

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

December 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 related 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 December 3 Agencies of the PC(USA)

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY

Presbyterian Mission is the national ministry arm of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the largest of the PC(USA)'s six General Assembly agencies. We joyfully partner with congregations, mid councils, worshiping communities, mission networks and many other groups to nurture and support Christ's disciples wherever the Holy Spirit leads and the General Assembly directs us. Presbyterian Mission's goal is to inspire, equip and connect the church in three main areas: evangelism and discipleship, servant leader formation, and justice and reconciliation.

THE PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

The Presbyterian Foundation gathers, stewards and distributes funds for mission. We work hard to strengthen congregations and related mission and ministry efforts by developing gifts and managing funds on their behalf.

THE PRESBYTERIAN INVESTMENT AND LOAN PROGRAM

The Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc. (ILP) is a nonprofit corporation of PC(USA) created to provide low-cost loans to congregations, governing bodies and related entities of PC(USA). We provide loans for the construction or purchase of buildings, renovations, and even refinancing of existing debt.

PRESBYTERIAN PUBLISHING CORPORATION

Westminster John Knox Press (WJK) is the academic and trade imprint of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC). Books and resources published under the WJK imprint cover the spectrum of religious thought and represent the work of scholarly and popular authors of many different religious and theological affiliations. WJK publishes approximately 60 new books and other resources each year and manages a backlist of more than 1,800 titles that are sold throughout the world. Books published specifically for the PC(USA) are published under the Geneva Press imprint.

THE BOARD OF PENSIONS

The Board of Pensions serves teaching elders and other employees, and the congregations and other PC(USA)-affiliated institutions that employ them, as it lives into the direction that General Assembly has given it. It provides pension, healthcare, and death and disability benefits; financial assistance; and educational programs to support a ministry of wholeness, which promotes spiritual, health, financial, and vocational well-being. At its core is the belief that the well-being of church servants contributes significantly to the vitality of the Church.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Office of General Assembly supports the work of the Stated Clerk. The Clerk's duties include interpreting assembly actions, representing the church on various denominational and

ecumenical councils, witnessing on behalf of the church to social justice issues, and making statements as directed by an assembly. The office supports Mid Councils as they support congregations and has oversight of the Presbyterian Historical Society.

Week of December 10 New Worshiping Communities

Please pray for the new worshiping communities that are being formed in POV and are still in the early stages of life.

Week of December 17 Peace on Earth

Week of December 24 Bethlehem International Center

March 2017 a group from the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, set out for Bethlehem. The Partnership we share includes travel to Bethlehem and Marietta Macy, who serves First Presbyterian in Columbus, led the group. The travelers saw the pilgrimage sights, talked with Israeli and Palestinian residents working for a better life, had the chance to hear Archbishop Elias Chacour and the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, and worshipped at Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. The report to Presbytery illuminated stories from the trip.

Our Partnership includes daily prayer for the work in Indiana and Bethlehem, scholarship dollars, sending hearing aids for the audiology clinic, support for the Churches for Middle East Peace, travel and education. All the travelers would welcome sharing the importance of the work we are partnered with in Bethlehem. Pray for the work in Indiana and Bethlehem in this season of Jesus' birth. What a blessing in life to be engaged in this work.

Week of December 31 POV Candidates and Inquirers

With 4 ordinations in 2017, we have just two remaining candidates:
Heather Thiessen is an active member at Corydon. She graduated from Louisville Seminary over a decade ago and has been teaching religion classes at Spalding University in Louisville. She is also doing some preaching in the southern part of the presbytery and serving as moderator for some churches.

Marietta Macy's home church is Spencer, but she is currently Director of Children's Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Columbus. She has completed her seminary training and passed her ords and Bible Content Exam. She has a passion for the people of Palestine.