

## **PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS**

### **February, 2012**

**Week of February 5**

**United, Bloomington (NC)**

**Rev. David Bremer**

United Presbyterian Church is located just south of the IU Campus in Bloomington. Reverend David A. Bremer is pastor of a diverse fellowship where many languages are spoken. 2008 through 2010 were lean years financially for the church. The budget had to be streamlined and, with it, projects. As 2011 drew to a close, the Session and congregation thanked God for a glorious reversal. Not only did the finances grow, the membership grew and continues to grow. Projects are being restored and added. Pray for this continued growth and the restored Voices of the World Youth Choir as well as the newly hired director Michael Day. Prayer is also requested for the UPC Chancel Choir and its director Jeeyoon Kim as they continue this ministry of music. UPC continues to support missionaries Trevor & Valerie Colby in Honduras, Nyaka AIDS Orphans School in Uganda, Monroe County United Ministries and Bloomington's Community Kitchen, the Joy Offering and the Peace Offering. Pray that this support can be expanded during 2012 in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Week of February 12**

**Hemenway Memorial, Boonville (SW)**

**Rev. Michael Evanchak**

Hemenway Memorial Presbyterian Church is located in Boonville, Indiana, the county seat of Warrick County, located just east of Evansville. The congregation's roots date back to the 1860's, and it has been a fixture of the community since then. We are named after James Hemenway, a former state and US Senator from the late 1800's and early 1900's. It was Senator Hemenway who donated the current land and funded much of the construction through a bequest roughly 100 years ago.

We currently have 104 active members and average worship attendance of 60. We are located near the center of town and have been visible in our location and activity in the community. We boast a vibrant youth and young adult ministry and participate in ecumenical service and outreach activities (community service, youth outreach, VBS, live nativity).

A specific prayer request would be for continued growth in our youth and families as well as discernment about what we hope to be our first youth mission trip later this year.

**Week of February 19**

**First, Brazil (NW)**

**Rev. Gary Scroggins**

First Presbyterian Church of Brazil, Indiana is on a "journey" the first 1/3 of 2012. We are engaged in major renovation of our sanctuary and have moved into our Fellowship Hall for worship. We will, hopefully, move back into our renovated sanctuary by Easter. Our sanctuary will receive new carpet, plaster work, fresh paint, and new pew cushions. Our sanctuary was built in 1928 and we are striving (in subtle ways) to recreate a bit of the "feel" of the original worship space. May God help us prepare a meaningful place for worship that will be a blessing for decades to come! May God also use these coming months, when things are not "as we always do it," to teach, lead, and mold us in ways of God's choosing.

**Week of February 26**

**Brownstown (NC)**

**Rev. Brad Napier**

The ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ continues in Brownstown, the county seat of Jackson County. There are two worship services each Sunday, one with a contemporary format and the other with a traditional format. We have had two services for ten years. Our church is active in the community, with mission involvement with other local congregations through the ministerial association food pantry and other outreach activities with our sister congregations. We strongly support Camp Pyoca, only 1.2 miles from our parking lot.

We have two seminary students under care at Louisville Seminary, Martha Lasher and J.C. Blankenbeker, who we support and are very proud of. The church is an active part of the North Central Region of the Presbytery and has participated in a variety of activities within the region. We have a beautiful facility and grounds, including seven acres of property. The church enjoys music and has sponsored a variety of concerts, choirs and recitals.

We enjoy the stability of a long term pastor, with Pastor Brad Napier serving over twelve years. The congregation is healthy, loving and caring in the grace and love of Jesus Christ our Lord. We try to practice hospitality and welcome as part of the body of Christ.

We ask for the prayers of the Presbytery as we grieve the loss of a number of members over the past three years. We look forward to what God is doing in and through us, even in hardship, loss and grief. We love our Reformed Tradition and look forward to continue being a light in our community and world.