

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

February, 2014

Week of February 2 Korean Fellowship, Bloomington (NC) Rev. Sang Tae Lee

The Korean Fellowship of Bloomington is organized as a New Church Development within the Presbytery of Ohio Valley. There is an Administrative Commission which acts as a session for the group. However, the practical reality is that the group is another of our congregations that does ministry and worship within its own unique cultural traditions.

Very many of the members are transient into and then back out of the Bloomington community. A few core members are permanent members of the community. The precise numbers vary from season to season and year to year. Generally the Fellowship is one of the largest worshipping communities in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

The Fellowship is housed in and hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington. A distinguishing mark of the congregation is the very deep spirituality and touching ability to witness to the work and life of Jesus in daily life. Rev. Sang Tae Lee has served as the pastor for nearly a decade now. He is a resident of Muncie and resides and works in Bloomington part of every week. Rev. Lee brings a steady leadership to this wonderful group of believers.

Recently, the Fellowship endorsed an Inquirer/Candidate. Jaeseok Park is completing his studies at Louisville Seminary.

Please continue to pray for the many sisters and brothers of the Bloomington Korean Fellowship and for their pastor.

Week of February 9 United, Bloomington (NC) Rev. Mitch Coggin

United Presbyterian Church is a welcoming church with a diversified membership representing several nations and cultures. The church celebrated its 175th anniversary in 2008. Mitch Coggin (Scipio/Grammer pastor 2001-2010) returned to POV as interim minister as of January 1. Rev. Coggin replaces the recently-retired Rev. David Bremer whose 21-year tenure was the longest for a pastor since United Presbyterian Church (UPC) was formed after the Civil War. United is a warm congregation with an eclectic body of Christ from all walks of life, located in a diverse and well-educated population because of the university. Presently, United members speak Arabic, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean and Spanish.

The annual UPC Ethnic Food Fair is a community event in the fall featuring international food and music. The event is presented by the International Christian Fellowship of UPC, and guests enjoy the cuisine of five continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. The Ethnic Food Fair includes children's activities, ethnic and popular international music and a wide variety of ethnic food. The fair is held indoors and outdoors.

We would welcome prayer on behalf of United that would include the following needs:

- That the first interim process in over 2 decades provides an opportunity for reassessment of mission and ministry as well as new vision and direction,
- That we continue to nurture and nourish the diversity in this congregation to maintain health and balance,
- That we maintain the existing core congregation while building new membership.

Mitch returns to POV after a 2½ year role as Intentional Interim at First Presbyterian, Connersville, IN. Prayers for pastor and people will be greatly appreciated!

