

***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 Snavelly, Ron & Jackie Williams, Elijah Flint, Hart DuBois, Yvonne Van Wyhe, David & Beth Wright & baby Lucy



**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

October 21, 8:00 AM Benny's Red Apple

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays 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.

**You are welcome to continue to collect caps, but please don't bring them to church until after the asbestos removal is finished. Thank you!**

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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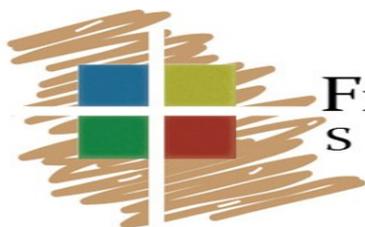
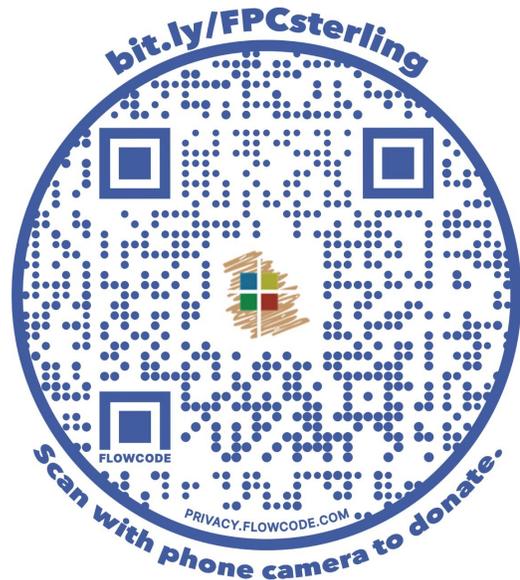
**PADS Volunteers Needed**

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



**First Presbyterian Church**  
STERLING ILLINOIS

## Order of Worship - October 3, 2021

### *Call to Worship*

Leader: We thank you, God, for coming to us as a neighbor, a stranger, an immigrant,

**People: We thank you God for feeding us in the wilderness for carrying us to safety.**

Leader: We thank you, God for welcoming us, so that we might love you with all our heart, soul, and mind,

**People: and welcome the stranger, loving our neighbor as ourselves.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

*Opening Song* Christ, You Offer Us Your Welcome

### *Prayer of Confession*

God of mercy, hear our prayer: When your people cried out to you from the wilderness, cried out in hunger and thirst, you gave them bread from heaven and water from a rock. When the poor and needy seek sustenance and there is none; when their tongues are parched with thirst, you answer them: "I, the God of Israel, will not forsake you!" We—your people, too—hungry and thirsty for righteousness, cry out: "Do not forsake us!" But your answer comes, confounding and convicting: "Do not forsake me!" you say. "You, Lord?" we respond. "When did we see you?" Then, like a feast spread before us, you reveal your fullness in our neighbor's longing gaze. Forgive us for those times when we have not welcomed the stranger, when we have not recognized our neighbors, when we have failed to see all humanity as made in your image. Show us how to see you in all people, and to serve them as we serve you.

*Silence is kept*

### *Assurance of Pardon*

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. [...] that's how far God takes away our guilt.

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

*Response* Glory to God

### *Sharing the Peace of Christ*

*Response* Peace Song

### *Children's Time*

*Scripture Reading* Deuteronomy 10:14-21

### *Sermon*

### *Offertory*

### *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

### *Invitation*

### *Response*

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall,  
his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

### *Response*

I come with Christians far and near, to find, as all are fed, the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

### *Words of Institution*

### *Response*

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. That love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

### *Sharing in the Bread and Cup*

### *Prayer After the Supper*

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known:  
we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.

*Closing Song* Bind Us Together

### *Benediction*

### *Response*

Together met, together bound, We'll go our different ways, And as his people in the world,  
We'll live and speak his praise, We'll live and speak his praise.