

# **Presbytery Prayer Partners**

## **April 2022**

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: This information is also available for download on the POV website in Word format:  
<http://www.presbyteryov.org/prayers.htm>

### **Week of April 3**

#### **Commissioners to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley Assembly**

Please pray for all ministers and elders who will be preparing for the online Presbytery Assembly on April 7th. Remember especially those from your congregation who will be attending.

### **Week of April 10**

#### **First Presbyterian, Brazil**

**Rev. Gary Scroggins**

First Presbyterian Church in Brazil Indiana continues to provide traditional worship and education (with a vibrant youth program). We also provide a meal for the community every Sunday night (52 weeks a year). As the Pandemic has dissipated a bit, we have renewed our commitment to organize events to draw people to our building. Accordingly, we are now organizing movie nights and concerts (we had the ISU Sycamore Singers this past November and the Brazil Community Choir in December). We anticipate several events in the coming year.

We are increasingly emphasizing the need for all church members to identify opportunities to invite others to visit our church family. The church is also participating in a program entitled "Sacred Places" which emphasizes church involvement in local communities and also gives grant money for maintenance of historic buildings. We thank God for our past and look with joy to the future.

### **Week of April 17**

#### **Easter Sunday – Your own congregation**

## **Week of April 24**

### **First Presbyterian, Brownstown**

**Rev. J.C. Blankenkemper**

Brownstown Presbyterian Church is located in a small community in southern Indiana, population 2,912. Our church is located across the street from Brownstown Central High School. Because of our choice location, we provide a cookout for incoming freshmen a week before school starts which coordinates with the freshmen open house. We provide a free meal for all freshmen, their families, teachers and staff at BCHS. Freshmen receive a gift bag and may register for a free Walmart gift card. Once a month we also provide snacks for the staff at BCHS as a way to encourage them and to thank them for their hard work. We donate goods for the local food pantry and help disperse supplies. The church ministers to the inmates at the Jackson County Jail and supports the R.E.C. (Residence Encounter Christ)

Over the past ten years our church has experienced many trials. As a result, the congregation has dropped from an average of 100 members to 30. The remaining members anticipated having to close our doors, however, God had different plans. Unexpectedly, we received a major contribution from a wealthy member who lived in Scotland. The money was given with the intention of perpetuating the church. We invested the money and searched for a full-time pastor. In October of 2019, God blessed us with a wonderful young pastor whose ideas and preaching have given us all hope for the future. We are praying God will restore us so we may be a beacon of Christ's love to our community and to the world.