

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

November 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 November 5

Indiana, Vincennes

Rev. Larry Langer

The Indiana Presbyterian Church in Vincennes is one of the oldest Presbyterian Church in Indiana. However, rather than acting old, we are acting invigorated. During the transitional pastoral period these past three years, we have faithfully received two confirmation classes, baptized several adult men and a half dozen children and infants. We have restarted the Sunday School with three children's classes and one adult class. We have continued to provide our chicken fricassee at our church picnic each year, raising significant funds for our mission work. Our Gemini Mission Camp has continued to attract about a hundred children and adults to Camp Pyoca each summer. (Please consider sending your children to this camp; it is very, very good!)

Our elders and deacons on Session and the Board of Deacons are very faithful and active. In fact, the Transitional Pastor has only to preach, lead some of the worship, moderate the session and show up at the other activities. The elders are leading the church and the deacons are taking care of the flock!

Now, the Pastor Nominating Committee has been formed and has had their first orientation meeting prior to attacking their work in earnest. Probably by the time another prayer concern article rolls around, we can pray for the new pastor's leadership in the church. For now, please pray for the aforementioned activities.

Week of November 12

Upper Indiana, Vincennes

Upper Indiana Presbyterian Church, located just north of Vincennes, is a rural church with a rich, 210+ year history! This church is said to be the first organized Presbyterian Church north of the Ohio River and west of the State of Ohio. Carrying around 95 members on the church rolls, we average 40 in attendance at each 9:00 am Sunday service. Our mission is to strive to love God, love people and make and grow disciples. Faith in Christ is taught and nurtured here! Our Sunday service is what one would call a traditional service, complete with singing from a hymnal. The message comes direct from the Holy Bible. Adult Sunday School follows the church service.

Whenever there is a month with five Sundays, we have an evening meal at the church. This meal is known as "The Upper Supper." There is always great food, fun, and fellowship, and one can truly feel the presence of the Lord here.

One of the most challenging tasks a church can undertake is facing our church today, finding a new pastor to call our own, to lead us, to guide us, to teach us even more from God's word. In mid-October the congregation elected five individuals to serve on a Designated Pastor Nominating Committee. We truly are just beginning this process. Now more than ever, UIPC will appreciate your prayers as we move through this process.

Week of November 19

Westminster, Washington

Rev. Cheryl Thorne

Westminster Presbyterian Church is celebrating many new and wonderful ministries. This year our community mission 'Helping Hands Ministries' has doubled in size and now utilizes the full basement of the church. We continue to reach out to families in need in our community and currently serve 149 families a month. Amid our reaching out to help those in need, there are relationships being built and other ministries being formulated. As the Lighthouse drug recovery centers are reaching out to get assistance, they in turn also help us by working several hours to help hang and organize clothing and they do the heavy lifting (we feel we could not do it without them). Please pray that this much needed ministry continues to bless our community, and that God will continue to use us in this wonderful way.

We also began a new Sunday school program. As more children are being added to our numbers, we have a workshop model and the children are having fun bringing what they have learned into our worship experience. Again, prayers that this will continue to bless our children and families and that God will continue to grow our family ministries will be appreciated.

Week of November 26

Commissioners to POV Assembly

Please pray for all of the pastors, elder commissioners, and visitors as they travel to Mitchell and participate in the Presbytery Assembly on Thursday, November 30. May they have wisdom and discernment as they discuss and decide the important matters that will come before them.