

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.

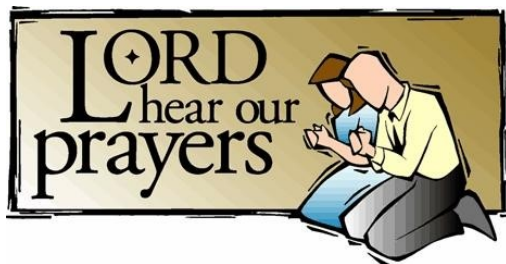
Please pray for:

At Parkway Center - Bill Griswold

At 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 Rod & Nancy Weber in loving memory of Nancy's son, Jeff Zellar.

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

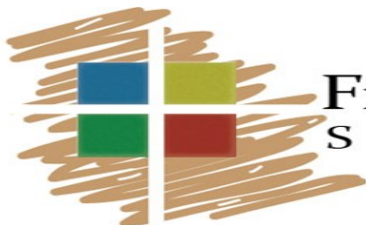
Bryan Etter



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



First Presbyterian Church
STERLING ILLINOIS

Order of Worship - August 8, 2021

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

People: But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Leader: Lead a life that is worthy of your calling.

People: With humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.

Leader: We cannot do this alone! We gather to worship and build one another up.

People: To strengthen the Body of Christ as we gather with praise, prayer, song, and scripture.

Leader: The Spirit renews our spirits!

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Song Come Christians, Join to Sing

Prayer of Confession (from the Liturgy of the French Reformed Church)

O God, whose will it is that all your children should be one in Christ; we pray for the unity of your Church. Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith, of understanding and of charity, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is a scandal to the world and an offence to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all those who call upon you and confess the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News! Because the Spirit of God is given to us, we are empowered to be kind to one another, to be tenderhearted, to forgive one another, and to be forgiven. Because of Jesus, we know that we are forgiven, and made new! Rejoice, people 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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:14-16, 4:25-5:2

Sermon

Offertory bit.ly/FPCsterling

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Benediction

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

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Response Dream Statement