

## **PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS**

**November, 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](mailto:bbsnyder22@gmail.com). It is also available on the POV website.**

### **Week of November 4**

### **Community, Leavenworth**

**Mick Finch, CRE**

Community Presbyterian Church was built in 1937 on a bluff overlooking the Ohio River in Leavenworth, Indiana. The original church was built in the 1800's in Leavenworth Old Town. That church was destroyed by the 1937 Flood. The Presbyterian and Methodist churches in Leavenworth merged after the flood to form the current congregation.

Community Presbyterian has thirty plus members. We are active in supporting the Crawford County United Ministries which manages the local Food Bank. With loving hearts Community Presbyterian provides support for families in need. We provide a vibrant Vacation Bible School program where over thirty young people hear the Gospel.

It was exciting times over the past couple of years where we have baptized four young people and received several new members. We are an older congregation but God continues to bless us in His Son Jesus Christ.

### **Week of November 11**

### **Lexington**

**Rev. Aaron Flucke**

Lexington Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered, Spirit-filled, vibrant, growing community of faith. Our Church was organized in 1818 by a group of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian families. Making 2018 our bicentennial! We are celebrating by inviting the town to a carnival on Saturday October 20th and we will be having a special celebration service on Sunday 10/21.

In 1819 Rev. John M. Dickey was installed as the first minister, a name likely known to folks who know a little about the history of the OVP. By 1844 the Church had been relocated and rebuilt on the square in Lexington, IN. Since then the Church has had a long and rich history. It has stood as a light in the community and as a testament to God's saving grace. Through many ups and downs the Church survived. In 1997 the Church was struck by lightning and the old white country church burned quickly. Yet, from those ashes God's church was resurrected and revitalized, spurring the congregation to not only rebuild a building but to reengage in God's mission in our community.

Not long after the church was rebuilt we started a program called the Good News Club in Lexington Elementary. In a sense, Good News Club is an after school version of VBS. This has given our church the chance to share the good news of Christ with students in the elementary school across the street.

In addition to the Good News Clubs, we provide a brand new pair of shoes and a children's bible to all in-coming kindergarten students at Lexington Elementary, ensuring that they begin their educational career on a firm foundation, from their feet to the Word. Also, our church has

partnered with the 3 other Lexington area Churches and we have purchased all the school supplies for all the students at Lexington Elementary, k-5th grades, which is roughly 200 students. This was our 3rd year doing that.

Our church also helps staff and financially support the "Good Faith Preschool" in Lexington and the Scott County Clearing House which is a local food bank. We give yearly to Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's purse and Heifer International. We help support a pastor in Bagdogra, India who I traveled to see this last November and we provide financial support an organization called Amigos for Christ. They help rural villages in Nicaragua install a clean water supply. The past two years we've had four members of our church travel down and participate in this endeavor. We also support an organization called Centerstone which now has a facility in Lexington at the Englishton Park property, a property under care of the Synod. This facility helps women who are battling addiction and living in dangerous environments. Clients who are pregnant or who have had children removed by CPS are given first priority. We not only give financially, we put on a Thanksgiving dinner for them last year, we purchased an elliptical and a stationary bike for their exercise room and we purchased some curriculum for them.

In addition to all of that we have been actively working on building and creating small groups within the Church that are designed to connect our congregation to Jesus and to one another. We would certainly appreciate your prayers in this area as we seek to faithfully lead God's people into a deeper walk of discipleship and into a life giving community of believers. Continue to pray with us as we seek to reach the lost, hurting and broken people in our community as addiction and poverty are rampant. We would greatly appreciate your prayers as we seek to be a light for Christ in those dark places.

#### **Week of November 18**

#### **Churches Searching for Pastoral Leadership**

At any given time in our presbytery, several congregations are in search of pastoral leadership. Please pray for discernment for all involved in the search for pastoral leadership, for those pastors searching for a new call, and for the committee on ministry and presbytery staff that help guide congregations and pastors through times of transition.

#### **Week of November 25**

#### **New Worshiping Communities**