

## **PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS**

### **May 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](mailto: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.)**

**Sunday, May 2**

**Petersburg, Main Street**

**Rev. Bill Owens,  
Transitional Pastor**

Main Street Presbyterian Church is located at 910 Main Street in Petersburg, Indiana and was founded in 1821 as part of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The present building was first dedicated in 1886. In September 1905 the Old School Presbyterian and the Cumberland Presbyterian churches of Petersburg voted to unite. The actual union took place in November of 1906, and the present building became the home of the united churches, named Main Street Presbyterian Church. Our current transitional minister is Rev. Bill Owens.

We are a small congregation striving to make a big difference in our community. Helping others has always been a priority for us. We have a strong scholarship program that provides financial aid for members, their children and their grandchildren. We have sponsored concerts, both in house and at other venues, for both Christian groups and classical performers.

Our mission is to be an example of Christ's love for others and a resource for our community's needs - spiritually, physically, and financially. We currently both sponsor and participate in many community help programs including our local food and clothing bank, community festivals, school enhancement programs and mission trips.

We would appreciate all prayers as we begin a new time with our interim minister and our search for a permanent minister.

**Sunday, May 9**

**Pyoca**

**Mike Davis, Director**

We give thanks for the beauty of spring and the ability to come together safely for in-person camp this summer. We ask for prayers for our campers, staff, and volunteers who will be seeking joy and respite at Pyoca after nearly two years away from camp. We pray for their health and safety, that they may thrive in our socially distanced community, and come to know themselves and our Creator more deeply. Lift up our camper parents and families as they send their children to us after a year of distancing and isolation. May all who enter this space in the coming months find rest and reassurance that they will always find God in this beloved community.

**Sunday, May 16**

**Princeton, Fairview**

**Rev. Mark Holland**

Fairview Presbyterian church is a rural parish located in Gibson County, Indiana, between the towns of Princeton and Francisco. Established in 1895, it continues to have a vital ministry to the local area. Averaging over 40 in worship, the church maintains a Sunday school, youth ministries, and an annual Vacation Bible school, as well as hosting many social events. The original church structure burned due to an electrical fire in 2004, but a new worship space and community center was built and is debt-free. The church family is known for its welcoming atmosphere, vital spirituality, and strong personal connections. The Fairview Church has been served part-time by retired clergy for the past 30+ years, and its present pastor is the Rev. Mark Holland who resides in Evansville.

**Sunday, May 23**

**Princeton, Princeton**

**Rev. Vanlal Hruaia**

The newly-established Princeton Presbyterian Church is located in the heart of Princeton, near the Square. The church will celebrate its 3rd anniversary next year, as it was formed in January of 2019 as a result of a merger between the former United Presbyterian Church and the former First Presbyterian Church. Currently, Sunday worship services are being held at 10:30 AM on an alternating basis at each building located on State Street and Hart Street respectively. We discontinued some of the activities we hosted due to the Pandemic; however, we plan to continue them as soon as possible. Some of these activities include an Adult and Children Sunday School every Sunday at 9:00 A.M., a Contemporary Worship Service every third Sunday, a Free Community Meal every third Saturday, and a Movie Night when there is a Fifth Sunday in the month. We earnestly seek your prayer support for our church, so we may continue to be an outreach in our community and be witnesses of the Gospel to all age groups.

**Sunday, May 30**

**Center for Congregations**

**Rev. Wendy McCormick**

The Center for Congregations is fully funded by the Lilly Endowment as a gift to Indiana congregations. Its mission is to strengthen local congregations. The Center offers no-cost consulting, education events (currently all online and all free), and grants. The Center's digital resource collection ([thecrg.org](http://thecrg.org)) is continuously being updated with tools and resources congregations need most – recent timely collections address Mental Health, Post-Pandemic Preparedness, and Anti-racism. Ongoing topics such as Youth Ministry, Buildings, and Stewardship include regularly updated resources as well. POV congregations may be served by Center offices in Evansville, Indianapolis, or Seymour. POV minister at large, Wendy McCormick, Director of Satellite Synergy, works in the Evansville office, serving congregations in southwest Indiana, as well as coordinating the Center's statewide efforts. The Center staff appreciates prayers as it seeks to be more responsive to the needs of rural congregations, immigrant congregations, and congregations of color.