## PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS June 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 <a href="mailto:bbsnyder22@gmail.com">bbsnyder22@gmail.com</a>. It is also available on the POV website.

Week of June 2 Roachdale Rev. David Bower

## Week of June 9 Retired Ministers Living in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley

A number of retired Presbyterian pastors live within the bounds of our presbytery. Please pray for their health and well-being.

Week of June 16 Salem Moderator Rev. Bob Turner

Salem Presbyterian Church, located in Salem, Indiana, celebrated its 200th year, or its 201st, depending on who you ask, in August 2017. Worship on Sundays still takes place in the brick building completed in 1842, and the church bell is rung at the start of services. Our 69 members continue to serve the church and the rural community in the spirit of Christian love. We have a vibrant music program including a choir that presents cantatas at Christmas and Easter. The youth of the church delights in collecting quarters each Sunday to contribute to Heifer International, and when enough is collected to donate an animal, the youth chooses the type of animal to donate. Members are active in the community, volunteering at the Washington County Food Bank and other organizations. This month we are just beginning a search for pastoral leadership and ask for your prayers for discernment to guide us through this transition.

## Week of June 23 Churches Seeking Pastoral Leadership

At any given time in our presbytery, several congregations are in search of pastoral leadership. As of May 2019, seven pastor nominating committees (PNCs) are in place and searching for installed pastoral leadership and one session is searching for a transitional (interim) pastor Still other congregations are exploring the type of pastoral leadership that will best help them be in ministry to one another and their communities. 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 June 30 Synod of Lincoln Trails Sara Dingman, Synod Executive

The Synod of Lincoln Trails is on the move! We are 8 presbyteries, 90,000+ members, and over 1,000 churches/colleges/nursing homes/mission centers strong! Our geographical

boundaries are Illinois and Indiana, and our office is located just north of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, up in Indianapolis. For 2019-2020 the Synod Assembly has endorsed five priorities: 1) strengthen COM and CPMs by providing boundaries training, committee training and development events, and leadership assessments with Leaderwise; 2) provide community organizing training through NEXT Church; 3) provide a synod-wide coaching program to church leaders at different levels of ministry; 4) re-tool the Synod New Pastors program to reach more new leaders, including bi-vocational and specialized ministers; 5) create conversations and allies around emerging issues (#metoo, #churchtoo, anti-racism, etc.). *Please pray that we can stay focused on our five priorities, for the sake of strengthening and equipping Presbyterian ministries in Illinois and Indiana*.

Please keep the POV folks who currently serving with the Synod in your prayers: Andy Kort (Moderator of Synod), Catherine Knott (Chair of Synod Council), Felipe Martinez (President of Board of Directors); Cheryl Moles, David Lee and Karen Hahn (Synod Commissioners); Alan Finnan (Board of Directors), Scott Hookey and Jayne Williams (Permanent Judicial Commissioners). Sara Dingman is our Synod Executive; Bake Wood is our Stated Clerk, Wynesia Jackson and Greg Cislak are Program Assistants. We are all connected by the Holy Spirit; we pray for you and thank you for your prayers!