

Presbytery Prayer Partners

January 2023

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 January 1st

Presbytery of Ohio Valley Candidates for Ministry

Marietta Macy's home church is Spencer, and she is currently Director of Children/Youth Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Columbus.

Jerusha Van Camp is a member at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville, where she also works as the Parish Visitor.

Please pray for them in their preparation for ministry, their health, wellbeing and wholeness. May the Lord protect and bless them as we bless them on their journey and hold them and lift them up in our prayers.

Week of January 8th

Jefferson Presbyterian Church, Canaan

Jefferson Presbyterian Church was established in 1818 and is made of stone. It has beautiful stained-glass windows and a high arched ceiling that shows the beautiful wood in the ceiling. As with all small country churches, we struggle to keep people coming to our church. We would appreciate prayers for our church for growth and members.

Week of January 15th

Smyrna-Monroe Presbyterian Church, Madison

Smyrna-Monroe Presbyterian Church is located in Southern Indiana in Jefferson County, near the town of Madison and the Ohio River. We are a small church in the country with mostly elderly members. We regularly contribute to a local food pantry. We also support Mission Giving, Seminary, One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy Offering, and Englishton Park. Our church is over 180 years old.

Week of January 22nd

Presbytery of Ohio Valley Committees

Much of the work of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley happens in our committees and commissions: the Presbytery Council, Board of Trustees, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Personnel Committee, Nominating Committee, Stewardship Committee, Evangelism and Congregational Witness Committee, Congregational Mission and Vitality Committee, and the Permanent Judicial Commission. We are grateful for all who have agreed to serve.

Week of January 29th

First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville

Rev. John Erickson

First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville is a 180-year-old, 67 member congregation just a block off the Martinsville town square. We are very excited to have grown from 41 to 67 members this past year with an average of 50 in worship any given Sunday. Our Mission efforts are largely concentrated with Churches in Mission, a local organization that acts as a central hub to help meet people's needs through food, clothing, education and some monetary needs. We have also partnered with a local restaurant and hotel to further provide folks meals and emergency housing. We are pleased with these efforts but are still seeking that neglected niche that we can fill. We are very excited for what God has in store for us in the New Year!