

Presbytery Prayer Partners

February 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 February 5th

Synod of Lincoln Trails

Rev. Sara Dingman, Synod Executive

The Synod of Lincoln Trails consists of 8 presbyteries, 90,000+ members, and over 1,000 churches, colleges, nursing homes, and mission centers. Our geographical boundaries are Illinois and Indiana, and our office is located just north of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, up in Indianapolis.

Please keep POV Commissioners to Synod Karen Hahn, David Lee, and David Holt in your prayers. Sara Dingman is our Synod Executive, Bake Wood is our Stated Clerk, Wynesia Jackson is our Program Manager, and Greg Cislak is our Treasurer. We are all connected by the Holy Spirit; we pray for you and thank you for your prayers!

Week of February 12th

First Presbyterian Church, Mount Vernon

Rev. Larry Langer

First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon is a small church in a community of mixed professional, manufacturing, and rural ilk. Attendance on any given Sunday is 20 to 25 worshipers, with many families enlarging that attendance on special holidays. The majority of our regular attenders are retired professionals, with some middle-aged families who are currently working in education and service. We support an adult Sunday school class and an ecumenical Bible study on Tuesday mornings. We also support classes for educating people with community services and personal finances.

The congregation is a faithful partner in local missions, including the River Bend Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity homebuilding, an active participant in the Mount Vernon Ministerial Association and ecumenical worship services. Our church has a history of being mission minded, locally committing to the ministries of this community, and supporting the Presbytery with our per capita and shared mission contributions. We are able to support a full-time called and installed pastor, as well as giving 10% of our budget to mission causes.

A unique fact about the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church is that our Mohler pipe organ is still in excellent shape and playing each worship service after 107 years! The organ was donated by Andrew Carnegie as one of 7000 donated around the United States in the early 1900s. The opus of the organ is no. 1883. The congregation has recently elected to digitize the controls of this organ, and its new systems should be available by Easter 2023. Our organist loves his "baby"! *(Continued on page 2)*

At this time, we have an active pastoral nominating committee that is reviewing potential candidates for our called pastoral position. Please pray for the work of the PNC our current transitional ministry, and the continuing ministry of the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. community.

Week of February 19th

Commissioners to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley Assembly

Please pray for all ministers and elders who are preparing for the Presbytery Assembly on February 25th, and the remaining assemblies throughout the rest of 2023. Remember especially those from your congregation who will be attending.

Week of February 26th

Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship, Nashville

Rev. Scott Seay

Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship welcomes 55-60 people to its in-person worship each week, and even more attend an asynchronous service sent out by e-mail. The church is debt-free, and for 2023 we approved a balanced budget in which 35% of giving goes to support local missions and ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA). God's Grace free clothing ministry remains the anchor of our community outreach, and efforts served almost 500 children at last summer's back-to-school event.

Rev. Dr. Scott Seay has served the church as part-time pastor for fifteen years, and last February the church welcomed a part-time assistant Pastor, Rev. Mac Bellner. Two doctoral students at Jacobs School of Music--Seungkyu Oh and Benjamin Gittens—lead in our music ministry. Small in number but mighty in faithfulness, this congregation strives to discern and participate in God's transforming and renewing work in Brown County.