

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

April 2021

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. (When I updated my computer, my previous list was lost, so please send your request to me again.)

Week of April 4

Your Own Congregation

Week of April 11

Paoli

Rev. Robert Turner

The Mission of Paoli First Presbyterian Church is “To develop our fellowship as followers of Jesus Christ through joyful worship, prayer, Christian witness, and compassionate outreach. In our pastor’s words, we’re a “family-sized congregation with a community-wide vision.”

Paoli First Presbyterian Church is an open, welcoming, and accepting congregation. Nearly ALL of us have lived our mission and have filled the pulpit and openly shared our path toward spiritual growth. A significant part of our worship service is sharing personal joys and concerns. We are committed to making people feel comfortable in our service and shared ministries.

We are a small, but active church. The year 2020 presented many obstacles, and our congregation met them: We worshipped socially distanced face to socially distanced face. We shared worship via Zoom. We were inspired by our Zoom folks who shared sermons, prayers, and joys & concerns. We thought it best to limit singing to one verse, and eliminated the congregational prayer hymn in favor of a prayer poem shared by a participant each week. We made changes. We adapted for the greater good.

Paoli First Presbyterian Church partnered with the Orange County Community Foundation and the Lost River Marker to create a certified community kitchen. After just one summer, the kitchen’s bounty is being shared with the community. We make local contacts and receive requests through our Fish Wagon Ministry. Our Church has budgeted as much as 10% of our income towards Community ministries.

Several years ago, the congregation rebuilt our church to be available to a variety of community uses including: Habitat for Humanity, Tri Kappa, Orange County Players, Progressive Women of Orange County, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and the Circuit Judge’s High School Sports Dinner.

All in all, we support each other on this amazing journey God has given us. And we are grateful for the opportunity to share.

Week of April 18

Patoka

Rev. William Morris

This has been a trying time for our Church as it has for many. We have been blessed that only 2 members in our congregation have had the Covid virus, and they are both doing well now. We are back to regular Worship Services and Pastor William Morris is streaming our services on Facebook at "Presbyterian Church in Patoka." Our attendance has been increasing as the Covid protocols are easing and people are wanting to come back to community worship.

We have been able to add new porches on the south and east sides of the Fellowship Hall and also add an addition to the north side with grants through the Presbyterian Church. We have much support for our Food Pantry and were able to help 90 families in 2020 in our community.

Our congregation has been so blessed through this time of uncertainty and ask for your prayers as we continue to be an instrument for God's mission in this community.

Week of April 25

Patoka, Union Bethel