

## **PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS**

### **July 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, July 4                      Churches Seeking Pastoral Leadership**

At any given time in our presbytery, several congregations are in search of pastoral leadership. As of June 2021, four pastor nominating committees (PNCs) are in place and searching for installed pastoral leadership. Other sessions are searching for part-time stated supply pastors. Still others 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.

#### **Sunday, July 11                      Scottsburg, First                      Rev. Don Summerfield**

First Presbyterian Church of Scottsburg is a spiritually alive, missionally engaged and demographically challenged congregation of 40 members. Having weathered the Covid-crisis while only missing two Sundays of in-person worship (thanks to some serendipitous creativity, careful research and planning, and the “sanctified common-sense” and cooperation of our people), we find ourselves still on our feet but fatigued.

We are currently engaged in the Center for Congregations’ Leading toward Health Program, and would appreciate the Presbytery’s prayers that God will continue to open the path forward a fruitful, inviting and sustainable ministry to us.

#### **Sunday, July 18                      Seymour, First                      Rev. Scott Hookey**

First Presbyterian Seymour is a church of approximately 120 members. Over the winter a group of members sought to interview each member to get their impressions of the church and its meaning for them. At the top of the list for most was that First is a church that supports one another throughout all of life. Nurturing these personal relationships, enjoying fellowship, and supporting each other in times of need is paramount. Beyond that, the church seeks to draw from that strength to reach out to the community and is continually in search of ways to extend the grace of God into our community.

As a congregation, we continue to pray for each other and our church family as we seek safe and appropriate ways to reopen this summer. As with most churches, we covet the prayers of others as we discern our way.

#### **Sunday, July 25                      Bethany, Spencer**