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Hello from Sixth Street! Well, here we are in a new month (October no less!), which brings with it the community prayer vigil hosted by the Shenandoah Ministerial Association. On Thursday at 7:00pm, our vigil will be held at the Middletown Church of the Nazarene, and there is certainly plenty to pray about. I made the questionable decision to read the news on a daily basis, and it took me about three days to remember why I used to avoid it. It is difficult to stay positive and hopeful when I read of mass shootings, stranded hurricane victims, and the poor relations our leaders in the U.S. have with some foreign powers. I don't even know how to start praying with all of that weighing me down. What words should I say? What difference can it make? If I go down that road too long, my prayers become locked inside. That is one of the main reasons I'm looking forward to Thursday night. When two or more of us are gathered, I feel stronger, I can see more clearly, and I can hear God's care for us in the words and worries of my brothers and sisters in the faith. We are meant to pray together. Consider this your invitation to join your voice with others of our community as we reach toward God.