

# Presbytery Prayer Partners

## June 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 June 5th**

#### **Churches Searching for Pastoral Leadership**

At any given time in our presbytery, several congregations are in search of pastoral leadership. 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.

### **Week of June 12th**

#### **Commissioners to General Assembly**

Minister Commissioner: Rev. Felipe Martinez

Elder Commissioner: Elder Mary McClellan (First, Bloomington)

Young Adult Advisory Delegate: Madelyn Lopp (St. John United, New Albany)

Please pray for these commissioners representing our presbytery, and for the other presbyteries' commissioners, too, as they prepare for and then experience the very first PC(USA) General Assembly hybrid assembly, to be held online and in Louisville. Pray that they will be filled with peace, wisdom, discernment, and endurance.

(Opening Worship and Plenary sessions 1-3 will be held online on Saturday, June 18.)

### **Week of June 19th**

#### **225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is making history with the denomination's first hybrid General Assembly.

- Sunday, June 19 – Juneteenth Service
- June 20-July 7 – Committee Meetings (Louisville)
- July 5-9 – Plenary Sessions 4-17 (Online).

## **Week of June 26th**

### **First Presbyterian, Columbus**

**Rev. Felipe Martinez**

First Presbyterian Church of Columbus is grateful how members, friends and guests have stayed connected through worship over these last couple of years, whether on our streaming or since recently back in person in the sanctuary. The congregation has continued to be active in mission, in particular with two big projects.

In the fall of 2021, First Presbyterian recruited several Columbus congregations to help resettle Afghan families locally. This interfaith group, which includes First Baptist, First Christian, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, First Presbyterian, the Islamic Society and St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, is working with two resettlement agencies, Church World Service and Catholic Charities. We have placed five (soon to be six) Afghan families in close proximity to each other to support their sense of community. Since these families speak several languages, they have also gotten connected with many Hindi speaking Columbus residents.

Our second big project is our Matthew 25 partnership with First Presbyterian Bloomington and Fairlawn in Columbus. Together we were awarded a grant from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary to live out our sense of call, which we are channeling to the three areas of Matthew 25: Congregational Vitality, Dismantling Structural Racism, and Eradicating Systemic Poverty. First Columbus will focus primarily on issues of Systemic Poverty, paying close attention to local injustices in housing, health care access and economic concerns. The grant will fund cohort retreats and activities, as well as community-wide learning events, to which we'll invite the presbytery. Please keep our church and community in your prayers.