

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

February 2017

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! **Note: The person who prepares your worship bulletins and/or church newsletters may request this information in a Word document from bbsnyder22@gmail.com. It is also available on the POV website.**

Week of February 5

The Lord's Warehouse

The mission statement of The Lord's Warehouse, located in Monroe City, is this: If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. Matt 5: 41-42. The services we provide are free clothing, household items, and free groceries to all who are in need. We are also there to help feed people spiritually and to pray for them, and to show God's love.

Over the past years we have seen how hard times have hit our community. It touches our hearts each time we see a family come in and are in need of food and clothing. Just before Thanksgiving one year, we were giving out food baskets on a cold rainy day, and people were lined up hours before the time to give out the baskets. As we let them in a couple at a time, before us stood a lady drenched, cold, and only flip flops on her feet. She did not have any other shoes or coat due to her circumstances. We were able to give her shoes and a coat in addition to the food.

The needs of the people in our community are growing and The Lord's Warehouse is a place that will always give to anyone in need. As our founder, Jan Utt, always said, "We will never turn anyone away in need." Since we are limited on funds, currently we can only give out food twice a month to those in need. We also give out Thanksgiving food baskets each year. We rely on area churches and the community for food donations and monetary donations to purchase the food to fill the boxes.

Also, we have been blessed to have the Marine Corps Toys for Tots as a supporter of the Children's Christmas Gift Program the past 2 years. We have on an average of 120 children signed up for Christmas gifts. Without this program, some children would not receive toys.

As we move into 2017 we ask for your prayers to continue to do God work in feeding and clothing all those that come into The Lord's Warehouse. We also would ask if there are any funding programs available that we could participate in that would further our mission, please let us know.

Week of February 12

Mount Vernon

The First Presbyterian Church is an active congregation located in the heart of the town of Mount Vernon, Indiana. In 1837 a Presbyterian missionary founded this church with 15 charter members and by 1842 was strong enough to build a frame sanctuary. In 1872 the church bought property where our current sanctuary stands which was dedicated on October 16, 1873. Many changes and additions have taken place through the years. The Sunday school rooms serve to meet the programming needs of the church and several community groups utilize the facility as well. 2011 and 2012 saw the need for maintenance of the facilities requiring the

installation of a new heating system, a new roof for the sanctuary and new carpet and paint for the fellowship hall. Although we have always been small (currently 65 members) the faithfulness of the congregation and those who have offered so much through the years has made it possible for us to be ambassadors in this community.

We support the community in mission by financial and HANDS ON participation in these local missions: Food Pantry, Coats for Kids, Jail Ministry, Christmas Assistance Program, Soup Kitchen, Relay for Life, Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity. We also support Kemmerer Village and Camp PYOCA as regional missions. And we support national missions through the Joy Offering and One Great Hour of Sharing. There is still much to do and so many more opportunities lie ahead.

We ask for prayers that we may be able to continue in faithfulness and service.

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Week of February 19 Brown County Fellowship, Nashville Rev. Scott Seay

Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship is a small church that continues to flourish. As of the end of 2016, we are entirely debt-free, having completed a capital campaign to retire our mortgage more than six years ahead of schedule and pay off several high-cost, deferred maintenance projects. This spring, we will enter a discernment process to determine God's next steps for our ministry in Nashville and our mission work beyond our local community. God's Grace—a free clothing ministry that has been the anchor of our social ministry since 2008—expands each year. Our back-to-school event outfitted almost 600 needy children with clothes, shoes, hygiene products, and even haircuts as the 2016-2017 school year began. We are in our fifth year as a "teaching congregation" in the Supervised Ministry Program through Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. Molly DeWitt, a lifelong Presbyterian, Young Adult Volunteer Program alumna, and Camp Pyoca staffer, has been with us in 2016-2017 as she completes her second year in the M.Div. degree program at CTS. Rev. Dr. Scott Seay entered his ninth year with us as part-time Temporary Stated Supply, while teaching full-time at CTS. Pray for us as we discern where God is calling us in the next chapter of our life together.

Week of February 26 Mt. Tabor Rev. Karen McDonald Smith

Mt. Tabor is located in New Albany, which is in the southern part of Indiana. Mt. Tabor has a rich history of faithful service dating back to 1893 which continues today. Mt. Tabor has a congregation that believes God's will is to be a warm and inviting community of faith that is brought together by meaningful worship, spiritual growth, and service to those in need. Some of our outreach activities include participation locally by preparing and serving meals on a monthly basis and donating Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets to families. We also participate in preparing meal packets to be distributed worldwide through Love The Hungry, an on-going shoe drive through Waterstep that provides funds for clean water throughout the world, and sponsoring two missionaries in Haiti.

Mt. Tabor is blessed to have a wonderful transitional pastor who will help guide us to finding a permanent pastor in the future. Please pray for us as we continue on our journey of celebrating God's love together.