

Presbytery Prayer Partners

March 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 March 3rd

United Presbyterian, Bloomington

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

UPC is a culturally and ethnically diverse congregation with members coming from Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Ghana, Colombia, the Netherlands, Indonesia, and all over the United States. We are an inclusive people of God determined and committed to reflect an authentic presentation of the Church universal, to be a place where all are welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

As a reformed congregation, we cherish the authority of Scripture and the elemental Presbyterian confession that “God alone is Lord of the conscience.” United is a small but active church serving local and international missions which include: Monroe County United Ministries, the Nyaka schools in Uganda, and His Eyes in Honduras.

Week of March 10th

Hemenway Memorial Presbyterian, Boonville

We are a growing, thriving congregation seeking to serve God's people in all areas of life: spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical health, family cohesiveness, and financial awareness. We desire to grow in spiritual maturity while living out God's call of the Great Commission by being the active hands and feet of Jesus Christ alive and serving the world. We are present in suffering as well as happiness-in tears and in laughter. We yearn to make a difference in our community, one day at a time, and one life at a time.

Week of March 17th

Justice Advocacy – PC(USA)

Grant, O God,
that your holy and life-giving Spirit

may so move every human heart,
that the barriers which divide us may crumble,
suspicions disappear,
and hatreds cease,
and that, with our divisions healed,
we might live in justice and peace;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Social Justice, The Book of Common Worship, pg 818, #67

Week of March 24th

First Presbyterian, Brazil

Rev. Alan Finnan

First Presbyterian Church in Brazil Indiana continues to provide traditional worship and education (with a vibrant youth program). We also provide a meal for the community every Sunday night (52 weeks a year). As the Pandemic has dissipated a bit, we have renewed our commitment to organize events to draw people to our building. Accordingly, we are now organizing movie nights and concerts (we had the ISU Sycamore Singers this past November and the Brazil Community Choir in December). We anticipate several events in the coming year.

We are increasingly emphasizing the need for all church members to identify opportunities to invite others to visit our church family. The church is also participating in a program entitled "Sacred Places" which emphasizes church involvement in local communities and also gives grant money for maintenance of historic buildings. We thank God for our past and look with joy to the future.

Week of March 31st

Easter (Your own congregation)

Living God, on the first day of the week
you brought to birth a new creation
through the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings,
so that we may share the good news
of your liberating, life-giving power
with all the world;
through Christ our Savior, who is alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and always.

Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:12