

2020 ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Online Prayer Vigil

Good Friday, April 10, 2020

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**GATE 1- PRAISE & WORSHIP- HOLY GOD**

Praise God for:

Revealing the Divine to us in Worship.

Revealing the Divine to us through God's Spirit.

(You may pray a song from St. Paul's hymnal or a Psalm 22, 23, 24, 139, 37, or 42)

Acknowledge God's greatness and incomparable power.

(Deut. 4:39; Psalm 8:1; 83:18)

Worship God for his constancy.

(1Tim. 1:17; Rev. 1:5; Deut. 7:7-9; 1 Cor. 1:9)

Thank God for inviting us to pray and for God's goodness and mercy.

(Rom.9: 14-18; Ps. 106; 1 Thess. 5:1)

Offer yourself to God. Ask God to be with you during your prayer time.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."

Matt.11:28

"Lord, teach us to pray."

Luke 11:1

***Come be with me, Lord Jesus.***

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## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

## Romans 9:14-22

<sup>14</sup> What then are we to say? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! <sup>15</sup>For he says to Moses,

'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,

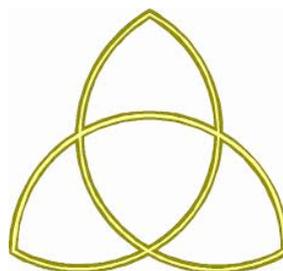
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.'

<sup>16</sup>So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy.



## Revelation: 1:4b-5a

*Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.*



## Psalm 139

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

## GATE 2 – BLESSING ST. PAUL'S UCC 2018

Ask God to reveal Christ's will for St. Paul's (Gal.2:2; Matt 16: 17-19) (See Prayer suggestion sheet-attached).

Ask God to bless the work of Christians so that they might give freely to those in need (Psalm 24:3-5).

Pray for wisdom, direction, blessing and protection for St. Paul's UCC Teams and Leaders:

### St. Paul's Church Council

President: Craig Weaver

Vice President: Pam Webreck

Secretary: Angie Brumbaugh

Treasurer: Mike Stutzman

Jennifer Boland, Barb Davies, Pete Hauger,  
Michael Laue, Rebecca Miller, Barb Roth, Peg  
Roy, Andra Snyder,

### Ministry Team Members

**Spiritual Life & Evangelism:** Chair: Jenn Boland. Members: Audrey Hay and Amy Marteeny

**Music & Worship:** Chair: Angie Brumbaugh.

**Pastoral Relations:** Chair: Pam Webreck. Members: Chris Hainzer

**Christian Education:** Chair: Jenn Boland. Members: Peg Roy, Carole Wilson, Suzy Housley, Kim Keim, Isabel Shumaker, Christy Fetterman, Rebecca Miller

**Stewardship:** Chair: Peg Roy. Members: Henry Cook, Barb Davies, and Sue Willison

**Trustees:** Pete Hauger, Mike Laue, and Andra Snyder

### **Pray we understand God's vision for St. Paul's Ministries:**

Youth

Women's Fellowship

Men's Brotherhood

Homeless

Confirmation

Visitation for homebound & sick

Prayer Circle / Prayer List

Digital Ministry

Pause for Persons

HospitalityTeam

Members

Lenten Bible study

Bible Brew

Pre-school & Nursery

Cornerstone--St. Paul's newsletter

Love for the World

Children's Church

Pray for new Church family members: Bruce Ashlock, Christy & Roy Fetterman, Ed Miller, Linda Shroyer, and Harold Weigle.

Pray for the newly baptized: Carson Sredy, Preston Sredy, Josiah Boland, J.D. Boland

Pray for St. Paul's UCC to explore ways to reach out to Millennials and Generation X-ers.

Pray for the Lay Ministry Development: Children & Family Outreach, Children's Church & Children's Church +, Children's Worship Opportunities, Summer Ministry Intern for 2020.

Pray for the Gift Committees continued work of discernment and pray for the teams charged with implementing new programs.

*Holy One, giver of life and conqueror of death, we pray that our church family may be blessed with new opportunities for life and vitality. Help us during this important time of discernment that we may discover new opportunities to serve one another and our community. Help us to rediscover the bonds of faith that tie us together as members of Christ's body. Guide the leaders of our congregation and each one of us in faithful discipleship. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

#### **Prayers for Vision Based on Bible Verses (suggested prayers)**

Genesis: Lord, we ask that, like Abraham, we may be blessed by you so that we can be a blessing to others. May the lives that we touch be more numerous than the stars in the sky (12:2).

Exodus: Lord, you rescued the Israelites from the bondage of the Egyptians. Rescue us from the bondage mediocrity and doubt and fear. Lead us to the promised land of passion, faith, trust and spiritual maturity (3:7-8).

Numbers: You have given us everything we need to fulfill your vision and will for our church. Help us not to be afraid to claim your vision but to seize the opportunity to do your will in the community and world (13:30).

Deuteronomy: You are God in heaven above and earth below. You hold all things in your hands. Help us to rely on you, the one true God, all our needs and to serve you in everything we do as a church (4:39).

Joshua: Lord, you have commanded us to not be afraid. We claim your promise to always be with us. Help us not to be discouraged when things go wrong and to trust you with ultimate victory as a church (1:9).

Ruth: Lord, you have left us alone but have given us Jesus Christ as our Redeemer. May we honor what you have done for us by giving our selves to you with passion faith, trust and spiritual growth (4:14).

I Samuel: Lord, as we commit ourselves to fulfilling your vision keep us from allowing any obstacle to stand in your way. In your name we claim the victory over all problems, discouragements and setbacks (17:26).

Proverbs: Lord may we trust in you with all our heart and not try to figure everything out on our own as we fulfill your vision. Remind us to listen for your voice in everything we do for you are the one to direct our paths and keep us on track (3:5-6).

Matthew: Lord, you have said my house will be called a house of prayer. May we honor your vision (21:13).

## **GATE 3 – WORSHIP / PASTOR**

Eph. 1: 11-20 Jn.4:23 Ps. 95:6 Ps. 66:4

Give thanks for the opportunity and privilege to worship God. Pray for your pastor and other pastors as they lead people in worship. May they be a blessing to others and be protected.

Please pray for those who are engaged in our worship life as a church.

**Pastor Matt, Amanda, Holly, and Daniel Deal**  
**David Neimiller--Director of Music and Organist & Program Coordinator**  
**Marcy Shellenberger--Children's & Youth Choir Director**  
**Eyvonne Shaffer--Accompanist for the Children's & Youth Choir**  
**Jenn Boland-Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries**  
**Cindy Lambert--Administrative Assistant & Financial Secretary**  
**Amy & Mark Marteeny--Custodians**  
**Rev. Art Gotjen, Rev. Glenn Sadler, Mr. Bill Deal--worship leaders and preachers**  
**Rev. Westley Conn—Associated Clergy serving the Harvard Chapel**  
**Ushers, Readers of Scriptures, and Acolytes**

Give thanks to God for our music outreach through the children and youth choirs and the adult chancel choir.

Give thanks to God for our Christmas musical.

We give thanks for the members of the Chancel Choir:

Karen Addleman  
Steve Addleman  
Annette Brick  
Pastor Matt Deal  
Mike Dixon  
Kathy Gary  
John Geary  
Susan Geary

Greg Keim  
Barb Roth  
Marcy Shellenberger  
Andra Snyder  
Melissa Shaffer  
Kirsten Thomas  
Denise Weaver  
Sherry Yutzy

And the members of their families who support them in their commitment to the church.

We pray the members of NoteWorthy: Angie and Josh Brumbaugh, Amanda Deal, Melissa Shaffer, and Tim Witt

We give thanks for the choir members who are homebound or have moved away:  
Melissa Kaim, Ann Smith, Wes Conn, Bill Deal

We give thanks for the members of the Children's & Youth Choir:

Holly Deal	Josie Boozer	Luke Housley
Josiah Boland	Libby Boozer	Eve Housley
J.D. Boland	Abby Bowers	Emily Ferko
Ella Witt	Evie Diesel	Libby Marteeny
Ben Witt	Miles Diesel	Maelin Cameron
Lilly Witt	Alex Korn	Trevor Fetterman
Rosie Wahl	Avery Waggle	Tristyn Fetterman
Samantha Miller	Lorin Harris	Kendall Smith
Donnie McDaniels	Anna Harris	Brent Waggle
Heather McDaniels	Emma Mumau	Brayden Waggle
Cooper Schenck	Eli Mumau	Eric Harris
Charles Toy	Paige Housley	

Thank God for Marcy Shellenberger, all of the members of the Children's and Youth Choirs and their families, and Evonne Shaffer, their accompanist.

Mr. John Williams who tunes and maintains the church's 6 pianos.

The Reverend Susan Blain, who serves as worship and music support for local musicians and worship planners at the national church offices in Cleveland and the leadership and members of the United Church of Christ Musician's National Network who give support to musicians, clergy, lay leaders, and liturgical artists of all types throughout the denomination.

Mr. David Neimiller, Organist & Director of Music and Program Coordinator. Pray that Dave may continue to grow in this new ministry. May the Spirit guide him with wisdom and may the congregation continue to embrace his leadership.

*John 4:23*

Scripture  
Texts for  
Gate 3

*But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.*

O come, let us worship and bow  
down,  
let us kneel before the Lord,  
our Maker!

Psalm 95:6

**Ephesians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,\* having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this\* is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love\* towards all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God\* put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.

**Psalm 66**

**<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;**

**<sup>2</sup> sing the glory of his name;**

**give to him glorious praise.**

**<sup>3</sup> Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!**

**Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.**

**<sup>4</sup> All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,**

**sing praises to your name.'**

## **GATE 4 - HEALING**

Psalm 147:1-5, Luke 9:1-6, Isaiah 53:4-6

Intercede for men and women to know Christ as their healer as well as their Savior. Pray for healing of relationships, physical healing, inner/emotional healing, and special needs (jobs, financial hardship) and deliverance from addictions. Pray for those struggling to overcome sins that damage relationships.

Claim the promises of complete health and wholeness for any who are sick and suffering. *(Please feel free to refer to the April's Prayer Concern List. The list is updated monthly.)*

Pray for recent families who grieve the loss of loved ones

*Thank you Lord for comforting all who mourn. Thank you Lord for these families. May they trust in you at all times. As they pour out their hearts before you, O God, grant them refuge and peace. Thank you God as you turn their morning into joy and comfort them in their sorrow. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.*

Pray for our shut-ins

*Thank you God as you give strength to our homebound members. Bless them with peace. We praise you oh God, may they trust in you at all times, and pour out their heart before you, for you are their refuge. We pray these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus, amen.*

Pray for St. Paul's members' prayer requests

*We pray for our members, O God. Grant them strength and peace in their faith journey each day. Watch over them as they encounter the challenges that life brings and bless them with wisdom. Guide our church family as we seek to answer your call to minister to one another, our community, and the world. Amen.*



Pray for extended church family

*Holy one, we pray for friends, for family, and for the universal church. May we be guided as we answer your call to be disciples. Lead us to greater acts of devotion, mercy, and love on the behalf of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.*

Pray for those dealing with the Corona Virus and COVID-19 Pandemic

*Healing God, be present with those who are infected with COVID-19, those who care for them, and the families who journey with them. May your healing work be completed in those who are ill and may you shield health care workers, family members, and the public from infection. We pray this in Christ, the Great Physician's name. Amen.*

Pray for St. Paul's Visitation ministry to the Homebound & sick

Thank God for Carole Wilson for coordinating our Care Team ministry and Prayer Circle/Prayer Concerns for the church.

May God bless members of our Care Team: Carole, Marge Ankney, Nancy Thomas, Audrey Hay; and members of the Prayer Circle: Carole, Marge, Martha Walker, Audrey Hay, and Helen Brown.

We are grateful for Gary Camerons' commitment to encourage the church family to participate in the visitation ministry of the church. Pray that God will continue to open our hearts to this ministry.

# Gate 4

## Scriptures

### Psalm 147

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> He heals the broken-hearted,  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

down-trodden;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.

### Isaiah 53: 4-6

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our  
transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that  
made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone  
astray;  
we have all turned to our  
own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.



### Luke 9:1-6

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup>and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. <sup>3</sup>He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. <sup>4</sup>Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. <sup>5</sup>Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.’ <sup>6</sup>They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

## **GATE 5 – PERSONAL PRAYER GUIDE**

Philippians 4: 4-9

### **Rejoice in the Lord always....Rejoice! Phil 4:4**

Consider His goodness: Ps. 34:8, 37:3, 119:68.

Ponder God's nurturing ways: Jn. 5:17, 8:28, 10:30, 14:6, 14:9,

Sing praises to God: Psalms 148, 150, 113:3, 117, 145:21.

Praise the name of the Lord. Ps. 52:9

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6.*

Cast your cares on God. 1 Pet. 5:7, Phil. 4:19

Give thanks to the Lord. Ps. 100.

Pray, petitioning the Lord accordingly

Count your blessings and answer to prayer. Matt.7:11

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Receive God's peace. Jn. 14:27

Consider God's works. Ps. 8:3, 1 Sam. 12:24

Rebuke fear in Jesus' name. 1 Jn. 4:18

*Whatever is true, right, pure, lovely, and admirable-think about such things. Phil. 4:8*

Receive God's word. Ps. 119

Claim God's wisdom. (one chapter of Proverbs per day).

Declare God's power (one chapter of Acts per day).

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Phil 4:23*

## **GATE 6 – FAMILY THANKSGIVING & BLESSING**

### Some things you may want to remember as you pray

- 🙏 Thank the God for working in your family
- 🙏 Pray for forgiveness and healing over past hurts
- 🙏 Pray for your children or grandchildren and their needs
- 🙏 Pray on behalf of your extended family. (Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Grandparents)
- 🙏 Pray for protection and blessings for families

Please pray that God may bless and guide all our ministries!

### **St. Paul's Ministries to Families**

**Sunday School-** Praise God for our Sunday School teachers & learners

**Family Fellowship Dinners (June & December)-** Thank God for the Women's Fellowship for organizing these dinners.

**Church Family Picnic- (August)-** Pray for those organizing this family event. Pray all who will attend--our church family, friends, & children

**Mother-Daughter Tea-** Thank God for the volunteers who are organizing this event. Pray for the spiritual food & fellowship @ this celebration.

**Quilters & Knotters** Praise God for this women's ministry @ St. Paul's UCC. Many people felt the warmth of the quilts & lap covers and many have been healed by the prayers of these women.

**Card Ministries-** Pray for Marge Ankney's and Karen Gibson's faithfulness in doing this important hospitality ministry.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study-** Thank God for Pastor Matt's teachings of the scriptures.

**St. Paul's Community Garden-** May God bless those who are planning this year's garden and those who will take care of it. Ask that God may use the fruits of our labors to bless the hungry in community.

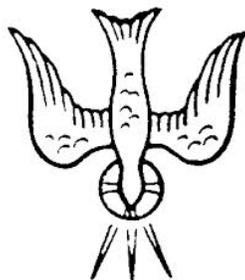
**St. Paul's Youth Group-** Ask God to bless the youth of our community and the members of our youth group. May God expand our ministry to the youth in our community and help us to grow in faith.

**Youth Leadership Team-** Ask God to guide them with wisdom as they plan events. May their work help our young people have vital relationships with you and each other.

**Women's Fellowship and Men's Brotherhood-** Give thanks to God for those who are involved in these important ministries. Ask that the Holy Spirit may continue to revitalize and inspire these groups.

**St. Paul's Visitation Teams-** Please pray for the continued ministry of those who visit our homebound members. May the Holy Spirit provide these individuals with energy to go about Christ's healing work.

**Play Group-**Please pray for the children and families who come together to play and learn each week. Grant them good health, wisdom, and life-giving fellowship.



*Mark 10:6-9 “But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”*



**Proverbs 1:8-9** “Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.”

**Exodus 20:12** “Honor your father and mother so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”

PSALM 103:17-18 “BUT THE LOVINGKINDNESS OF THE LORD IS FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS TO CHILDREN’S CHILDREN, TO THOSE WHO KEEP HIS COVENANT AND REMEMBER TO DO HIS COMMANDMENTS.”

**SCRIPTURE  
READINGS  
FOR GATE 6**

**First Timothy 5:8** “But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

**GATE 7 – WISDOM**  
**(Faith Formation & Schools)**  
**COL. 2:3, JAMES 1:5, PROV. 24:3**

Pray for God's wisdom to prevail in the hearts of educators. Lift up by name the schools in our area. Pray that God may bless the staff, teachers, students, and administrators the principals, teachers and administrators. (Tim. 1:8)

Pray for St. Paul's Christian Education Team, Community Vacation Bible School, (See Prayer Requests). Pray for our Sunday School Teachers & Programs.

Pray for our members in college, graduate, and trade schools

Sara Geary	Sydney Geary
Chandler Marteeny	Anna Geary
Carter Geary	Kortney Glessner
Kira Geary	Anna Chan
Matthew Willison	Rose Chan
Kolby Glessner	Sean Rose
Seth Rose	

Thank God for our Sunday School Teachers and Students; Youth Group members and their leaders.

Pray for our Youth Group.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES/ YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**REACHING OUT-----** Community Vacation Bible School  
Heifer Project  
Souper Bowl of Caring  
Play Group  
Somerset Baccalaureate  
Love for the World

**BUILDING UP-----** Preschool and Nursery  
Sunday School  
Confirmation Class  
Youth Group  
Easter Sunrise Service  
Church Library  
Children's Programming  
Children's Church & Children's Church +  
Sustainability Group

**SENDING FORTH-----** Camp Living Waters: ask God to bring many children and youth to camp this summer. May God direct and guide the staff and counselors. Pray for guidance for the board members.

Summer Mission Experiences  
Children & Youth Choirs

**FUTURE MINISTRIES---** Mission Trips  
Children's Ministries  
Community Outreach  
Summer Food Program

## **A Prayer For Education**

✠Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom:  
Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and  
those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of  
your truth, they may worship you and serve you  
from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*✠

-The Book of Common Prayer

### **Let us give thanks to God for:**

Sunday School Teachers  
Youth Leaders/Parents/Volunteers  
Christian Education Committee  
Vacation Bible School Volunteers  
Children, youth, and all those seeking God's wisdom  
Pastor Matt & Amanda  
Generous support from our church family  
Volunteer opportunities

### **Ministries to pray for:**

Vacation Bible School  
Souper Bowl Sunday  
Youth Brunches  
Regional (and National) Youth  
Events  
Sunday School  
Confirmation  
Youth Group  
Camp Living Waters  
Bible Brew  
Church Library  
Nursery  
Worship Leaders (e.g., Easter  
Sunrise, Mother's Day, Liturgists,  
Lay Scripture Readers, Children's  
Christmas Play, etc.)  
Church Garden  
Shellenberger Park  
Fellowship Meals (e.g., Agape,  
Baked Potato, Spaghetti)  
Acolyte Volunteers  
Youth Mission Trips

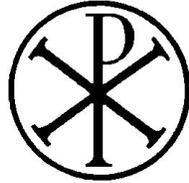
### **For our public schools, we pray:**

- *Somerset Area School District*
- *North Star School District*
- *Berlin-Brothersvalley School District*
- *Shanksville-Stoneycreek School District*
- *Rockwood Area School District*
- *Salisbury Elk-Lick School District*
- *Meyersdale Area School District*
- *Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District*

(Feel free to pray for other schools that  
you may be connected to.)

**Let us pray for ALL those who are  
students** *(You are encouraged to add names  
of a particular student(s) below.):*

**As you pray for the children, youth, and all others seeking to learn and grow in faith, allow the following verses to guide you.**



**Romans 12:2**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Deuteronomy 11:19**

Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

**Isaiah 28:9-10**

‘Whom will he teach knowledge,  
and to whom will he explain the message?  
Those who are weaned from milk,  
those taken from the breast?  
For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept,  
line upon line, line upon line,  
here a little, there a little.’

**Psalm 119:34**

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.

## **GATE 8 – MISSIONS / COMMUNITY / WORLD**

Thank God for Stewardship Team: Chair, Peg Roy and members Sue Willison, Henry Cook, and Karen Gibson. We give thanks for their organizing and coordinating local, regional, and global missions. We pray for continued wisdom as they seek ways in which we may use our time, talents, and treasures to do God's work in the world.

### **Please pray on behalf of our Missionaries and Global Ministries**

- 👤 Rev. Jeffrey Mensendiek and his family serving in Japan
- 👤 Rev. Martha Mensendiek and her family serving in Japan
- 👤 Our board of Global Ministries and the over 40 missionaries serving around the world
- 👤 Neighbor's In Need
- 👤 One Great Hour of Sharing

### **Mission Partners**

SAM Van  
Church World Service Blankets  
One Great Hour of Sharing  
Hoffman Homes for Youth  
St. Paul Homes  
Living Waters  
Our Church's Wider Mission  
The United Church of Christ

The Salvation Army  
Habitat for Humanity  
Lancaster Theological Seminary  
The Next Step Center  
Somerset Area Food Pantry  
The Mobile Food Pantry  
Somerset Area Ministry  
Penn West Conference  
Ministry Formation & Tuition Fund

### **Pray for Local Missions**

Mission Support: Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Blooms of Hope, (Daffodils for Somerset Oncology & Hospice House), SAM Van Transportation, Ministry Formation/ Tuition Fund, Good Samaritan Fund, Somerset Area Food Pantry, The Boys and Girls

Club, Hoffman Homes for Youth, The Summer Food Program, The Children's Aid Society, The Mobile Food Bank, Living Waters, Neighbors in Need, Christmas Fund/ Veterans of the Cross, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Heifer Project.

### **Pray for Outreach Ministries for our Community**

Praise God for these ministries and our church families who donate items for: **The Next Step Center**, food items to **Somerset Food Pantry**, and eye glasses for the **UCC Eye Glass Project**.

Pray that we would be generous in this time of need:

**St Paul's UCC Daily American Fitness Challenge Team-** Thank God for Amanda as she organizes our Team for the Daily American Challenge whose proceeds will benefit the Next Step Center and Camp PARC.

**Church Transportation Assistance-** Pray for safety and protection for those persons who provide this service for our church family.

**Thanksgiving Community Meal-** Thank God for those lives who are touched by this ministry. May God guide the Salvation Army as they continue this community tradition.

**Pray for our Military-** John Geary, Patrick Ferko, and church family and friends who are serving.

**Homeless Outreach and Ministry-** Ask God to be with Tableland, our churches, and the other partners in the community who are caring for the homeless.

**Ministry to the Unemployed, underemployed, and the poor-** Pray that God may be with those who are seeking employment and financial stability. May our church minister effectively to those who are marginalized in our community, especially the poor and mentally ill.

**Offer a prayer of confession for the sins that hurt our neighbor and grieve God.**

***"We confess to you, O God, the indifference that inflicts our society. Forgive us for turning a blind eye toward the hungry, sick, and afflicted. Help us to establish a more just society as we work to make educational opportunities available to all your children and incorporate the prisoner back into the fold of your people. Forgive our greed and self-serving actions. Help us to be generous as Christ our Savior is generous, so that others may have life through our life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."***

## **Lift up in prayer those involved in a recent world tragedy**

### **We offer prayers for:**

- ★The victims and families of the terror attacks around the world.
- ★Pray for victims of violence and exploitation.
- ★Local, national, and world leaders, as well as those running for election. May wisdom, truth, and reasoned speech prevail.
- ★World-wide: Victims of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and all who care for them.
- ★Victims of gun violence and mass shootings.
- ★Conflicts and war throughout the world. May the Prince of Peace be known among Israelis and Palestinians, Afghanis and Pakistanis, Syrians and the people of the Middle East. May God be known in our community and homes.
- ★The war in Syria and Iraq, as well as the battle against ISIS.
- ★The millions of refugees displaced by war and famine. May they find hospitality, and a safe home away from home.
  
- ♣Pray for the un-churched and those hurt by churches. Pray that St. Paul's UCC would seek opportunities to minister to them.
- ♣Pray for those who have addictions and for those agencies treating them. Pray for police and law enforcement. May their work help to free our community of drugs.
- ♣Pray that God may give wisdom to our civic leaders, especially, Local, State and Federal Government officials.
- ♣Pray for President Trump and Vice-President Pence, members of congress, and public servants.
- ♣Thank God for those in authority who honor Him.

### **John 16:7-11**

But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go away. When I go away, I will send the Helper to you. If I do not go away, the Helper will not come. When the helper comes, he will prove to the people of the world the truth about sin, and about being right with God, and about judgment. He will prove to them that sin is not believing in me. He will prove to them that being right with God comes from my going to the Father and not being seen anymore.



### **Matthew 28:19-20**

Go and make disciples of all the people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

### **Colossians 4:2-4**

What the Christians Are to Do: Continue praying, keeping alert, and always thanking God. Also pray for us that God will give us an opportunity to tell people his message. Pray that we can preach the secret of God has made known to Christ. That is why I am in prison. Pray that I can speak in a way that will make it clear, as I should.