

Presbytery Prayer Partners

July 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 July 7th

Church of the Covenant Presbyterian, Elizabeth

Please pray for our little church family, and pray for us to find a pastor to help fill the needs of our congregation. Pray also for our Presbyterian Church as a whole.

Week of July 14th

Eastminster Presbyterian, Evansville

Rev. Ryan Bradney

The current Eastminster Presbyterian Church (EPC) was founded in 1999, following a merger of the former Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church and the former EPC. In recent years, we have been blessed to welcome a number of new members from the former Newburgh Presbyterian Church. In Christ, we are a new creation!

It is beautiful to see folks from these congregations alongside new folks from all kinds of backgrounds growing and becoming a welcoming, active, worshiping community together in Christ. Our mission statement is "Hearts, Hands, Heads for Christ in Service and Celebration." Located close to bustling Green River Road and the University of Evansville, we are a growing congregation of nearly 250 members and give thanks for the 29 new members in the last 2 years.

The wonderfully strong bond continues with Camp PYOCA. By God's grace and with incredible generosity from the congregation, we were able to support 28 kids and youth sharing in a very impactful week at the camp Gemini program. Annual summer mission trips are happening, local efforts expanding, and we look forward July's return trip to Camp Burnamwood in Kentucky.

A vibrant music ministry along with the Christianity and the Arts program continue to deepen faith and imagination through superb musical offerings in worship services and special events.

We give thanks for a very active youth group with 2 weekly meetings, very thoughtfully prepared Bible studies and fun activities they share, in addition to a youth Sunday school class.

We give thanks for wonderful office, music, and program staff and for faithful staff and congregational leadership with youth ministries, Sunday school classes and community-building opportunities for every generation.

We appreciate prayers for deepening outreach with the neighborhood, growing opportunities with young adults and families, and for active involvement in the uplift with the wider community.

Week of July 21st

First Presbyterian, Evansville

Rev. Anna von Winckler

First Presbyterian Church of Evansville is in its 201st year of ministry and mission. We are a growing congregation of committed and generous people who embrace the diversity in which God created us all.

We have an excellent ministry of music, under the direction of Robert Nicholls, which is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music in America. We celebrate a vital children and youth ministry, under the leadership of Carrie Aiken, a member of the congregation. We have four parish visitors from the congregation who keep the bonds between the congregation and our shut-in members strong. The congregation has long been involved in issues of social justice and witness. We are members of CAJE – Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment – a community of religious communities in Evansville working together to bring needed change to our city. We also support many organizations in Evansville that minister to those living with food and shelter insecurity, as well as those who live with mental illness.

We affirm that God has blessed us to be a blessing to others. That is our mission for the next 200 years. Rev. Anna von Winckler serves as our transitional pastor, since Rev. Kevin Fleming's death, as the Pastor Nominating Committee works to find a pastor.

Week of July 28th

First Avenue Presbyterian, Evansville

Rev. Gene Feagan

First Avenue Presbyterian Church is serving the Evansville community and engaging and encouraging others through a life-changing journey in Evansville, Indiana. Our mission is to nurture a diverse and welcoming community, committed to following fearlessly wherever God is leading us and make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of Evansville and the world!