

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

July through October 2009

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. Each church is invited to tell us a little about itself and to share specific joys and concerns. Those listed below have been sent to us from the churches and organizations on our prayer list for the weeks shown below. Sharing prayers with each other works!

Note: The person who prepares your worship bulletins and/or church newsletters may request this information in a Word document from secy@povpc.org .

Week of June 28 Brown County Fellowship, Nashville Rev. Scott Seay

Week of July 5 Synod of Lincoln Trails

Week of July 12 United Presbyterian Church of Princeton Rev. Barry Wynveen

A young minister, Reverend Kell, of the Reformed Faith, founded our church in 1810. We will celebrate our 200th birthday this year. We are currently forming a team to organize and lead the church throughout this celebration; we certainly need wide spread prayers for this endeavor and also hope that many of you can attend some or all of the activities.

We have a long historical past—we were the first church to be established and the first Sunday school in Gibson, County, Indiana. We have always been a strong mission church; our church sponsored a nurse church member in his call to do mission work in Pakistan for six and a half years. Currently we are keeping a missionary family (S.I.M.) working in a foreign ministry, and are sponsoring a church member in his quest to become a commissioned lay Pastor. Please include these mission projects, plus our Presbytery ministries in your prayers.

For two years, 2006-2008, we were without a pastor and consequently lost membership. We now have a great minister who has a delightful family. Rev. Barry Wynveen, his wife, Margot and children, Brian, Renee, Leslie and Leigh joined us in November of last year. Please keep this family in your prayers as well as our church in our membership re-building process. We would also appreciate your prayer support for Vacation Bible School, which we share with the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton; this will be held on July 12-16. Our community will observe the annual "Gold Heritage Days" during the third weekend of September. We participate by staffing a booth and giving free bottles of water to festival participants—prayers would be most helpful for this activity, also. Most of all, remember our children and our Sunday school.

Week of July 26 Memorial Rockville Gayle Cole, Clerk

The Rockville Memorial Presbyterian Church is going through a transition period at this time. We are going from a full time minister to currently being served by a variety of supply ministers. We need your

prayers at this time for continued faith and support. This has been a time when we have gotten a lot of strength from our church family and have all realized that if we want the church to continue and grow we must grow in our own spirituality and faith

We are planning monthly gatherings and a community softball game with other area churches. We have had a picnic in June and Met at Billie Creek Village for an old fashion songfest.

Week of August 2 Salem Presbyterian Rev. Sara Shields

Week of August 9 United Scipio Rev. Mitch Coggin

Scipio Presbyterian Church is located 15 miles south of Columbus and 6 miles north of North Vernon. We are in Jennings County and an active part of the North Central Cluster. The church celebrated our 175th anniversary in 2007 and Rev. Mitch Coggin is now serving his 9th year as Minister of Word and Sacrament in addition to serving the Grammer Presbyterian 5 miles away. Scipio enjoys a rich heritage in a beautiful building built in 1923. We are thankful for an active Women's Society which boasts one of the largest rummage sales in Jennings County every Labor Day weekend that helps fund their mission projects for the entire year. As a participant in the Natural Church Development process, our church began a Contemporary Casual Worship held quarterly on Saturdays at 6:00 P.M. As a result of the triennial visit conducted last year by COM, Scipio began an every other month Mission and Vision planning time (in place of Session that month) that we are praying will position us for ministry long into the future. Join us in that prayer!

Week of August 16 First Scottsburg Rev. Peter Barnes-Davies

Week of August 23 First Seymour

Week of August 30 Bethany Spencer Richard Poff, CLP

Week of September 6 Spencer Rev. Mary Jensen

Week of September 13 First United Sullivan Rev. Paul McGlasson

Sullivan First Presbyterian Church is a congregation of active Christians deeply committed to living out our faith in practical discipleship. We are a multigenerational church including all ages, and make great efforts to forge strong relationships across generational lines as part of our Christian witness. Our mission work is both local, in the form of Community Kitchen and other volunteer ministries served by our members and more expanded in the form of mission trips to Presbyterian mission stations around the country. We ask for prayers for our mission work both here in Sullivan and beyond, including a new effort to expand mission work in our area to include an ecumenical week of outreach on a regular basis. We also ask for continued growth in our cross-generational friendships as a strong witness to the inclusive reality of the gospel in our community.

Week of September 20 Central Terre Haute Rev. Lant Davis

Week of September 27 Unity Terre Haute Rev. Linda Peters

We thank the Presbytery for their prayers and ask that they remember the volunteers and participants of our food pantry. We provide groceries, paper products, fresh fruit and vegetables with a protein resource. We average over twenty families ranging in size from 1 to 8. Also please pray for our sister church Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Asante Juabeng, Ghana, Africa and their pastor Rev. Augustine Agyapong Bae.

Week of October 4	POV Staff	Rev. Lorna Kuyk
Week of October 11	Vernon	Sarah Cochran
Week of October 18	Caledonia, Vevay	Jim Wingate, CLP

Caledonia Presbyterian Church is in Switzerland County near the town of Vevay. Our church is located in a very rural setting about 12 miles from the nearest town. Our congregation will average about 6 on most Sundays. Because of the physical location of our church we have a very small population base from which to draw and this is big concern.

At this time we do not have a Sunday school program because we do not have any children coming to our church on a regular basis.

Although small we feel very blessed that God has given us very loving and very faithful people that share our worship services.

We ask that in your prayers you would just join with us in praising God for the blessings that have been bestowed on us, and join us in thanksgiving to the Lord for leading and guiding us in service to His eternal kingdom.

Week of October 25	Bethany Vincennes	Rev. John DeSanto
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