

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

January 2019

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 January 6

Canaan, Jefferson

Jefferson Presbyterian Church was established in 1818 and is made of stone. It has beautiful stained glass windows and a high arched ceiling that shows the beautiful wood in the ceiling.

We are a small congregation, served by a lay minister who brings the message to us each Sunday. We are all active in our church and encourage others to attend if they so desire. We all get together several times a year after Sunday worship and have a dinner or light lunch which is prepared by members of our congregation.

As with all small country churches, we struggle to keep people coming to our church. We would appreciate prayers for our church for growth and members.

Week of January 13

Madison

Rev. Scott Hookey

Madison Presbyterian Church has completed its bicentennial celebration. The church is presently involved in broad conversations about the future, seeking ways to engage the congregation in this discernment process. We are working to build on a number of small study and fellowship groups.

The church celebrates a strong music program as well as a significant outreach ministry. Our Board of Deacons distributes Thanksgiving baskets every year, sponsors an Angel Tree and is one of the few organizations in town that offers utility assistance to county residents. Prayers would be welcomed for our visioning process.

Week of January 20

Smyrna-Monroe, Madison

Smyrna-Monroe Presbyterian Church is located in Southern Indiana in Jefferson County, near the town of Madison and the Ohio River. We are a small church in the country with mostly elderly members. We regularly contribute to a local food pantry. Recently we contributed to a family who lost everything due to Hurricane Michael. We also support Mission Giving, Seminary, One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy Offering, and Englishton Park. Our church is over 180 years old.

Week of January 27

First, Martinsville

Rev. John VanderZee

First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville is a 177 year old, 80 member congregation just a block off the Martinsville town square, which is experiencing a revitalization in preparation for the passing through of highway I-69.

We are in a season of transition under the leadership of Pastor John VanderZee. The church works with the established missions of Morgan County Ministerial Alliance, and has a close working relationship with Habitat of Monroe County. The church is in the midst of exploring new and creative local mission opportunities. The Session is in the process of completing its Mission Information Form as it searches for a called pastor.

Spirits are high and congregational participation in worship, children's ministry and mission is on the rise. We are excited to see what God has in store for our future.