

# Presbytery Prayer Partners

## April 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 April 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Brownstown Presbyterian, Brownstown**

**Rev. James Blankenkober**

BPC is a smaller congregation but we are growing! Please pray for our congregation to be open to the Spirit's guidance as we seek to engage our community. As we add new members, pray for new and expanded programs that meet people where they are and teach them the ways of Christ, so that we can be a blessing to our changing community to the glory of God.

### **Week of April 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Cayuga Presbyterian, Cayuga**

**Emily J. Miller (Extended Supply)**

Cayuga Presbyterian Church in Cayuga, Indiana though a small congregation we are also a close-knit community representing 14 families. We participate yearly with Church World Services, support mission work with both the Presbyterian Church (USA) by sending support to Elmarie Parker who serves as regional liaison to Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, and with Campus Crusades for Christ (CRU), plus One Great Hour of Sharing which this year we focused on the Sullivan Community recovery after the tornado. We have an Easter breakfast before worship and Christmas Eve Service which includes food and fellowship after the service. At Christmas we purchase clothing and toys for approximately 15 needy children and gift cards for shut-ins. We covet prayers for our small congregation, and especially for our wonderful supply preacher Emily Miller. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

### **Week of April 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Valley City Presbyterian, Central**

**Rev. Robert Brill**

Valley City Presbyterian Church is a small church southwest of Corydon IN in a rural setting. We come together each week to worship God and to find meaningful ways to show our love for Jesus Christ. Our mission is to be the face of Jesus in our local community. Being small doesn't stop us from doing good deeds. This is what God calls us to do and we will continue to show his love where and when we can.

## **Week of April 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **Community Presbyterian, Charlestown**

Community Presbyterian Church was established in 1968 when Miller's Chapel/Hannah Memorial and First Presbyterian Church of Charlestown merged. First Presbyterian church has a rich history as the second oldest Presbyterian congregation in Indiana and was originally established in April 1812.

Over the years, the church served the community with several ministries that focused on the health, improvement, and education of women and children. The first schools in Charlestown were established by the Presbyterian minister. Our rolls indicate that our congregation was one of the first (if not the first) non-segregated congregations in the area.

Currently, our congregation worships on Monroe Street in Charlestown. We are blessed to have seven acres of property and a modern building that is completely accessible for those struggling with physical limitations. Our congregation is small, numbering less than 20 members. Our hearts are full of love for one another and our community. We are the home of the Charlestown Farmers' Market which meets each Wednesday afternoon during the months of May through September. We are also home to the D.I.A.P.E.R. Project which provides diapers, wipes, bathing supplies, and food to infants under the age of three. This ministry has been blessed with financial support from Presbyterian Women, the Presbytery Ohio Valley, several of our sister churches, as well as members of our community.

Most recently, we established a grief support group in conjunction with Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Services. This group meets once per month and offers support to those who have lost loved ones living within our community.

We are looking forward to the future and are open to changes and new missions that God may bestow upon us.