

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

May 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 May 6

Dale

Rev. Martha FrizLanger

Dale Presbyterian Church--A Church on The Way--is a small congregation with a big heart for social justice and service to its community. Our main spiritual gift of prayer has propelled us into ministries and missions we would have never imagined.

Each Sunday, the worship is led by all aged people from our congregation. More than 10 of its elders are trained in preaching and pastoral care as we live out our calling to be "the priesthood of all believers."

Our new addition--The Micah Center, which was paid off in full last year--continues to thrive and house many ministries:

- Community Table which feeds, provides fellowship and programming, and offers prayer to all who come through the door
- The Let's Eat program which provides non-perishable bags of food for any child
- Summer Community Adventures which is a summer program for elementary aged children from the local school who are on the free and reduced lunch program and provides food, remediation, ESL help, Bible class and activities and field trips
- High School Diploma Equivalency programming in conjunction with Vincennes University
- Domestic abuse counseling in conjunction with Crisis Connection
- A house of worship for our new Hispanic Protestant congregation: Iglesia Christos Rio De Agua Vida
- A new discipling and accountability group for men coming out of jail back into society.

Recently, many of our key leaders have been struck with debilitating and life threatening illnesses. We hold prayer vigils and offer anointings and physical care as we minister to them.

Week of May 13

Commissioners to POV Assembly

Please pray for all ministers and elders who will be preparing for and traveling to and from the Presbytery Assembly at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Evansville on Saturday. Remember especially those from your congregation who will be attending.

Week of May 20

Camp Pyoca

Mike Davis

Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center is nestled in the hills of Brownstown, Indiana next to the Jackson-Washington State Forest. Our camp is jointly operated by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley and Whitewater Valley Presbytery. We host a number of retreats and conferences

throughout the year, as well as a number of camps in the summer. Recently, Pyoca unveiled a new mission statement: ***All are welcome in God's love to explore, grow, rest, and play.*** Through a great deal of discernment, Pyoca is moving into a new chapter of our history and we ask that you walk alongside us in prayer as we seek to follow where God leads.

Each summer we host over 600 campers from all over central and southern Indiana. We host our own camp programs, as well as offer space and staffing for church partners to bring youth down for their own camps. This summer, many of those campers will be learning about the expansive mystery of God through our theme: *Beyond Belief*. We ask that you hold our campers, staff, and volunteers in prayer as they come together to explore their faith and learn what it means to enter into Christian community.

We also ask for prayer as we gather together on April 28th with our greater camp community to remember those we have lost in the last year. Just this year, we have lost two boards members and a number of devoted members of Pyoca's camp community. We pray to uplift the friends and families of these beloved saints as we remember their service to camp and Christ's mission here on earth.

Week of May 27

Church of the Covenant, Elizabeth