

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

August 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 August 5

Grammer, Grammer

Rev. Hana Elliott

Grammer Presbyterian Church was established in 1907, and at 111 years old it is one of only two remaining "businesses" in Grammer. Grammer has 12 members, and participates in a pastor-sharing arrangement with Scipio Presbyterian Church (5 miles south). Grammer hosts a food pantry for neighbors, and feels the church serves as an anchor for the Grammer community. Prayers are asked as the session and congregation discern where God is calling the congregation at this point, and as they explore possibilities for a deeper friendship with the members of Scipio Presbyterian Church.

Week of August 12

Greencastle, Greencastle

Rev. Wes Kendall

Greencastle Presbyterian Church continues its life of mission and service to this small college town and our rural communities. As a smaller family of about a hundred members, our goal is to be a family of believers who are here to love like Jesus, live like Jesus and serve like Jesus. We are a diverse community, which we believe is one of our strengths and one of God's great gifts to us in this time in which we live. We have an active SAWs ministry that has built over 125 ramps for neighbors in need in the last ten years, a daycare that provides child care for two-income families and for single moms. We have started providing Second Saturday events on Greencastle's square that provides FREE, family-oriented fun so that young families can experience community through entertainers, music and outdoor movies. In the past four years, we've also started partnering in ecumenical services with our Episcopalian and Methodist brothers and sisters and with other churches for mission in this area. Right now, we would love to have your prayers for God to give us great boldness and courage to seek the welfare of the community around us more than our own welfare. Pray that God pushes us to love sacrificially in the way of Jesus to God's glory.

Week of August 19

Hanover, Hanover

Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy

Hanover Presbyterian Church recently became a More Light congregation and it is approaching its 200th year with a focus on mission that is surprising for its small numbers. As we look to the past we find the creation of a college (Hanover), a seminary (McCormick), and the local PFLAG chapter as well as a Thrift Shop with our Methodist neighbors. We maintain the

only cemetery in town which includes veterans from every war and conflict of our country since the Revolution as well as several of the college presidents. The 66th year of the Hanover Community Birthday and Events calendar raises mission funds but primarily builds community through sharing arts and athletic schedules of college and school, provides contact information for local businesses, and celebrates over 1000 birthdays, anniversaries, and memorials.

At present the first community preschool (52 years) continues to offer a quality small program to prepare children for love of learning in our building. Our young people enjoy BGLAD, boys and girls learning and dancing, a Wednesday afterschool program for Christian Education. Older youth meet ecumenically as the Luthererians with another local congregation. Adults have Sunday morning class and monthly men's and women's Bible/book study groups. Our people organize the summer lunch program for all under 18 years old and staff the first week. Many volunteer at the Jefferson County House of Hope stocking shelves, offering prayer, guiding shoppers, and maintaining the client files.

Weekly worship centers us with singing, music, and the Word. We offer a communion service monthly in a local health care facility. We partner with St. Stephen AME and Resurrection Lutheran during Lent for special services and ecumenical fellowship. We hope our presbytery partners will pray for us and growth in the future. Praise to God – Creator, Savior and Comforter.

Week of August 26

POV Chaplains and other Specialized Ministries

We pray for those members our Presbytery who have been called to ministries outside the local parish setting that serve others, aid others, and enable the ministries of others.