

# Presbytery Prayer Partners

## July 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 July 3rd

**Corydon Presbyterian, Corydon**

**Rev. Cindy Cushman**

Corydon Presbyterian Church, founded in 1819, and located in Corydon, Indiana seeks to be a place where everyone can meet God, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey. Although our membership is small, we seek to make a difference in our community in a variety of ways.

We partner with Harrison County Community Services to host a free community meal every Monday evening, that is prepared by volunteers from different local churches each week. We serve between 120 and 150 free meals each Monday. As a More Light congregation, Corydon Presbyterian Church is the only openly affirming congregation in Harrison County. Recently, we have been leaning into that identity in various ways, including hosting an LGBTQ Community Forum on June 7 of this year and working with other local community members to put on a Pride Picnic later in the month. Most recently, we have begun conversations with the Boys and Girls Club to house part of their summer program as they are outgrowing their building.

We appreciate the presbytery's prayers as we continue to serve our community in Christ's name.

### Week of July 10th

**Dale Presbyterian, Dale**

**Rev. Martha FrizLanger**

Dale Presbyterian Church is the only Presbyterian Church "for miles around"--the only one in the county. We are small in numbers but mighty in the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are missionally active in the areas of mental health, ecology, working with our Hispanic/Latino/Latina neighbors and especially providing ministry and support in the areas of nutrition, housing, health, education and safety for the "least among us." Our ecumenical partnerships are strong as together we provide many of these services lacking in small town and rural communities. We are scripturally grounded, Holy Spirit inspired lovers of Jesus who believe in the promises of God and hope for the future. Our pastor who has served us for almost 22 years, Rev. Dr. Martha FrizLanger will be retiring in August. As we look hopefully for an amazingly faithful and grounded pastor, we covet your prayers.

## **Week of July 17th**

### **Church of the Covenant Presbyterian, Elizabeth**

Please pray for our little church family and pray for us to find a pastor to help fill the needs of our congregation.

## **Week of July 24th**

### **Eastminster Presbyterian, Evansville**

**Rev. Ryan Bradney**

The current Eastminster Presbyterian Church (EPC) was founded in 1999, following a merger of the former Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church and the former Eastminster Presbyterian Church. We are located in a residential neighborhood, close to bustling Green River Road and the University of Evansville campus. Our mission statement is “Hearts, Hands, Heads for Christ in Service and Celebration.”

We are approximately 200 members strong and pride ourselves on our welcoming, friendly nature. Eastminster is, in every sense, a true family! We are very joyful for this, as well as for our amazing church staff. Our church secretary, Mary Fulkerson, keeps everything running smoothly. Our youth program is very strong, led by our Youth Director/Pastoral Assistant Trey Fulkerson. His creativity and ability to truly connect with the youth has made this program flourish. We also have a very talented music department and church choir, led by music director Alanna Keenan and organist Rachel Luttrull. In recent years, we have had a Christianity and the Arts program which allowed us to incorporate many performances from all artistic genres into our worship services and special events. Christian Education is important to us, and that is reflected in our Sunday School programs for both children and adults. We also offer a wide variety of small group activities from meals to Saturday outings.

We would appreciate prayers for a bright and productive future under the leadership of the Rev. Ryan Bradney.

## **Week of July 31st**

### **First Presbyterian, Evansville**

**Rev. John VanderZee & Rev. Wendy VanderZee**

First Presbyterian Church of Evansville is in its 201st year of ministry and mission. We are a growing congregation of committed and generous people who embrace the diversity in which God created us all. We have an excellent ministry of music, under the direction of Robert Nicholls, which is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music in America. We celebrate a vital children and youth ministry, under the leadership of Jerusha Van Camp, an inquirer for ministry in our presbytery. Our parish visitor, Carolyn Stilwell, keeps the bonds between the congregation and our shut-in members strong. *(Continued on next page.)*

The congregation has long been involved in issues of social justice and witness. We are members of CAJE – Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment – a community of religious communities in Evansville working together to bring needed change to our city. We are a partner congregation in “One God, One Community” – a partnership of Temple Adath B’nai Israel, the Islamic Society of Evansville, St. Benedict Cathedral, and First Pres. We affirm that God has blessed us to be a blessing to others. That is our mission for the next 200 years. Revs. Wendy and John VanderZee are currently serving us as Bridge Co-pastors, since Rev. Kevin Fleming's death, as the Interim Search Committee works to find a pastor.