

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

May 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 May 5 Princeton Presbyterian Church Rev. J. H. Vanlal Hruaia

The United Presbyterian Church (established in 1810) and First Presbyterian Church (established in 1894), located in Princeton, Indiana became Princeton Presbyterian Parish in 2015. Through prayer and with God's guidance both churches were led in the decision to merge on November 4, 2018 with a new name called 'Princeton Presbyterian Church' becoming effective January 1, 2019.

A few of our local ministries consists of a Free Community Meal on the 2nd Saturday of the month including meal preparation and delivery; supplying a Presbyterian Blessing Box placed outside our church where personal hygiene products, toiletries, and miscellaneous small items are provided for free to whomever wishes to come and get what they need. Please pray that we continue to work together as one church family and friends to remember what the Bible said in Proverbs 3:5-6, *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.."*

Week of May 12 Center for Congregations

The Center for Congregations has the singular mission of strengthening local congregations in the state of Indiana, based upon the simple conviction that congregations matter to the faith life of individuals and to the fabric of the community and that they deserve help.

The Center offers three services to Indiana congregations of any tradition: consulting at no charge to assist a congregation in clarifying a challenge or opportunity and identifying the best tools or resources to address it; subsidized educational programs to help clergy and leaders address practical challenges; and grants to help congregations access resources. The Center is funded by the Lilly Endowment as a gift to Indiana congregations.

POV minister member Wendy McCormick has served the Center for Congregations since 2008. Several POV congregations have accessed its services.

Week of May 19 Camp Pyoca Mike Davis, Senior Director Molly Dewitt, Program Director

We are busy preparing for our upcoming summer camp programs at Pyoca. This summer's theme is **Peace Works**. Our campers will explore what it means to be peacemakers and how

they can share Christ's transforming peace as they go out into the world. We ask that you keep our summer staff, volunteers, and campers in your prayers throughout the summer.

In addition, Pyoca is getting involved with our community as Jackson County seeks to address the opioid and drug crisis throughout the county. We recognize this is a serious issue across southern Indiana and hope to walk alongside our community as we seek healing and transformation. Please keep our brothers and sisters who struggle with substance abuse disorder held in prayer.

Week of May 26 Fairview, Princeton

**Rev. Mark Holland, Pastor
Rev. Larry Langer, Moderator of Session**

Fairview Presbyterian Church, located just a few miles east of Princeton, is known as "The friendly little church in the country." We average about 40 persons attending worship service every Sunday. We support local needs and family needs monthly with our mission monies, and we participate with the other county Presbyterian churches in special services and get-togethers.

We would appreciate your prayers for our pastor, Mark Holland, and his wife Jan, as well as our congregation and the surrounding community. New this past year is a Children's Church, which is working very well. Please lift their leader, Laura Kruse, in prayer, as well as our newly revived youth group and their leaders. We invite you to look us up on Facebook at Fairview Presbyterian Church Princeton In.