

## **PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS**

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

#### **Week of March 3**

#### **St. John United, New Albany**

**Rev. C. Allen Colwell**

St. John Presbyterian exists to bring people into the transforming presence of Jesus Christ through worship, teaching the Word, Christian nurture, and ministry in and to the world. As Christ's ministers, we are striving to build a community of God's love, justice, and mercy, trusting God to lead us into faithfulness.

This mission and ministry has been evident throughout our history, early on in our connection with the underground railroad, and today in our service to our local community through our Wednesday Night Live program for youth, our community garden, an annual neighborhood street fair, and our locally famous Homemade Apple Dumpling booth at Harvest Homecoming, among others. Recently, we have been blessed to become a field education placement for students at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

We have a vibrant worship life, music program, and educational programs for children through adults. We are currently planning a talent show that will raise money to send several of our youth to Triennium this summer. We continue to be blessed and challenged as a living, loving, working part of the Body of Christ.

#### **Week of March 10**

#### **Newburgh**

The Newburgh Presbyterian Church held its final service of worship on January 13, 2019. We continue to be in prayer for the members of the former congregation as they find new places of worship and explore new ways to be of service in church and community. Any notes or cards that you wish to send may be mailed to the presbytery office, and will be shared with those who served on the session.

#### **Week of March 17**

#### **POV Committees, Teams, and Work Groups**

Please pray for the following organizations as they continue their work of service in 2017.

Presbytery Council  
Board of Trustees  
Committee on Ministry  
Congregational Mission and Vitality  
Evangelism and Congregational Witness  
Nominating  
Personnel

Preparation for Ministry  
Representation  
Stewardship  
Permanent Judicial Commission  
Presbyterian Women  
Pyoca Conference and Retreat Center

**Week of March 24**

**Graham, North Vernon**

**Rev. Michael Bean**

Graham Presbyterian Church was founded in 1817 by pioneer families from the Carolinas, the Virginias, Tennessee and Kentucky. They decided they must have a place to worship and built a log church very near the spot the church now occupies on the banks of Graham Creek in Jennings County.

In 1851, a new white frame church was built for the sum of \$784.67. This church had two doors, one for men and one for women. Sadly, the church burned to the ground on 19 August 1935, the night before the annual Homecoming. Construction on a new church began almost immediately and, at the annual Homecoming on 25 September 1938, the church we worship in today was dedicated. Membership and attendance have fluctuated over the years and our current attendance averages around 24 congregants. Reverend Michael Bean has served as our pastor for nearly 21 years.

Churches are measured by the works they do, and though small, Graham Presbyterian continues to support God's works with time and money. We actively participate in management of the Wayside Inn, which is the Jennings County Homeless Shelter. Additionally, we support the Louisville Seminary Bookends Fund, One Great Hour of Sharing, the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, Presbytery Shared Mission, and Muscatatuck Christian Ranch, a local camp offering a free week of camping and outdoor activities to economically disadvantaged youth in our community.

We are also part of the Rural Community Fellowship, a group of eight neighboring churches who gather once monthly at each other's church for shared worship and a goodwill offering to a local cause. The men and women who comprise our church are people of God who know we are blessed and strive daily to do His will.