

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

October 2014

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 October 5

Howesville, Jasonville

Week of October 12

First, Jasper

First Presbyterian Church worships in a fairly new building, located on St. Charles Street in Jasper. We are a small church of about 16 members, and we share our building with another congregation that also worships here. We are starting a pizza Bible study on Wednesday evenings beginning on September 17, to which all people are invited.

Please pray for our new Bible study and for guidance on how to go forward from here.

Week of October 19

First, Jeffersonville

Rev. Don Summerfield

As we look forward to the May 2015 celebration of our 185th anniversary, First Presbyterian Church of Jeffersonville will be grateful for the Presbytery's prayers that God will provide us with everything needful for a fruitful, inviting and sustainable ministry for many years to come.

Week of October 26

Rehoboth, Laconia

Rev. Frank Hainer

"So he called it Rehoboth, saying, 'Now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.'" Genesis 26:22

Rehoboth Presbyterian Church was established August 15, 1829, by the Rev. Alexander Williamson who served as pastor until 1838. The mailing address is Laconia, but it is a true country church, (55 on the roll), just off route 11 between Elizabeth and Laconia and south of Corydon. The name Rehoboth is taken from the Bible where it appears four times: Genesis 10:11-12; 26:17-22; 36:37; and 1 Chronicles 1:48. The Hebrew root means broad places, open spaces, freedom, spacious.

Rehoboth is the second oldest church in Harrison County maintaining a continuous, active existence. The oldest Presbyterian Church in the United States with an unbroken, continuous existence is also named Rehoboth and is in Rehoboth, Maryland where it was established in 1683.

The cemetery, next to the church is very old. The first person buried there was John Bennet, who fought in the Revolutionary War.

The present church building is the third in Rehoboth's history. The Fellowship Hall, built in the early nineties, replaced the Ladies Aid Hall, which had been the school for this area. The world-class barbeque pits, in the pavilion next to the Hall, are used for the famous Rehoboth Memorial Day Chicken BBQ, which serves over 900 meals each Memorial Day. Rehoboth is part of a Care Web of churches, including Church of the Covenant, Laconia United, and Valley City. The pastor for the last 20 years has been Dr. Frank Hainer. The Clerk of Session is Jeff Brown. The organist emeritus is Clyde Luther. Our most recent blessing has been a grant from the Smock Foundation of Indiana allowing us to pave our parking lot (for the first time!) and add walkways, thus making the grounds safer and more accessible for elderly and handicapped people. Our next project is an extension on the Fellowship Hall, adding a rest room and a Seniors' Room.

We ask for your prayers as we enter our 185th year of serving the Lord Jesus Christ by trying to live out the great ends of the church. We give thanks for all those saints who have gone before us, upon whose shoulders we stand. We follow the words of the great Yogi Berra, who said "When you come to a fork in the road, take it," which we take to mean, when you come to a difficult decision or choice, don't just moan and dither but DO something; show some courage; live out your faith. This we have been trying to do, lo these many years.