

Men's Prayer Breakfast

September 16, 8:00 AM Benny's Red Apple

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Resumes September 1 on Zoom at 10AM

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.

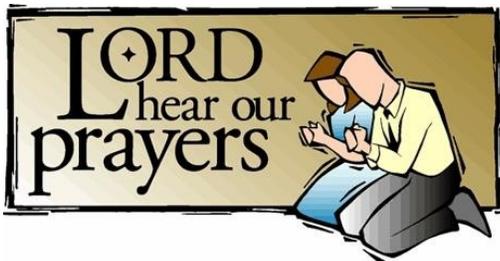
Please pray for:

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 Snavelly, Ron & Jackie Williams, Elijah Flint, Hart DuBois



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



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Order of Worship - August 22, 2021

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: God gathers us here, to hear stories of the realm of God,

People: and to listen for the voice of God in our own stories.

Leader: Jesus summons us here, to learn how to serve and how to lead

People: so that we can follow Jesus, and learn to be willing servant leaders.

Leader: The Spirit will send us from this place to share what we have heard and learned

People: to tell others of God's hopes and dreams, to tell them that they are loved, and they are worthy, and they are enough.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Song

Surely The Presence of the Lord

Prayer of Confession

God of Israel and God of our days, we stand in awe of the love you have for us: that you would enter our world and into our daily living; that you would care for us and call us into your realm; that you would guide us and empower us to do your will and work for justice and peace. But we confess, O God, that we are not always as wholehearted in our commitment to you. We put other things ahead of you - other things that seem more important - and we do not serve you at all. Forgive us when we resist your grace. Forgive us when we care more for ourselves than for your glory. Help us to make choices that further your realm and deepen our identity as your people, followers of Jesus - in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: How much does God love us? Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us. Not by our speaking or doing, but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.

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

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Sermon

Staff Appreciation

Offertory

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Family Prayer Song

Benediction

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

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Response

Dream Statement