PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS April 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 <u>bbsnyder22@gmail.com</u>. It is also available on the POV website.

Week of April 2 First, Paoli

The Mission of Paoli First Presbyterian Church is to develop our fellowship as followers of Jesus Christ through joyful worship, prayer, Christian witness, and compassionate outreach.

Paoli First Presbyterian Church is an open, welcoming, and accepting congregation. Nearly half of us have lived our mission and have filled the pulpit and openly shared our path toward spiritual growth. A significant part of our worship service is sharing personal joys and concerns. We are committed to making people feel comfortable in our service and shared ministries. We are a small but active church.

Our Church is involved in the community Food Pantry, the Mercy Center, Orange Co Clothea-Child, Senior Citizens Center, Backpacks for Blessings, the Jubilee Christmas at Paoli and at other Orange County schools, Humane Society and our own Pet Blessing Sunday. We have historically worked with and through the Orange County Ministerial Association and their funding of local emergency needs. We make local contacts and receive requests through our Fish Wagon Ministry. Our Church has budgeted 10% of our income towards Community ministries.

Ten years ago we rebuilt our church to be available to a variety of community uses including: Habitat for Humanity, Tri Kappa, Orange County Players, Progressive Women of Orange County, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and the Circuit Judges High School Sports Dinner.

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Week of April 9

Rev. William Morris

Patoka Presbyterian Church is a smaller congregation but we have a big heart. We ask that you join us in prayer to ask God to use us in His service. We thank God for the blessings of the food pantry here at the church. We thank God for the partnership with Patoka United Methodist Church and many others. They are a great help monthly to help us to be able to meet the needs of so many in the area. Please pray that God will bless them as His blessings allow us to be a blessing to others.

Week of April 16 Your Own Congregation

Patoka

Week of April 23 Union Bethel, Patoka

Week of April 30

Main Street, Petersburg Rev. Boyd Heldring

Main Street Presbyterian Church is a small, very active congregation. Our church has been brain storming ideas to help our community more. We just gave a sizeable amount to our local police department for new hand held radios. We hosted a pizza party for the Middle School 6th grade girls basketball team and also the high school boys basketball team, although they had spaghetti. We are now working on buying new basketball and tennis nets for the town's outdoor activity center. We will be starting a tennis clinic towards the end of the summer. We donated to the local "Paws" shelter for animals. We are also trying to get our bell tower up and running so that each night at the same time there will be a song played that will be heard throughout the town since we are right on Main Street. We have so many more ideas but we can only tackle them one at a time. Needless to say we are trying to get more involved in our community.