PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS July 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, www.presbyteryov.org.

Week of July 7 United, Scipio

Week of July 14 Scottsburg

Rev. Don Summerfield

First Presbyterian Church of Scottsburg is a vibrant congregation whose common life is centered upon worship, hospitality, compassion and mission.

We're blessed with a beautiful sanctuary and comfortable facilities, a cadre of gifted musicians, and a congregation that is committed both to Christ and to the local and larger church. As a household of faith, we consider ourselves blessed to share in worship, study and service to God and our neighbors. We support not only the general mission of the PC(USA) and the Presbyterian Hunger Program's "Goat Project" but also maintain an active relationship with Ruth Brown, a Presbyterian mission-coworker serving in Ghana. We are a Presbyterian Earth Care Congregation and have signed-on to the church's Commitment to Peacemaking.

FPC-S serves our Scott County neighbors through our 3B's exercise program, by providing material assistance to needy individuals and families along with camp and college scholarships to young people in the area, by hosting a Sunday evening Community Meal in partnership with our local Homeless Outreach, and by providing meeting space for several 12-Step and recovery-related groups. Additionally, a number of our members serve as "salt and light" in the community through their promotion of literacy and participation in CASA, CHAOS (which offers a "hand-up" to those in generational poverty), health care and education.

This year, we ask our friends in the Presbytery to pray for God's guidance and blessing as we move into the implementation stage of the Center for Congregations' Community Ministry Grants Initiative, to which we were accepted in 2018. As the result of our discernment process, we are seeking to live more deeply into a call to grow in our ministry of hospitality to neighbors in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction and to groups supporting them and their families. Please pray we will be given grace so to follow the Spirit's leading that God's purposes will be served in our community and that our congregation will be set on an increasingly fruitful, inviting and sustainable path in ministry.

Week of July 21 First, Seymour Pastor

Dr. Daniel Watson, Interim

First Presbyterian Church in Seymour Indiana was founded as the first church in the newly settled town of Seymour, Indiana. The church is proud of its commitment of ministry to the citizens of Seymour no matter how the community evolves. The congregation strives to balance its commitment to the guiding principles of Reformed Theology, honest Biblical studies and openness to meaningful worship styles. We have a Latino worship service led by lay leaders trained in the heritage of the Mexican Presbyterian community aided by liturgical resources of the PCUSA and the Pastor. Our CE is blessed by a new influx of families with young children.

Week of July 28 Bethany, Spencer

Richard Poff, CRE