



Pekin First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE WEEKLY WAVE

LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER

HELP FILL 1,500 EGGS FOR THE NIGHT GLOW EGG HUNT!

Candy can be donated at the main offices of Pekin First or Grace UMC

PLEASE AVOID NUTS & PEANUT BUTTER

THANK YOU!!

UNITEkids
Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th
at Grace UMC, 601 N. 4th St, Pekin

7:30 p.m. Nursery-Preschool Egg Hunt

8:00 p.m. K-5th Grade *Glow-in-the-Dark* Hunt

PEKIN FIRST NEW APP!

Our online ministry continues to grow and develop. We now have our own Pekin First App! Go to your App Store, type in "Pekin First", and look for this icon.



We can now access worship through the app. We can access our website, see boatloads of church information, watch videos, and more!

SAVE THE DATE

2023 Mother Daughter Banquet



1315 Court St. Pekin
April 23, 2023
11am in Whitfield Hall

Special Guest Speaker from Dayspring
Native American UMC

Reminder!

**SPRING FORWARD
MARCH 12TH**



SERMON SERIES SUMMARY: SIMPLE/JOYFUL LIVING

We ALL seem to desire a joyful life. The spiritual reality is this: LESS IS MORE! Here are quick summaries of the first two weeks of this series:

- Less attachment to things/stuff provides room for more attachment to God and to others! Luke 12:15
- The hunger we try to solve with things/stuff, can only be solved by relationships! The first and most important relationship is for our souls to relate with our soul-maker! (God) Philippians 4:13

UNITE YOUTH

We wish everyone was able to witness the power of the Holy Spirit working in the lives of the youth at Pekin First. It's just beautiful.



And here are some fun pictures from last Sunday evening. I can't believe how far these kids can throw and catch marshmallows in a cup.

UNITEKIDS UPDATE

UNITEKIDS Every Wednesday night a 5:30 at Grace UMC. Christian lessons, games, and projects!
So much fun! If you would like to help with the kids, contact Emmy at ethies@pekinfirst.org



PEKIN FIRST VOTES TO MOVE FORWARD!

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our 4 Information meetings, and thank you to all who attended the Church Conference on Sunday March 5th. By a vote of 49 yes, 4 no, (1 voted "present") Pekin First overwhelmingly approved the Building Committee recommendation, as amended, to enter into a 2 year campaign called, "Love For Every One", for the purpose of attaining:

- new restrooms
- new chapel/prayer room
- new conference room
- new playground
- new video/recording room plus equipment
- site development at Providence Place (immediate need – new retaining wall)



We voted to approve the campaign for the amount of \$595,000. We will soon be sending everyone a letter which offers more details. Though God will call us to participate at different levels according to what we've been given, we pray that everyone who identifies with Pekin First UMC as their church home will WANT to participate. For now, we ask us all to start praying, "Lord, how do You want to love EVERY ONE, through me?" Exciting details coming soon!

THIS WEEKS PRAYERS AND WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday 3/9

8:30 Char Jibben Group- Dining Rm.
2:00 Girl Scouts Cookies- Whitfield Hall
4:00 ROCKids- Offsite
6:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall/Upstairs
6:00 Bell Choir- Sanctuary
7:15 Vocal Choir- Sanctuary

Friday 3/10

7:30am Community Breakfast – Grace UMC
10:00 Church Women United- Offsite
11:30 Pekin Women's Club- Offsite

Saturday 3/11

5:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary

Sunday 3/12

8:00 Communion Worship- Sanctuary
9:00 Deep Dive Discussion Class-Conference Rm.
9:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall
10:00 Worship- Sanctuary
1:00 Pekin Estates- Offsite
5:00 Breakthrough Youth- Youth Rm.
6:00 Girl Scouts- 24
7:00 H.S. Youth- Youth Rm.

PRAYER LIST

Charlotte Kalm
Xen Karcher
Stephanie Walton
Sharon Closen
Paul Robertson
The Norman Family
Kellen Norman (Health)
Yvonne Eubanks-Koehne
Wendy Kaiser
*Ashley Chandler
*Family of Fred Oltran

PRAY FOR OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY

Nate Welch
Taryn Steiger
Savannah Jibben
Brad Baerwalch
Brandon Gebhardt
Boyd Harmon
Kevin Lawler
Matthew Hurd
Alex & Ian Nelson

Monday 3/13

10:00 Retired Teachers – Whitfield Hall/Dining Rm./Kitchen- United Methodist Men Serving
6:00 Cub Scouts–Whitfield Hall
6:00 Pekin First Church Men- Dining Rm.

Tuesday 3/14

9:00 Serendipity Study- Conference Rm.
10:00 God's Gals- Chapel
5:45 TOPS- Whitfield Hall
6:00 SIA- Office Conference Rm.
6:00 Boy Scouts- Dining Rm.
6:00 Finance Meeting-Conference Rm.

Wednesday 3/15

7:00am Bible Study @ Ernie's- Genesis 14
1:30 Bunco- Whitfield Hall
5:30 UNITEkids- Grace UMC
6:30 Bible Study- Whitfield Hall
2 Corinthians 9

Thursday 3/16

11:00 Red Cross Blood Drive- Dining Rm.
2:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall
4:00 ROCKids- Offsite
6:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall/Upstairs
6:00 Bell Practice- Sanctuary
7:15 Choir Practice- Sanctuary

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY!

**JULY 9-14 TO GRANITE CITY, IL. COST \$125
WE'LL WORK WITH THE "TWIGS" MINISTRY, MAKING
LIFE DIFFERENT FOR PEOPLE
LIVING IN DIFFICULT CONDITIONS.
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