

Presbytery Prayer Partners

January 2024

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 7th

Committees of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley

Please pray for the following committees and commissions as they continue their work of service in 2024:

Board of Trustees

Committee on Ministry

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Nominating Committee

Permanent Judicial Commission

Personnel Committee

Presbytery Council

Stewardship Committee

Week of January 14th

First Presbyterian Church, Bedford

We are a small congregation which celebrated in 2019 the 200th anniversary of the establishment of our church. We have been without a pastor for nearly two years; however, we have an ongoing community ministry of serving a free breakfast on the fourth Saturday of the month. In December 2023, as they have for many years, the women's group organized collecting items to fill shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, filling over 50 shoeboxes. We are blessed to have an extremely talented, skilled, and dedicated young organist who provides wonderful music for our worship services with the beautiful and versatile pipe organ in our sanctuary.

We will be grateful if you can support our congregation's ongoing ministry with your prayers. Also, please pray for God to send us the pastoral leadership that is needed.

Week of January 21st

Byron Buker, Chaplain

Mitchell Presbyterian Church, Mitchell

We are a small church in the community of Mitchell, located west of Spring Mill State Park. We are without a full-time pastor at this time, but are blessed to have Chaplain Byron Buker of Bedford lead our Sunday morning worship services. Our pianist, Justin Bartlett of Bloomington, has provided beautiful music to our congregation for ten years. We are small in number and older in age, but we are a loving family that cares for our members. We financially support our community through the L.I.F.E. Food Pantry, generous donations to our local elementary schools, our Head Start Families, an annual \$1000 college scholarship to a graduating senior from Mitchell High School, and various non-profit groups in Mitchell and Bedford. Our church building and grounds are used by the Kiwanis Club, local Cub Scouts, and private individuals.

Our Mission Statement reads: "We are faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We witness for Him by sharing the Good News through worship, teaching and service, and being a caring church in our community."

Week of January 28th

Rev. Hana Elliott

First Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield

The First Presbyterian Church of Greene County in Bloomfield, IN was organized in 1967 when Bloomfield First (est. 1823) and Scotland (est. 1847) Presbyterian Churches merged. The congregation, which averages about 35 in worship, is diverse in just about every way possible. It is heavily involved in local mission, and celebrated its bicentennial in 2023, in part, by completing more than 6,000 hours of service to the congregation and community in 2 ½ years.

Prayers are requested as the congregation discerns how to continue to be welcoming and inclusive, to imagine new ways of raising children in faith, and to faithfully cast a vision for the future of our church.