

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

February, 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 obsnyder22@gmail.com. It is also available on the POV website.

Week of February 7 Korean Congregation, Bloomington Rev. Sang Tae Lee

The Korean Presbyterian Congregation in Bloomington has existed for almost two decades. It began and remains a “new church development”. That category really does not fit this group very well and never has. The church is 80% or more made up of persons who have a very transient presence in Bloomington—mostly students. These folk will return to Korea itself or to other places of origin. The church has an administrative commission, but in reality self-governs through a program committee. This group is one of the five largest worshipping communities in the presbytery.

For the last 15 years the congregation has been served by Pastor Sang Tae Lee. Pastor Lee is a second career minister who previously worked in higher education. He is a wonderful leader for this group and has served well. Denominational identity is not the binding reality, but rather the skill, knowledge and passion of the pastor. The success of the Bloomington group and even its identity is tied deeply to the pastor. Please pray for Pastor Lee and his flock. As opportunity presents itself, meet the Pastor and people of the Bloomington Korean Congregation.

Week of February 14 United, Bloomington Rev. John Napoli

Week of February 21 Hemenway Memorial, Boonville Rev. Tamara Recob

This last year for Hemenway Memorial Presbyterian Church has been one of healing and revitalization. We are a small congregation, but have a huge heart for leading Christ's call to ministry in the community. Under the care of our new pastor, we formed a strategic planning taskforce to envision what our future looked like. In August of 2017, our Session implemented a one year pilot program call "Finding Hope & Grace at Hemenway" This program focuses on nurturing our community by providing resources at no cost for health and healing not otherwise found in our county. Spirituality is the baseline of our ministry at Hemenway Church, but God calls us to care for the whole individual (mental, emotional, physical, and financial). We have partnered with the Salvation Army, Purdue Extension office, two Christian Life coaches who facilitate 3 support groups, area fitness instructors, and many other creative individuals to make this program come to fruition. We seek prayers for continuation, perseverance, and financial stress that many small congregations just like ours share. We strive to make a difference in our community by sharing the light of Christ one person at a time.

Week of February 28 POV Committees, Teams, and Work Groups

Please pray for the following organizations as they continue their work of service in 2018.

Presbytery Council	POV Academy
Board of Trustees	Preparation for Ministry
Committee on Ministry	Representation
Congregational Mission and Vitality	Stewardship
Evangelism and Congregational Witness	Permanent Judicial Commission
Nominating	Presbyterian Women
Personnel	Pyoca Conference and Retreat Center