



Pekin First
United Methodist Church

THE WEEKLY WAVE

LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER

EASTER
AT PEKIN FIRST

- April 2**
Palm Sunday 10am
- April 6**
Maundy Thursday 6pm
- April 7**
Good Friday 7pm
- April 8**
Worship 5pm
Egg Hunt 7:30pm at Grace UMC
- April 9**
Worship 8:00am
Continental Breakfast 9-10am
Worship 10:00am



HAPPY EASTER, FRIENDS!

God's Gals Easter Cookie Bake Sale
April 1 & 2
after each worship service.

PEKIN FIRST HAS A NEW PHONE APP

GET IT ON
Google Play

Worship Online,
Submit prayer requests,
Listen to the Bible,
Give Online, and more!

Download on the
App Store

BOOKS FOR KIDS WHO DON'T HAVE BOOKS

As United Methodist Christians, we've always valued education. The Pekin First Outreach Committee leads us in supporting the students at Dirksen School by sponsoring book drives. Megan England is an educator in the school system, and she shares with us that lots of students don't have books in their homes. One of the ways we share the love of Jesus is to provide them with books! This weekend **April 1st and 2nd** we have the opportunity to purchase books for the 1st grade students. Please notice the poster in the lobby! Thank you for your support for children.

Snack Pack Ministry

2023 Packing Dates: 4:30pm in Dining Room

April 12 ←
May 10

Items Needed:
Toaster Pastries (Pop Tarts)
Individual Cups of Applesauce
Granola Bars

Help make a difference in the lives of children.

UNITEYouth

BREAK THROUGH – 5-6pm

HIGH SCHOOL-7-8:15

Contact kbushong@pekinfirst.org

for more info.

The eggs are stuffed, and the lesson is being written. See you soon.



UNITEKIDS UPDATE

UNITEKIDS Every Wednesday night at 5:30 at Grace UMC. Christian lessons, games, and projects!

So much fun! If you would like to help with the kids,

Last week UNITEkids

We worked on Easter cards to send out and played SPUD tonight. I love these creative, caring, silly kiddos!



ROCHouse Ministry Update

Charis Place – Things are progressing nicely for Connie and her family as they look forward to transitioning to a place of their own later in 2023. We are blessed by the relationship we have with them and know they are grateful for your support and prayers as we continue on this journey together.

Providence Place – We are grateful to be included in the Love for Every One capital campaign that was approved by a church conference. Your support will allow us to move forward with site preparation of the property which includes rebuilding a retaining wall along the property line with Charis Place and the alleyway, and tree removal. We are anxious to begin the retaining wall project soon with volunteers. Not able to physically help build the wall? Here's another opportunity for you to participate ...

Are you working on any home spruce up or landscaping projects this spring? Anytime you shop at Menards you receive an 11% rebate on what you spend. You can help the church build the 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!

The ROCHouse team will go before the City of Pekin Zoning Board in April to again request zoning and set back variances on the property at Providence Place. The request was tabled at an October meeting to allow for more information to be gathered. The request would allow the 2 lots to be combined into one for the purpose of constructing a duplex on the property with appropriate setbacks.

The ROCHouse team invites you to continue to pray along with us for God's wisdom and guidance as we look to the future and plan for this ministry. Thank you for showing God's love to Every One through the ROCHouse ministry!

ROCHouse Vision: to transform lives for Christ through a ministry with families in transition by providing housing, spiritual guidance, and other support as identified by each family together with the ministry team.

THANK YOU, PEKIN, FIRST FROM MEGAN RAHN

I cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of love, support, and grace. It is a deep encouragement to my heart, to know so many people support what God is doing in my life. I can go to the Mexican border because of you. Thank you, Megan Rahn

Disaster Relief  

WE NEED SHAMPOO (12-19 OZ)

Midwest Mission will be sending Personal Dignity Kits to Turkey and Ukraine, but **WE NEED SHAMPOO!**

We have a hard time quickly buying in bulk (the next shipment can't come until July).

We **desperately** need you to go out and buy shampoo at your local stores, then get it to Midwest Mission, so we can continue making kits.

Collection boxes will be in both entrances of the church until April 1st.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY DAILY



LOVE FOR EVERY ONE
PEKIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

THIS WEEKS PRAYERS AND WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday 3/30

- 4:00 ROCKids- Offsite
- 6:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall/Upstairs
- 6:00 Bell Choir- Sanctuary
- 7:15 Vocal Choir- Sanctuary

Saturday 4/1

- 11:30 Meet at church for Passion play trip.
- 5:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary

Sunday 4/2 PALM SUNDAY

- Dirksen 1st grade book sale**
- 8:00 Communion Worship- Sanctuary
- Easter Cookies for sale
- 9:00 Reckless Love Study-Chapel
- 10:00 Worship- Sanctuary
- 1:00 Pekin Estates- Offsite
- 5:00 Breakthrough Youth- Youth Rm.
- 7:00 H.S. Youth- Youth Rm.

Monday 4/3

- 6:00 Cub Scouts-Dining Rm.

Tuesday 4/4

- 9:00 Serendipity Study- Conference Rm.
- 5:45 TOPS- Whitfield Hall
- 6:00 SIA- Office Conference Rm.
- 6:00 Boy Scouts- Dining Rm.
- 6:00 SPPRC- Chapel

Wednesday 4/5

- 7:00am Bible Study @ Ernie's- Genesis 16
- 5:30 UNITEkids- Pekin UMC
- 6:30 Bible Study- Whitfield Hall
2 Corinthians 10

Thursday 4/6

- 4:00 ROCKids- Offsite
- 6:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall/Upstairs
- 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service- Sanctuary

PRAYER LIST

- Charlotte Kalm
- Kellen Norman (Health)
- Yvonne Eubanks-Koehne
- Wendy Kaiser
- Ashley Chandler
- Lonnie & Karen
- Tricia
- Stephanie
- Pati Jockisch
- Elena Sparenberg
- *Tom Hubbell
- *Michelle D
- *PRAISE REPORT- Baby
Killian is home
- *Bob & Lori McGuirk
- *Family of Melvin "Shorty"
Thompson

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

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 if you want to review a worship service or if you missed one you can watch it on our new app?

3 easy steps

1. Go to app logo
2. Scroll the pictures to Pekin First Worship Archives
3. Pick the date you want to watch