

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

October through December 2010

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. 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 bbsnyder@bestonline.net.

**Cluster Codes: NC = North Central, NW = North West, SC = South Central
SE = South East, SW = South West, WC = West Central**

Week of October 3

First, Jasper (SW)

Rev. Larry Langer

We at First Presbyterian in Jasper are trying something new this year for which we need prayers! Rather than a "Vacation Bible School" time, we are going to hold a "Fall Family Fun Festival" at the end of September. Plans are to make it a Block Party, with a Bluegrass Concert to conclude an afternoon of biblical puppet shows, fun crafts, pop corn and train rides. We hope to attract Hispanics from a congregation down the street, as well as all of the folks in the surrounding neighborhood. Please pray for the outreach of God's hand to draw folks to this celebration.

Also, pray that this outreach will have an impact on our own congregation. It has been said that when a group of church people get together, there should always be an empty chair in the room so that a guest will have a place to sit. WE have 75 empty seats on a Sunday morning. Please pray that each one will be sat in on any given Sunday morning!

In another outreach to the community, God has blessed us with the funds to pray "Prayers for the Headlines" three days a week on our local radio station. May these prayers continue to help the folks in Dubois and the surrounding counties. Also, may our outreach grow with these prayers and scripture readings and sermons being available on-line. May our outreach to retirement and nursing homes also continue to bless the people of God.

Week of October 10

Hanover (SE)

Rev. Beth Walden-Fisher

Hanover Presbyterian Church has just posted its CIF onto the CLC so the search for a permanent pastor has begun. Prayers regarding the search process would be wonderful.

Week of October 17

Community, Henryville (SE)

Rev. Dale Jackson

As a small church, Henryville Community appreciates prayers for our continued ministry. We are also undergoing renovation on our building so prayers are appreciated.

Week of October 24

Mt. Lebanon, Henryville (SE)

J. William Holmes

Mount Lebanon Church is a rural church located between Henryville and Charlestown, Indiana. Our congregation dates back to 1853. We would like for God to allow us to worship together for at least 150 more years. We are a caring, loving congregation that is served by Student Pastor Bill Holmes and ask that you keep him in your prayers as he provides for our spiritual needs and we provide love and support to him. One of our missions is with Student Pastors from the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. Our Church Moderator is Rev. Dale Jackson. We thank God for his leadership.

At this time we have six young people from our congregation enrolled in colleges and ask that you keep these young people in your prayers.

Our Sunday School children have joined the Henryville Community in Bible School for several years. The Bible School is a joint effort of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Mount Lebanon Churches with all area children welcome. This summer the Sunday School Children joined Henryville Presbyterian Church in forming a Children's Hand-bell Choir, ringing the bells in praise of God!!

One of our local missions is the local Henryville Food Pantry located at the Baptist Church. We donate food items and financial support monthly.

We pray that we become such complete disciples of Christ that we will discover God's will for our church and that we will do it. Amen.

Week of October 31

Howesville, Jasonville (NW)

John Turner, CLP

Howesville is a small country church with strong feelings about their community. We just celebrated a quiet 140 years of service with Susan delivering the sermon and talking to them after the service.

We are blessed with loyal members and talented organ and piano players, but eventually we'll be facing problems with age and failing health. Please pray that we will continue to seek God's will for us in this community.

Week of November 7

First, Jeffersonville (SC)

Rev. Don Summerfield

First Presbyterian Church celebrated its 180th anniversary on May 22, 2010 and has been located on the same corner in downtown Jeffersonville for 150 years. We are thankful for the partnerships in ministry that we share with other congregations in the POV, our Southeast Cluster and our downtown neighborhood churches (Episcopal, Catholic, UCC and UMC), along with the Field Education program at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. Don Summerfield and the staff of 1st Prez welcome the Presbytery's prayers for the continued and growing fruitfulness of our congregation's common life, worship and mission and for God's ongoing provision of the resources (human, spiritual and material) we need for this ministry.

Week of November 14

Rehoboth, Laconia (SC)

Rev. Frank Hainer

"So he called it Rehoboth, saying, 'Now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land'" Genesis 26:22

Rehoboth Presbyterian Church was established August 15, 1829, by the Rev. Alexander Williamson who served as pastor until 1838. The mailing address is Laconia, but it is a true country church, (49 on the roll), just off route 11 between Elizabeth and Laconia and south of

Corydon. The name Rehoboth is taken from the Bible where it appears four times: Genesis 10:11-12; 26:17-22; 36:37; and 1 Chronicles 1:48. The Hebrew root means broad places, open spaces, freedom, spacious.

Rehoboth is the second oldest church in Harrison County maintaining a continuous, active existence. The oldest Presbyterian Church in the United States with an unbroken, continuous existence is also named Rehoboth and is in Rehoboth, Maryland where it was established in 1683.

The cemetery next to the church is very old. The first person buried there was John Bennet, who fought in the Revolutionary War.

The present church building is the third in Rehoboth's history. The Fellowship Hall, built in the early nineties, replaced the Ladies Aid Hall, which had been the school for this area. The world-class barbeque pits, in the pavilion next to the Hall, are used for the famous Rehoboth Memorial Day Chicken BBQ, which serves over 900 meals each Memorial Day. Rehoboth is part of a Care Web of churches, including Church of the Covenant, Laconia United, and Valley City. The pastor for the last 17 years has been Dr. Frank Hainer. The Clerk of Session is Jeff Brown.

We ask for your prayers as we enter our 182nd year of serving the Lord Jesus Christ by trying to live out the great ends of the church. We give thanks for all those saints who have gone before us, upon whose shoulders we stand. We follow the words of the great Yogi Berra, who said "When you come to a fork in the road, take it," which we take to mean, when you come to a difficult decision or choice, don't just moan and dither but DO something; show some courage; live out your faith. This we have been trying to do, for these many years.

Week of November 21

United, Laconia (SC)

Sharon Kutz-Mellem, CLP

Laconia United Presbyterian church was established to the Glory of God in 1874. It is located in Laconia on the Ohio River in the South Central Cluster of our presbytery. The small, but very dedicated, congregation continues to worship together and to witness to God's great love in their families and in the community at large. Please pray for their continued good works in service to our Lord.

Week of November 28

Commissioners to Presbytery Assembly

Please pray for our churches' pastors and elder commissioners as they begin considering the recommendations of this year's General Assembly.

Week of December 5

Community, Leavenworth (SC)

Greg Gibson, CLP

The Leavenworth Community Presbyterian Church was formed in 1937. The 1937 Flood left both the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches of Leavenworth IN destroyed. Neither Church had the resources necessary to rebuild. The American Red Cross, which was helping the town move "up on the hill," encouraged the two churches to combine into one. The people decided to become Presbyterians because the Presbytery would help finance the new church. Thus was born the Leavenworth Community Presbyterian Church. The new church building was dedicated in the fall of 1937. No more services in a tent! The Church has been a vital part of the community ever since. Leavenworth High School held school plays and Baccalaureate services in the church. Scout and 4-H groups have also used the church facilities thru the years.

Our congregation strives to provide mission and ministry to all of Crawford County by providing support to the local food pantry and visiting the residents of Todd Dickey Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on a regular basis. We appreciate prayers for our continued work in these areas, as well as for our young people in our youth outreach programs.

Week of December 12 Lexington (SE)

Our church sponsors the Good News Club in our schools. Last year, we had over 400 children participate in this program in the county schools. Please pray that this would flourish and Bibles will find their way into more homes.

Once again we are purchasing shoes for the kindergarten students at Lexington Elementary to "Step Out For God." Please pray for these little ones who receive the shoes.

Because of the economic problems in the country, we have become involved with another church, Lexington Christian, a local grocery, LeRoy's, and a local business, M & C Treasurers, in making the not for profit Angelfood available in Scott County. This is the only distribution location in the county. Pray that no one goes hungry.

And last but not least, although we haven't had a full time pastor for a few days, (!!!), we have continued to do God's work; but it would be wonderful to have guidance from God's Pastor. Please pray for our full time pastor to find us. Thank you and God Bless.

Week of December 19 Bethlehem International Center and Peace on Earth

Week of December 26 Hanover College Laura Arico, Chaplain