

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 23 THROUGH APRIL 30**

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, 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 budding of flowers and the chirps of birds signaling a new dawn.

**CONCERNS:** Our homebound friends, People of Ukraine, Jimmy Tighe, Conover Family, Joe, Connor, Rob, The Mesick Family, Margie Kishbaugh, Sandy Cooper, Paula Ferrara, Fred Wesley ,Joan Roskos, John Gorman, Alycia, Michelle Butts

*Names remain on the list for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise. Thank You & may God bless!*

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

Maj. Shannon Dzurly Dawson, US Air Force	Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, 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	2 <sup>nd</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	Specialist Alex Barilla, US Army, KS
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Allen Carson, 109 <sup>th</sup> US Army Reserves, Phila.	Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, TX
Rick Hodle III, US Army	Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan
CPL Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force

**Think of this Friend** (with cards and prayers)

Royal Sutton, 33 Three Mast Lane, Hilton Head, SC 29928

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,450      Week of April 23/24: \$5,845**

**Faithfulness in Attendance April 23/24: In Person Worship 139, Online Worship 35**

**NURSERY AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30AM WORSHIP**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are so glad to worship with you today!

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm

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

**LITURGIST:** Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Michelle Jackubowski (Sun)

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Donna & Sarah Church (Sat) TBD (Sun)

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1:** Aaron Harvatine

**ACOLYTE:** Josh

Sun. May 1      Worship – 9:30am  
Sunday School – 10:30am  
God’s Handful 11:30am  
Human Sexuality and the UMC 1-3pm Social Hall  
Spring Concert 7pm followed by fellowship in the Social Hall

Mon. May 2      Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm  
Girl Scouts 6:30pm  
Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm

Tues. May 3      Coffee & Conversation McDonald’s 10am  
Children of Light 4:30pm  
Chapel Chimes 5pm  
Good News Ringers 6pm  
Men’s Bible Study 7pm on Zoom

Wed. May 4      Prayer 9am on Zoom  
American Red Cross Blood Drive Noon-5pm in honor of Sandy Richardson  
Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30pm  
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thu. May 5      Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB’S Coffee House  
Cherubs 5pm  
Grief Share 6:30pm

Fri. May 6      Community Care Cabinet 10am  
Confirmation Retreat Overnight 7:30pm until Sat at Noon

Sat. May 7      Worship 5:30pm

**COMING UP APRIL 23 THROUGH APRIL 30**

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

**LITURGIST :** Cathy Berkey (Sat) Mike Jackubowski (Sun)

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Christine Koerwer (Sat) TBD (Sun)

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9:** Kim Donlin

**ACOLYTE:** Madisen

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** To the mother of our wonderful grandchildren given by Mr. & Mrs. Peterka

Sun. May 8      Worship – 9:30am -Mother’s Day  
Sunday School – 10:30am  
God’s Handful 11:30am

Mon. May 9      Women’s Bible Study 1-3pm  
Praise Band Concert 7pm

Tues. May 10    Coffee & Conversation McDonald’s 10am  
Staff Meeting 11am  
Children of Light 4:30pm  
Chapel Chimes 5pm  
Good News Ringers 6pm  
Men’s Bible Study 7pm on Zoom  
Trustee Meeting 7pm

Wed. May 11    Prayer 9am on Zoom  
SPPRC Meeting 6:30pm  
AA Meeting 7pm Social Hall  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Thu. May 12    Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast 8am KB’S Coffee House  
Cherubs 5pm  
Grief Share 6:30pm

Fri. May 13      Community Care Cabinet 10am

Sat. May 14      Worship 5:30pm

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**HUMAN SEXUALITY AND THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** A discussion will be held regarding the issue of how we are to be in ministry for and with LGBTQ persons. We wish to be faithful to the scripture while at the same time seeking to be welcoming to all. On Sunday, May 1, there will be a presentation at 1pm in the Social Hall by Rev. Dr. Tom Salsgiver, assistant to the bishops. No registration is required for this event.

**SPRING MUSIC CONCERT:** The Fine Arts Concert Series will present our spring concert, "God: Our Hope for Tomorrow" this Sunday, May 1, 2022, @ 7:00 PM. Featured will be the vocal and bell choirs along with congregational singing of favorite hymns with organ and choirs. A free will offering will be taken and an Ice Cream Social will follow the concert.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** We will host a blood drive Wed., May 4, noon until 5 in honor of Sandy Richardson. Please give so others may live.

**CONFIRMATION OVERNIGHT RETREAT:** The Confirmation Overnight Retreat is May 6 and 7. All current confirmands and those confirmed in 2021 are invited for a fun night at SUMC.

**MOTHER’S DAY MAY 8:** To honor or remember mothers, please fill out the form with a donation of \$1 for each name. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.

**GRADUATES:** Please let the church office know of any H.S. or College Graduates by May 10.

**CHILDREN’S DAY:** Children’s Day is May 15 at 9:30am, we hope you will join us for this exciting worship! Our children are busy as bees preparing to share the BEEatitudes with you!

**NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** On Sunday, May 15 at 10:40 am we will begin a New Member Class. If interested in joining Shavertown UMC or finding out more about the United Methodism, please call or e-mail the church office or speak to Pastor Jon.

**BIRTHDAY TEA:** The Birthday Tea will be May 15 at 1:00pm. All the women of the church are invited to attend. If you would like a table to decorate, please see Sue Holdredge. Each table will be responsible for your own food and drinks. Hope to see you there.

**VISITING OUR CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME**

Welcome! We are so happy you are joining us for worship today. Please fill out a connection card found in the pew and put it in the collection plate. 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.

We hope you will join us again soon!

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

April 30 & May 1, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of 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

“God Is So Good”

Arr. Fred Bock

Organ: Nancy Evans

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MEDITATION

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4: 1-3 NRSV

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat)Michelle Jackubowski (Sun)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. As we gather in this place,  
allow your spirit to fill our very being.

**As we worship today, we remember our brothers and sisters who are worshiping  
elsewhere throughout the world. Inspire each of us to work more faithfully  
for justice and dignity of life everywhere.**

Raise our vision above the barriers of color, culture, and differences of belief that separate  
us. Give us wisdom as we deal with one another; help us to recognize  
and to respect different ways, rather than to judge.

**In the spirit of Jesus who came not to be served but to serve, we now must walk  
in the world, we now must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love.**

**Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world.**

Come, people of God, rejoice!

**Come, let us worship together.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

#549

Vs 1-3, 5

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat)Michelle Jackubowski (Sun)

**O gracious God, we pray for your holy Church universal, that you would be pleased to fill it  
with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where  
in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide  
for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever  
lives to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

The Book of Common Prayer, USA 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Alt.

## CHILDREN’S CHAT

“Where Children Belong”

#2233

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## CALL TO PRAYER

“Make Us One”

#2224

*Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one. Let your love flow so the world will  
know we are one in you.*

## 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, who power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat)Michelle Jackubowski (Sun)

**Receive these gifts this morning, O God, author of every good gift. Out of the bounty of our  
hearts, we respond with faithful generosity and love. May these gifts become blessing for  
others as they have been blessing for us. Amen.**

## GIFT OF MUSIC

“Jubilate, Sing Praise”

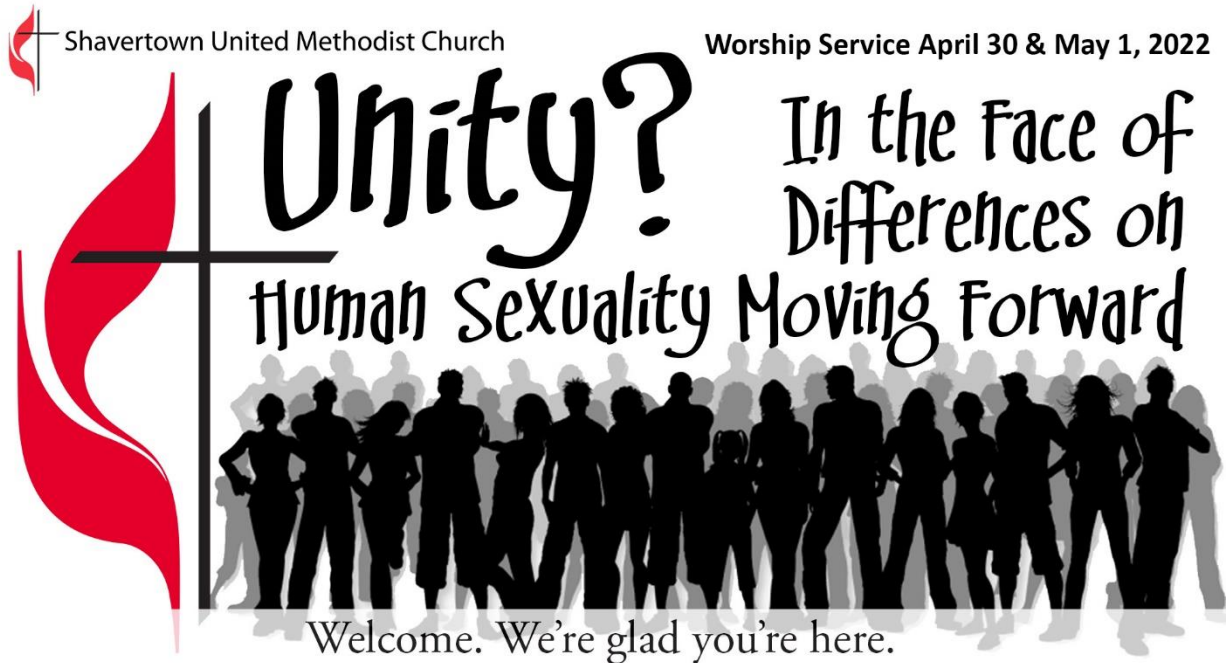
By Diane Hannibal

Chancel Choir

<b>WORD OF GOD</b>	Ephesians 4:1-6 & John 17: 20-23	Mary Ellen Pajor (Sat) Michelle Jackubowski(Sun)
<b>MESSAGE</b>	“Unity? In the Face of Differences on Human Sexuality Moving Forward”	Pastor Jon
<b>HYMN</b>	“Let Us Break Bread Together” Vs 1 & 2	#618
<b>THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>		See Insert
<b>INVITATION</b>		
<b>PRAYER OF CONFESSION</b>		
<b>THE PEACE</b>		
<b>THE GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>		
<b>THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>		
<b>SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP</b>		
<b>CONCLUDING PRAYER</b>		
<b>*HYMN OF GOING FORTH</b>	“Blest Be The Tie That Binds” Vs. 1, 2 & 4	#557
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>	<p>From where we are to where you need us,  <b>Jesus, now lead on.</b></p> <p>From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal,  <b>Jesus, now lead on.</b></p> <p>To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,  <b>Jesus, now lead on.</b></p> <p>Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,  <b>Jesus, now lead on.</b></p>	
<b>*POSTLUDE</b>	“Festive Postlude on Truro”	By Mary McDonald Organ: Nancy Evans

**Immediately following worship, all Sunday school students will meet  
in the Social Hall. Thank you!**

Shavertown United Methodist Church      **Worship Service April 30 & May 1, 2022**



**Unity?** In the Face of  
Differences on  
Human Sexuality Moving Forward

Welcome. We're glad you're here.

**April 30 & May 1, 2022**  
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Nursery Staff – Sandy Michalisin  
Office Manager – Jeanne Kapral  
Communications Coordinator – Amy Wall

Hospitality    Opportunity    Prepare    Engage

## HOLY COMMUNION

### THE INVITATION

Come people of God, out of your separateness, to enter into unity with one another, and with all those who seek the presence of Jesus Christ, through the breaking of bread and the sharing of wine. Come, confessing the sin that separates you from God and one another.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our human sisters and brothers as we begin this celebration of unity in Christ. We have closed our ears to voices of pain, and of wisdom, when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign are as surely your children as we are. Our sensibilities are jarred even by the way our nearest neighbors express their faith in Christ. We cling to the pride of nation and denomination as if we had a special claim on truth and leadership.

Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ, and enable us to incarnate Christ's love, so that we may worthily partake in the body of Christ and the wine of the new covenant. Amen.

### THE PEACE

The good news in Christ is that God is more willing to forgive our sins than we are to acknowledge them. The God of peace be with you all, keeping you in unity with Christ's people everywhere.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .**

### 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.**

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

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and wine, giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and servanthood, that your name may be praised in all the earth. Amen.

Bread For the Journey, Ruth C. Duck, Ed. P. 14