

Prayer Prompter for November-December 2009
Circle of Praying Friends of Ohio Conference

I would rather teach one person to pray than ten persons to preach.--Charles Spurgeon

***Pray for these 6 Ohio Conference Congregations:**

- 1) Chestnut Ridge Mennonite, Orrville, Pastor Marvin (Glenda) Zuercher
- 2) First Mennonite, Berne, Ind. Pastor Jeff (Megan) Linticum will be installed December 2009.



- 3) Leetonia Mennonite, Leetonia, Lead Elder Herman Miller

➤ *We are currently in the process of finding a new pastor at Leetonia. We need prayer for our congregation to desire a renewed commitment to Christian growth in this time of transition.*

- 4) LifeBridge Community, Dover, Pastor Chet (Holly) Miller-Eshleman

➤ *Praise God that we are growing in many ways.*

➤ *May we grow in our love for God and neighbor by setting aside time for prayer.*

➤ *Pray that God would guide as we welcome new persons on to our leadership team.*

➤ *Pray that God would help us empower more persons in ministry.*

- 5) Lima Mennonite, Lima, Pastor David (Becky) Elkins

➤ *Please pray that God would lead the congregation in joining God to*

reach out to the surrounding community with hospitality and grace. Pray also for a renewed vision for Lima Mennonite's mission in the world.

- 6) Lockport Mennonite, Stryker, Pastor Steve (Bonnie) Heatwole

➤ *Please pray with Lockport and me, as pastor, as we begin our congregation-pastor partnership. Also please remember our search team as they seek a half-time associate pastor for the congregation.*

***Pray for Ohio Conference Chaplains:**

- 1) Gail Blum, Hospice of Lenawee, Hillsdale, Mich.

- 2) Keith Matthews, Dorothy Love Retirement Community, Sidney

- 3) Enid Schloneger, Hospice Chaplain

➤ *Please pray for persons who are Hospice patients and facing death that they may find healing in broken relationships and experience God's love, mercy and peace. Pray that I may be the presence of Christ to them.*

- 4) Hector (April) Velez, Christian motorcycle gang

➤ *Please pray for unity and guidance among the D.O.J. biker group, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.*

And for me, "that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel." Eph. 6:19

***Pray for these congregations and ministries of Ohio Conference, relating to immigrants who live among all of us:**

- 1) Brazo en Brazo, workers: Paul and Ann Conrad, New Carlisle

➤ *"Denver", who is now 3, was a passive baby, content to be in the baby carrier for extended periods of time. We encouraged his parents to talk to him, to play with him, to get him to use his legs. So it was a real joy last week to see him respond to the invitation to join the prayer circle at his home to pray for his brother, "Bryan," who was sick. He came eagerly, took his parents' hands and remained there until the end of the prayer.—Pray for Paul and Ann in their ministry of befriending the immigrants.*

2) Open Arms, workers: Raúl and Vanita Tadeo and Haroldo and Esmirna Nunez in Kidron area

➡ *The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles has mailed letters to 47,457 vehicle owners. It informs them that their registration will be canceled unless they prove their legal U.S. residency by Dec. 8, 2009. This will be a new hardship for many immigrant workers. Pray for an update of immigration laws that will reflect justice and compassion.*

➡ *from Esmirna Nunez: I meet weekly with 8-10 Spanish speaking women. Pray for them as they face many anxieties. May God keep them and their families safe.*

3) Jubilee Mennonite Church, Bellefontaine

➡ *Pray as we walk along side four siblings ages 4-19, whose parents have been deported because of misfiled papers.*

4) Project Hope, directed by Sister Ellen uses Zion Mennonite, Archbold, as her center. Project Hope offers help (and hope) to immigrants. Additionally, we [Project Hope & Zion] celebrate with a big party annually the citizenships of persons who have taken and passed the required tests to become U.S. citizens. Sister Ellen's assistance has been invaluable.

➡ *Pray that United States Citizenship and Immigration Service will allow "Alejandro," "Victorin," "Victoria," "Juanita," "Donaldo," "Martina," and the sons of "Jose" to be reunited soon with family members in the United States.*

(I put the names in quotation marks since I changed the names to protect identity.)—from Sister Ellen

***Let's remember these important interests of Ohio Conference:**

1) Ohio Conference History project:

➡ *The people responsible for the new "History of the Ohio Conference since 1969" would appreciate your prayers as they complete the script due to come off the press yet this year.*

1. *Pray that they may work in unity as they complete the project.*
2. *That the book will meet the needs and interests of both clergy and lay persons.*
3. *That God may receive honor through the presentation. Submitted by Celia Lehman, Editor*

2) Pastor-Spouse Retreat at Mohican State Park Lodge from Nov. 6-8

➡ *Pray for a relaxing weekend and renewed energies!*

3) Advent Day Apart at Camp Luz, Wednesday, Dec. 9

➡ *May each participant be moved to a greater awe of the coming of Jesus.*

4) Cluster meetings which are being held in different areas

➡ *May these evenings be filled with joy, fellowship, and greater understanding of Ohio Conference.*

5) Youth Pastor Peer, at Bluffton University, Thursday, Nov. 12

➡ *Randy Keeler, youth minister professor and Ohio Conference Youth Ministry Advocate will be facilitating the meeting. May God's richest blessing flow among them as they engage in conversation about nurturing and discipling youth on their spiritual journeys.*

6) Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team will meet Saturday, Dec. 12

➡ *May the Team always be aware of God among them, as they dream, deliberate, and seek to discern God's will in all things.*

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