

Men's Prayer Breakfast
July 15, 8:00 AM Benny's Red Apple

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

July 7 - on Zoom
July 21 - Sinnissippi
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.

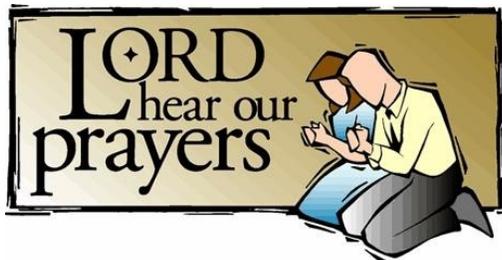
Please pray for:

At Parkway Center - Bill Griswold

At Resthove - 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



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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COMMUNITY VBS

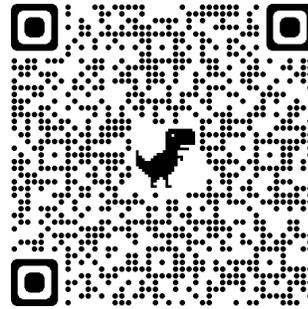


Children pre-school - fifth grade are invited to First Christian Church on Saturday July 10th.

Registration starts @ 9:00 am and concludes @ 11:30 am

This one day event will be packed with all the fun things our kids know and love about VBS: singing, dancing, engaging Bible stories, creative crafts, wild & crazy games and learning about our amazing God!

Friends, if you'd like to be a part of this wonderful ONE day VBS:



Register here:

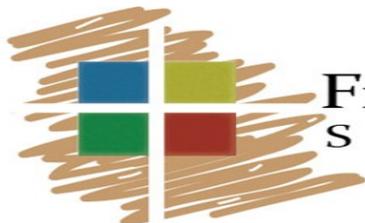
<https://tinyurl.com/CommunityVBS2021>

Or scan this QR code!



PADS Volunteers Needed

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



First Presbyterian Church
STERLING ILLINOIS

Order of Worship - July 4, 2021

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship our loving God!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: We come in the name of Jesus, whose grace dwells within us!

People: Jesus invites us to come, to sit at table with him, to journey with him.

Leader: We come with spirits kindled by the Spirit!

People: May our worship, and our very lives, be expressions of God's grace, love and kindness.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Song Show Me Your Ways

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have told us that you do not want sacrifices, that you are not interested in our religious displays, our fancy words, or pious prayers. You've told us again and again that what you want is for us to act justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. But we act in our own self interest, we are not always kind, and we sometimes would rather go our own way. We forget the needy and are quick to judge; we remember old hurts and instead of carrying one another's burdens, we carry grudges. Forgive us, God! Let your Spirit grow in us. Let our kindness be shown to others, so that they will see your love in us and yearn to come closer to you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon (2 Cor. 5:17-18)

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! ... according to God's mercy.

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

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 16:11-16, 40

Sermon

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, when you breathed the Spirit of life into us at the moment of creation, you looked at us and said, "Very good." Because of your creating love, we can love deeply; because of Christ's redeeming life, we can live fully; because the Spirit moves in us, we can transform this world. At this table, we remember that moment when Jesus sat with his friends at supper and bid them eat and drink. We remember how this meal is a celebration of life, and hope, and vitality as the Spirit of Life is poured out on these gifts and upon us. Let this meal strengthen and sustain us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Let the fruit of your Spirit grow in us! Hear now the prayers we offer on behalf of the world and all its people, our community and our friends, all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, our church and all churches and church leaders, those prayers we cannot name but lift up as silent offerings to you. All these prayers we offer to you, Holy God, in the strong name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying

ALL: The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after the Supper

Creator of All, Redeemer Christ, Sustaining Spirit, we give great thanks for the meal eaten and the company surrounding us. Inspire us now to create hope, to offer kindness to every person, and to encourage one another as we seek to share with others your love. AMEN.

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Closing Song This Is My Song

Benediction

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

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Response Sent Out In Jesus' Name