

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

March, 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 March 4

First, Brazil

Rev. Gary Scroggins

First Presbyterian Church is a church family of about 250 members located 17 miles east of Terre Haute. We do many things together: worship, learn, serve Christ in our community and beyond. One of the largest undertakings we have attempted in recent years began in January 2017. We started what we call "Sunday Suppers", a program where we prepare and serve free meals for the community each Sunday night. We usually serve about 100 meals each week. We even provided meals on Christmas Eve (a Sunday). This new program has required a very sizable commitment of money and time from our folk, and they have risen to the occasion. As you might pray for our congregation, please pray for discernment and faithfulness throughout 2018 and beyond.

Week of March 11

First, Brownstown

Rev. John VanderZee

Brownstown Presbyterian Church is a small congregation of about forty people located outside of Seymour in southern Indiana. We are a conservative group of believers who hold to the truths of God's Word. Rural Brownstown's population is about 3,000 and composed of mostly white Anglo-Saxons. The church is located across the street from Brownstown Central High School and next to a Lutheran School and church.

Our membership has dwindled in the past ten years through a series of circumstances from a healthy membership of over one hundred to forty. Although we are small, we continue to reach out to the poor and needy by supporting the BAMA (Brownstown Area Ministerial Association), providing supplies for Anchor House (a woman's abuse center), and providing a free meal for the incoming freshmen and their families before the August Open House. In the past we have sent mission teams to New Orleans, Mexico and Appalachia.

Currently we do not have a full-time pastor but have received a sizable donation to begin the search process. We have barely started the process, so please pray for wisdom in using God's resources to His glory, for God to guide us through this process and to find the pastor who might be able to help us grow, spiritually and physically. Pray God would help us to heal and to mature as He continues to show us His Way.

Week of March 18

Cayuga United, Cayuga

Rev. William Henry

Cayuga Presbyterian Church is located approximately 35 miles north of Terre Haute on State Road 63. We have a church population of about 26 members; average physical age is around 68.9, mentally our average age is 45!

Our pastor is William E. Henry (Pastor Bill). He also pastors the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Villa Grove, Illinois. We feel blessed to have his presence.

We have worship at 10 a.m. on Sundays following the 9 a.m. adult Sunday school class, which is studying "Through the Bible with Les Feldick." Our choir provides music during worship; they practice on Wednesday evenings. We have Communion the first Sunday of every even month; we also have Sunrise and Christmas Eve services followed by fellowship and food, which we enjoy

We would appreciate your prayers for two concerns. Our organ, which has provided music simultaneously with the piano every Sunday for over 60 years, is in need of repairs. Also, about 30 years ago we had built a concrete ramp enclosed by brick. This ramp helps with those who cannot negotiate the steps into church. This winter, the weather has ruined the concrete, and it is in need of repair. Thank you for your prayers.

Week of March 25

Valley City, Central

Rev. Vicki Poole-Adams