

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

January 2018

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 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.

Lawrence County Parish

- **Week of January 7** **First, Bedford**

The First Presbyterian Church of Bedford is located in downtown Bedford. Founded in 1819, it is the oldest church in Lawrence County. The church is beginning to prepare for its 200th anniversary coming in 2 years.. Current activities include a monthly pancake breakfast, ladies' meeting, and confirmation class.

With a little over 90 members, the usual attendance is around 40-50. With the aging of the congregation and discontinuing generations, please pray for us that we may be thriving congregation again by being the light and salt in the community.

- **Week of January 14** **Mitchell**

The Mitchell Presbyterian Church is located at the edge of Mitchell. It was founded in 1855, the oldest continuing church in Mitchell. The original church building burnt down in 1993, and the new church was rebuilt in a new location on Highway 60. Current activities include the ladies' meetings and the men's group.

With a little over 60 members, the usual attendance is around 30-40. With the aging of the congregation and discontinuing generations, please pray for us that we may be thriving congregation again by being the light and salt in the community.

Week of January 21

First, Bloomfield

Rev. Dawn Black

Week of January 28

First, Bloomington

**Rev. Andy Kort
Rev. Kim Adams**

First Presbyterian, Bloomington is located between Indiana University's main campus and the downtown square. We engage not only with our members, but also university students, our neighboring churches, and members of the downtown community. One very recent joy is the addition of our new pipe organ, made by Paul Fritts of Tacoma, Washington. The organ is a part of our current capital campaign, "Celebrating our Future." Additional components of the campaign include a new roof for our facility, new roofs for our mission partners in West Virginia, a newly renovated kitchen, renovation of a parish house for our sister congregation in Posoltega, Nicaragua, support for a community detox center, and a study on building accessibility. The campaign has been a success, and there is still more to do. We thank you for your prayers for this and all of the ministry that we do in God's name.