

Presbytery Prayer Partners

May 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!

Prayer Partners is available for download from <http://www.presbyteryov.org/prayers.htm>

Week of May 1

United Presbyterian, Cayuga

Cayuga Presbyterian Church in Cayuga, Indiana is still shrinking, but still present. We still are an older congregation, too. One positive result: when one has a small church congregation, it makes for a really tight, close-knit family. We participate yearly with Church World Services, mission support with Presbyterian Church (USA), and with Campus Crusades for Christ (CRU). We have an Easter Sunrise Service and Christmas Eve Service which includes food and fellowship after each service. At Christmas we purchase clothing and a toy for approximately 15 needy children and gift cards for shut-ins. We covet prayers for our small congregation, and especially for our session as we search for a part-time pastor. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

Week of May 8

Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center

Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center is located in Brownstown, Indiana, adjacent to the Jackson-Washington State Forest. We have been serving the Presbyterian Church as an outdoor ministry partner since 1952. Our mission is to be a place where all are welcome in God's love to explore, grow, rest, and play.

Today we serve not only the Presbyterian Church (USA), but numerous churches, non-profit organizations, and groups across Indiana. Our hospitality focuses on hosting retreat groups throughout the year, as well as offering programming for youth and adults year-round. Our youth programming is primarily offered through our summer camp programs where we serve hundreds of campers each summer. Additionally, we offer our Fall Youth Retreat in November and our Confirmation Retreat each March.

We ask our presbytery partners to pray for all of our campers and summer staff who will be journeying to Pyoca this summer for our 70th year of camp. We are grateful to be running camp as close to normal this year, after two years of pandemic changes, and are counting the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and our community for the last seventy years.

Week of May 15

Valley City Presbyterian, Central

Rev. Robert Brill

Valley City Presbyterian Church is a small church southwest of Corydon IN in a rural setting. Our attendance ranges from 15 to 30. We come together each week to worship God and to find meaningful ways to show our love for Jesus Christ. It is our belief that we can experience God's grace through our relationship with others. Our mission is to be the face of Jesus in our local community. We do this by offering community suppers, participating in the local ecumenical Gospel Sing and many other outreach activities throughout the year. We just hope to stay connected to the community and the needs of the people. Being small doesn't stop us from doing good deeds. This is what God calls us to do and we will continue to show his love where and when we can.

Week of May 22

Community Presbyterian, Charlestown

Greg Gibson, Commissioned Pastor

Community Presbyterian Church was established when two churches merged in 1968. Those churches were Miller's Chapel/Hannah Memorial and First Presbyterian Church of Charlestown. First Presbyterian church became the second oldest Presbyterian congregation in Indiana when it was established in April 1812.

Over the years, the church has served the community. The first schools in Charlestown were established by the presbyterian minister. Our rolls indicate that our congregation was one of the first (if not the first) non-segregated congregations in the area.

Currently, our congregation worships on Monroe Street in Charlestown. We are blessed to have seven acres of property and a modern building that is completely accessible for those struggling with physical limitations. Our congregation is small, numbering about 20 members. Our hearts are full of love for one another and our community. We are the home of the Charlestown Farmers' Market which meets each Wednesday afternoon during the months of May through September. We are also home to the D.I.A.P.E.R. Project which provides diapers, wipes, bathing supplies, and food to infants under the age of three. This ministry has been blessed with financial support from Presbyterian Women, the Presbytery Ohio Valley, several of our sister churches, as well as members of our community.

We are looking forward to the future and are open to changes and new missions that God may bestow upon us.

Week of May 29

Fairlawn Presbyterian, Columbus

Rev. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick

Fairlawn Presbyterian Church – serving Christ with open hearts, open minds, and open arms. We are a small congregation of 90 members located in the NE section of Columbus, Indiana. We gather for worship at 9:30am followed by a time of fellowship and a second hour Christian nurture opportunity. Our youth group meets every other week during the school year. Our church is home to Fairlawn Preschool. We partner with our preschool to have Milk and Cookie Story Hour, Music Fest, Chapel, and our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We also partner with a local elementary school to provide volunteers and back-to-school supply kits for teachers. We ask you to join us in prayer as we continue to reach out into our community and follow where the Spirit leads. Thank you.