

## **PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS**

### **October 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.**

#### **Trinity Parish**

**Rev. Wendy Olson, Rev. Mark Olson**

*God's purpose for us is to be a family of faith growing in mission,  
sharing resources, love, wisdom and encouragement.*

That is the mission statement for Trinity Parish, which consists of the Presbyterian churches of Clinton, Montezuma and Rockville. Trinity Parish, the first parish in the Presbytery, was founded in 2010 out of a deep desire in all three churches to continue to worship and serve Jesus Christ in the changing communities they call home. In 2011 the Reverends Mark and Wendy Olson were called as the founding pastors of the parish. In the 7 years since its founding the parish has grown into a beautiful embodiment of the mission statement. As you pray for the parish and the 3 churches, pray that they will continue to grow and mature in Christ, even as they face the departure of the pastors, Mark and Wendy, on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

- **Week of October 1                      United, Clinton**

With deep roots in the community and in mission, the United Presbyterian Church in Clinton continues to find ways to shape its mission to meet the needs of the community. The Community Kitchen, a weekly free meal, celebrated its 12<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. The Food Pantry has been operating for well over 30 years and the congregation is looking to expand and improve its reach. Please pray that God will guide them as they seek a better facility, stronger community partnerships and broader approach to addressing hunger in the community.

- **Week of October 8                      First, Montezuma**

A year ago the fine saints of First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma took the hard but courageous step to leave the treasured sanctuary, which saw generations of worship, weddings, funerals and Sunday School. The leaving was because of the rotting steps, ancient boiler and 3 leveled layout. They moved 100 ft. north to the CE building, where each Sunday they can worship in a room suited to their size, walk 15 paces across the hall to bag 20 – 50 bags with food for school children, and 50 more paces to share a cup of coffee and use the bathroom, all on one level. They chose mission over building, people over things and the future over the past. Please pray that God will continue to guide and bless their choices.

- **Week of October 15                      Memorial, Rockville**

The smell of incense, bacon and cake icing can still be detected if you pause for a second after entering the beautiful brick building on the square. The incense lingers from the recent 24-

hour prayer vigil the Deacons sponsored, filling the sanctuary with a powerful unbroken chain of prayer, for the congregation, parish and community. The bacon scent is from the monthly free breakfast the Men's Fellowship puts on. With a nice big donation bucket that sits on the counter, this "free breakfast" generates enough income to bless dozens of families with food, clothing and gifts at Christmas, Thanksgiving and the beginning of school. The icing is from a baby shower to celebrate the coming of our newest "member". Please pray the building continues to be a filled with the scent of mission and ministry and the people be filled with the fullness of Christ.

**Week of October 22**

**Royal Oak, Vincennes**

**Daniel Land, CRE**

Royal Oak Presbyterian Church has served its farming neighborhood for over 100 years. We are a small congregation of dedicated learners and servers.

We will appreciate prayers for our continued service and growth. Thank you and God Bless.

**Week of October 29**

**South Side, Vincennes**

**Larry Doll, CRE**

South Side Presbyterian Church is located in a residential neighborhood in Vincennes. We have a very small membership with several other attenders who worship with us often. In addition to worship services every Sunday, we have a clothing ministry to serve our neighborhood. Several other outreaches into the neighborhood have not yet brought us the new members we had hoped for, so our strategy toward the unchurched is ineffective and must change. We're just not sure to what yet. But we believe God has every intention of carrying us through.

Please give thanks with us that God has kept us stable and running, that He is directing us through our current financial pinch. Pray with us that we may discern God's plan for our growth and show us how we might reach the unchurched more effectively. We at South Side Presbyterian Church thank you for your prayers.