

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

August 19, 8:00 AM Benny's Red Apple

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

August 4 - on Zoom

August 18 - Sinnissippi

I am Ben Boze, Life Scout at Troop 305. I am asking you all if you would please save your bottle caps for my Eagle Project. My project is collecting bottle caps and turning them into benches. I am replacing the old benches at Redfield Park. I need 400 pounds of bottle caps for 2 benches, but luckily I already have 200 pounds.

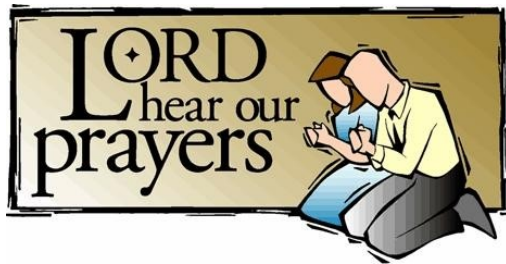
### ***Please pray for:***

At Parkway Center - Bill Griswold

At Resthave - Ann Musgrove

In the Service - Brad Gericke, Brandon Shultz, Payton Lowe

Prayers for - Phil Sinroll, Jessie Witt, Lucy Ettinger, Pat Conklen, Barb Stern, Mickey Gage, Debbie Musgrove, Ross & Marlene Jennings, Mary-Terrie Snaveley, Ron & Jackie Williams, Elijah Flint



### **PADS Volunteers Needed**

PADS is the local agency that provides temporary housing for the homeless of the Sauk Valley. They are open year-round. The guests are provided with a dinner and breakfast meal. There are bathroom facilities where they can clean up. Laundry facilities to clean clothes and a sleeping area. The shelters hours are from 7 pm to 7 am.

First Presbyterian Church staffs the shelter on the 1st Saturday of the month. The volunteers hours are 6pm to 11pm. There also is a volunteer that prepares the dinner meal and delivers it before 7 pm. Volunteers serve the meal and do the dishes.

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the Church narthex.

First Presbyterian PADS Coordinator

Bryan Etter

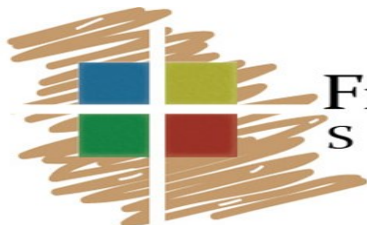


Flowers are given by Lyle Muntean in loving memory of Joyce Muntean.

Just a reminder that you can still access our services online! The church Facebook page will feature a link as soon as the service is posted, and the church website will also have the link. You can keep up with us by following us on Facebook and you can always find the current church newsletter and calendar on the website. If you need more information or you'd like to get the sermons via snail mail, just call the church office and leave a message: 815-631-1056

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## Order of Worship - July 18, 2021

### *Prelude*

### *Welcome*

### *Call to Worship* (Matthew 11:28-30)

Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, you who are struggling and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest."

**People: We come to find rest and peace.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Put on my yoke. It is easy to bear, and my burden is light. Come and learn from me."

**People: We come to learn, to sing, and to pray.**

Leader: Jesus said, "I'm gentle and humble. Come follow me."

**People: We come to make space in our lives and in our hearts for the one who gently leads us.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

### *Opening Song*                      Sanctuary

### *Prayer of Confession*

Gentle and loving God, we know that we do not always demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit. We confess that it is hard for us to consistently show love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control! Sometimes we look at the list and can only manage one or two, or none at all. It's an aggressive world, God, and we sometimes think that we can't get anywhere with gentleness. We believe the lie that "nice guys finish last," and we treat life as if it is a competition and as if we need to be insistent, and forceful, and hard-hitting. Forgive us! Help us to see that the Spirit calls us to be persistent and grace-filled and gentle. Give us the grace to live into that call. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### *Silence is kept*

### *Assurance of Pardon*

Leader: Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, ... set free by the gentle mercy of God!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

### *Response*                      Glory to God

### *Sharing the Peace of Christ*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### *Response*                      Peace Song

### *Spirited Character*

### *Scripture Reading*                      Acts 18:1-3, 18-21, 24-27

### *Sermon*                      Gentleness

### *Offertory*                      [bit.ly/FPCsterling](https://bit.ly/FPCsterling)

### *Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer*

### *Closing Song*                      Spirit

### *Benediction*

Leader:....and let all God's people say...

**People: Alleluia! Amen!**

### *Response*                      Sent Out In Jesus' Name