

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

June 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.)

Sunday, June 6 Roachdale

Sunday, June 13 Retired Ministers Living in POV

A number of retired Presbyterian pastors live within or near the bounds of our presbytery. While officially retired, many of them remain active in the presbytery by participating in presbytery assemblies, serving on committees and commissions, moderating sessions, providing pulpit supply, and supporting their colleagues. We are grateful for their pre- and postretirement service, and ask that you pray for their health and well-being.

Sunday, June 20 Salem

The Salem Presbyterian Church was founded in 1817, and the present still-used sanctuary was built in 1842. Our church bell is still rung at the beginning of every Sunday service. Our 60+ members continue to serve the church and the rural community in the spirit of Christian love. Members are active in the community, volunteering at the Washington County Food Bank and other organizations. We have recently connected with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to assist foster children in Washington County. We are very focused on the teachings of Jesus and how to apply them to current events. The year 2020 was probably the most difficult for our faith community. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we closed for indoor worship in March 2020 and didn't reopen until Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. During the period we were closed for indoor worship, thanks to the ingenuity of our clerk of session and choir director Trina Brown, we maintained worship and fellowship together via telephone online worship. On September 6, 2020, we held a physically-distanced outdoor worship service to celebrate the ministry of our new Pastor Richard Clark. It is unknown at this time when our choir will be able to return to singing live in our choir loft, but we continue to enjoy special music each Sunday. We ask for continued prayers for the Salem Presbyterian Church as we navigate worship changes in these pandemic times and for Pastor Richard Clark.

Sunday, June 27

Scipio United

Like many churches, the Scipio Church has had to "learn" how to worship together in a different way over the past year. We worshiped with the aid of a written worship guide and had parking lot worship services with the Grammer Church. One advantage of being a smaller church is that we have been able to have, with precautions and modifications, in-person worship in our building since October, 2020. We believe in the power of prayer and have many faithful Prayer Warriors who regularly pray for the shut-ins and others. We have seen many prayers answered including a little girl named Levicy. Shortly after her birth last spring she had seizures and was showing no brain activity but now is she doing great.

This spring we were able to join with others in providing financial support so that the graduating Seniors of high school could have a special breakfast this spring. We have adopted a family from our local elementary at Christmas for the past few years and this year we expanded it including the adoption of a family at Easter. We are starting a mission program that involves adopting a local group each month to include not only helping with a financial support to exploring other ways we can be of assistance. We are also in the midst of doing upgrades to the PA system and adding AV equipment. We continue to look forward to seeing how God will lead us to be a witness in our community.