

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

March 2017

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley encourages all our congregations to pray for each other throughout the year. Over a two-year period, a week will be designated for each of our churches and other organizations. Items listed below have been sent to us from the churches and organizations on our prayer list for the weeks shown. Sharing prayers with each other works!

Note: The person who prepares your worship bulletins and/or church newsletters may request this information in a Word document from bbsnyder22@gmail.com. It is also available on the POV website.

Week of March 5

St. John United, New Albany

Rev. C. Allen Colwell

St. John Presbyterian in New Albany is wrapping up its 200th year shining a light in our community. Our history was compiled for a commemorative book, written by church members, that highlighted our connection with the founders of New Albany and the Underground Railroad. This book, *200 Years At Saint John Presbyterian Church*, is available on amazon.com. We are a growing church in the midst of a Capital Campaign to preserve the beauty of our historic building and add modern amenities. We look forward to the year ahead when we will host four more Great Banquet weekends, start the growing season in our community garden, make our homemade apple dumplings for Harvest Homecoming, host our annual neighborhood street fair, and whatever else the Spirit has planned for us.

Week of March 12

Newburgh

Newburgh Presbyterian Church was founded in 1840, a generation before the Civil War. It has continuously operated in Newburgh without interruption, preaching the gospel and serving the community.

At the present time, we are beginning our search for an interim pastor, and prayers would be very much appreciated. We are a small congregation, but active. Our future will somewhat depend on locating an excellent leader and an inspirational preacher. It will also depend on trusting God to carry us forward. Our mission is to Know Christ and to Make Him Known.

Thanks for your prayers.

Week of March 19

POV Committees, Teams, and Work Groups

Please pray for the following organizations as they continue their work of service in 2017.

Presbytery Council
Board of Trustees
Committee on Ministry
Congregational Mission and Vitality
Evangelism and Congregational Witness
Nominating
Personnel

POV Academy
Preparation for Ministry
Representation
Stewardship
Permanent Judicial Commission
Presbyterian Women
Pyoca Conference and Retreat Center

Week of March 26

Graham, North Vernon

Rev. Michael Bean

Graham Presbyterian Church is located in Jennings County on the banks of Graham Creek and is near Commiskey, Indiana. Our church was founded in 1817 and we will celebrate our 200th anniversary on 17 September 2017. Our pastor, Reverend Michael Bean, is leading us in worship for his 19th year. Our worship service is normally attended by 20 - 25 members of our church family. Though small in size, we stay actively involved in our community. In our Rural Community Fellowship, we share a monthly worship service with seven other local churches. We enjoy worshipping with our neighbors and a goodwill offering is always taken to support a local charity. For many years we have shared a joint Sunrise Service with local Baptist churches and alternate the responsibilities for the service, music at the service, and breakfast following the service. This past summer, we operated a food bank, supported by the Gleaners, that primarily supported families whose children received free lunches at school. Graham has taken an active role in the Wayside Inn, the local homeless shelter, both in monetary contributions and in hands-on construction. The members of this little church in the wildwood are eternally grateful for the blessings God continues to give us.