

# **Presbytery Prayer Partners**

## **September 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 September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Trinity Parish**

Trinity Parish, which consists of the Presbyterian churches of Clinton, Montezuma and Rockville, was founded in 2010 out of a deep desire in all three churches to continue to worship and serve Jesus Christ in the changing communities they call home. As you pray for the parish and the 3 churches, pray that they will continue to grow and mature in Christ.

### **Week of September 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **United Presbyterian Church, Clinton**

### **Week of September 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **First Presbyterian Church, Montezuma**

First Presbyterian Church of Montezuma is a faithful congregation, caring for the needs of its members and those in the community for over 170 years. Locally, we provide a weekly elementary school backpack program that supplies snacks to students on the weekends. We support the Parke County food pantry. For years our deacons have planted and maintained beautiful flowers throughout our town.

Our church joined with United Presbyterian Church of Clinton and Memorial Presbyterian Church of Rockville to successfully create Trinity Parish. In this time the Parish has shared worship, Bible study, choirs, some missions, and fun activities involving food and fellowship.

Our smaller building has become our Worship Center and, just recently, we demolished our historic larger sanctuary building that was not in use because of its condition and maintenance. Its accessibility was limited and it did not serve our current mission needs. This was not an easy decision for our church or our community.

We have a busy and active Worship Committee while we are without a pastor and a faithful choir that adds to our worship services. With our Presbytery Moderator, decisions are being made about our church and Trinity Parish. We ask for continued prayers for our church within Trinity Parish, while we maintain our unique identity and purpose as the First Presbyterian church of Montezuma, Indiana.

## **Week of September 24<sup>th</sup>**

## **Memorial Presbyterian Church, Rockville**

Memorial Presbyterian Church in Rockville, IN continues to be a blessing in the hearts of its members and regular attendees. We are small in number but strong in our love of God. Recently we found written minutes going back to 1836. Reading the history of the faith of our fathers reminds us that Jesus has been walking with us on our daily path for a long time here in Rockville and centuries in other communities around the world. The stories that we uncovered were sweet and true. Their trust and our trust in the power of Jesus in our lives has brought solace and awe to us for over 150 years. We cherish our history and are equally hopeful for our future.

Our greatest assets are the faithful of Trinity Parish and the love we have for one another. We have a choir that brings joy to our shared worship services with the congregations of the United Presbyterian Church in Clinton and the Second Presbyterian in Montezuma. We are currently without a minister and our elders have stepped forward to pray, prepare lessons, lead music and to help one another through personal troubles as we seek a path forward. We regularly contribute to the Parke County food pantry and hope to work closely with our community's efforts in creating more child care options for families.