

Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

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.

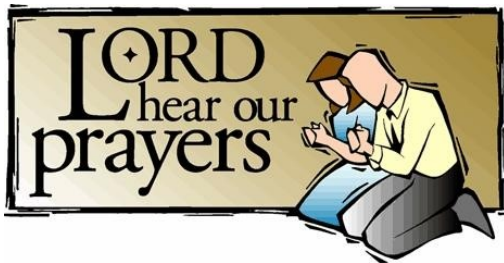
Please pray for:

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 Jim & Ann Camp in honor of their 61st anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

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 - August 15, 2021

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

People: What have we to fear?

Leader: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

People: Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: God is there to calm the storms and speak peace.

People: We will not fear, for God is with us.

Leader: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

People: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Song Be Still My Soul

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that during this past eighteen months, we have often felt as if we are adrift in a storm. We like to believe that we can plan our future, but the truth is, we do not know what will happen next. To be honest, sometimes we think we are perishing. We panic and gulp for air, or we push down our fear and pretend that everything is fine. We fail to remember that you are always with us, and we are not alone. Forgive us, God! Give us courage and faith for each new day. Help us to face each feeling, and each day, and each person, with the sure knowledge of your love and mercy for all of creation. Help us to accept not only our own feelings, but also the feelings of others. Help us to reach out to those around us and to do what is best for all people. Help us to remember that we all in this together, and that we are all in this together with you, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, take heart. Jesus speaks a word of peace, and calms the storm. Hear his word of peace to you now. Know that we are in the same boat, and Jesus is here with us.

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

Scripture Reading Mark 4:35-41

Sermon

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Songs It Is Well With My Soul

Awesome God

Benediction

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

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Response Dream Statement