

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.

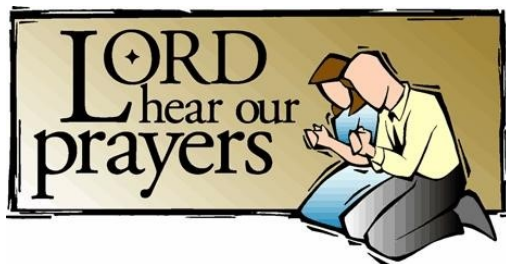
Please pray for:

At Parkway Center - Bill Griswold

At 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



Flowers are given by Ann Henderson, who is thankful for Joe and eternal love.

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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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

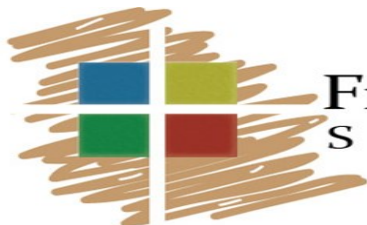
Bryan Etter



My sincere thanks to you for the many thoughts and prayers during my recent illness and heart valve replacement surgery.

The flowers from Sunday are beautiful and I'm truly enjoying them daily.

Joan Sell



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Order of Worship - August 1, 2021

Welcome

Call to Worship (Philippians 4:4-7)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always!

People: Again I say, rejoice!

Leader: Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people.

People: The Lord is near.

Leader: Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers, along with your thanksgiving.

People: Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep our hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Song Praise Ye the Lord

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, there are so many things we need to confess! Like Saul, who held the coats of those who stoned the followers of Jesus, we are guilty. We may not have done evil ourselves, but too often, we stand by while evil continues, and we do nothing. Too often we have remained silent when we should have spoken up. But on the other hand, you know that just as often, we speak without thinking, and wound others. Forgive us, God, for our actions and inaction that fail to bring honor to your name. Forgive us when we lose control and let anger or indifference guide our thoughts and actions. Show us how to live as people filled with your Spirit and guided always by your truth. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. ... Believe in God's mercy.

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

Sermon

Offertory bit.ly/FPCsterling

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right to give our thanks to you O God, who taught us to pray, saying,

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer After the Supper

Closing Song Trees of the Field

Benediction

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

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Response Sent Out In Jesus' Name