

Presbytery Prayer Partners

September 2024

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!

Week of September 1st

Disaster Assistance

Holy One, you are our comfort and strength
in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos.
Surround us now with your grace and peace
through storm or earthquake, fire or flood.
By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen,
sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild,
and fill us with the hope of your new creation;
through Jesus Christ, our rock and redeemer.

Prayer in a Time of Disaster, From [Prayers in Times of Trouble and Disaster](https://www.pcusa.org/prayers-in-times-of-trouble-and-disaster) (PCUSA.org)

Week of September 8th

First Presbyterian, Farmersburg

John Turner, Commissioned Pastor

A small-town church with loving and caring people. A small congregation with a big heart. Please pray for our members who are having medical issues and those who worry about the future of their grandchildren and the survival of our church.

Week of September 15th

First Presbyterian, Fort Branch

Rev. Corey Atkins

Fort Branch asks that you pray for a new Spirit of participation, cooperation, and help to wash over the congregation, for the older congregants, and for hope that tomorrow will bring brighter days.

Week of September 22nd

Retired Ministers living in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley

A number of retired Presbyterian pastors live within or near the bounds of our presbytery. While officially retired, many of them remain active in the presbytery by participating in presbytery assemblies, serving on committees and commissions, moderating sessions, providing pulpit supply, and supporting their colleagues. We are grateful for their pre- and postretirement service, and ask that you pray for their health and well-being.

Week of September 29th

Greencastle Presbyterian, Greencastle

Rev. Wes Kendall

Almost 200 years ago, Greencastle Presbyterian Church was founded by the Rev. Isaac Reed along with several other faith communities during this missionary age. We're looking forward to officially celebrating 200 years in 2025 - 200 years of praising God, serving God's people, and extending Christ's love into our community with real and direct help. Our mission is to be a "welcoming family of believers, here to LOVE like Jesus, LIVE like Jesus, and SERVE like Jesus," and our church has been able to weather many storms together and flourish even in spite of those challenges.

In recent years, we have been blessed with the reemergence of children in worship and younger families joining our multi-generational congregation. In many ways, we're a stronger church now than we were before COVID, and it's been a true joy to see newer families and individuals finding a home here with us. We've also seen an increase in participation in some of our midweek programming - especially through our Enneagram group that meets on Wednesday evenings.

Our church continues to serve Putnam County directly through the SAWs ministry - offering handicap accessible entry into homes at no cost to the family or individual. We've also expanded our community outreach in the past few years with Lifeline Youth & Family Services utilizing our new community resource room and the Isaiah 1:17 Project housing some of its supplies in another room. We are grateful for the chance to serve God in this unique place where the natural differences between our rural history, college town and growing downtown help us practice love for neighbor.