wind and holy fire,
Revive us again,
Set loose joy
And a chorus of praise!

***OPENING HYMN/PROCESSIONAL** "Spirit of God" #2117
Vs. 1-4

***OPENING PRAYER** Bev (Sat) Paige (Sun)

We rejoice greatly, loving God, in the birthday of the church known to us as Pentecost. Your Holy Spirit has come bringing the church into reality. Likewise, your Holy Spirit seals us as members of Christ's family. Your Spirit emboldens the church and keeps us faithful as disciples of Christ. So we praise you, Lord, for the church that has nourished us from our childhood and continues to nourish us today. 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 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #334
There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

GIFT OF MUSIC "How Firm a Foundation" Arr. Sandra Eithun
Good News Ringers

***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** Bev (Sat) Ava S. (Sun)
Gift-giving God, thank you for filling us with good things. Life-giving Spirit, thank you for blessing our lives and drawing us ever deeper into fellowship with Christ. May the offerings we present today bless those who thirst for the living water that only you can provide. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Acts 2:1-21
Pg. 119

Bev (Sat) Adalyn & Ava P. (Sun)

MESSAGE

“Risky Business”

Pastor Jon

HYMN

“Spirit Song”
Vs. 1

#347 (Sun)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS – CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2023

(Sun – See Insert)

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“One Bread, One Body” (Refrain)

#620

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(see insert)

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Forward Through the Ages”
Vs 1 & 3

#555

***BENEDICTION**

May the Spirit of the living God continue to fall afresh on you as you go from this place.
Remember that we are always one in Christ Jesus. Go and share unity in the Spirit
as you live lives of wholeness and peace. **May it be so. Amen!**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“The Lord Bless and Keep You”

By Peter Lutkin (Sun)
Chancel & God’s Handful

***POSTLUDE**

“O Spirit of the Living God”

Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams
Organ: Nancy Evans

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



May 27 & 28, 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.

**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.

Amazing God, there is more to life than we can see or fathom, yet how often we try to shrink the mystery, tame the dream, limit what is possible. Remind us that the Spirit is always blowing new life into our days, surprising us with wonder and blessing. Forgive us for dull awareness and hesitant witness.

Let us be made new again and again no matter what age we are. And let us hear again and again of your love that came to us in Jesus that we might have eternal life. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

The Savior of the world, refuge of the repentant, forgives and strengthens all who truly seek his grace. He accepts you as sons and daughters, and sets you free for the bondage of your past. For Christ died and rose to new life that we might all share his wholeness and abundant life. **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.**