

# **Presbytery Prayer Partners**

## **June 2025**

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 June 1<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Princeton Presbyterian Church, Princeton**

Princeton Presbyterian Church is located at 130 E. State St., Princeton, IN. Our congregation is active internally and externally. We have monthly committee meetings used to discuss church services, generate ideas, and plan property improvements. Our Deacons send cards in rotation to the church members, they provide "prayer blankets" for people in need, which we pray over before being delivered, and their newest idea is to have fifth Sunday themed congregational meals. The Church has written grants for new entry doors, adding an ADA closer for the entry door at our ramp, and for a new roof on the sanctuary and chapel. We added the equipment to stream our services on Facebook. The Women's Association meets at River Oaks to provide spiritual support for the members that live there.

Our community work continues to expand. The Church stocks a Blessing Box which is heavily used in our downtown area. We are encouraged in this ministry because community individuals help us by faithfully filling the Box. We provide rooms for True Hope to use as a warehouse; they maintain inventory for babies and young mothers. Last Christmas the Church hosted the Gibson County Christmas Choir and we hope to host the event again this Christmas. Our newest community involvement is supporting the North Gibson Education Foundation's Treasure Trove. It is a store that will provide needed educational supplies for North Gibson staff so they do not have to pay for supplies themselves. Next month will be our first congregational collection of supplies to build its inventory. The 'Faith Link' is the church's monthly newsletter, sent by email or US mail, and is used to keep our members informed of church events during the month and news about members.

### **Week of June 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Churches Searching for Pastoral Leadership**

At any given time in our presbytery, several congregations are in search of installed pastoral leadership through the work of a PNC (pastor nominating committee). Other sessions are searching for part-time stated supply pastors. Still others are exploring the type of pastoral leadership that will best help them be in ministry to one another and their communities. Please pray for discernment for all involved in the search for pastoral leadership, for those pastors searching for a new call, and for the committee on ministry and presbytery staff that help guide congregations and pastors through times of transition.

## **Week of June 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Roachdale Presbyterian Church, Roachdale**

**Rev. David Bower**

Roachdale Presbyterian Church is a small rural church in central Indiana located in Roachdale, Indiana. The population of Roachdale is approximately 800 people. The Presbyterian Church was organized November 22, 1890 in Parkersburg, IN. There were 25 original members, and 16 of those were women. The town of Roachdale was only 12 years old when the little white church was moved to Roachdale. The church was remodeled and made larger in 1927 and the outward appearance remains the same.

## **Week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Retired Ministers living in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley**

A number of retired Presbyterian pastors live within or near the bounds of our presbytery. While officially retired, many of them remain active in the presbytery by participating in presbytery assemblies, serving on committees and commissions, moderating sessions, providing pulpit supply, and supporting their colleagues. We are grateful for their pre- and postretirement service, and ask that you pray for their health and well-being.

## **Week of June 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Salem Presbyterian Church, Salem**

**Elder Richard Clark**

The Salem Presbyterian Church was founded in 1817, and the present still-used sanctuary was built in 1842. Our church bell is still rung at the beginning of every Sunday service. Our members continue to serve the church and the rural community in the spirit of Christian love, and are active in the community, volunteering at the Washington County Food Bank and other organizations. We assist foster children in Washington County through our connection with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). The church library is open every last Wednesday of the month to meetings of the Washington County Pride Organization, and the Salem Presbyterian Church is a member of the Matthew 25 Church Group.

More than a year ago the Salem Presbyterian Church opened a warming station downstairs in our dining room, Mariner's Hall. It's open every Monday evening from 5 - 8 pm. This also includes food being brought in by volunteers from the Salem community and other churches to help those who are homeless. During very cold weather when temperatures are in the 30's or below, the warming station is open throughout the week until the cold weather is gone. The warming station, which can also mean warm hearts, is a time of fellowship and supplies are given to those who need them; including clothing, canned food, water, and safe warming devices. Our vision and hope is that someday Washington County will have a Shelter House that is open 24 hours/7 days a week.

We ask for continued prayers for the Salem Presbyterian Church and for Pastor Richard Clark.