

Monday

Csaba and Ilona Veres - global mission workers in Romania

Csaba and Ilona have just returned to Romania after a three-month sabbatical.

- Give thanks for spiritual refreshment Csaba and Ilona received over the summer.
- Pray for them as they settle back into their work with the Diakonia Mission of the Reformed Church in Romania.
- Give thanks for the work of Steve and Rosie Kennedy who covered much of the summer ministry work in Romania which Csaba and Ilona are normally involved in.
- Pray for children and young people who attended the summer camps and programmes that they will continue to be challenged to follow Christ.

Uganda

- Pray for Rev Rodney Moody who departed last week for Uganda on a 3½ week sabbatical. He is going to a different refugee camp each week; one near the South Sudanese border; one near the Congo border, and another in the middle of Uganda. He will be teaching South Sudanese ministers early church history and reformation history. Pray for safety as he expects to travel over 1,500 kilometres by road.

Tuesday

John Coulter - chaplain serving in Ulster University (Coleraine campus)

- Thank God for good relationships among the chaplains and pray this will continue.
- Pray for young Christians coming to the Coleraine campus for the first time. Pray that they will get involved with the Christian Union from the beginning of term and that the fellowship, teaching and opportunities for service would help them grow and mature in their walk with the Lord.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to bless John's links with the Christian Union so that he can be a helpful resource for the young Christians there.
- Pray for a new Bible study course for university staff.

Ballina, Ballymote and Killala Presbyterian Churches – Rev Molly Deatherage

- Thank God for a successful week with a Canadian team. Molly writes, "They trained and led local people in friendship evangelism. We are building small groups for follow up with those who responded."
- Molly and several others are going to the Ploughing Championship in Tullamore (18-20 September) to help with the Presbyterian outreach - pray for all involved.

Wednesday

Naomi Leremore - global mission worker in Kenya

Naomi works with a team of writers in the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) department of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA). This week the team will meet to plan their activities over the next two months. Naomi has also started teaching a course for the Christian Education and Resource Centre (CERC) which seeks to equip lay people for a life of ministry within the church.

- Remember the TEE team and pray for God's help and guidance in their planning.
- Pray for the CERC training course to be of great benefit to the students.

Presbyterian Church of Pakistan and Gujranwala Theological Seminary

- Pray for wisdom for the leadership and ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan.
- Pray for courage, wisdom and safety for Pakistani Christians facing many difficulties.
- Pray for Gujranwala Theological Seminary (GTS), training people for ordained and lay ministries, and for the United Bible Training Centre (UBTC), training women for evangelism and pastoral work.

Thursday

Rachel Cubitt - deaconess in Whiteabbey

- Give thanks for the recent Sunday school Big Breakfast event and that several families who don't normally come to church came along.
- Pray for SML (Sunday Morning Live), that God will help the children to grow in their faith this year, and that he will give wisdom and patience to the leaders.
- Pray for people in the congregation who have been bereaved in recent months.
- Pray for plans to lead a joint Griefshare course with Whitehouse Presbyterian, starting at the end of September. Pray for God's guidance for Rachel and the other leaders as they seek to facilitate discussion with those who attend with grace and sensitivity.

Ballyhobridge, Clones, Newbliss and Stonebridge - Rev Colin Anderson (vacancy convener)

- Pray for the Alpha course running in the group on a monthly basis through to Spring.
- Pray for all of the organisations starting up again in the new church year.
- Pray for the Kirk Sessions as they seek a new minister for the congregations.

Friday

PCI's Children's Ministry training course begins on 17 September, while the Youth Ministry training course begins on 24 September.

Pray that lecturers will use their knowledge and expertise to equip and inspire participants to develop their gifts in these vital areas of church life.

The Disability Services Committee is responsible for Aaron House Residential Home, Dundonald; Willow Brook supported housing, Coleraine; Lawnfield House Residential Care Home, Newcastle; Kinghan Church for the Deaf, Belfast and Peacehaven Residential Homes, Greystones. *Pray for wisdom for the Committee.*

Ministry and deaconess students & staff have their pre-term retreat yesterday & today at Lorne House. Worship is central, sitting under God's Word as it is preached. *Pray that students & staff would know the Lord's presence & encouragement as they prepare for a new term, which starts on Monday.*

The Linkage Commission meets on Tuesday 25th to receive deputations from congregations seeking leave to call a minister and make decisions on Additional Pastoral Personnel posts, and on congregational property. *Pray for understanding for the Convener James Livingstone and all the members as they prepare for the meeting.*

Saturday

Susan Dawson - chaplain serving in hospitals in the Dublin area

- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for Susan as she talks to patients and their families at the hospitals.*
- *Pray that she will be an encouragement to them, and help them to trust in the Lord in all circumstances.*

Hungarian Reformed Church in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine

- *Pray for PCI's partnerships with the Reformed Church in Hungary, the Reformed Church in Romania and the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia (Ukraine).*
- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for the leadership of each church and for the training of new ministers and leaders.*
- *Give thanks and pray for the Reformed Church in Hungary's ministry to refugees.*
- *Pray for the church in Transcarpathia in western Ukraine, and for the unity and stability of the country.*
- *Pray too for the Reformed Church in Romania's Diakonia Mission, reaching out with practical support through various projects.*

Let's pray...

Kenya

- *Stephen Cowan requests urgent prayer for a 13-year-old girl who is soon to be married against her wishes and will have to drop out of school.*

Moderator - Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

This Sunday 16 September, the Moderator will be preaching at the morning service in Portaferry Presbyterian Church. In the early evening, he will take part in the dedication of a memorial window at Millisle and Ballycopeland Presbyterian Church for the congregation's former minister, Rev Helen Boyd.

- *Pray for the Moderator as speaks at these services.*

Sunday

Council for Training in Ministry

This is Freshers' Week at Union Theological College, which prepares men and women who are candidates to be ministers and deaconesses, and teaches theology at all levels to university students. Wednesday 19 September is Induction Day for first year students, while Thursday and Friday 20-21 September is the Ministry & Deaconess Students' Retreat.

- *Pray for the administration staff for both these events as they ensure that all the planning comes together, gathering the various papers and material needed.*
- *Pray specifically as they register the students, set the students up on the IT systems with the help of the Church's IT Department, put class lists together, and ensure that students settle into the onsite accommodation.*
- *Pray for the teaching staff as they prepare for a new semester which starts on Monday 24 September. Ask God to inspire and bless all the theological students and in particular that men and women will be trained as effective ministers and deaconesses in the church.*

Resources are available for use in Sunday services to accompany today's prayer. Visit: www.presbyterianireland.org/sundayprayer