

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

February 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 February 3

The Lord's Warehouse

The Lord's Warehouse in Monroe City provides food and clothing for those in need. We served more families in 2018 than we had the year before, and the numbers continue to grow. We give out food to families twice a month, at which time they can also find clothing and household goods they might need. Our current sources of food, in addition to area churches, are the Helping His Hands ministry in Vincennes and the Lynnville Bread of Life. We are so grateful for all their support.

This past year we provided Thanksgiving food boxes to 150 families. Our supporting churches helped fund and fill the boxes, which was a great time together. We also provided Christmas gifts for our clients, with help from Toys for Tots.

We are grateful that the presbytery continues to pray for The Lord's Warehouse. We will appreciate your prayers, and we especially ask for prayers that our shelves can be so full of food that we can distribute food three times per month.

Week of February 10

First Presbyterian Church, Mount Vernon Rev. Andrew Clark

First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon is a small rural church where average attendance on any given Sunday is 20-25 people. The majority of regular attending members are retired or soon to be retired, although we do have some younger families and youth. Currently, we have one children's Sunday school class which meets in plenary session and then breaks down into two small groups. Pastor Andrew teaches the one adult class.

This congregation has been faithful partners in local mission including the Riverbend Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity house building, and an active part of the Mt. Vernon Ministerial Association, which has expanded community services in 2019 from the usual Good Friday, Thanksgiving, and other local mission support to the new Fifth Sunday evening worship. Ecumenical worship and mission are highly valued by our congregation.

In conjunction with Pastor Andrew's DMin project, he is introducing spiritual practices, multimedia, small groups, and field trips to such places as New Harmony where we can connect to the holy—examples: the labyrinth walks, and the Roofless Church. We have started a Longest Night Worship in 2018 and it was well received. Our church has had a history of being missional minded and locally committed to ministries of this community. Andrew recognizes the need to transition and transform how to be church not only in our social context but also within the real world reality of older members who will not always be able to do and be at a level of ministerial discipleship as they have been in the past.

Pastor Andrew and the session are optimistic that the resources, wisdom, and DMin project program offers a viable option to seek, be, and do in whatever form we are transitioning into as time goes on. The joy is that we have hope and a commitment to be more of who God calls us to be in God's time—Kairos.

Week of February 17

Brown County Fellowship, Nashville

Rev. Scott Seay

Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship welcomes an average of around 55 people in worship every Sunday, and around 80 people visit our website www.browncountypresbyterian.org each week to listen to the sermons and check out what is going on. God's Grace, our free clothing program, continues to be the anchor of our social ministry, and recently has transitioned to be its own 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization serving all of Brown County. In 2019, we approved a balanced budget in which just over 30% of income goes to support missions in the community and the Presbytery. Small but mighty, we strive to participate in God's transforming and renewing work in Brown County. We ask for prayers as the whole congregation anticipates entering a strategic discernment process during the 2019 Lenten season.

Week of February 24

Mt. Tabor, New Albany

Rev. Karen McDonald Smith

For more than 180 years Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church has been serving the New Albany community and beyond. We support HOPE Southern Indiana and provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for families who have need. The first Wednesday of each month volunteers prepare and serve a meal for all who come to Silver Street United Methodist Church. This year we assisted Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by assembling 100 Gifts of the Heart Hygiene Kits, and we provide assistance to a missionary in Haiti. The Lunch Bunch meets for Bible study and fellowship each Wednesday, and the Youth Ministry is excited to be joining with friends from St. John Presbyterian Church every other month. Sunday mornings are filled with beautiful choral music, often with the accompaniment of a violin, flutes, percussion, and piano. We ask for your prayers as we continue our transitional ministry journey and seek God's guidance for the future.