

**PRAYER PROFILE:** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OSSIAN—a Hillbilly Neighbor Congregation

**Did you know?**

On September 29, 1818, the First Presbyterian Church of Ossian was formed with 20 passionate members under the leadership of Rev. Robert Hubbard.



**Early history:**

Eleanor Heath (1854-1912) passed away, a single woman with a large tract of inherited property. Her parents, William and Rhoda Heath, had four children, with Eleanor the only one that lived beyond her parent’s demise. Eleanor and her mother took care of the farm after her father, William, passed away in 1876, from their home which is located behind the Ossian Community Center, near the large old maple tree that still stands today. In 1912, upon her death, the Ossian Church became heir to the Heath property and monies. This generous inheritance was given with the stipulation that it be used for pastoral salary. Eleanor’s family were all deeply involved and concerned with the health and growth of the church. It was later renamed The Heath Homestead.

**Today:**

The Heath Homestead is owned and operated by the First Presbyterian Church of Ossian and each time it is rented, a percentage goes to charity. The Ossian Ladies Aid provides an open-to-all lunch on Sundays and has a community card game following. After expenses, the donations are spread out to several charities and non-profit organizations. Some of the organizations include Chances and Changes, Vincent House, Theresa House, Housepeace, Samaritans Purse, and Camp Good Days. In February of 2019, a Free Library was added to the facility. With their ‘take a book-leave a book’ for both adults and children, one is able to obtain and to keep a Bible!

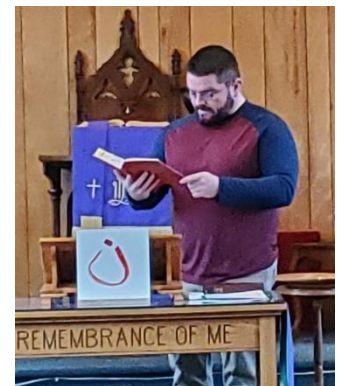


**Mission:**

“Love the Lord thy God with all your heart. And secondly Love thy neighbor. We are here as God’s family.”

The Facebook page of the church says:

“We believe in Jesus Christ, we believe that we need the love of Christ in our lives to fully be the people God intended us to be. We are not perfect or claim to be better because we go to church. We admit we are sinners looking to better ourselves and have found the love and support of a church family where we can raise our children and find true friendship within a family of believers. To feel loved and to support one another. To learn more, to be filled with the love from Christ. Welcome all who desire to know Christ and to find a family within this house of Gods.”



Prayers for our friends in Ossian:

- Health and safety of the congregation and guidance through this pandemic
- The people of the church to be their authentic selves and follow the path God intends for them

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**Sunday Worship Service:** 9 a.m.

