

Presbytery Prayer Partners

October 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 October 6th

Hanover Presbyterian Church

Rev. Roger Veliquette

Hanover Presbyterian Church is a worshipping community for Hanover College and residents of the Hanover community. Founded in 1820 as the founding church of Hanover College, the congregation blends tradition with a commitment to More Light, believing that God's vision of welcome extends to recognizing all people as created in God's image. Abiding in the One who abides in us, we are dedicated to serving our community and asking big questions.

Entering our third year of intentional transitional ministry together with Rev. Roger Veliquette as our transitional pastor, the congregation seeks continued prayers from the Presbytery for discernment. We strive to serve, as we say in our constitutional questions, with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. We are grateful for the many gifts of the Spirit and thankful for the connection we share with our friends, mission partners, family in Christ, with you, the Presbytery, and the Church universal.

Week of October 13th

First Presbyterian, Jeffersonville

Rev. Karen McDonald Smith

First Presbyterian in Jeffersonville has been a downtown church for 194 years! Our mission statement is: We are disciples of Jesus Christ who love and serve others. We fulfill our mission by praising God in worship with scripture, music, and prayer, we are welcoming, caring, and inclusive; and we are faithful stewards of God's creation and resources. We are a PCUSA Matthew 25 vital congregation; serving, supporting, and actively ministering in the community through the Center for Lay Ministries food pantry and women's recovery shelter, Loaves & Fishes, Clark County Youth Shelter, Community Kitchen, Catalyst Rescue Mission, Exit 0, D.I.A.P.E.R. project, and Girl Scout Troop 1621's on-site food pantry.

We are currently partnering with Kentucky Refugee Ministries as we work to acclimate a Congolese family into life in Kentuckiana. Our ministry continues to expand as we join with other downtown churches to recycle, plant trees, and care for the houseless. The 157-member congregation is blessed to have Rev. Karen McDonald Smith as our Bridge Pastor. We covet your prayers as we look to define our goals and vision before seeking new pastoral leadership.

Week of October 20th

Rehoboth Presbyterian, Laconia

Rev. Robert Brill

Rehoboth Presbyterian Church is located in the rural community of Laconia, Indiana, and was founded on August 15, 1829. The Hebrew root for the word "Rehoboth" means broad places, open spaces, freedom and spacious. Perhaps this name was originally chosen because of the beautiful land which surrounds the church building. Rehoboth is the second oldest church in Harrison County, Indiana that has remained in continuous, active existence for 193 years.

Week of October 27th

United Presbyterian, Laconia

Founded in 1874, Laconia United Presbyterian Church serves the southern Indiana community of Laconia in Harrison County.

According to the 2022 U.S. Census, the population of Laconia was a little more than 70 people. One Sunday morning of each month, 10-15 people assemble to worship and glorify God. We currently meet at the Laconia Civic Center across from our former church building site. Due to unrepairable structural damage, we had to unfortunately tear down our church building in August. This is a family church with most members related to one another in some way or another. Ages range from 10 to 90 years.

Although it is small in number, Laconia is big in heart and in its outreach and mission. Along with support for National and Presbytery mission efforts, it supports the community food pantry and local school, South Central. Our worship style is welcoming, informal, and kid-friendly. Worship is at 9:30 and all are welcome.