

## **PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS**

### **August 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](mailto:bbsnyder22@gmail.com). It is also available on the POV website.**

#### **Week of August 6**

#### **Spencer**

#### **Rev. David Lee**

Spencer Presbyterian Church, the little stone church with the big red doors, has been a part of this community since the 1870's. The current sanctuary is a Swiss-inspired design offered as a gift from Calvin Fletcher Jr., an early Spencer resident. Our 80 members have a food pantry which reaches several hundred people each month, a special outreach for needs to the three elementary schools, and our youth are part of a joint youth group of 5 churches, who travel the country, earning their way, to offer mission help to those in need. Our church and its buildings offer meeting places for various groups around Owen County. Our members volunteer their time for many projects, including spiritual (such as Emmaus walks), and meeting needs (SAWS, which offers housing access for those in need).

#### **Week of August 13**

#### **Sullivan First**

#### **Rev. Cheryl Montgomery**

First Presbyterian Church in Sullivan IN is a small congregation celebrating 160 years of ministry this year. The congregation has a rich heritage, including a beautiful sanctuary which several generations have cared for and continued to cherish and upgrade. The beautiful hymn 'Trust and Obey' was written by a minister of this congregation, probably during his tenure here (Rev. John Sammis); the Presbyterian Board of Pensions was created largely through the efforts of an elder from this congregation, Will Hayes (who also invented Hollywood's infamous Hayes Code).

The congregation does not rest on its laurels but lives for the present, and acts for the future. The weekly Community Kitchen, now in its 17th year, provides supper for the community every Thursday. The congregation supports the work of PC(USA) mission co-workers Charles and Melissa Johnson and the Chasefu Model Farm, a project of Chasefu Theological College in Zambia. The farm feeds the students and also provides opportunities for future pastors to learn improved agricultural techniques. Through Mission Trips; and above all through active care and concern for each other that crosses generational lines, the church remains a beacon of light in the county and beyond.

Please pray for the continued blessing of God upon the songs that are sung here; the meals that are served; the sermons that are preached; the prayers that are offered; the arms of welcome that are extended here to all who come our way.

**Week of August 20**

**Terre Haute Central**

**Rev. Kevin Buchanan**

Central Presbyterian Church has been serving Terre Haute since 1828 when it was organized as First Presbyterian Church. In 1879, First Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Church merged to become Central Presbyterian Church in the downtown area located near what has become Indiana State University. The congregation sees the location of the church building as central to their spiritual lives and as a way to be central in mission and service to the community.

This 263 member church has recently completed a mission study to augment a strategic plan developed in 2014 as the congregation searches for a new pastor. The two pieces confirmed the importance of place and mission. The building is being renovated to repair structural weaknesses so that the congregation can maintain its location for worship, ministry, and service. The strategic plan also emphasized mission outreach which became embodied in participation in Kids Hope USA; the congregation just hired a new director to continue that ministry. In addition, the congregation supports 14<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Center, the HEME Fund, United Campus Ministries, Lighthouse Mission, hospitality for Bike and Build, SAWS, and Terre Haute Ministries. More recently, after several members participated in a mission trip to Project Help for Immigrants and Refugees in Indianapolis, an effort to organize churches in Terre Haute to support refugee families is underway.

**Week of August 27**

**Terre Haute Unity**

**Rev. Andrew Black**

Unity Presbyterian Church is located on the south side of Terre Haute, IN. We ask you to join us in giving thanks to God for increasing our membership, last month we added one new member along with four others over the past two years.

We are a small church with a BIG heart seeking to be faithful participants in sharing the love of Christ. This year we have been striving to build relationships with others in our community; please pray that our relationships with CASA of Vigo County, 7th Cents Youth Group, NextSteps, and Mental Health of Vigo County will grow in ways that will foster the love of God in our community.

Unity is an Earth Care congregation and this year our Green Committee has increased its role in worship offering four Sunday services centered on our commitment to be good stewards of all that God has blessed us with. We are excited to offer, for the first time, an outdoor blessing of the animals service on July 30th, 2017 that will be pet friendly.

We are grateful for your prayers and ask you to join us in praying that God will guide us in new and exciting ways to share the Good News in Terre Haute and beyond.