

PRAYER PROFILE: MUMFORD FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – A VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD CONGREGATION

Life today:

The congregation at the Mumford First Presbyterian Church has remained healthy and able to continue most of its functions and ministries during the COVID-19 pandemic, thanks to an early decision to follow all the social-distancing guidelines recommended by State and County health authorities. Sunday worship services are offered via Zoom in partnership with neighbors at nearby Caledonia First Presbyterian Church. Sunday service bulletins and copies of the sermons are also delivered to the homes of church members who do not have Internet access.

Pastor Roger Estes was happy to report that, so far, no congregation members have been directly affected by symptoms or illnesses related to the pandemic. Personal ministry and prayers for individuals or families continue to be provided by telephone or safe visits to nursing homes and elder-care facilities in the area.

In response to the needs of the community, members of the congregation remain actively involved with the provision and distribution of food and supplies to the regional food cupboard as they experience increased volumes of visitors. Others are preparing to resume the back-pack program which provides after-school lunches and social support for school-age children in the hamlet of Mumford. The Session is also meeting regularly via Zoom and recently decided to restart in-person worship services on Sunday, September 13.

Prayers and Concerns:

Prayers of thanksgiving are offered in gratitude for the ability of the congregation to remain healthy and hopeful at this time of uncertainty and risk.

Prayers of concern and support are offered for members and families of the community of Mumford who have lost employment or are now facing financial difficulties.

Prayers are also focused on the safety and health of students, teachers, and bus-drivers in anticipation of the return to school activities.

In this context, hope and certainty of better times in the near future remain the spiritual foundation that continues to guide the congregation at Mumford First United Presbyterian Church. Blessings be to God.

MUMFORD FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 a.m.



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