



P e k i n F i r s t
United Methodist Church

THE WEEKLY WAVE

OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Pekin First Outreach Committee is sharing the love of Jesus by sponsoring book drives for the students at Dirksen Elementary School. Member of our congregation, Megan England, is on staff at Dirksen and she has let us know that many students have no books in their homes. The United Methodist Church has a longstanding understanding of the value of education, so we at Pekin First decided to act! Periodically, we sponsor an elementary grade by inviting us to purchase books for the students. Our next event is this weekend May 20th and 21st during worship, please consider purchasing a book! The book chart will be in the lobby (narthex). We will accept cash or a check (however we will not be able to make change). ~ Outreach Committee



**"Lord,
How do you
want to love
EVERY ONE
through me?"**

LOVE FOR EVERY ONE
PEKIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GENEROSITY BREEDS GENEROSITY

Thank you for your generosity to the Lord through our "Love For Every One" campaign. Between pledges, gifts, and the balance on hand at the start, we are at \$522,108!! We'll be meeting with the District Board of Church Location and Building on May 30th to present our plan. With your amazing response we are well on the way to being able to get all the work accomplished in the next few months. But wait, there's more!!!! (see next article)

MATCHING CHALLENGE

As announced at our worship services this past weekend, an anonymous donor has stepped forward with this pledge: "I'll match any new pledges or gifts, up to the Campaign goal, for the next 30 days." WOW!!!! Through June 11, if you make a new pledge, or make a new donation to the campaign, your gift/pledge will be matched! We've heard from 89 of our over 200 givers. So... we're eager to hear from many more of us!

Because God calls us to serve!

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY July 9-14th 2023

Granite City, IL

Flooring, painting,
lighting, gardening, and
distributing food.



Contact Rev. Jim for more info. or call the church office. 309-347-3155

CHURCH PICNIC JUNE 11 AFTER WORSHIP

Save the date! The men from Adult and Teen Challenge will again be joining us for our annual picnic after morning worship on June 11. Chicken is provided. Bring your favorite dish to share. (Make extra... because the men have great appetites!) Water balloons, water games, bags tourney, and more. Please plan now to be in fellowship with the church family at the picnic in the church yard.

GRIEF CARE GROUP MEETING CHANGES TO LAST TUESDAY IN MAY

For the month of May Grief Care will be at 6:45 on Tuesday, May 30th in the church chapel, because of Memorial Day. We will restart on the last Monday of the month in June. This group covers all forms of loss due to death, divorce, loss of job, and more. See you there!

THANK YOU!

To my church family & friends – I don't know where to start with the words of gratitude. Thank you so much for the outpouring of love through prayers, cards, calls, memorials, and to everyone who came all the way out to Bloomington to support us, with lots of love and hugs. We are truly BLESSED by you all. Thank you, Randy and Jarilyn Thomas & family of Melissa S. Ostrom

JUDY RICHMOND'S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Date: Sunday May 28th, 2023

Time: 2:00-4:00

Location: Pekin Estates

1540 El Camino Dr, Pekin, IL

Room: Community Room (3rd Fl.)

Happy Memorial Day Weekend



POEM FROM ANONYMOUS WRITER

Do what you can, being what you are. Shine as a glowworm if you can't be a star. Work like a pulley if you can't be a crane, be a wheel grinder if you cannot drive a train. Be the pliant oar if you cannot be the sailor, be the needle if you cannot be a tailor... Be the sharpened sickle if you cannot be the reaper. ~ Anonymous

HELP BUILD THE RETAINING WALL AT PROVIDENCE PLACE...

Anytime you shop at Menards you receive an 11% rebate on what you spend. You can help the church build the retaining wall at Providence Place by passing along your rebates to us. Just drop your receipts in an envelope marked "rebate" in the offering plate or mail them to the church and we will submit them to be used when purchasing supplies for the wall. Thank you!



ROCKIDS

YOU can make a difference in the lives of children.

****THURSDAYS****

4:00-5:00pm

Pekin Housing Community Building

New time! 4-5pm

UNITEYouth EVERY SUNDAY

BREAK THROUGH 5-6pm

HIGH SCHOOL-7-8:15 at Pekin First.

Over the past weeks three of our youth began earning service hours to help pay for camp this summer. Stay tuned on Facebook for the next service opportunity.

~Youth Director Kara Bushong



UNITEKIDS UPDATE

UNITEKIDS Wednesday nights at 5:30 at **PEKIN FIRST**. **May 24th is the last event for the season.**

So, stay tuned for upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS) updates.

Contact children's director Emmy Thies at ethies@pekinfirst.org

if you would like to volunteer or you can checkout the UNITEKIDS Facebook page for VBS information, see all the great pictures of the kids connecting with God, family, and friends through UNITEkids.



Play on the remodeled playground!

Food! Fun! Friends!



UNITEkids End of School Celebration



Weds, May 24th
Blenkiron Park
601 Park Ave., Pekin
5:30-6:30 PM



PEKIN OUTREACH CENTER

The Pekin Outreach Center is looking for volunteers to cook meals for the center. Simply sign up on the meal train, list what you are cooking, and deliver your meal to the center by 1:00 pm on your designated day. Meals should feed approximately 35 people. You can scan the barcode to go directly to the meal train sign-up page.

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



Did you know you can access our website from our app?

3 easy steps

- 1.** Go to app logo
- 2.** On bottom go to **connect**
- 3.** Click and you are there!

PRAYER LIST

Charlotte Kalm
Kellen Norman (Health)
Yvonne Eubanks-Koehne
Pati Jockisch
Elena Sparenberg
Tom Hubbell
Bob & Lori McGuirk
Norma Funderburk
Jeff Thompson
Duretta Greer
Ashley Chandler
Diane Griffin
Andy Cool

*Larry Bachman's sister

*Family of Bradley Sciortino
father-in-law of Jason Jones

*Family of Henry Cakora

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday 5/18

12:00 Red Cross Blood Drive- Dining Rm.
4:00 ROCKids- Offsite
6:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall/Upstairs
6:00 Bell Choir- Upstairs
7:15 Vocal Choir- Sanctuary

Friday 5/19

9:30 Cedarhurst Worship- Offsite
5:00 Murphy/Johnson Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 5/20 Dirksen School Books

2:30 Murphy/Johnson Wedding- Sanctuary
5:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary

Sunday 5/21 Dirksen School Books

8:00 Communion Worship- Sanctuary
9:00 Reckless Love Bible Study- Conf. Rm
10:00 Worship- Sanctuary
1:00 Pekin Estates- Offsite.
5:00 Breakthrough Youth- Youth Rm.
7:00 H.S. Youth- Youth Rm.

Monday 5/22

5:30 Bible Buddies- Upstairs
5:30 Worship/Music Committee- Sanctuary
6:00 Cub Scouts-Dining Rm.
8:00 Softball Team 7- Diamond 2
9:00 Softball Team 5 - Diamond 2

Tuesday 5/23

9:00 Serendipity Study- Conference Rm.
5:45 TOPS- Whitfield Hall
6:00 SIA- Office Conference Rm.
6:00 Boy Scouts- Dining Rm.
7:00 Leadership Team & Transformation
Team-Sanctuary

Wednesday 5/24

7:00am Bible Study @ Ernie's- Genesis 26
5:30 Last UNITEkids of the Season
- 601 Park Ave Pekin playground
6:30 Bible Study- Whitfield Hall- Romans

Thursday 5/25

4:00 ROCKids- Offsite
6:00 Girl Scouts-Whitfield Hall/Upstairs
6:00 Bell Choir- Upstairs